

# JAIL AT CITY HALL WOULD SAVE MONEY

## Councilmen Sharkey and Sherrett Endorse A. K. Bentley's Suggestion That Police Headquarters Be Transferred--Plenty of Room.

Councilmen J. P. Sharkey and D. T. Sherrett are in favor of the removal of the city jail, police station and municipal court to the city hall building, as suggested by Councilman A. K. Bentley in The Journal last night.

"The city hall is a good place for the city jail and the police station, as well as the municipal court, and there is plenty of room for it in the building," said Councilman Sharkey. "I think the suggestion a good one, and would like to see it taken up and followed to a successful termination."

"The removal of the police department to the city hall would not only save the taxpayers a large amount of money, but would bring the city and county institutions close together. People say they would not like to see prisoners in the hall, but they would not have to. It would not be necessary. The system now in vogue is to cart prisoners from the city to the county jail in the patrol wagon, and if the jails were close together, it would save much time."

"There are some rooms being rented in the city hall building for practically nothing that might be better used for some department of the city that needs them, and these could be made available for the police department."

"The city hall is just the place where the police department, the city jail and the municipal court should be," said Councilman Sherrett. "Councilman Bentley's suggestion strikes me as just the thing, and I am firm in the belief that action should be taken at once toward this end. It seems to me that no better solution of the problem could be had."

Councilman Matt Foeller, also a member of the committee on health and police, said he read Councilman Bentley's suggestion and comment last night with great interest, but had not as yet given the matter sufficient thought to express an opinion, but said he would make a full and complete investigation at once.

"I am of the opinion that it would be unwise to make the change suggested," said City Auditor Thomas C. Devlin. "The city hall was not built for that purpose, and I favor the purchase of other property and the erection of new buildings for the police department."

The original city hall, planned many years ago, was to have been built for the very purpose suggested by Council-

man Bentley. The plans were drawn for a police station, city hall, municipal court and patrol barn. Captain of Police Carl Gritzmacher, now in command of the day patrol, was then attached to the department, and was assigned to consult with the architect. For several weeks he did nothing else but plan the police department's home, which was to have been in the basement. Everything was arranged, the contract was let and the building progressed as far as the laying of the foundation. Then property-owners living in the immediate vicinity brought pressure to bear and caused the executive board to reconsider. Therefore, the original city hall building was torn down, the city lost \$9,000 to the contractor and the new hall building was planned as it now exists.

"I have heard many expressions favorable to the city hall plan as published in The Journal last night," said Councilman Bentley today. "The taxpayers at once realize the great saving to them, and it is from such that the favorable expressions mostly come. As a result, yesterday, this is the best possible solution of the problem now before the city."

Chief of Police Hunt appeared at the office of Plumbing Inspector Hulme this morning and requested that the latter take charge of the sewer improvement project at the city hall. The work will be begun immediately.

"The police station and city jail should not be placed in the basement of the city hall," said Chief of Police Charles H. Hunt. "The prisoners that are brought to the jail by the police are the scum of the earth, as a general rule, and no matter how clean you may keep the jail, that peculiar prison odor rises and it would ruin the city hall."

"The establishing of the jail and police station in the city hall is not at all feasible, and I am opposed to it. As suggested in my report for the past year, I think the city should have a place in a central location, not necessarily in the business center, but in a place easy of access. We will need substations in the future, and the central station and the city jail should be built for the future. The city is growing most rapidly, a fact which must be taken into consideration. No, it would not be wise, in my opinion, to place the jail and station in the city hall."

dition, rather than consume it otherwise.

"Another district that is cut off many times is Curry county. It is an easy matter to get from Marshfield to Bandon, but from there to Port Orford is a stretch of abominable road reaching 30 miles, and from there to Roseburg, on the Rogue river, is another misery. The 100-mile route from Roseburg to Marshfield is a wonder, and at times in winter a person beginning the journey never knows whether the end will ever be reached. Then, how about the mail-carrier?" concluded Mr. Whitney, "who has no assistance, but in order to fill his contract he must practically keep the roads in repair. Good roads clubs will solve the problem."

# SERIOUS SLIDES HINDER MAILS

## POSTMASTER BANCROFT SAYS THE STORMS OF THE LAST FEW DAYS HAVE INTERFERED WITH HIS DEPARTMENT TO LARGE EXTENT--ROUTES IN BAD CONDITION.

Owing to very unusual conditions mails from southern points have been seriously delayed during the last three or four days, according to a statement made by Postmaster Bancroft, this morning.

"There is only the weather to blame for the condition," he continued, "but from advices received this morning I am assured that the terrific storms in the Siskiyou are abating, which will allow normal transportation to again obtain."

"So serious have been the land slides in the Shasta and Siskiyou mountains that work how they would, the hundreds of trackmen along the Southern Pacific lines have been powerless to overcome the perplexing situation. It was not until last night we delivered the San Francisco and mail that should have arrived at 7:45 in the morning. A land slide at Wall creek delayed all trains and the same trouble is apparent today, for the southern matter will not reach Portland until nearly night."

"Mails from the north, east and Columbia river points westward are practically on time, as it so happens that the storm swept district is confined to northern California. From late advices I am informed," continued the postmaster, "that by tomorrow all difficulty will have been overcome. However, there are complaints from coast counties that ingoing and outgoing mails have been delayed for days during this month. In that connection I can only say that vile roads are the causes of it all."

Chief Clerk F. E. Whitney of the railway mail service, in speaking of the matter this morning, said:

"Serious complaints have been made by the people of Tillamook and Clatsop counties, but the fault lies in the impossibility of mail contractors getting into and out of these districts."

"To be more explicit, I will state that a large majority of the inhabitants of these counties have no serious difficulty, but there are two or three routes that it has been impossible to get over, owing to the awful condition of the roads. It is reported that on such a route as the one from Trask to Beardsdale, leading from Yamhill into Tillamook county, more than 50 trees were blown down over the almost impassable road. From Dolph to the Grand Ronde agency is another impassable route. These districts are scarcely worked and the counties need their money putting roads in the thickly populated country into good con-

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# FRAUD AT POLLS IN PREPARATION

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to be registered. Last Monday he marched up Fifth street with a gang of nine men, apparently newly arrived from some foreign camp. They were guided to the county clerk's office where they registered as follows: Thomas Haines, fireman; James Curry, laborer; Peter Daly, laborer; Jerry Wood, laborer; John Cummings, carpenter; Thomas Murphy, cooper; Harry Brown, laborer; James Hall, laborer; and Henry Willis, laborer, all from 631 Hood street.

Claimed by Simon Men.

The address given by these nine men, 631 Hood street, is in the Thirty-second precinct, which the Simon Republicans have been claiming they would carry. The Mitchell managers have regarded the precinct as a doubtful one and hence the need of colonizing voters there. Inquiry at 631 Hood street developed the fact that as yet not one of the nine men named is living there, though all of them are expected to come next Monday. The house is known as the Idaho hotel. Last evening Sal Solomon called upon the proprietor and arranged with him to give lodgings to this gang of men, who, Solomon said, would arrive the next day. The price agreed upon for their board and lodging was \$4 a week, of which Solomon paid down in advance \$3.50 for each man. He explained to the landlord that the men would stay for a week or 10 days.

But "something happened," according to the explanation given this morning by one of the employees of the house, and the men did not go up next day. The further information was given that "they are coming Monday, but I don't know how long they will stay."

Only a few days previous to this occurrence another band of would-be voters were escorted to the courthouse by one of the employees of the Portland club. The latter entered into conversation with a bystander, whom he obviously mistook for a co-worker in the Mitchell cause. In answer to a question as to "how the boys were being registered," he replied in confidential tones:

"Oh, this bunch goes in under their right names."

"Then you didn't do that with the last bunch?"

"No, we had to use other names for them, but these guys are being registered straight."

# SENATOR DIETRICH INQUIRY BEGINS

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.)

Washington, D. C., March 11.—The formal investigation of the charges against Senator Dietrich of Nebraska, that he used his official position to his personal financial advantage in the appointment of the postmaster at Hastings and the leasing of a building there for postoffice purposes, was begun before a subcommittee of the senate judiciary committee this morning. Hoar, as chairman, presided.

ANOTHER INVESTIGATION.

(Journal Special Service.)

Washington, March 11.—The Carmack resolution relative to Woolley, the Mormon bishop who was nominated assayer at Boise, was taken up in the senate executive session this morning.

# NEW OFFICERS FOR COMPANY G.

## LIEUTENANT WALLACE RECEIVES A CAPTAIN'S COMMISSION AND SERGEANT MARKS STEPS UP TO THE SECOND LIEUTENANCY OF ALBANY COMPANY.

(Journal Special Service.)

Albany, Or., March 11.—The commissions of the newly elected officers of company G, O. N. G., of this city, ar-



CAPT. C. W. WALLACE.

rived yesterday. First Lieutenant C. W. Wallace received a captain's commission and Sergeant William L. Marks a second lieutenant's commission.

Captain C. W. Wallace enlisted seven years ago in company F, Second regiment Oregon National Guard. He was a member of company I, Second Oregon volunteers in the Philippines and when the guard was reorganized after the



LIEUT. W. L. MARKS.

war he was appointed sergeant and was later elected first lieutenant. Captain Wallace was born in Linn county in 1877 and has lived here all his life. He has been in the postoffice department here for the last two years and has been a member of Albany's winning track team for two years. He was the winner of the Oregon championship in the mile and made the best time in the northwest in the half mile run last season. He has represented Albany college in various inter-collegiate capacities, having served as president of the Collegiate Athletic league of Oregon for one term and was chosen leader of the inter-collegiate debating team in 1903, and is to serve this year also. He enlisted as a charter member of company G.

Second Lieutenant W. L. Marks was born in Linn county June 25, 1883. He has lived in Albany for the past eight years and is one of the most popular young men in the city. He is in his senior year at Albany college. He has been a leader in all college affairs, holding many executive positions in different college organizations. He joined the Albany militia company when it was organized in 1900 and has worked up from the ranks serving as private, corporal and sergeant.

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# PACIFIC COAST A HEAVY LOSER

## LATER REPORTS SHOW THE STORM DID MUCH MORE DAMAGE THAN WAS AT FIRST BELIEVED--RAILROADS SERIOUSLY CRIPPLED--CLOUDBURST IN IDAHO.

(Journal Special Service.)

San Francisco, March 11.—With the restoration of telegraphic communication reports from the storm-stricken portions are beginning to pour in. It is almost the unanimous report that the rain was the heaviest in the state for years. The havoc wrought by water and wind was greater than at first supposed. The railroads are among the heaviest sufferers. Merchants in many cities lost much of their buildings are practically rendered worthless by the undermining of foundations. No reports of ocean disasters have been received, beyond the wrecking of the schooner Mabel Gray at Redondo, near Los Angeles. The vessel was pounding on the beach when a heavy line was thrown to it. This was tied to two streetcars and the schooner beached. The crew came in on the rope. The heavy rains last night in southern California were of incalculable benefit.

# Cloudburst in Idaho.

Boise, Idaho, March 11.—A cloudburst at Little Camas Prairie, 75 miles from here, is reported. The water in the Boise river is rising here and people on the lowlands are being warned. No lives have been lost.

# INTERESTING DATA ON PANAMA CANAL

(Journal Special Service.)

Washington, March 11.—Rear Admiral Walker and General Davis of the Panama canal commission gave interesting testimony today before the house committee of the interstate foreign commerce now considering the Lovering bill providing for the construction of the canal. Walker approved the bill then and outlined some plans for the government's connection in carrying on the work. He thought the title would be cleared in two interstate foreign commerce would then be begun, the most of which was excavating. When in full swing there would be 40,000 laborers employed. The population of the strip, now 5,000, would be increased by 70,000. Jamaica negroes are most desirable for this work. Americans can't stand it, the admiral said.

Chinese and Japanese coolies have been employed on the police force probably to the number of 500. Asked if the sale of liquor could be prohibited, he said it could not.

# TAKE NO CAPTIVES IS GERMAN ORDER

(Journal Special Service.)

Berlin, March 11.—German troops in Southwest Africa have been ordered not to give pardon or to take no prisoners, but to shoot all rebel Hereros indiscriminately. Die Post reports that Polish Socialists are flooding the western provinces of Russia with anti-Russian manifestos, saying: "We curse the czar. Japan's successes fill us with exuberant delight."

# READY AT THE YALU.

Chee Foo, March 11.—A Chinaman just arrived from Korea reports that 15,000 tons of coal, stacked in barrow, has been placed at the mouth of the Yalu in readiness for firing in the event of the Japanese attempting to land there. He says the Russians have made every preparation to evacuate their position at Yalu. The coal will be destroyed should the Japanese land.

# GRAND DUKE TO THE FRONT.

London, March 11.—The Central News correspondent, en route for Port Arthur, telegraphs from Varkysheuddinak, Siberia, "Have seen little but troops hurrying to the front; soldiers are in excellent spirits and warmly clad. Grand Duke Vladimirovitch, Councillor Alexandrovsky and chief delegate of the Red Cross, with two detachments of sanitary corps, crossed Lake Balkal by train yesterday."

# CABLE STEAMER LOST.

(Journal Special Service.)

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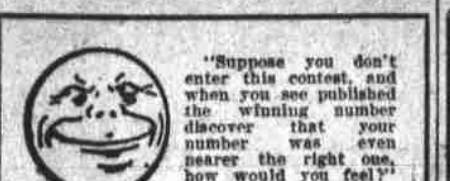
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# STREETS FLOODED BY BROKEN DAM

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alarmed at the break that they took their household goods and carried them out into the streets, but all carried them back after day dawned and it was seen that the danger was past.

Day City's Liability.

It is altogether probable that at least a dozen firms and individuals will make claims for damages against the city, but Mayor Williams and City Engineer Elliott declare all suits will be contested. They deny that there has been any laxity or negligence on the city's part, saying that when the cave-in was first reported two weeks ago, they immediately began operations to repair it and to obviate what has now happened.

It is not yet why the city should be held for damages in this case any more than for what damage has been and may yet be done along the river front," said Mayor Williams. "These accidents happen in every city, and cannot be avoided, no matter how much care is taken. It does not see why the city should have to pay any damages that may result to Multnomah field, and as for the other claimants, all were notified several days ago to get their goods out of their basements. It is owing the city a good deal now to repair the sewer, and will cost still more, and if any damages are to be paid, the courts will have to decide it."

All day long the streets adjacent to the big break were lined with spectators, curious to see what was being done. It was necessary for a patrolman to remain on the ground all day to keep the crowd back from dangerous places and out of the way of the workmen.

# FOUR PERISH IN OHIO FERRY FIRE

(Journal Special Service.)

Coneaut, O., March 11.—The car ferry at Shenaut was burned to the water's edge off the harbor this morning. Four men perished; the head engineer was fatally burned.

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