

JAPANESE FACTIONS SPLIT ON SUFFRAGE

Imperial Decree Causes Dissolution of Diet.

POLICE FIGHT MEMBERS

Hand-to-Hand Contest Takes Place in Parliament as Government Measure Is Opposed.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—(By Associated Press.)—The fight in Japan for universal suffrage resulted in the dissolution of the Japanese diet last Thursday by imperial decree. The emperor's action was taken at the request of Premier Hara, cable advices today from Tokyo said it followed violent scenes in the lower house of parliament.

The first news of the seriousness of the controversy between the government and the majority parties in the diet to reach the United States was contained in an Associated Press dispatch from Tokyo under date of February 14, received in this country last Tuesday.

Government Attacked.
This dispatch stated the opposition attacked the government for opposing the universal suffrage measure and that the president was obliged to intervene. The police fought members in the lobby and the military was called upon to restrain crowds outside attempting to break into the building.

The government last month brought forward a measure extending the right of franchise to Japanese males whose direct tax exceeded three yen.

Labor Is Excluded.
Although excluding the entire body of labor, farm laborers and mechanics, this measure was described as a considerable enlargement of the franchise and restricted suffrage list and the government was said to have desired to test it by the election of a diet before consenting to any measures of further extension.

12 FIRES PUT OUT IN DAY

TWO-STORY BUILDING DAMAGE ESTIMATED AT \$1300.

Most of Blazes Discovered on Roofs or in Chimneys—Majority of Losses Small.

The two-story frame residence of Louis E. Myers, 1214 Francis avenue, was damaged to the extent of \$1000 and the furnishings an additional \$200 as the result of a fire starting from sparks from the chimney yesterday morning about 10 o'clock.

Mrs. Myers and her two daughters were out in the yard at the time and did not notice the fire until it had gained much headway.

The fire was one of 12 reported by the fire bureau yesterday, the majority of them being chimney blazes. Others were small roof fires with negligible damage.

The residence owned and occupied by H. C. Nave, 1601 East Main street, was damaged about \$400 and the contents \$100 as the result of a fire starting from sparks from the chimney.

The sparks from this fire also set fire to the roof of a building at 999 East Main street, next door. This, however, was extinguished before there was any great damage.

About \$10 damage to the roof of a residence at 565 Everett street yesterday when sparks from the fire started a small fire.

Residences at 581, Emalia avenue and 515 Thirteenth street were also damaged slightly.

The fire marshal's office issued a warning to households to use extreme caution in the prevention of fires at times when a strong wind is blowing.

SAFETY AT SCHOOL URGED

TRAFFIC BUREAU HEAD ASKS PRINCIPAL TO CO-OPERATE.

Children at Play in Street Are Declared to Be in Danger From Passing Vehicles.

Frank Ervin, police lieutenant of the traffic bureau, dispatched a communication to Elmer Brown, principal of the Rose City Park school yesterday, urging every co-operation with the police in the prevention of accidents among the students of the school.

The communication was the result of a report made by J. J. Croft, 821 Liberty street, in which students narrowly escaped being injured in an accident at East Fifty-fourth street and Sandy boulevard. The four children were coasting in a small wagon when one of the wheels of the wagon came off and they were scattered in the street. Two automobiles which were passing at the time narrowly escaped running over them, one of them being a machine driven by Mr. Croft.

The letter to the principal is a phase of the campaign now being carried on for the prevention of accidents among the children of school age.

Lieutenant Ervin reports that he has found a spirit of co-operation in the campaign among students and teachers and principals of the schools in all parts of the city.

PRICE DECLINE EXPECTED

HIGH COST OF CLOTHING DUE TO SEVERAL CAUSES.

David N. Mosessohn Asserts Unusual Circumstances Will Be Overcome and Prices Will Drop.

A gradual decline in the prices of clothing during the coming summer and winter is probable, believes David N. Mosessohn, formerly of this city and now executive director and general counsel of the Association of Dress Industries of America, with headquarters in New York. Mr. Mosessohn arrived in Portland last week with his wife on a tour of the Pacific coast and middle west to study the condition of the clothing

markets and will leave Monday for the east.

The association, which is national in scope and includes in its membership dress manufacturers and jobbers throughout the country, was formed shortly over a year ago by Mr. Mosessohn, who reports that the growth of membership has been remarkable. The purpose of the association is to bring about closer relationship between the raw material producer, the manufacturer and the retailer.

The present high cost of clothing, stated Mr. Mosessohn, is due to a shortage in the raw material market, unusual and sometimes unjust demands of labor and a demand on the part of the people to an extent never before known for expensive clothing. The unusual demand for luxurious dress creates a great demand for that quality of goods and an underdemand for the old-time bargain articles, he declared. The unusual circumstances would be overcome and that prices would begin to decline within a few months, was the opinion of the former Portlandian.

LABOR GETS HALF PROFIT

NATIONAL CASH REGISTER COMPANY TO SPLIT 50-50.

Division Will Be Made After 6 Per Cent on Investment of Firm Has Been Deducted.

DAYTON, Ohio, Feb. 28.—The National Cash Register company, employing approximately 7000 persons in its plant here, today announced a 50-50 profit-sharing plan for employees for 1920. Only employees in the Dayton plant will share in the profits.

John H. Patterson, president of the company, announced that the profit of the company will be determined by outside accountants and that after the net profits have been determined an amount equal to 6 per cent interest on the company's investment will be deducted. The remaining profits, the statement said, will be divided into two equal shares, 50 per cent to the company and 50 per cent to be divided among the employees.

The profits to be distributed among the employees will be divided into two parts, half to executives and foremen and half to other employees.

No employee will receive profits until he has been with the company six months.

PAVING TAX SUIT FILED

Reassessment Attempt Fought by Property Owners.

An attempt to prevent the reassessment by the city of property owners on East Twenty-first street, to pay for paving laid between Division and Powell streets by the Oregon Hazzam Paving company, was carried into the circuit court yesterday in a suit filed by Ida Maud Teter and other taxpayers of that district against the city.

The claim is made that original paving laid was a failure, due to the use of poor cement and slack workmanship and that efforts to remake it have not been successful. The controversy began with the completion of the first paving in 1919. The plaintiffs maintain that the contract was given in violation of the city charter, saying that there was no competition. It is held further that defects cannot be corrected by an attempted reassessment, and the complaint asks that the reassessment of \$18,461 and interest voted June 4, 1918, be set aside and canceled.

WINDOW-WASHER TO LIVE

Fall From Fourth Story Still Not Likely to Be Fatal.

Clifford E. Holmes, window washer, who suffered a fracture of the right wrist and cuts and bruises about the head and body as a result of a fall from a fourth-story window of the store building of Henry Jennings & Sons, Fifth and Washington streets, Friday, was reported to be resting at St. Vincent's hospital yesterday. The man's injuries are not considered serious.

He was saved from possibly fatal injuries by the fact that Kennedy, D. Houser and Ray Clark of the Multnomah hotel threw a couple of bed springs beneath him while he hung for a moment suspended in the glass awning on his way down.

His fall was caused by the breaking of the tacit with which he attached himself to the side of the building.

BRIDE IS WON BY MAIL

Waterville Logger Gets Arkansas Woman to Come Here for Him.

EUGENE, Or., Feb. 28.—(Special.)—Mrs. Agnes Morpur of Melvern, Ark., traveled five days and nights by train to get an Oregon husband. The man was Leonard E. Meyer, a logger of Waterville. The couple had been corresponding for some time but had never seen each other until introduced yesterday by the proprietor of a local hotel at which the bride-to-be was staying. Jesse G. Wells, justice of the peace, performed the marriage ceremony early yesterday morning.

The bride is 28 years old and a cook by occupation. This is her second marriage. The bridegroom is 41 and has been married three times.

CAMPING PARK IMPROVED

Hood River Preparing for Coming of Automobile Tourists.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Feb. 28.—(Special.)—W. E. Price, city water superintendent, who has been in charge of improving the new municipal automobile camping park, says the place will be fully equipped and ready for the influx of motor tourists expected here by mid-summer.

Mr. Price has had a crew of men grading a part of the three-acre tract. Most of the plot is covered with a grove of oak and pine trees. Five ovens for cooking have been installed and taps are supplied from the city water system. Electric lights will be installed.

Reorganization Due Tomorrow.

Reorganization of the state fish and game commission, with the new members appointed by the last session of the legislature, will take place tomorrow at 2 P. M. in the office in the Oregon building. A number of petitions from sportsmen, asking that certain streams be closed to hook and line fishing are on hand and probably will be acted upon favorably. These cover from two years to an indefinite period.

Lincoln Forests to Be Viewed.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 28.—(Special.)—F. A. Elliott, state forester, left here today for Lincoln county, where he will view several days inspecting the forests of that part of the state.

Scapoose to Incorporate.

SCAPOOSE, Or., Feb. 28.—(Special.)—At a special election yesterday the town voted to incorporate, 67 to 10.

DECLINE OF FARMS ONE BIG PROBLEM

Herbert Hoover Points Out Possible Dangers Faced.

WORKERS GO TO CITIES

Development of Agriculture to Keep Pace With Development of Industry Held Necessary.

CHICAGO, Feb. 28.—Development of agriculture to keep pace with the development of industry is one of the greatest reconstruction problems facing the country, Herbert Hoover declared tonight in an address before the Western Society of Engineers.

"Industries are drawing workers from the farms," he declared, "and if we should develop our exports of industries during the next five years as rapidly as we have during the last five years, we shall by that time be faced with the necessity of importing foodstuffs."

"The problem is more than an economic one," he asserted, "because from dependence on overseas supplies for food we will be concerned about their safety and find ourselves discussing the domination of the seas. Our international relations will become more difficult, he said, and unless the league of nations serves its ideal, we will need to burden ourselves with more taxation, maintain great military and naval forces and imperil the development of our national life, which 'rests in the spirit of our farms and surrounds our villages.'"

Constructive Thought Needed.

"Greater is the need for constructive thought and action in regard to the weakness of our industrial relations," he said, "and the need for similar thought and similar activity is still greater with regard to agriculture." The agricultural industry, he explained, must be made economically attractive. This can be accomplished, he declared, by remedying the defects in our transportation and distribution systems.

Measures which he advocated to bring this about include the development of the waterways from the great lakes to the Atlantic, replacement of "special court" refrigerator cars, stockyards and elevators by "constructive public service," government regulation of the "oversold units" of the produce business to provide free competition; co-operative marketing; reduction in inflation, which he believes will lessen the excessive number of persons engaged in food distribution; standardization of products; exhaustive investigation into our great national boards of trade, with a view to extending their legitimate functions or preventing their abuse; and development of mechanical agricultural equipment.

Waterways One Remedy.

Mr. Hoover expressed the belief that the development of the Great Lakes waterways would remove a considerable portion of the peak load on the trunk line railways during the crop movement season when the shortage of cars causes increased prices and finds employment for the great mercantile fleet which we will have created if the department plan was carried out. He estimated that the saving in the transportation of grain would be 8 or 8 cents a bushel.

When concerns engaged in the manufacture and sale of produce reach such dimensions that they "can influence prices or dominate public affairs, whether with deliberation or innocence," he said, "they should be placed under regulation and restraint." Mr. Hoover declared that he was opposed to government ownership and expressed the belief that the best way to determine whether regulation was necessary should be "not the size of the institution or the volume of capital that it employs, but the proportion of the community that it controls in its operations."

Inflation and Profits Alike.

Calling attention to credit inflation, he declared that "if we have a wise and skillful dealer who escapes a reduction in the scale of profits."

The Washington award was presented tonight to Mr. Hoover for conspicuous success as food director and director of European relief on behalf of several engineering societies. Mr. Hoover was the first recipient of the award, which was founded in 1916 by John W. Alvord, a member of the Western Society of Engineers.

meeting by R. G. Scott, county agent, won the gold medals at the international livestock show held in Portland in December. These boys, who are Norman Parrish, Gaylord and Raymond Montgomery, proudly wore their medals on this occasion. The other boys judging were the Kanne brothers, whose home is at Happy Valley, Clackamas county.

Among those addressing the assembly were R. G. Scott, R. C. Altman, a prominent breeder of Jerseys whose farm is at Gresham; E. A. Rhoten, of Salem, who is connected with the Pacific homestead; N. H. Smith, of Redland, who talked on "Feeding," and these talks were followed by a general discussion. At noon a picnic dinner was enjoyed.

The meeting, which commenced at 10:30 and continued until 4 o'clock, was presided over by N. H. Smith, president of the Clackamas County Jersey Cattle club. The next meeting will be at the home of D. F. Skene at Twilight, next month.

MISS ROSS IS RELEASED

DEMURRER FILED IN CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CASE SUSTAINED.

Judge Rossman Gives Opinion That Case Should Have Been Brought in County Where Boy Died.

The demurrer filed by W. T. Vaughn, attorney for Patricia Ross, Christian Science practitioner, was sustained by Municipal Judge Rossman yesterday afternoon, when charges against the practitioner of failing to report a communicable disease and failing to quarantine an influenza patient came up for further hearing.

Judge Rossman declared that, in his opinion, the proceedings should have been brought in Clackamas county originally, since the case was one involving 15-year-old William Brooks Childs Jr., who died of influenza at Island station, in Clackamas county, Friday, February 13, after he is said to have been given absent treatment by the practitioner.

At the same time, Judge Rossman declared in his opinion the boy would not have died if he had received reasonable medical treatment and he scored the mother of the boy and Miss Ross, the practitioner.

Officials of the state board of health announced an appeal from the opinion of Judge Rossman would be taken under consideration.

Mr. Vaughn, attorney for the practitioner, declared he intended to insist on a suit against Dr. O. A. Welsh, health officer of Clackamas county, who preferred the charges against Miss Ross, for malicious prosecution.

ROAD DRESSING MINED

Oregon City Silica Tested for State Highway Material.

OREGON CITY, Or., Feb. 28.—(Special.)—Charles W. Terrill, manager of the Silica King Mines company, was in Salem Friday, where he conferred with the state highway engineer, Mr. Nunn, and state chemist. Extensive tests have been made of the products of the silica mine in this city during the winter with a view of using the material in construction of the state highways.

The company is figuring on an output of 40 to 60 tons daily in highway work the coming season.

Silica has been shipped to Portland, Astoria, Grants Pass, Bend and Monmouth, and is giving entire satisfaction where it has been used.

JOB WITH CITY GIVEN UP

Peter McIntosh, City Purchasing Agent, Joins Auto Agency.

Peter McIntosh, city purchasing agent and assistant to the commissioner of finance, yesterday severed his connection with the city of Portland to enter the automobile truck business. Mr. McIntosh has accepted a position as secretary and business manager of the Gary Coast agency, 71 Broadway street.

Mr. McIntosh has been connected with the city of Portland for the past three years, having served under Commissioners Dan Kellaher, Dr. T. C. Perkins, C. A. Bigelow and S. C. Pier. Prior to his entrance into the municipal service, he was chief probation officer in the juvenile court.

\$7500 Asked for Child's Death.

For the death of 3-year-old Theodore Gerlach, damages of \$7500 are asked in the circuit court by Henry Gerschel in a suit filed yesterday against Walter S. and J. E. Cushman, owners of the truck which crushed out the life of the youngster September 9, 1917.

The accident occurred at East Thirteenth and Mason streets while the child was riding in a toy wagon on the drive, being drawn by Jacob Vogel. The complaint asserts that the boy was not more than three feet from the curb.

Bend to Aid Salvation Army.

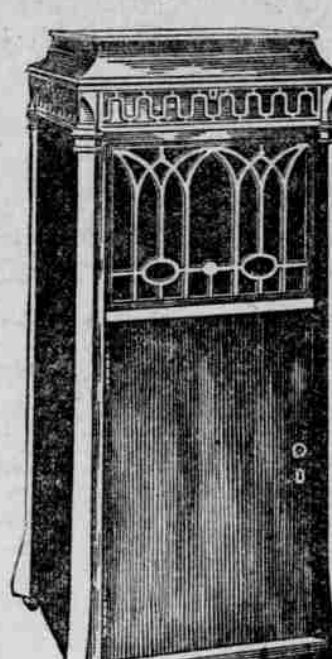
BEND, Or., Feb. 28.—(Special.)—Organization of a Salvation Army advisory board was effected here today to make a close study of local economic and social problems in accordance with the army's social service programme for 1920. The board was formed under the direction of Elmer

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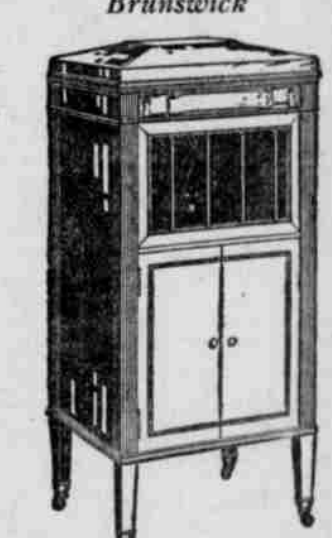
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MERCHANT HELD FIREBUG
Jennings Lodge Man Arrested on Charge of Arson.

OREGON CITY, Or., Feb. 28.—(Special.)—E. A. Elwell, proprietor of the Jennings Lodge store, which was destroyed by fire last December, was arrested today on a charge of arson. It is alleged that Elwell burned the store building and stock, the latter of which was insured for \$1500. Elwell rented the building and owned the stock and had been in business at Jennings Lodge for the past two years.

District Attorney Hedges arraigned Elwell before Justice Hines yesterday for preliminary hearing and was released on \$1500 bail to appear for hearing before the grand jury.

Interstate Bridge Weakened.
VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 28.—(Special.)—The Columbia river interstate bridge commission has let a contract for strengthening the base of

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BOYS JUDGE JERSEYS
BREEDERS HEAR TALKS BY EXPERTS AT BEACON HEIGHTS.

Lads Who Win Medals at Portland Livestock Show Proudly Wear Decorations Before Elders.

OREGON CITY, Or., Feb. 28.—(Special.)—The Clackamas County Jersey Cattle club held an all day meeting at the Beacon Heights hall near Beaver Creek Saturday.

One of the features of the day was the boys' judging of the Jerseys owned by E. O. Fisher. Three of the boys from Twilight, taken to the

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