

PEOPLE WONT PAY MORE TO IMPROVE FIRE DEPARTMENT

So Says Mayor Simon When Told Fire Underwriters Recommend Portland Expend \$600,000 for Equipment.

I haven't read the report of the National Board of Fire Underwriters yet, said Mayor Simon this morning, but I am told that it has made recommendations for improvements in the fire fighting service that would cost \$600,000.

Portland already has a very efficient fire department—also a very expensive one. I have always contended that we have a fire station on every corner, but taxpayers, who must bear the burden of providing fire protection, are not so ready to spend their money as the board of underwriters are to have them.

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ranged to take the top floor. The original plans called for an eight story building with a steel frame work. When the city abandoned the plan for a municipal building, and decided to make room with the county courthouses, two more stories were added. In order to support the additional stories, it was necessary to reinforce the steel frame with concrete. The plans for this reinforcement were prepared and the contract let. This delay has not affected the building to any great degree.

Steel Work Slow. The United Engineering & Construction company has the contract for erecting the steel, after it had been furnished by the Pacific Iron Works. The steel has been ready for several weeks, but the tardiness has prevailed in getting it in shape. All the steel frame is up, however, and the stone is placed up to the top story. The frame has been reinforced, except the top story, but the work on this floor will begin this week. The work of putting on the concrete roof will also begin within 10 days. The moulds for the roof are being made now. The contractors will allow two weeks for the concrete roof to dry before the composition roof is laid. The inside of the building will be cleared as the roof is on, and the plastering will be allowed to work. The greater part of the partitions have been constructed, and after the roof is on the builders say work will progress very rapidly.

County Commissioner Goddard was before the grand jury, and stated that the commissioners had decided to enforce the penalty. If this is enforced, the Pacific Iron Works will have to pay approximately \$3500. The commissioners have allowed the builders full sway, and accorded them every privilege possible in efforts to get the building completed. The only contract completed on time was that of the excavation, which was done by C. G. Lundstrom.

Expects Speed Now. Mr. Whitney, supervising architect, said this morning that everything possible is being done to hasten the completion of the structure. "The work should move along more rapidly now," he said. "The roof should soon be on, and the inside work can then be done. More men can be put to work, and there is nothing that the building cannot be fully completed and ready for use by June 15."

When asked about the causes for delay, he was silent and would not place the blame upon anyone.

PORTLANDERS HEARTILY ENJOY TWO DAY FESTIVAL (Continued from Page One.)

long time in the memories of those who heard. Dr. William Hiram Poulkes, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, has been ill. He was not able to preach yesterday. Dr. W. S. Holt, who was for many years missionary to the Chinese, spoke in his stead, and there was a program of special music.

Dr. Walker B. Hinson gave the Christmas message from the White Temple pulpit. The music was under direction of Professor J. W. Belcher. It was a new cantata, "Song of the Highest," by Irene Bergess, and it pleased mightily.

Stately and magnificent services were held at each of the Catholic churches. Masses were said and the communion administered to thousands.

The music of Episcopal churches had all of its accustomed and distinctive beauty. The majestic ritual, the fitting harmony, all made for impressiveness and dignity.

Hotels Celebrate. Christmas was not alone remembered in the churches and the homes. The hotels were hung with holly and the services were of old-fashioned Christmas sort, so far as possible.

Thousands of young men gathered at the Y. M. C. A. and found there a home built for their moods. The services of the afternoon and the music and the hand claps were all to dispel loneliness. In the clubhouse the idea of a home Christmas for people away from home was carried out.

The hospitals were made places of cheer. Evidence of pain were concealed. The patients felt the infectious happiness of visitors.

In the institutions of charity Christmas came. Santa Claus walked the muddy road to the county poor farm and brought the remembrances of the thoughtful fortunate. The children's home, the baby home, the Boys and Girls Aid society, each had a glimpse of the smile of the day.

Cheer for the Poor. The Portland Commons, W. G. MacLaren superintendent, the Salvation Army, the Volunteers of America and

other organized agencies for helping the needy vied in sending out big baskets full of good food, in finding dolls for children and in giving gladness to the otherwise forgotten.

Christmas in Portland has been a time of remembrance of those who have much for those who have little.

Employers had remembrance of their employees. Some received cash presents, some boxes of cigars, others boxes of candy.

The Home Telephone company played Santa Claus to 300 employees, remembering everybody connected with the office including the head man in the office, the office boy and the laborers, with a brand new \$2.50 gold coin. Manager J. R. Middleton handed out the presents and took care that some should be overlooked, even though their service with the company might have been only a few days.

AERIAL WARFARE TO BE ON VIEW AT DOMINGUEZ FIELD (Continued from Page One.)

clude their explosion except by the concussion provided by a drop from a considerable height. He will maneuver as if a fortification or a battleship were his objective, and the aerial attack will have all the characteristics of grim reality.

The consent of the committee must be obtained because of the danger that attaches to such an exhibition. If the experiment is made, it will be the first time that high explosives have been taken aloft. Willard will assume great personal risk, for a fall from any height with the bombs would mean a terrible death. Records of the experiments will be sent to the war department.

New Records for Hoxsey. Arch Hoxsey is the hero of the aviation fans. The intrepid youngster added to the laurels he already won by ascending yesterday to a height of 7500 feet in an atmosphere that was fog saturated and bitterly cold, and after shutting off his motors, plunged to within 500 feet of the earth before righting his planes.

Hoxsey's height record established Saturday will stand at 8238 feet instead of 8200 as announced. The barograph reading as first announced was incorrect.

The Christmas day program at Dominguez aviation field, in spite of the threatening weather, was a success. Every visitor added to his following by the feats he performed, and each managed to carve his way into the prize money, Hoxsey and Curtis getting away with the biggest slices.

Willard proved himself the premier marksman of the aviation corps. Armed with a basket of oranges, representing bombs, he rose to a height of 3000 feet and dropped 10 in 35 on the imaginary deck of a battleship marked off on the turf. A majority of his shots were made while he darted through the air at a 45 mile speed.

The usual program it is announced will be augmented today by special holiday events. A record attendance is expected. Weather conditions are 100 per cent better than yesterday.

PRISONER GIVES OFFICER SLIP AT DEPOT; ESCAPES (Continued from Page One.)

hold of the counter in the marshal's office for support. "I was to bring him here to you and he worked the same old game on me. To think I'd fall for such an old one. I have only lost one other man in 20 years of town marshaling, and that one died on me."

Becker led the eastern Oregon officer inside, gave him a chair and a glass of water, and gleaned the following tale from him: Samuel Caplan, a mechanic employed in the O. R. & N. shops at La Grande, was arrested by officers of that place last week charged with tampering with United States mail. Caplan's room mate had expected clearance papers from the east to come to him at Salt Lake. Caplan wanted the papers to help him get work. It is said, and wrote the Salt Lake postoffice to have the letter forwarded to La Grande in his care. It is charged he took the letter from the La Grande postoffice.

McLachlin brought Caplan to Portland upon request of the prisoner's bondsmen. When they reached the union station Caplan asked McLachlin to take him to the offices of his attorney, Leroy Lomax, in the Merchants Trust building. The marshal was ac-

commodating, and they visited Lomax. He told his client he would have to spend six months in jail until the next federal grand jury was in session.

"Excuse me a minute," said Caplan, laying his hat and overcoat on a chair and stepping out into the hall. McLachlin waited, feeling perfectly secure because of the hat and coat. The minute given to McLachlin was not wasted, and he found a pair of stairs leading to an exit in the rear.

And the grand record of the town marshal of La Grande of having had but one escape and that by death was shattered to smithereens.

Accusation Against Union Men. "Our plant has been dynamited—that is certain," said Secretary John Llewellyn of the company today. "This miserable affair is part of a plot to get us. It was committed by enemies of the company and I am willing to say they were not nonunion men. We will spare no expense to get to the bottom of the affair."

Chief of Police Galloway and Captain Paul Flammer of the detective bureau, prior to making an official report of the explosion, admitted their belief in the dynamite theory. Flammer has taken charge of the police end of the investigation.

John Llewellyn, president of the Llewellyn company, refused to make a statement, other than that he believed the explosion was the result of a pre-meditated act.

The efficiency of the plant will be impaired by the accident. It was stated by officers of the company that work on contract might be considerably delayed, but that the plant would be in good running order as soon as repairs could be rushed. A temporary office will be established in a nearby building today.

The Llewellyn company is capitalized at \$1,500,000. It is one of the largest iron works west of the Mississippi river. It has been involved in the recent iron workers' strike.

BLOW SAFE IN NEW HEILIG THEATRE; GET \$2100 CASH (Continued from Page One.)

being soaked with the explosive liquid when the theft was discovered, by the janitor this morning.

Manager Fangle thinks there were two men involved in the robbery. One, he thinks, remained outside on the sidewalk to watch while the other did the work. The safe is in plain view from the sidewalk, it being placed under the light of an electric globe.

The man who was engaged in breaking into the money depository had plenty of time. In case a policeman had passed by all he had to do was to step back into the shadow until the officer should have gotten out of sight. The approach of an officer could have been signaled by the confederate.

Carried Burglar Insurance. The Heilig carried burglar insurance on the safe amounting to \$1500, so the theatre management will lose only \$400. "Whoever did the job," said Manager Fangle today, "know that we would have our share of the receipts of the Saturday and Sunday performances in the safe and that we would have a large sum on account of the holiday attendance. To make matters easier for the thieves the money was all neatly

packed up, the gold and silver in canvas bags and the currency in convenient packages. In the interior of the safe there is a strong box in which we kept a bundle of old theatre programs dating back to the revolution. This box was not locked. The contents were found scattered all over the floor. The robbers evidently rummaged through the bundle hurriedly and finding nothing of value to them, threw it away."

HUBRICK TO PRISON; BAND LEADER RECOVERS (Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Pasco, Dec. 25.—J. H. Hubrick, who attempted to shoot his 18-year-old daughter Ruth, has been taken to Walla Walla, following advice from Governor Hay directing such a step, to serve out the balance of his paroled sentence of one to 14 years on a charge of coal stealing. Should he be compelled to serve the balance of the original sentence it would practically mean a life sentence, as he is now 67 years of age. At the expiration of his term the charge of assault with a deadly weapon will have to be answered to. Professor Thomas Dowman, leader of the Pasco Military band, who jumped between Hubrick and the girl, received the bullet intended for the girl in the right forearm. Although the injury is a painful one, the professor is recovering.

5 FARMERS' LINES TO LEAD TO PENDLETON (Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Pendleton, Or., Dec. 26.—Instead of only two telephone lines leading into Pendleton from the farming country east and south of Pendleton, there will soon be five. The old "sewer" and "light" lines are being split up, new subscribers are being fitted out and the three new lines will be in service soon after the wire arrives, which is now expected daily.

The three new lines will consist of two wires each, and will supply the farmers living in the Tuttle flat. Among the subscribers on the new lines will be John Crow, Claude Crow, Charles Hamilton, L. L. Mann, the Storie and Ritzer ranch, Umberger brothers, Bruno Weber, William Wright, Thomas Thompson and others.

The poles for the new lines which will all come in over the Wade hill and down past the Judge Fee residence, are

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