

POSTAL BANK FOR PORTLAND, MAYBE

Appropriation May Be Large Enough to Enable Establishment Here.

Portland may have a postal savings bank after July 1. Copies of the new postal law received by Postmaster Merrick today show that while the appropriation is for \$500,000 only, which is much too small to permit of the installation of savings banks in all cities, yet no city is named especially for a bank. It is possible that one could be secured for Portland under the terms of the law, particularly if Senator Bourne becomes chairman of the post-office committee of the senate, as is highly probable.

Another possible improvement in the Portland postoffice is the installation of automobiles for the collection of mail. The regulations have been changed so that instead of one-year contracts for collection and transfer of mail, four-year contracts will be made. An application for one automobile has already been made by the postal officials here and it is possible a contract can be made for the use of automobiles exclusively in the mail service.

An innovation in postal affairs that is to be made July 1, the date the new regulations go into effect, will be the postal note, to be issued in amounts up to \$10. For instance one can purchase a note here which reads "Pay to the order of Blank, \$10." These notes are not negotiable nor transferable and the objection to them is they are subject to forgery. The United States is not liable for any loss incurred in the payment to wrong parties and the government will not protect the purchaser, as it will in the case of money orders.

Another change is the placing of a \$25 indemnity on third and fourth class registered matter. Heretofore registered matter of those classes has carried no indemnity against loss.

ALIENISTS THINK BASSETT SHAMMING

That H. H. Bassett, held as a witness against Drs. C. H. Francis and W. J. May in the circuit court, has been shamming, is the opinion of alienists who have examined him. This opinion is also based upon hourly and daily observations of Bassett while he was in the state insane hospital. Bassett is the most important witness against the physicians, who are charged with the manslaughter of Mrs. Francis Roberts.

Bassett was returned from the hospital last week. When taken before the district attorney to get ready for the trial, his story was directly opposite from his testimony given before the coroner's jury and his subsequent statement. Efforts have also been made to have Bassett not relate his story to the district attorney. H. C. King is Bassett's attorney.

REIDT AGAIN ARRESTED, THIS TIME AS SPEEDER

William Reidt, a real estate man and capitalist, was arrested today on a warrant charging him with speeding his automobile twice as released on \$25 bail. His case was set for trial tomorrow but shortly after Mr. Reidt left the station he sent notice that he would not appear and asked that his bail be declared forfeited.

Reidt was encountered Monday afternoon at Twelfth and Morrison streets by Motorcycle Patrolman Evans, while he was taking Rev. George B. Van Waters to his home. Reidt was told by the officer to appear in police court the next day but on failing to do so, Evans secured a warrant for his arrest.

Reidt was recently arrested for violating the traffic ordinance, at Fifth and Morrison streets and put up \$10 bail for his appearance. The case against him was dismissed, and Reidt when he called for his bail, endorsed the receipt and asked that the money be returned into the police relief fund.

DOCTORS STAND BY BABY HOME CENSURE

The Medical club adopted resolutions last evening endorsing the action of Drs. Marie D. Equi and Mary MacLachlan in refusing to demand money from a mother in order to have her child placed in the Baby home. The club further went on record as endorsing the refusal of the physicians to give out the name of the mother.

The controversy between Dr. Equi and Mrs. D. C. Burns, the latter being president of the Baby home, was over a little 5-day-old baby boy. The child was taken to the home by the physician and left there. Mrs. Burns and the board of directors of the Baby home insisted that she furnish the name of the mother as a relinquishment from her. The doctor refused, saying since the institution receives state aid, no such questions should be asked, and the mother should not be required to give her name.

LIQUOR IS NAMED AS DIVORCE SUITS' CAUSES

Liquor is the cause stated in the complaints of two women who filed suits for divorce in the circuit court today. In both cases, neither husband used liquor when he was married, but the habit developed soon after the honeymoon ended, the petitions say. Christina Shaw charges her husband, Thomas Shaw, has become an habitual drunkard, and greatly abuses her. They were married at Vancouver, Wash., in 1906. Julia B. Kolts alleges her husband drinks, and abuses herself and children. She alleges he kicked one son August 10, 1908, and that St. Vitus dance has developed from the injury.

AUTO RUINS CLOTHES, DUFF GETS WARRANT

H. H. Duff, who resides at 135 North Twenty-second street, this morning secured a warrant for the arrest of the driver of auto No. 3570, whom he accuses of knocking him down with his auto on Tuesday afternoon. He states that he was thrown into the street, a suit ruined and several minor injuries sustained.

The machine is owned by Barde & Sons. The accident happened at Sixth and Washington streets.

Kiamath Falls will soon have a lodge of Elks.

PENSACOLA IN PANIC FROM FIRE

Blazes in 10 City Blocks at Once; Flames About to Be Controlled.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Pensacola, Fla., March 15.—With firemen for a time powerless and the populace in semi-panic, fires which started from a burning factory near the railroad station spread rapidly this afternoon, fanned by a high northwest wind. Within an hour after the flames broke out there were fires in 10 city blocks and lands were flying over a wide area.

With the aid of volunteers the firemen made headway against the flames, and at 2 o'clock this afternoon it was announced at headquarters that the fire would soon be controlled. The firemen were aided by a shift in the wind. Eight buildings were destroyed and others damaged. The loss will total \$100,000.

PORTLAND BUILDERS EXCHANGE FORMED

At a meeting of building contractors and supply men held in the Sherlock building last night, the Portland Builders' Exchange was formally organized. About 60 contractors and dealers were present, several of whom addressed the meeting in explanation of the objects and aims of the organization. The announced purpose of the exchange is to eliminate dishonest contractors and elevate the business of the building contractor to a legitimate basis.

The exchange will be formed on the same plan as the exchanges in San Francisco and Milwaukee. It is the purpose of the organizers of the club to fit up club rooms having the conveniences necessary to modern club life. Chairman Danforth, who presided last night appointed a committee of 12 to affect a permanent organization and report at another meeting to be held next Wednesday night. The following comprise the committee: Fred W. Wagner, representing the tilesetters and dealers; Andrew Fraberg, master masons; Thomas Muir, master carpenters; J. Reudy, master plumbers; G. Weaver-son, master sheet and metal-workers; J. O'Hara, master plasterers; A. W. Parks, master electricians; E. E. Gilmer and R. A. Home, dealers in building supplies; E. C. Comstock, master ornamental ironworkers; M. J. Walsh, dealer in lights and fixtures, and L. F. Danforth, master painters.

WANT CITY ENGINEER PAID \$6000 YEARLY

A committee of the Taxpayers' league has filed a communication in the city auditor's office, asking the city council to place on the ballot a charter amendment providing for the fixing of a minimum salary of \$6000 a year for the office of city engineer.

The communication says that the committee has made an investigation of the needs of the city and has come to the conclusion that the office of city engineer is of such importance that a competent man cannot be employed for less than the figure recommended. It states that the present salary of \$2400 a year is entirely inadequate.

By making the salary an object it is believed by the committee of the league that thousands of dollars can be saved the taxpayers annually in fees that are paid to outside engineering experts.

A charter amendment providing for a minimum salary of \$6000 has already been prepared and the council was asked at its meeting two weeks ago to place this on the ballot. The proposed amendment was referred to the street committee.

"Letter Day" at Hermiston. (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Hermiston, Or., March 15.—Tuesday was "letter day" in this city. The school children wrote several hundred letters to all parts of the United States, the Commercial club furnishing the stamps for the mailing, each envelope containing one of the Hermiston booklets.

ST. LAWRENCE WILL HONOR ST. PATRICK

Parish to Have Musical and Literary Program in Hall Tonight.



J. Hennessy Murphy.

The St. Lawrence celebration in honor of St. Patrick, will be held tonight at the St. Lawrence hall, Third and Sherman streets, under the auspices of the Catholic Young Men's club. A musical and literary program has been arranged. The address of the evening will be delivered by Rev. Father H. J. McDevitt, on "The Evolution of a Race." J. Hennessy Murphy will preside.

For the past ten years St. Lawrence parish has observed this feast in a special manner. This year, there will be no exception.

Following is the program: Opening remarks by chairman, J. Hennessy Murphy; medley, Irish airs, Weinberger's orchestra; solo, "Come Back to Erin," Miss Anna M. Twiss; solo, selected, A. F. Fleming; solo, selected, Mrs. Frank J. Rucker; solo, selected, Miss Nora Barrett; solo, "Believe Me If All Those Endearing Young Charms," Miss Helen Cardiff; "The Harp That Once Through Tara's Hall," Laurentians solo, selected, Miss Mae Bazell; oration, "The Evolution of the Irish Race," Rev. H. J. McDevitt; "Take Off Your Hat to Dear Old Ireland," Portland Choral Society; solo, selected, "Where the Shannon River Flows," Kari Karey; solo, Frank D. Hennessy; "Star Spangled Banner," Laurentians.

ANNIE KING REFUSES TO APPEAR FOR TRIAL

Efforts are being made by the prosecution to force Annie King, indicted upon information of the Municipal league, to appear today in the circuit court at her trial. She has refused to come into court, since the charge is a misdemeanor, and her attorneys refuse to have her present. Judge Morrow is looking up the law on such matters, and proposes issuing a bench warrant for her appearance. The state wants the woman to appear so the detectives from the Municipal association can identify her as the one who sold them liquor and against whom they testified before the grand jury. G. E. Kellogg, W. G. MacLaren and Thomas Thorsen, detectives for the Municipal league, testified this morning. She is charged with conducting a disorderly place at 86 North Second street.

Spokane, March 15.—While attempting a holdup, William H. Davis, a cook, 20 years of age, was overpowered by the night men at Lattin's cafe, on First avenue, early this morning and arrested by Patrolman Fletcher. He is in the city jail, charged with highway robbery.

PROSPECT THAT KENYON MAY BE SENT TO SENATE

(United Press Leased Wire.) Des Moines, Iowa, March 15.—By gaining 16 votes from Deemer in today's balloting for United States senator, W. S. Kenyon, an assistant United States attorney general, came within 13 votes of being elected. It is believed Kenyon will be chosen tomorrow. Today's ballot resulted: Kenyon 65, Deemer 37, O'Connor 51, Porter 12.

DEWEY SUPPORTS PLEA FOR PEACE

Indorses Beresford's Hope but Doubts Plan; Keifer's Formula Better.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, March 15.—Admiral George Dewey, in a statement to the United Press today declared he sympathized with the arbitration views of Admiral Lord Charles Beresford, but that he was not sanguine of their application for many years.

Lord Beresford said that America was best qualified to lead the way toward universal arbitration. Dewey indicated that he did not believe the United States should advance the question of disarmament.

"Arbitration," he said, "is making progress in the settlement of international questions. I favor it heart and soul, but I do not believe that in our day we shall see substantial peace established on that basis."

"The policy we should pursue is best expressed by General J. Warren Keifer of Ohio, who said, 'In time of peace prepare to maintain peace. There is nothing of war and nothing opposing arbitration in that sentiment.'"

The admiral referred to Beresford's statement that "America is absolutely invulnerable" as a compliment, adding: "There have always been people in this country ready to criticize the army and navy in magazines, but that was the case, too, before the beginning of the Civil war."

Asked about the reported danger that Japan might seize the Pacific coast through sudden attack, Dewey said: "It would take Japan a year to bring 100,000 men over. But there is no reason for them to be brought. The question of immigration appears to have been settled to the general satisfaction of both nations, and there seems to be no other question at issue."

"I regret to see that some men in Japan seem to feel that their country did not get its just deserts in the new treaty."

FREE ST. PATRICK DAY ENTERTAINMENT, PLAN

A St. Patrick's day entertainment will be given tomorrow afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock under the auspices of the local society entrusted with the sale of Shamrock tags for the Oswego orphanage. All expenses will be paid by Olds, Wortman & King and the entertainment, including orchestral, instrumental and vocal solos and recitations, will be free. It will be held in the auditorium on the fourth floor of the store. A booth will be maintained in the store for the sale of Shamrock tags.

EASY TO ACQUIRE YOUTHFUL COMPLEXION

"It is so easy to acquire a smooth, rosy youthful complexion that no woman need despair," writes Mrs. Mae Martyn, beauty expert in the New York Chronicle. "But in doing so, one must not use face powder, as it enters the pores—enlarges them, causing dull, sallow, rough complexions and eventually wrinkles."

"Much better than any face powder is an inexpensive lotion made by dissolving four ounces spumax in one-half pint hot water, then adding two teaspoonfuls glycerine. This lotion is a wonderful skin beautifier and when applied to a muddy, lifeless, sallow complexion will soften and whiten the skin and remove that shiny, rough or aged look."

"This lotion does not rub off easily like powder and it tends to the skin a charming tone of youthful freshness without giving that 'painted,' powdered look."

SPACE MADE FOR 11 CONGRESSMEN

California Assembly Ignores Tip That State Is to Be Apportioned Only Ten.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Sacramento, Cal., March 15.—Despite the warnings of Assemblyman Schmitt, who declared he had positive information from Congressman Kahn that the next congress would give California only 10 representatives instead of 11 as planned by the late session, the assembly today by a vote of 44 to 15 adopted the committee substitute dividing the state into 11 congressional districts.

Schmitt insisted that Kahn had information to the effect that the extra session of congress would not deal with reapportionment, but that the next regular session would apportion on the same basis as at present, with 39 congressmen, instead of 43, as the Crumpacker bill provides. Ten members would be more advantageous than 11 under these conditions, argued Schmitt, but Chairman Bohmert of the house reapportionment committee carried his point.

TAXICABS COLLIDE; WOMAN BADLY HURT

Miss Gertrude E. Wheeler, who is visiting at the home of E. Alphone, at 302 Montgomery street, was badly injured at 1 o'clock Tuesday morning in a collision between two taxicabs at the southeast corner of Fifth and Morrison streets. The two taxicabs came together at a high rate of speed and the one driven by Chauffeur Hendricks was tipped over, throwing the driver and the young woman, who, seeing the impending crash, had opened the door of the cab, into the street.

The driver's injuries are slight, but Miss Wheeler sustained a broken ankle.

WORK, WORK, WORK, IS REED INSTITUTE PLAN

The first issue of the Reed College Record, the bulletin to be published six times a year by the Reed Institute, has made its appearance. It contains pictures of Portland, the site of the proposed college, together with a history



of the conditions which led to its founding. The general policy and plans are outlined.

"For the first few years, at least," the bulletin says, "there will be no fraternities and no intercollegiate athletics, and but few of those outside activities that have often interfered with the supreme objects of higher education. Boys and girls whose chief interests in college life are social or athletic will not find in Reed college a congenial atmosphere."

The bulletin can be obtained by addressing temporary headquarters at 425 Abington building. See races tonight, Oak's Rink.

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