

SAY SPEED LIMIT IS AN ABSURDITY

AUTOMOBILISTS WILL MEET IN MASS SESSION TO PROTEST AGAINST SPEED ORDINANCE—COUNCILMAN AVERILL FAVORS A 15 MILE AN HOUR LAW.

Automobilists of this city are preparing for a mass meeting to protest against the action of the city council in regulating the speed of their machines to a maximum rate of eight miles per hour. Such discrimination against automobiles is not only unjust, but would not be upheld if tested in the courts.

It is asserted that street cars and many other vehicles constantly traverse the city streets at a greater rate than eight miles per hour. No action has been taken to prevent such travel on the part of any vehicle except automobiles. It is said, and auto fans propose to protest against the discrimination.

There is a law which regulates the speed of street cars at eight miles per hour, but it is the business portion of the city and 20 or 25 outside of the limits," said Councilman Fred Merrill, who opposed the ordinance regulating the speed of automobiles. "The ordinance is not molested. I don't see why they should discriminate against it."

"As a matter of fact, there has not been an automobile accident in this city in which anyone has been hurt. It is safe to say that there have been quite a few street car accidents in which persons were more or less injured on numerous occasions."

"At the meeting we shall discuss the situation generally. We certainly believe that there ought to be laws regulating the speed of machines and those who violate them should be punished. But automobiles should not be discriminated against. We shall endeavor to have the ordinance revised so that the maximum rate of speed in the city will be 15 or 12 miles per hour and more than that outside of the fire limits."

The meeting of automobilists will be held within the next few days.

FIND NO TRACE OF MISSING PATIENTS

No trace has been found of Herbert E. Huntley who disappeared from the Mt. Tabor sanitarium a week ago. Searching parties have scoured the woods and the entire country east of the city, but not a trace of the man has been found.

He escaped during the night in his night clothing and it was feared he had committed suicide. Every effort, however, to find the man has been futile.

Nor has any trace been discovered of Mrs. Elizabeth Ellis, who disappeared from the Portland sanitarium five weeks ago. The woman also left during the night and part of her clothing was found on the bank of the river the following day. Whether she sought death in the river or whether she wandered into the woods has not been determined.

HUSBAND SEEKS MISSING WIFE

In pursuit of his wife, H. T. Ireland of Klamath Falls, Or., last night called at the central police station and asked aid in locating the woman and 10-year-old Willie Ireland, who is with her. The police have searched the city, but have found no trace of the missing ones, and it is not believed they are here.

"I believe my wife has deserted me," said Ireland to the police. "She is aged 30 years, is 5 feet 2 inches in height, is of slender build, of dark complexion and has dark red hair. She has been gone several days and I have no idea where she went."

RECEIVES SMALL AWARD.

In the case of Benjamin F. Grosbeck against the City & Suburban Railway company for \$15,000 damages for personal injuries, in the state circuit court, Judge Fraser today announced \$150 for the plaintiff. Tomorrow Judge Cleveland will render a decision on the motion of the attorneys of Frank Guglielmo for a new trial and arrest of judgment.

SUFFERS SERIOUS INJURIES.

Epbra, Wash., July 11.—J. N. Townsend was thrown from his horse yesterday near here and his lower jaw sustained three fractures and a hole extending from under the chin into the mouth. His recovery is doubtful. He was sent to his home at Seattle.

STATE SUFFERS SEVERE DROUGHT

SCARCITY HAS OREGON KNOWN SUCH A PROLONGED DRY SEASON, AND NO BELIEF IS PROMISED BY WEATHER BUREAU—GRAIN NOT SERIOUSLY INJURED.

Rarely in the history of Oregon has a drought been of such duration as the one with which many parts of the state are now afflicted. With the exception of a few drier years, it has not rained in this state since June 2.

The drought is peculiar in the fact that it exists only in the valleys and low sections of the state, where it usually rains with more regularity. The more elevated places have not suffered to a great extent.

The weather office offers no relief in the way of showers. It is also stated that fruit has not been damaged severely up to this time. The crops also have escaped serious injury.

R. T. Cox, who returned yesterday from his ranch in Gilliam county, states that the crops of this section have not been injured. Harvesting will begin July 15, and the quality of grain is said to be good.

"In the vicinity of Condon," said Mr. Cox, "there has been an abundance of rain, and the yield will be over the average. The ground is in good condition, and in many places the farmers are plowing. In the northern section or in the Schuettler place, the grain is ripening rapidly and headers are already being brought out. In some sections the grain will yield 40 bushels to the acre."

FUND FOR ROAD WORK IS SHORT THIS YEAR

Of the half dozen places where county road work should be carried on, the commissioners are only certain at this time of being able to attend to two. The levy for road purposes amounts to \$107,000, and after delinquencies are deducted from this amount the sum of about \$100,000 is left with which to take care of the many roads in Multnomah county.

An unusually large amount of work was done during June, and the fund for plowing in the northern section or in the rock crusher is at present working on the Base line road, and after this work is done there will be nearly a mile and a half of macadamizing undertaken on Corbett street, and already has been some work on the Columbia river road.

The commissioners have under consideration the road to Sellwood and several other extensions of needed macadamizing that should be done this year. They have laid down the rule of paying off each year a portion of the debt against the road fund, and when this is deducted together with the amount that must necessarily be kept for winter repair work, the fund is found to be insufficient to do all the work it was hoped would be accomplished this year.

HOLLADAY PARK ALSO NEEDS WATER

Residents and property owners of the Holladay Park addition are complaining over their water service. This is one of the most rapidly growing suburban districts of Portland and already 50 residences are occupied and many others will soon be completed. Only one water main runs through the park and residents have to rely entirely on private pipe lines. There is no water for sprinkling and not enough for domestic purposes.

A petition has been filed with Auditor Devlin to be presented to the city waterworks committee on Wednesday asking that better water facilities be extended there, they stating that the work can be done at slight expense.

Residents of University Park have also filed a petition asking for the extension of the water system to their community, as they state they have to do without water even for domestic purposes, for several hours each day.

PENDLETON SCHOOL SITE COMMENTED ON

Pendleton, Or., July 11.—When it became known today that the board of education had selected a site for the new \$60,000 school building in Byers Grove, unfavorable comment was heard all over town.

The site is surrounded by a slough in a marshy region. It will cost thousands of dollars to fill the land in, and the resentment of the property-owners may result in formal action being taken.

ROBBERS FOILED BY EAVESDROPPER

SALOONKEEPER HEARS TWO BANDITS DISCUSS ROBBERY OF NORTHERN PACIFIC TRAIN AND INFORMS THE POLICE—COMPANY PLACES GUARDS ON TRAINS.

Through overhearing two prospective train robbers discuss their plans and by notifying the police a local saloonkeeper enabled the Northern Pacific officials to begin their guard. The plot of the robbers was given the police, who turned the matter over to the company. Armed guards were at once placed on all the company's trains, though until today this was denied by the company.

Armed guards have been riding on north and south-bound passenger trains over the Northern Pacific between Portland and Puget sound for three weeks. The matter has been kept a profound secret. Two policemen say the information that resulted in the action of the company was given them by a saloonkeeper who was in the city after this lapse of time the special men have been detached, although close watch is still maintained along the road.

Today the information was made public at police headquarters that Police-men Dan Connors and R. L. Heninger, attached to the first night relief, were informed of the plot. They quickly communicated with the Northern Pacific officials. The armed guards were immediately put in service as were several expert detectives of the company.

The two men were overheard to plot the hold-up. They were in the city on a first street saloon and agreed to stop the train and rob the express car. The proprietor of the saloon overheard them and notified Police-men Connors and Heninger. The Northern Pacific officials were quick to act when informed of the plot. Whether the men learned of the company's preparations or whether they altered their plans, is not known, but the Northern Pacific officials were quick to act when informed of the plot.

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MYSTERIOUS POISON CAUSES FOUR DEATHS

Boise, Idaho, July 11.—L. C. Driggs, Charles Driggs, his son, Andrew Larson and Charles Snyders are dead and William Mason is in a critical condition as the result of poisoning in a peculiar manner and through an unknown form of toxin.

The party was engaged in working a mine near Snyders, and when one after another had sickened and died it was believed to have been caused by ptomaine poison. Dr. Blake, a physician of Resort, believes that the poison is of a rare character, obtained from a South American plant, the effects of which are invariably fatal.

Mason, who is now at Hot Springs, may recover. A quantity of the food has been sent to Boise for examination and a post mortem examination of the stomach of the elder Driggs is also being made.

Included in the list of deaths which occurred at Boise yesterday as the result of eating food impregnated with poison is the name of L. C. Driggs. It was reported about the city today that it was L. C. Driggs, who for years was chief clerk in the United States marshal's office at this place. The rumor was unfounded, as the local Mr. Driggs is well at his home in this city.

CHARGES EMPLOYE WITH EMBEZZLEMENT

Dave Metzler is wanted by the police on a charge of embezzling \$540 from his employer, Harry Malter, proprietor of a saloon in the north end district. A warrant for his arrest was issued out of the municipal court this morning. It is thought the alleged thief has fled the city, and the wires have been used to notify the authorities in cities along routes leading from this city.

Metzler was employed as a bartender, and was entrusted with the funds of the place. He is alleged to have taken advantage of his position by appropriating to his benefit the \$540. The warrant for his arrest was issued early this morning, but it is the belief of the police that he left the city last night.

PRESCOTT FIGHTER DIES

Prescott, Wash., July 11.—Timothy Shea, aged 48, a pioneer resident of this place for 35 years, died of tuberculosis yesterday.

CHICKEN THIEVES CAN'T DOWN HIM

In the want columns of The Journal today there appears one of the most unique advertisements recently published, the same being a notice from Paul Verestran at 450 Irving street, notifying the public that chicken thieves are abroad.

Mr. Verestran, although a modest man, is public spirited, and he took this method of "ripping" the public as to what happened to his henery the other night.

On the memorable night referred to, as Mr. Verestran announces, he was robbed of a hen and 10 "chicks." He does not state the value of the stolen property, but he is in his warning to the public, but the fact is apparent.

MANEUVERS BEGIN AT CAMP MURRAY

WASHINGTON TROOPS EFFORT A FAST MOVE AND OUTWIT THEIR OPPONENTS—OREGON TROOPS GET THE WORST OF IT AND ARE MOUVING.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Murray, Wash., July 11.—The problem of today's military maneuvers is that of moving columns of troops through a hostile country and repelling the attack by the enemy. Many of the main maneuvers were west of American lake, where the Second Washington and the Twenty-sixth artillery, commanded by Colonel Lamping, were attacked by a portion of the Nineteenth infantry.

The Washington troops completely outwitted the attacking party in the opinion of Washington officers, putting the artillery, consisting of two companies, out of action and capturing a dozen prisoners. The fighting was severe along the advance near Nolan farm. The Twenty-sixth artillery, commanded by Colonel Lamping, were attacked by a portion of the Nineteenth infantry.

The brunt of the fighting was borne by a battalion commanded by Major C. With companies E, M and a portion of B, he drove the enemy from the woods, meeting them unexpectedly, whereupon close fighting resulted.

Meanwhile the artillery took a position on a ridge at the edge of the woods, drawing the fire of the enemy as a ruse while the infantry passed on. If ball cartridges had been used today Oregon would be in mourning, as the Third Oregon was badly squelched.

Accompanied by a light artillery and opposed to the Oregon men were a separate battalion and the Nineteenth infantry, the latter being victorious.

This engagement occurred near the American lake station. It was a pretty fight and lasted an hour. A platoon with the Third Oregon was put out of business before firing a shot.

General Funston, General McArthur and a lieutenant-colonel, a British attaché, viewed this engagement, and after the fight addressed the officers separately.

For the third problem, the Second Idaho and Eighth battery, opposed the Ninth cavalry, including Troop B of Oregon and battery, fighting near Hillhurst and at target ranges. The latter was still on at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

John A. Lane, chairman of the entertainment committee of the Oregon State Pharmaceutical association, announced this afternoon that between 75 and 100 people, druggists and their wives will leave Ash street dock on the water at 7:30 o'clock tomorrow morning for Long Beach, Wash., where the fourteenth annual meeting of the association is to be in session on July 13, 14 and 15.

For Wednesday there will be a trip to Fort Canby and Northern light house, a basket luncheon being enjoyed at the latter place. Visits will be made to the canneries, and other points of interest. An excursion drill will be given by the crew of the life saving station on Thursday.

In the way of amusements, there is to be boating, bathing, fishing, clam-digging, tennis, billiards, etc. Prizes are to be given the prettiest girl and best looking druggist.

NEW CITY WANTS MINING CONGRESS

Information has been received by Secretary Mahon of the American Mining congress that Cincinnati is going to make an effort to secure the eighth annual session of the mining congress for this city. This information came through a communication from the Commercial league of Cincinnati.

This makes the fourth city that has announced itself as a candidate for the next session of the congress, the others being Denver, Salt Lake and Omaha. Minneapolis and Chicago have unofficially made the announcement that they desire the next gathering of the congress.

ST. LOUIS DAMAGED BY A WIND STORM

St. Louis, July 11.—A furious wind and thunder storm swept down upon St. Louis shortly before 3 o'clock this afternoon and raged for about an hour. Heavy damage to buildings is reported from all sections, but no loss of life.

Residents of the city were panic-stricken, fearing a repetition of the awful cyclone of 1894. The wind blew more than 60 miles an hour, smashing in plate-glass fronts and overturning wagons in the street. Hailstones of immense size fell.

Considerable damage was done at the world's fair grounds, and thousands of spectators on the grounds were as terrified as the natives of the city. The full extent of the damage to property is not known at this time, but it is estimated at many thousands of dollars. At 4 o'clock the storm seems to have spent its fury.

CHINESE WAR MAY BE IMMINENT

Reserve policemen are being held ready to make immediate response to calls in Chinatown. Rival gangs, engaged by jealousy over the breaking up of a feast in a hall over On Lee's store early Sunday morning, are believed to be about ready to wreak vengeance. Preparations are made for quick and decisive action in case trouble should occur. Arrangements have also been made to call out the fire department and drawn into submission any celestial who might desire to murder their countrymen.

Acting under instructions from Captain of Police Bailey, Policeman King of the Chinatown squad at 2 o'clock yesterday morning broke up a feast being held in the hall over On Lee's store, Second and Oak. Chinamen and Japanese women were celebrating in a hilarious manner, and a citizen residing in the vicinity requested that the racket be suppressed. When instructions were given the Mongolians they at once took to Bow Wa, a merchant next door, and a member of a rival gang, had instigated the move. Instantly a demonstration was made, and it became necessary to order out more policemen to assist in keeping down open war. For a time murder was feared, but the police succeeded in calming the enraged celestials.

But the police cried peace when there was no peace. Again, later in the day, Chinese crazed with anger, and still believing Bow Wa caused the police action, moved in a manner that told the officers trouble was imminent. Members of the Chinatown squad who have served for years in the district know the attitude of the Chinese was threatening, and precautions were at once taken.

DRUGGISTS GO TO THE BEACH FOR MEETING

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MANY WOULD MANAGE POOR FARM AFFAIRS

The question of a new superintendent of the county poorfarm is still under consideration by the county commissioners. It has not yet been decided to retire the present superintendent, but the commissioners have already received about 14 petitions of applicants who say that they desire the place. If a vacancy occurs.

Judge Webster, when asked directly concerning the matter today said that the commissioners were investigating conditions at the poor farm, and that they had the superintendent's question under consideration, but that as yet nothing definite has been decided upon.

TO EXAMINE PAYROLLS.

City Auditor Devlin has received notification from the civil service commission to the effect that all appointments to positions in the public service must conform with the charter requirements. Hereafter the auditor will submit all payrolls to the civil service commission for approval as to the regularity of the appointments, and such payrolls shall be audited only as approved by the commission, and provided by the charter. Hereafter no warrant will be drawn in payment of any salary to any person who is not certified by the commission to the auditor as having been appointed or employed in pursuance of the charter civil service.

DROWNED AT BONNERS FERRY.

Bonners Ferry, Idaho, July 11.—Harry Dolan, aged 13 years, son of James E. Dolan of this city, was seized with cramps while in swimming in the Kootenai river near here, and drowned. The body was recovered.

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WOMEN AS SURGEONS
From the Washington Post.
"Why is it that one does not hear of famous women surgeons?" asked a Post reporter of Dr. M. C. Revell of San Francisco.
"There is no special reason why women should not become proficient in surgery," he replied, "but few take to that line of work. The average woman somehow seems to think that this lies a little outside the sphere of feminine labor, and there is no question but that the public takes the same view. Even were a woman to attain the highest degree of surgical skill or to become a great operator, which is quite a different thing, her ability would meet with scant recognition, and she might not get fees enough to live on in comfort."
"At the same time, I have met with women whom I knew to be born surgeons; that is, they had the native talent, the judgment, the physical strength, the steady nerves, and all other requirements. When it comes to standing pain, women outclass men, and there is no reason to doubt the fitness of such as these for performing the most difficult and trying operations. The trouble would be to get any of them to select a career that is apparently not suited to the sex."

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