

SAMMY SPANEM—GETS PUNISHED BECAUSE PA SEES ONE



Short Stories Tell Delayed News

Resume of the Events of Friday Afternoon and Night; Paragraphed for Quick Digestion by Journal Readers.

Political.

With a membership of 500 members, a Taft club has been organized at Tillamook. Captain W. D. Stillwell, who presided at the first Republican convention held in Oregon, has been selected as president.

Roosevelt Republicans organized a Taft club for Douglas county Thursday night and telegraphed the state committee for 1000 buttons and lithographs.

Eastern.

Determined to learn whether foreign manufacturers can sell the United States navy shells of equal quality for one third less than the lowest prices Americans will offer, the navy department has awarded a contract to the Hadfield Steel Foundry of Sheffield, for 500 out of a total of 5500 armor-piercing projectiles contracted for.

On the ground that he was not satisfied with the uncorroborated testimony in the split before a referee of Mrs. Hal Chase, wife of the ballplayer, Justice Greenbaum of the supreme court of New York has returned to Referee Alvin Untermeyer his recommendations granting Mrs. Chase a divorce from the first baseman.

Allison M. McFarland was acquitted at Newark, N. J., Friday, at his second trial of the charge that he murdered his wife. The death of Mrs. McFarland occurred one year ago. Her husband was charged with having caused her death by placing poison where she would be likely to take it in mistake for a simple remedy. On the first trial he was found guilty and condemned to be electrocuted.

Major Mitch Jenkins, son of General Mitch Jenkins of the Confederate army, and himself captain of the famous "sixty-stocking troop" of the Rough Riders in the war with Spain, is dead at Charleston, S. C., aged 55.

Fully a half dozen teachers in the public schools of Washington are teachers during the day and waiters in resorts where liquors are sold at night. This is the charge made by R. R. Horner, a member of the board of education, at a meeting of the board.

The charge created a sensation and will be investigated.

The New York city budget for 1913 will probably exceed \$200,000,000, the largest in the history of the city.

Riding an army hydro-aeroplane and carrying automatic guns, Lincoln Beachey, aviator, and Lieutenant L. H. Brereton, U. S. A., went duck hunting on the marshes of the Potomac below Washington Friday and returned to the army station at Washington barracks before dusk with their bag well filled.

Pacific Coast.

Winter supplies for Wallowa county sheepmen, whose herds pass the cold months on Snake river, will be taken in by the all water route from Portland. The goods will go up the Columbia river, up the Snake to Lewiston by regular boats and thence to destination on the gasoline craft Prospector, which has been running on the upper river since early summer.

Fire, starting in the T. L. Charman drug store in the Electric hotel building at Oregon City Friday night for a time menaced the entire building and 50 patrons, sleeping in the hotel, were aroused and forced to escape in scanty attire and pass half an hour in the street, where a storm was raging.

MRS. WILKES' BLESSING

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Plattsburg, Miss.—"Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has proved very beneficial to me, for now I am well and have a sweet, healthy baby, and our home is happy.

"I was an invalid from nervous prostration, indigestion and female troubles.



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Many a wife has found herself incapable of motherhood owing to some derangement of the feminine system, often curable by the proper remedies.

In many homes once childless there are now children because of the fact that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound makes women normal, healthy.

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tal that month being \$196,943,811, against \$193,523,232 for September of last year. For the nine months ending with September the goods shipped abroad were valued at \$1,588,721,071, upwards of \$100,000,000 more than last American ports during the same period of last year.

EUGENE AND P-E-E REACH AGREEMENT

Latter Promises Not to Block Traffic and Retains Its Blair Street Switch.

(Special to The Journal.) Eugene, Or., Oct. 19.—At a meeting of the Eugene city council Thursday afternoon, the council and the Portland, Eugene & Eastern Railway Co. came to an amicable agreement in regard to the installation of the switch on Blair street to make physical connection between the P. E. & E. tracks and those of the Oregon & California and the Willamette Pacific.

The council had previously ordered the company to take the track out of Blair street, but the company had gone ahead without the approval of the council, but upon the agreement that the company sign a contract agreeing not to obstruct traffic in any manner on that street, such action was recalled and the company allowed to proceed.

President Robert E. Strahorn was at the meeting, and explained that such physical connection is necessary, inasmuch as it is the intention of the company to transfer its construction operations to the Eugene-Corvallis line from Monroe to this city, and the connection will be necessary to transport the many cars of material from the Southern Pacific tracks to those of the P. E. & E. It was shown that the new track would in no manner obstruct team traffic on the street, being at the same height as the pavement now being laid there.

Attached to a fast passenger train which left Seattle Friday for Chicago was an express car occupied entirely by a number of crated blue foxes from the Aleutian Islands, and their owner, who is taking them to St. John, New Brunswick, to establish a breeding farm. A skin of highest grade will bring \$500 in the London market and there is an unlimited demand.

At Whittier, Cal., Friday morning City Marshal Rice was shot and killed by Jacinto Vaca, a drunken shepherd, whom Rice was attempting to arrest while the shepherd was abusing his family. Vaca narrowly escaped lynching.

ECHO OF ROGOWAY CRIME HEARD IN SPANOS' STORY

Medford, Or., Oct. 19.—Frank Parker, the man named by Mike Spanos, in jail for the murder of George Dedaskalous, as the principal in the crime, may be implicated in the mysterious disappearance of Nathan Rogoway, the Albany hide buyer who was killed last October near Ashland.

Spanos declared that after Parker had killed Dedaskalous he remarked, "This is not the first time I have done a job like this. Last year I killed one near Ashland."

The police are inclined to doubt a great part of Spanos' confession and will have to corroborate it before Parker can be held over as Spanos has told many conflicting stories and previously tried to implicate an innocent man, Bert Cummings.

The less some people know about a matter the surer they are that they know all there is to know about it.

State Measures on Ballot--Article No. 20

Improvement of Oregon Slough Near Union Stockyards Contemplated in Initiative Measure.

"An initiative petition for a bill to amend sections 6077, 6078, 6079 and 6081 of Lord's Oregon Laws so as to authorize the Port of Portland to improve Oregon slough and the Columbia river below Oregon slough, and to furnish vessels with coal and supplies."

Such is the brief description of a proposed initiative amendment to come before the voters of the district that comprises the Port of Portland, at the general election November 5. All the amendment the measure provides for is set forth in this brief description and is two fold. First, it proposes to give the port power to dredge Oregon slough to a depth of 25 feet and to provide a channel 150 feet wide. Second, it gives the port power to sell coal and supplies to steamers and other vessels.

Lively Supporters Bill. One of the strong supporters of the proposed amendment is D. O. Lively, of the Union Stockyards company, who was recently appointed livestock commissioner for the coming livestock show at the Panama-Pacific International exhibition. Concerning the contemplated amendment Mr. Lively has this to say:

"The amendment enlarges the jurisdiction of the Port of Portland so as to permit of the dredging of Oregon slough. It will not increase taxes and it guards the commercial interests of Portland by giving the port the right to sell coal to vessels in cases where they otherwise should have to go to other ports to fill their bunkers.

"The United States government has appropriated \$50,000 and interested property owners have contributed \$50,000 with which to start dredging a channel 25 feet deep and 150 wide in the Oregon slough. After this channel is once dredged it can be kept open at an estimated expenditure of only \$2500 a year.

Place for Shipping. "If Portland is ever to have a great shipping district here is the place for it. The shores of Oregon slough are below the main harbor and the bridges and there are 3000 acres of land available there for railroad terminal sites. There will be five miles of frontage for docks which could be reached from the main channel proposed to be dredged by means of slips."

Secretary Joseph Goodman of the Port of Portland commission, says the measure has the unanimous support of the port commission, both as the dredging of Oregon slough and as the extension of the commission's power to engage in the coaling of vessels.

City Measures on Ballot--Article No. 10

Charter Amendment Provides for Issuance of \$2,000,000 Park Bonds, Money to Be Used Exclusively by the Park Board.

By far the largest, and by many considered the most important of the proposed bond issues to be submitted to the electorate in the coming special municipal election, is that providing for the issuance of \$2,000,000 of park and boulevard bonds. The amendment providing for this issue is heartily endorsed by the mayor, the members of the park board and by a large number of civic organizations.

Only \$250,000 of the last park bond issue remains unpaid and the expenditure of this has long since been provided for, so that if further bonds are not issued there can be no development work, as the annual tax levy raises only sufficient money to maintain the present system.

The proposed bond issue is necessary, say advocates of the amendment, for the following reasons:

Reasons for Big Bond Issue.

To sustain and carry out the systematic plan adopted by the city four years ago for extension of the park, boulevard and playground area.

To carry out a general scheme on a business like basis with proper economy.

To enable the city to take a forward step in providing recreational facilities for the people.

To make partial amends for dilatory tactics of preceding administrations.

Because every piece of property taken for park purposes is worth naturally more than the price paid for it and the price of land is cheaper than it will probably ever be again.

Portland has approximately 400 people to each acre of park property. A suitable ratio is 100 to each acre.

Portland has a smaller park area than any other of the leading coast cities.

Control Social Conditions. It is cheaper, not to say better, to control objectionable social conditions by preventative means than by corrective means. Parks and playgrounds are distinctly a means of preventing social ills.

Money Needed for Development. The bond issue is requested by the park board, as being necessary if park work is not to come to a halt.

A city is known favorably or otherwise in proportion to the interest it shows in the welfare of its people. Parks are a positive agency for contentment and happiness of the citizens of a great city.

The park area should be increased at this time to enable the people of the city to utilize the open air in wholesome surroundings. The spread of roofs and street pavements increases automatically with the growth of population and unless reservations of land are made the open spaces decrease proportionately. The land ever becomes more costly.

Playgrounds Needed.

With the increase of population facilities for outdoor play should increase. By prompt action Portland can make reasonable provisions for existing population.

Portland is well to the bottom of the list of large cities with regard to her park holdings. Quick action is all that can help the city to regain lost opportunities. The lowly position of this city is applicable in three different respects: ratio of area to population; of park area to city area; and of per capita and total investment.

So long as the city grows park needs grow with it. Only complete cessation of growth would warrant the stoppage of progressive action.

The financial condition of the city fully warrants making the expenditures contemplated at this time by the proposed bond issue.

Land values warrant the investment in additional acreage at this time. The bond issue is endorsed and requested by the park board. If the bonds are not voted the complete cessation of park extension and development work within a few months will result. The plans of the park board varied recreational facilities required by the people. Wise economy requires that the program be carried forward without interruption.

The result of a thorough investigation of the proposed amendment and a canvass of the present situation reveals the following objection to the issuance of the \$2,000,000 of bonds asked of the voters:

Too much development work is done on the west side, any residents of the east side.

The park board, in answer to this objection, says the plans it has formulated provide for the serving of the city as a whole and to not recognize the river as a dividing line—the river belongs neither to one side or the other, but is distinctly Portland's. The parks are likewise Portland's. The business center of Portland is on the west side and this section should receive proper consideration, say the members of the park board, in a scheme of city wide development. Moreover the donations of property on the west side, say the members of the board, have greatly cut down expenditures that would otherwise have been necessary. It is pointed out that if the past is any criterion the east side will have no cause for complaint as to possible discrimination in favor of the west side.

Division of Opinion. Another objection put forward is that some members of the park board have expressed the intention of using the major part of the funds derived from the bond issue for the acquisition of new lands, while it is contended that the money should be used to develop lands already in possession of the city. The propriety of this contention is a matter open to discussion. It is of extreme moment to the whole project. The course to be adopted should give the park board the utmost concern. Financially and economically the argument is all in favor of buying land. Educationally and prudently there is a strong point in the argument for development rather than acquisition. The objection raised is one that the park board admittedly can not ignore, but the board finally replies to the argument by saying as a board that it has not yet definitely committed itself to either policy.

And here again a protest is made.

Why should the people vote to spend \$2,000,000 before they know how it is going to be spent and for what?

The reply to this is that even when the power of condemnation of land is exercised the publication of a definite plan may prove costly. It enables land speculators to buy up parcels of desirable park property and yet a jury can not take cognizance of this fact in making its awards.

Making the Start. It is argued also by the members of the board that the park project is in its infancy; that this issue of bonds will no more than make a good beginning. To publish details is not going to give an idea of the completed whole. Manifestly some sections cannot be as adequately provided for with the proceeds of the proposed issue as they will be ultimately. To indicate this in advance is to divide the citizens, gaining the support of those neighborhoods that are to be immediately benefited and antagonizing other sections.

One objection that has, however, little to do with the merits of the issue, is nevertheless a strong one and is more prevalent than most people think. This is the size of the bond issue. Many taxpayers are opposed to the issuance of bonds for any purpose. They declare that the city has already gone into debt as far as it should go. They believe that if future generations want parks and playgrounds they should pay for them.

Not a High Flyer. "Mr. Wombat, you ought to go in for aviation. Many of our prominent people are taking it up."

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