

ROBE IS USED WATER BOARD Investigation of Blunder in Closing Main Under River Is Begun.

At a session yesterday afternoon the water board completed the first installment of an investigation into the conduct of the water department with particular relation to the mistake made by officials in turning Willamette river water into the west side mains when there was no necessity for so doing.

Mayor Lane and R. P. Lamson, of the water board, are especially eager to know why the mistake was made and the examination will be made searching and complete. Superintendent Dodge, Foreman Albertini and Gray and a number of workmen were questioned yesterday. Their answers indicated ignorance of many important facts.

A water gate between the east iron and steel submerged pipes had not been shut tight, the inquiry developed, and had this been done the water from the water supply of the west side would never have been cut off. The lock gate was left partly open. Only one man, Foreman Albertini, was left to make a signboard conveying the information as to how the valve may be shut and to hang this at each gate for the future use of employees.

Superintendent Dodge said he did not know how necessary it was to close a gate and he also took responsibility for the order to start the Willamette station to pumping river water into the city.

Mayor Lane asked Superintendent Dodge if he knew why the mistake was made with the pumps at Palatine Hill and the Lincoln street station. The superintendent replied that he did not, but that the pumps at these stations were always under orders to have the engines in constant readiness for use.

Further investigation will be made at future meetings of the water board. It being the intention of the board to bring the blame for the error upon the water gate and other alleged delinquencies on the part of the water department, by reason of which people at the west side of the river have been drinking boiled water for more than a week.

The investigation was made some months ago to fix the blame for delay in acceptance of certain fire hydrants by the fire department last year. Numerous investigations were held and finally the inquiries ceased and never were reopened. Nobody has been punished as yet for the delay.

San Francisco, April 21.—Interest in the affairs of Colonel W. C. Greene, the mining king, who recently encountered financial difficulties, is revived by the publication of testimony of Anna C. Bustedde, a public stenographer, who has commenced action demanding the removal of Samuel N. Ruckler as administrator of the estate of the late Major Frank McLaughlin.

Miss Bustedde alleged that United States Senator Perkins, Governor Gillett, George Hatton, Fletcher A. Cutler of Durkay and M. G. Quinn of Los Angeles were involved in a suit for \$1,000,000 which McLaughlin was instructed to file against Greene. This suit was based on the sale of the home of Greene to the mining magnate, she said, by Senator Perkins and others. The land was to be sold to the highest bidder and the original owners claimed that these rightfully belonged to them.

Miss Bustedde said she was paid \$1,000,000 if Greene would agree. Miss Bustedde's statement was made while she was endeavoring to prove her familiarity with Major McLaughlin's affairs.

THE OREGON DAILY JOURNAL, PORTLAND, WEDNESDAY EVENING, APRIL 21, 1909. CHILDRENS PAINTINGS OF OREGON CRITICS PRAISE CHILDE HASSAM'S PAINTINGS OF OREGON

Children Hassam's paintings of the eastern Oregon "desert," which were exhibited in the Portland Museum of Art last night, are being praised as among the best of the artist's work. Critics of the metropolis declare that the Oregon "desert" is better suited to Hassam's powers than any other region that he has attempted to depict. Hassam spent a part of the summer and fall in Harney, Malheur and other eastern Oregon counties in company with his wife and children. The exhibit first shown in Portland and now in New York is the fruit of this trip.

"At the Wood and the Water," 372 Fifth avenue, there is an exhibition of the paintings of Childre Hassam, which will last until April 23. The artist, who is nearly two score pictorial impressions of the Great American desert, the part that lies in eastern Oregon, on the plateau 1000 or 2000 feet above sea level, between the Cascades and the Rockies—as the catalogue tells us. Several of these pictures have been seen and described in other exhibitions, here and in Philadelphia. The Golden Age, however, has not been exhibited elsewhere, and its genuine beauty of color and pattern elicited much admiration.

There is little to assure the spectator that he is not in placid Connecticut. The half dozen trees which serve as "wings" for the natural stage set, while the atmospheric coloring has a homelike quality. Yet it is the pure manifestly air of the desert.

"Some incidents of life we cannot satisfactorily account for by any ordinary explanation," began the clothing salesman somewhat pompously while the crowd began to get ready for the shivers which must accompany a ghost story that it may be properly called "Coming events cast their shadows before them." In the instances of which I shall speak it was a shade, not a shadow.

One evening this young lady and I were out driving. In the dusk the figure of a man suddenly appeared before us. Need I say that I was surprised when the man calmly grasped my arm and exclaimed, "That is my brother. How could he have come back so soon. Let me drive on quickly and catch up with him." I whipped up my team and drove at a spanking gait. But the figure kept just the same distance ahead of me. We had reached the grounds of the home where we were being entertained. Thinking we had been deceived in some way the young lady and myself agreed to say nothing about the incident. The next day came the news that the brother had been shot and killed in the Philippines.

The man who can explain that affair can probably explain this one, too. We were seated in the gray of the evening on the broad veranda that extended most of the way around the house. Looking up I saw a little old woman, dressed in gray from head to foot tripping down the stairs. I called the attention of several other members of the party to her and we watched her. She came out on the veranda, passed within a half dozen feet of me, actually brushed me and disappeared. We asked some of the older members of the home concerning the visit of the lady in gray and they said that no such person had come to see them. Then they revived a story about a great-uncle's report of having seen a woman, and naturally she was very anxious for his safety.

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UMATILLA'S DEBT IS LESS THAN \$100,000

Princeton, Or., April 21.—Umatilla county is in debt less than \$100,000—practically nothing compared with the resources of the county—according to the semi-annual financial statement of Umatilla county for the term ending April 1, made public this afternoon. The report shows the affairs of the county are in admirable condition.

By the time this is paid out there will only be left an outstanding indebtedness of all kinds of about \$75,000. County Treasurer Bradley says that but for the building of the new steel bridges all the indebtedness would have been practically eliminated.

Will Decision in California. (United Press Lined Wire.) San Jose, Cal., April 21.—Despite the sworn statement of William Bowden, a prominent attorney of this city, that the estate of the late John W. Thomas, which he offered for probate, was properly signed and witnessed, the supreme court has decided that the will is genuine and the contesting heirs are receiving congratulations upon the success of their effort. Thomas was an aged resident of this city, who was found dead in his bed three years ago. The circumstances surrounding the affair were mysterious. After a long and bitter contest Bowden produced a will for probate, claiming that Thomas had signed it in the presence of the late John W. Thomas Young. A lower court decision favoring the heirs was appealed, but was sustained by the higher tribunal.

Heavier Halls at Prosser. (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Prosser, Wash., April 21.—Owing to the heavy rains the Northwest Pacific Railroad company is replacing its 22 pound steel rails with 36 pounders. There are about 11,000 tons of track to be replaced.

STOCK SALE TO BEGIN MONDAY FINE HORSES OF ALL TYPES FILL STABLES AT THE COUNTRY CLUB

Great activity is the rule about the Country Club stables now in preparation for the spring combination sale which is to be held during the coming week. Fine horses and blooded cattle are being brought in for exhibition from all of the breeding farms of the northwest, while blue grass stock will be here from Kentucky.

A country saddle horses from Illinois owners will be on sale for the first time in the northwest. There are now \$100,000 worth of these animals in the country club barns. Montana breeders are sending seven carloads of standard bred and Morgans, which consignment is headed by the well known stallion Spokane.

A carload of Shetland ponies has also reached the city and these small horses are now being put into show shape on the Country Club grounds. The coming sale will be marked by the fact that it will be the first time that Dan Patch, Jay Bird and Gambetta Wilkes stock has ever been brought to Portland for sale.

In addition to all these fine specimens of horseflesh which are now or soon will be on the grounds the local breeders of the state are also planning to bring large numbers of home bred horses to the show and sale. The last of them will not reach Portland until the morning the sale opens, Monday next at 10 o'clock.

The stockyards are being prepared for the reception of the blooded cattle which will be on exhibition and for sale. The leading breeding plants of the northwest are included in the entry list for the cattle sales, including Short horn, Hereford and Galloway stock.

Taken altogether it is apparent from the northward here and there that have been brought to the city for sale, a bigger and finer exhibition of fine stock during the coming week than has ever before been gathered together in the northwest.

Baby Three Times in Danger of Fire. (United Press Lined Wire.) Seattle, April 21.—To her own preference of mind and courage, Mrs. P. Hausman of South Park owes the life of her 2-year-old baby boy. Three times in six weeks the little one has been rescued from burning to death by the prompt action of his mother.

While carrying an oil lamp last night Mrs. Hausman stumbled against a chair and the blazing lamp was precipitated into the cradle where the baby was asleep. Throwing the burning bedclothes to the floor the mother dragged the baby from the cradle. Her own clothes were ignited and she was painfully burned. A wig which she wore was a mass of flaming wool that she could not get from her head. The house was burned to the ground.

Two other fires in the Hausman home during the past six weeks were extinguished with difficulty. Mrs. Hausman carrying the baby to a place of safety in each instance.

Texans Celebrate San Jacinto Day. San Antonio, Texas, April 21.—Patriotic exercises of an elaborate character marked the celebration today of the anniversary of the battle of San Jacinto. The city was in gala attire and an all day program of festivities was carried out. A feature of the program was a reception in honor of two of the surviving veterans of the war for Texan independence.

New York, April 21.—Two hundred or more sons and daughters of the Lone Star state, now residents of New York

French Count Goes to Collect Off John D. Spreckels, and Gets His. (United Press Lined Wire.) San Francisco, April 21.—On his way to that dear Paris today, Count F. De Jouffroy d'Abauval, recently an attaché of the French consulate here, is nursing a black eye and swollen jaw, mementoes of an alleged attempt to collect \$1000 "satisfaction" from John D. Spreckels, owner of the Call.

The count took exception to a story that appeared in the Herald paper yesterday. Driving to the Pacific Union club in an automobile, he called for the publisher. Spreckels asked that the count be shown in and listened patiently to the Frenchman's tale of woe. Then he explained to him that if he had a claim against the Call for \$1000 or any other amount he must present it in the usual legal way.

Excited by the failure of his mission, the dapper little count raised his gloved hand and struck Spreckels across the face. He appeared surprised when the newspaper man, instead of arranging for seconds, rapiers, etc., promptly and forcibly returned the blow. Unable to add several more for good measure and it was a badly wrecked specimen for point's sake that the count returned gently but firmly assisted into the street.

Muttering something about "Yankee pigs" the count hastened to catch his train.

London's Divorced Wife Will Marry. (United Press Lined Wire.) Oakland, Cal., April 21.—It is announced here today that the marriage of Mrs. Beattie May London, former wife of Jack London, to Charles Milner of this city, will take place in the early fall. After a simple ceremony Milner and his bride, accompanied by her two young daughters, will tour the United States and Canada, returning to Adams Point, where Milner is building a beautiful home. Milner is prominent in local benevolent circles about San Francisco bay, and has been connected with the Southern Pacific company for 25 years. He and Mrs. London have been friends since childhood.

ROSIARIANS LAY PLANS FOR SHOW

Chamber of Commerce hall was filled with members of the Rose society last night at a meeting called to consider the arrangements for the coming Rose Festival. It was the most largely attended and routing meeting of the year. Mrs. John W. Minto presided.

Committees on decorations and arrangements, securing funds, securing cases for exhibiting roses, arranging the rules for awarding prizes and other like committees were appointed, while the society as a whole is a committee to solicit new members for the society. It was decided, too, to have three judges this year, two from outside of the city and Mrs. John W. Minto was authorized to attend to this matter.

Just by way of example, buy a home at Gregory Heights. See ad on page 2.

Sample Shoes at Gift Prices

The fact can not be denied that remarkable changes are taking place in the retail shoe business. The public is getting wise to the fact that when a single shoe maker concerns can pay a quarter of a million dollars a year for advertising, there must be a marvelous profit in shoes. The many remarkable advances that have been made in machinery for the making of shoes during the past few years, have considerably lessened the cost of making footwear. Yet it is a fact that good shoes cost more today at retail, than was paid for them by the consumer five years ago.

The Wright Sample Shoe Shop, which has recently been opened in the Oregonian building, is a lively start towards solving the problem for shoe buying at retail. These parlors are located on the sixth floor of the Oregonian building, and in the first place the proprietor saves the enormous rent that would be exacted of him if he did business in a store off a main street.

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