

## "JOKER" IN BUILDING ORDINANCE ELIMINATES CITY FIRE LIMITS

### Permits Erection of Frame Buildings in Business District.

### MAYOR STRAW HAS NOT SIGNED IT YET

### Few Knew It Had Anything to Do With Fire Protection Regulation.

Who was responsible for a "joker" clause in the new building ordinance which practically eliminates the fire limits in the city of Marshfield?

This is a question that is being asked by many today as a result of the discovery yesterday that the recently enacted building ordinance removes the barrier against putting up shacks anywhere in the city. Luckily Mayor E. E. Straw has not attached his signature to the ordinance yet so that it is not effective and the danger to the future of the city may be eliminated by his vetoing it.

Mayor E. E. Straw could not be reached today to ascertain his view of the matter or his intentions but friends declared that he would not sign an ordinance that eliminated the fire limits.

Councilman J. H. Flanagan said the council did not intend to eliminate the fire limits or permit the erection of wooden shacks in the business district of the city and that if the ordinance did so, steps would be immediately taken to remedy the defect.

As the new building ordinance provides that it shall not become effective until signed by the mayor so Mayor Straw will probably block the joker.

### The Joker Clause.

The joker clause is a provision specifying that frame buildings not more than thirty feet high may be allowed in the fire limits.

The provision is there and few were aware of it until application was made to City Engineer Sandberg yesterday for a permit to erect a frame building on the Lyman Noble property across the corner from the Masonic Opera House. The application was made by Contractor Savage.

"I can't grant a permit for a frame building there because it is inside the fire limits," said Mr. Sandberg.

"But the new building ordinance permits the erection of frame buildings in the business section," said Mr. Savage who is also a member of the council.

"I don't believe that the ordinance does as I have not been informed of any proposed change," said Mr. Sandberg who is made superintendent and inspector of buildings under the new ordinance.

### Savage Favors Change.

Councilman Savage favors the new ordinance. He declares the fire limits are too large and that frame construction should be permitted. He says that where frame buildings are properly constructed, they are all right. He says that the city engineer and city council can refuse to issue a permit for any building that isn't all right, and in this way eliminate the danger of fire traps being erected.

### Eliminates Fire Limits.

E. M. Hendricks, the architect of the new hotel and the new Marshfield high school building, who was consulted in the drafting of the building ordinance, says that it practically eliminates the fire limits. He was not informed that it was desired to retain the fire limits when the ordinance was drafted.

### Voted On Question.

The night the building ordinance was passed, the question of changing or abolishing the fire limits was discussed at length and efforts to reduce the size, to add the water front or to eliminate the fire limits alto-

## SUDDEN DEATH AT BANDON

### Chief Engineer Geo. L. Morse of Steamer Bandon Victim of Heart Failure.

George L. Morse, chief engineer of the steamer Bandon, died suddenly yesterday at Bandon of heart failure. He was sick only about twelve hours and his death came as a great shock to his shipmates and to his sister and brother-in-law who happened to be with him on a pleasure trip.

When the Bandon arrived at Bandon from San Francisco, Mr. Morse took his brother-in-law, Chas. Roedel of Estabrook and Company, who own the Bandon and Fifield, and his sister, Mrs. Roedel, to the hotel. They ate supper and were visiting when Mr. Morse was suddenly taken ill. A few hours later, he relapsed into a comatose state from which he revived only momentarily until death came.

Mr. Morse was well-known in the shipping circles of the North Pacific coast. He was about 45 years old, single and made his home with his mother at San Francisco. He was very popular with his associates.

### Body Brought Here.

Mr. Morse's body was brought here today to be prepared for shipment to San Francisco on the Bandon tomorrow. Capt. Reis of the Bandon and H. W. Skinner are arranging for the shipment of the body which is now at M. J. Mangan's undertaking parlors. Mr. Morse was a member of the Seattle lodge of Elks and of the Mission Masonic lodge at San Francisco.

The local Elks are showing every possible honor to their departed brother. The Elks at Bandon accompanied the body here. Among the Bandon Elks and the lodges to which they belong who came over were: Stephen Gallier of Roseburg lodge, M. J. McKenna of the lodge at Marquette, Mich., G. W. Bowman of the lodge at Hanover, Pa., F. C. Simpson of the lodge at Santa Rosa, Cal., J. H. Johnston of Oakland lodge, Fred Van Norden of The Dalles lodge, E. M. Gallier of Roseburg lodge, and J. J. O'Neil of the Ashland lodge. C. M. Spencer, agent of the Bandon at Bandon, also accompanied the body over.

### Elks and Masons.

The local members of the Elk and Masonic lodges will be expected to meet at Mangan's undertaking parlors at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning and march with the body to the wharf where it will be placed on board the Elizabeth.

Mr. and Mrs. Roedel started yesterday overland to carry the news to Morse's mother, hoping to reach her before she was otherwise informed. It was feared that the shock might prove too great for the aged woman.

gether were defeated.

No one apparently understood the ordinance when read in council to mean that it changed the fire limits. At least, the point was raised in the discussion. Councilmen Sacchi and Nelson voted against the building ordinance but for other reasons. The building ordinance was drafted by City Attorney Farrin upon instructions from Mayor E. E. Straw, Councilman Savage and others.

### CHAFIN COMING WEST.

### Prohibition Presidential Candidate to Speak in Washington.

(By Associated Press.)

TACOMA, Wash., Aug. 19.—H. K. Rockhill of the Prohibition State Committee has received information that Presidential Nominee Chafin will reach this state August 31, to open his campaign in Spokane on that date. He will speak at North Yakima September 1; Seattle, September 2, and Tacoma, September 3.

KNOX W. O. W. entertainment at the I. O. O. F. hall tonight.

## WISCONSIN GIRLS HELD FOR RANSOM

### Another "Pat Crow" Said to Have Kidnaped Children of Jacob Behn, Near Kenosha, Wis.

(By Associated Press.)  
KENOSHA, Wis., Aug. 20.—Gertrude and Dorothy Behn, the young daughters of Jacob Behn, one of the wealthiest residents of southern Wis-

consin, disappeared Monday night. They were last seen by their parents at Hammock lawn. It is thought they were kidnaped and are being held for ransom. A note was received several weeks ago warning their stepmother of a plot to steal the girls who are aged 11 and 12. The members of the household say a closed carriage drove up to the Behn home, sharp voices commanded the girls to enter and as soon as they obeyed the horses were whipped up.

## SYDNEY GIVES "GLAD HAND"

### Australian Port Extends Cordial Welcome to American Battleship Fleet.

(By Associated Press.)  
SYDNEY, Australia, Aug. 20.—The first day's sojourn of the battleships at Sydney passed, and while there was comparatively few functions, tomorrow being the day of public reception and public landing, a spirit of cordiality and wholehearted welcome which fills the people of the city, has found opportunity for expression in several ways. All day a fleet of small harbor crafts circled about the battleships and this afternoon Admiral Sperry of the fleet and captains came ashore and called officially upon Lord Northcott, the governor general of Australia, and Sir Henry Rawson, governor of New South Wales.

The fleet's paymasters today drew \$500,000 from the Sydney banks for the men.

### SNAPPING TURTLE CUT AWAY

BRISTOL, Pa., Aug. 20.—Harry Shores of this place caught a big snapping turtle in the marshes below Bristol yesterday, and it caught him by the arm. With his other hand Shores reached his pocket-knife and so nearly beheaded the snapper that its vicelike jaws relaxed their hold.

## KICK KILLS NOTED HORSE

### Snark, En Route to Marshfield Races, Has Career Ended at Roseburg.

ROSEBURG, Ore., Aug. 20.—Snark, one of the fastest running horses ever brought to Oregon, is dead in this city, at the age of 10 years. A kick from a fractious racing mare in Dick Turpin's barn on Monday night broke the upper bone of his right hind leg and he had to be shot. Snark was brought to this city from Grants Pass Monday, with the mare that kicked him and which is owned by Al. Teal, of that city. Both nags had been together for the past six months and were to have been raced at the district fair at Marshfield next week. Snark was owned by Jacob Fry, of Grants Pass.

Born and raised in New York city, Snark, when three years old, broke the world's record there for 5 1/4 furlongs. Afterwards he was taken to Oakland, Cal., where he passed into hands of Hornbrook parties. Later he was sold to Sweetland and Smith, of Grants Pass, and about a year ago he was bought by Mr. Fry.

Throughout his entire racing career, Snark was a consistent performer. He has appeared at many racing meets in this state and won about 9 out of every 10 events in which he was entered. His most notable feat in Oregon was the creation of a new track record at Portland three years ago in the 4 1/2 furlong. At the last two district fairs in Roseburg, Snark won all of the main events. Last year he won the five-eighths and seven-eighths races, also the derby of 1 mile and an eighth. His time of 54 seconds in the five-eighths dash is the track record.

## HAIN'S WIFE AGAINST HIM

### Woman Who Caused Shooting at Bayside Yacht Club Makes Statement.

(By Associated Press.)  
BOSTON, Aug. 19.—A possible motive for killing Wm. Annis at the Bayside Yacht Club by Capt. Peter Hains, Jr., may be found in the fact made known that Mrs. Hains had filed a suit for divorce against her husband, the papers being served on Hains, August 10. In her suit, Mrs. Hains makes sensational charges against her husband's character and demanded a public hearing. Mrs. Hains believes that Hains and his brother concluded that Annis was behind the bringing of the accusations and that Annis had suggested to Mrs. Hains that the only way she could clear herself of the charges preferred by Hains in his divorce action would be by demanding that her case be tried in open court. Chas. H. Libby, father of Mrs. Hains, says she returned to her father's home, June 2 after being cruelly treated and ill-treated by her husband. Libby says his daughter was so badly beaten at Fort Hamilton as to make medical attention necessary.

John F. McIntyre, counsel for Capt. Hains, said today that the defense would be insanity and that it will be proven easily.

## PARALYZED IN BARBER CHAIR

### Ed. Neunswander Suddenly Stricken By Stroke In Coquille Shop.

COQUILLE, Ore., Aug. 20.—Ed. Neunswander, a woodsman employed at Bester's camp on Cunningham creek, was seized with an attack of paralysis while sitting in McDonald's barber shop. The unfortunate man was removed to the hotel and a physician called. The stroke is said to be a mild one.

### Injured By Gun.

Miss Myrtle Hermann, the young daughter of T. M. Hermann and wife of the South Fork section, injured her foot by the accidental discharge of a small bore rifle she was handling while strolling about the ranch. The bullet entered the young lady's great toe and caused a painful wound, but the member will be spared amputation.

### AGED MAN SHOT.

L. Kessel of Milwaukee Wounded By Garage Employee.  
(By Associated Press.)  
MILWAUKEE, Wis., Aug. 19.—L. Kessel, an aged automobile manufacturer, was shot by a garage employee, named John Gerbler, today over a trivial matter. His condition is dangerous. Gerbler was arrested.

STEAMER FIFIELD SAILS for San Francisco, Friday, August 21, 3 p. m. For passage, apply to J. W. Flanagan.—Phone 33.

THE BREAKWATER sails for Portland Saturday, August 22, at 8 a. m.

CANVAS OUTING HATS 25c, at the Ladies Emporium.

## ATTORNEY GENERAL HADLEY HANDS CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES A PACKAGE

## JOHNSON WILL ACCEPT AGAIN

### Decides to Be Candidate For Third Term As Minnesota's Governor.

(By Associated Press.)  
ST. PAUL, Minn., Aug. 20.—Shortly before noon, Governor John Johnson called the newspapermen together and announced that he would accept the nomination for governor tendered him by the State Democratic Convention yesterday.

### BRYAN IS PLEASED.

Says Johnson Will Strengthen Ticket in Minnesota.  
(By Associated Press.)  
LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 20.—The unanimous act of the Democratic State Convention at Minneapolis in renominating Governor Johnson for the third time, was gratifying news to W. J. Bryan who expressed the belief that Johnson's candidacy would greatly strengthen the national ticket in that state.

### TAFT IS GRATIFIED.

Likes Sherman's Speech of Acceptance.  
(By Associated Press.)

HOT SPRINGS, Va., Aug. 20.—W. H. Taft is greatly pleased with the speech of acceptance of J. S. Sherman, and is gratified over Secretary Root's tribute to the vice-presidential candidate. Taft is pleased with Sherman's statement that the issue of the campaign is whether Roosevelt's administration shall be endorsed or not.

## "DON'T KNOW WHO DID IT"

### This Is Answer of Witnesses As to Springfield Mob Leaders' Identity.

(By Associated Press.)  
SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Aug. 20.—An open verdict by the coroner's jury was a blow at the state's attorney and other officials who see in it a confirmation of the suspicion that witnesses of the rioting would fail to recognize and identify the leaders of the mob when called to testify in public proceedings. Only one witness testified at the inquest and he displayed unusually poor memory as to important questions.

The grand jury is continuing its investigation today but with considerable less enthusiasm than displayed two days ago.

The departure of the troops except two regiments has caused a renewal of threats of "something doing after the soldiers leave," and in fact a renewal of the rioting is expected momentarily. The negroes are greatly alarmed.

The regulations of the city officials include early closing of all business houses and prohibit the sale of liquor within the city limits. Refugees continue to leave town.

The military force was further reduced late today by the withdrawal of the First Cavalry and the Seventh Infantry only remains on guard duty.

### TWO ARE DROWNED.

ASTORIA, Ore., Aug. 20.—D. L. Chapman and son Ward were both drowned in the south fork of Salmon Creek, at Nasel, while they were in swimming after a hard morning's work on the farm. The wife and mother saw the drowning and the bodies were quickly recovered, and for several hours efforts were made to resuscitate them, but without success.

### Missouri Official Scores Man Who Reversed Rockefeller Decision.

### DECLARES HE IS BLINDED BY PREJUDICE

### Says That Ruling Was Based On Irrelevant Technicalities.

(By Associated Press.)  
DENVER, Colo., Aug. 20.—"The Judge who cannot see the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey in the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, and who cannot see through both of these legal fictions to the real ownership and the real offenders, John D. Rockefeller, H. H. Rogers and John D. Archbold and others, are either blinded by prejudice or an unfortunate disposition to obscure the merits of a controversy by strained and irrelevant technicalities," declared Attorney General Herbert S. Hadley of Missouri in an address today before the Second Annual Convention of the National Association of Attorney Generals, of which he is president. The statement was in the course of a review of the reversal by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals of the twenty-nine million dollars fine which was assessed against the Standard Oil Company of Indiana by Judge Lanfils.

### S. P. LOSING MONEY.

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—The annual statement issued jointly by the Union and Southern Pacific railroads shows a decrease of \$10,000,000 in profits. The report has created a flurry in financial circles, as such a big depression was wholly unexpected.

## TWO BALLOONS BEING TRIED

### Dirigible Air Crafts Are Proving Great Success In Germany.

(By Associated Press.)  
BERLIN, Germany, Aug. 20.—The two new dirigible balloons cruised together for two hours today over Berlin. The balloons will make daily ascensions for the purpose of trying new men in their management. They are being operated by the government and thousands of people constantly watch the great "white birds" as they float far over the city, drifting about at the will of the operators.

## M. F. PLANT IN FROM SAN FRANCISCO TODAY

### Head Winds and Fog Causes Rather Slow Trip Up—Carried Large Number of Passengers.

The M. F. Plant arrived this afternoon from San Francisco with a fair cargo of freight and a full passenger list. She had a fair trip up although bothered some by strong head winds and fog. She will sail for San Francisco at 1:30 o'clock Friday. Among those who came up on the Plant were the following:

J. A. O'Kelly, A. Colton, H. A. Barnes and wife, J. Monroe, Fred Reeb, P. Mirrasoul and wife, A. E. Pollexfen and wife, Mrs. Jennie Flitz, Mrs. I. Cornelius, H. L. Savage, M. Pollexfen, J. Clarke, F. E. Brooks, E. P. Frost, W. C. Scott, Howard Kelly, Mrs. Kelly, Edith Simpson, Lucy King, Mrs. L. Dieu, Mrs. E. L. Houck, Mrs. Gow Why, Chas. Jax, T. W. Froese, I. Cornelius, J. H. Burns and ten steerage.

Go to SMITH'S CAFE for supper. REOPENED TODAY.