

## WITNESSES TALK AGAINST STOKES

Sellwood Fire Captain's Case Taken Under Advisement for Two Weeks.

Captain George W. Stokes of the Sellwood fire station has been found guilty by a special investigating board of the departmental officers of numerous infractions of the rules of the fire department. The report of this board was submitted to the fire committee of the city executive board yesterday afternoon and after being read was taken under advisement for two weeks. Captain Stokes is subject to a heavy penalty; he may be dismissed, if the fire committee sees fit. The report of the investigating board was submitted without recommendation so that the committee can take any action it desires.

Among the statements of witnesses summoned by the investigating board was one that Captain Stokes gave away sawdust belonging to the city. This was admitted by the fire captain, but he said he gave the sawdust to a meat market, the delivery wagon of which had been pressed into service to haul the sawdust to the fire station.

Another charge was that the head of the Sellwood station had frequently sat up late at night playing cards with old cronies and keeping his men awake.

That Captain Stokes was frequently late for duty, that he often went home during hours when he was supposed to be on duty, that he used the firemen to help move furniture from his house, that he used disrespectful language in speaking of superior officers, that he permitted the steam in his fire engine to die down and thus impaired its efficiency, and many other more or less serious infractions of the regulations were debited against Stokes in the testimony taken by the investigating board.

In response to the insistent cry of Rose City Park residents for fire protection, members of the fire committee and Fire Chief Campbell will visit a proposed engine house site at East Fifty-seventh street and Sandy road. An effort will be made to provide a chemical engine with the \$3000 appropriation made by the council for Rose City Park early in the year. This sum is only one fifth of the amount necessary to provide adequate fire protection, however.

Kenton is another suburb that will be left practically unprotected till next year on account of the scanty appropriation of \$1500 made by the council.

## WANT FULL STOP AT R. R. CROSSINGS

Railroad Commission Believes Interlocking Devices Should Be Installed.

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)  
Salem, Or., March 24.—For the reason that railroad corporations have gone ahead and proceeded in nearly every case to cross another right of way without consulting first with the Oregon railroad commission as provided by law, the railroad commission has announced that it will be its policy hereafter to demand that a positive interlocking device be installed by both roads in every case where the crossing is made at grade. This policy was announced in the conclusions reached as to the safety of the crossings of the Oregon Electric and the Willabus cut-off of the Southern Pacific company at Greenburg and the Oregon Electric and the west side division of the Southern Pacific at Beaverton, recently investigated by the commission.

Railroad Commissioner Frank J. Miller said in response to the matters included in this investigation:

"I am absolutely opposed to any right of way of one train over another crossing without an interlocking device and it seems to me that trains ought to be brought to a full stop at such crossings. I consider them quite dangerous, and I consider that the safe operation of these crossings would require that no train be given a right of way and that all trains should be brought to a full stop."

Regarding the crossings at Greenburg and Beaverton, Mr. Miller said:

"I have inspected both of these crossings, and believe as a consequence that one of the material things for this commission to provide is the maximum of safety. I believe, too, that it is the abnormal and unusual condition that we must provide against—the normal conditions will protect themselves under ordinary conditions. The operation of the crossing at Beaverton might be safe, but without a positive stop order for both trains I do not consider that it would be at all safe in any event for the abnormal and the unexpected, and the necessity for a maximum of safety at a grade crossing where so many trains are operating in my judgment absolutely calls for a positive interlocking device and that is what my judgment would dictate should be installed by both roads. It is not because I have

any prejudice in the premises, whatever, but simply because from my past experience and from having made a personal investigation of these two particular crossings, that I believe the public welfare and also the welfare of the companies themselves would dictate positive interlocking at these two crossings."

## COTTON POOLERS MUST COME INTO COURT

(United Press Licensed Wire.)  
New York, March 24.—United States Judge Noyes yesterday overruled demurrers interposed by attorneys for James A. Patton, Eugene Seales, Frank Hayne, William Brown and Robert Thompson, who had been indicted for conspiracy to monopolize interstate trade by conducting the cotton pool last summer. A motion to quash the indictments was denied.

## Play Staged After Many Years.

Boston, March 24.—"Hippolytus," a play in blank verse written by the late Mrs. Julia Ward Howe more than half a century ago, was given its first production at the Tremont theatre in this city this afternoon by Margaret Anglin and her company. The play was originally written for Edwin Booth in 1859, but its production was delayed and finally abandoned.

## For Protection of Shade Trees.

Trouton, N. J., March 24.—A statewide campaign for the planting, care and preservation of shade trees was launched this afternoon at a meeting held at the State house under the auspices of the Shade Tree Federation of New Jersey. State Forester Alfred Gaskill and several other forestry experts addressed the meeting.

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—Children's coats of fine quality all wool navy serge. Made three-quarter length with semi-fitting back and double-breasted front, with fancy metal buttons. Turned cuffs and two pockets. 8, 10, 12 and 15 year sizes.

### Long Coats \$8.75

—Three-quarter length coats of all wool fancy mixed cloth in tan and gray. This coat is made with semi-fitting back, double-breasted front. Mannish notched collar and revers and trimmed with fancy smoked buttons. Sizes from 8 to 14 years.

### Long Coats \$10.50

—Children's three-quarter length coats for girls from 8 to 14 years of age. Of extra quality all wool storm serge in navy blue. This coat is made with a deep sailor collar inlaid with tan pongee silk and piped with red satin. The back is semi-fitting with double-breasted front. Trimmed with gilt buttons and two pockets.

### Children's Dresses \$2.00

—Made of tan linen with a square neck and kimono style sleeves. Trimmed with red or tan embroidery on neck, sleeves and belt. Sizes 2, 3 and 4 years.

### Child's Dress \$2.00

—Made of white poplin with square neck and kimono sleeves and box plaited front. Trimmed with red bandings and new Bulgarian embroidery. Sizes 2 to 6 years.

### Child's Dress \$2.75

—Of white poplin with Dutch neck and trimmed with Bulgarian embroidery bandings on the neck, front and sleeves. Sizes 6 to 8 years.

### Child's Dress \$1.50

—Plaid percale with Dutch neck and short sleeves. Plain colored bands forming a yoke effect and on sleeves. Straps on front and belt. Sizes 6, 8 and 10 years.

### Child's Dress \$2.75

—Dress in plain colors of pale pink, pale blue poplin with Dutch neck trimmed with embroidery designs in yoke and pipings. Sizes 6, 8 and 10 years.

Kipling's New Poem "IF" at Book Dept. 5c and 10c

## Easter Hats for Little Miss Muffet, From 6 Months to 6 Years

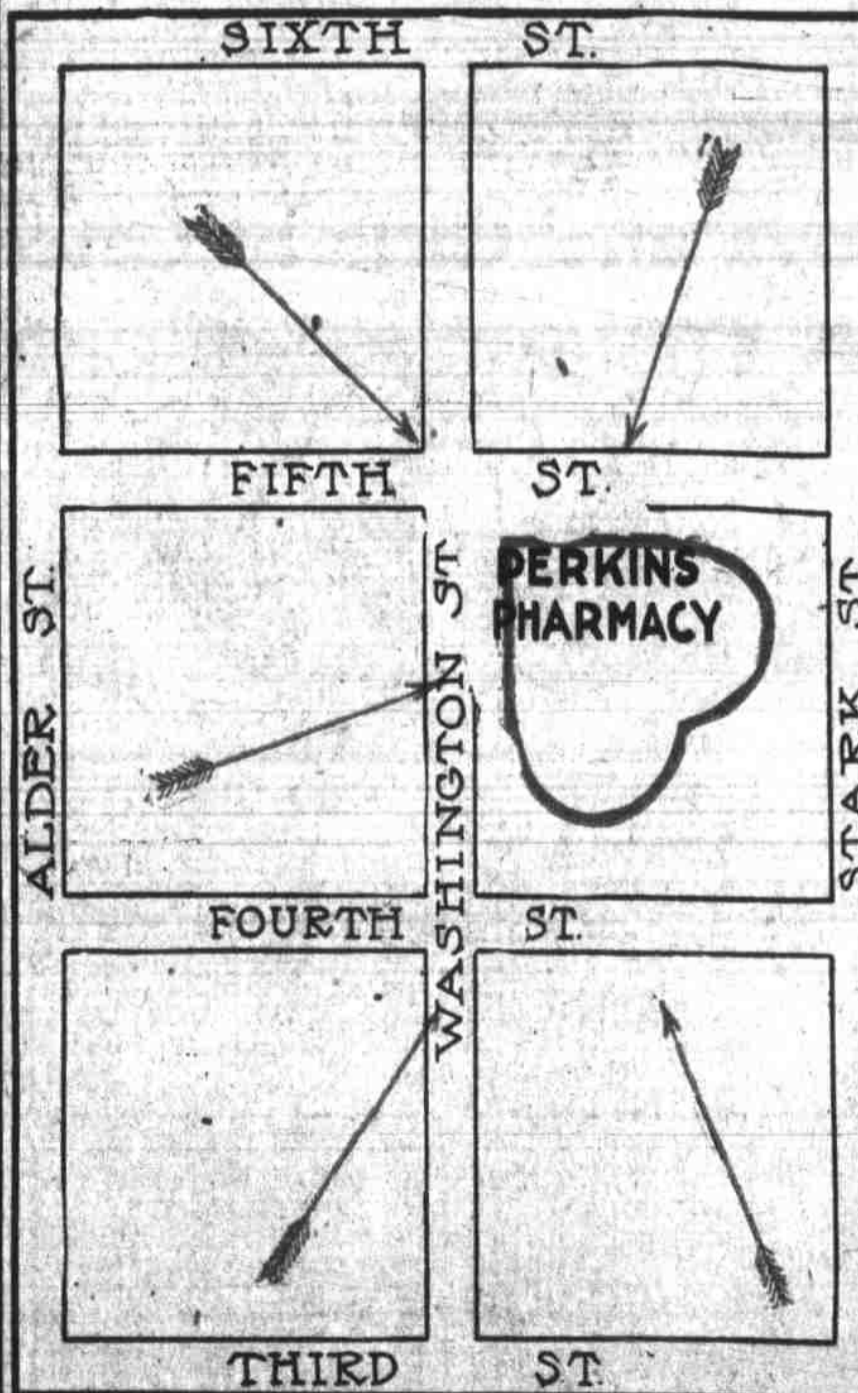
—Dainty little wash bonnets of white pique and pongees. In the poke and ding dong shapes. Exquisite trimmings of dainty colored ribbon rosettes. Some of the little shapes have buttoned crowns with only a band of colored ribbons and button hole edge. For child from 2 to 6 years old. Priced from \$1.00 to \$2.25.

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—Lovely little mushroom Hats of black satin with its down turned brim faced with shirred silk in dainty pink; makes a fascinating frame for her little face. The crown is trimmed with ribbon and little satin roses to match the facing. From 2 to 6 years. Price, \$4.75.

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