

CITY COUNCIL DECIDES PRICE OF KLOSTERMAN PROPERTY IS TOO HIGH

Commissioners Turn Down the Ordinance Appropriating \$47,500 for Purpose.

The city will not purchase the John Klosterman property at Tenth and Oak streets for \$47,500, for this morning at the meeting of the council Mayor Albee and Commissioners Daly and Bigelow voted against the ordinance appropriating that amount and authorizing the purchase. Commissioners Brewster and Dieck voted for the purchase at \$47,500.

PLANS FOR PUBLIC AUDITORIUM Commissioner Brewster Asks to Be Put in Charge.

W. L. Brewster, commissioner of public affairs, will ask the members of the council to allow him to take charge of the plans for the building of municipal auditorium and he will have a committee appointed to work with him to start immediately.

The committee to be appointed will hold public hearings during the month of January and give all of those who are interested in the proposed auditorium an opportunity to be heard.

The committee from the Commercial club, consisting of John S. Beall, chairman; J. Fred Larson, George W. Kleiser, John H. Burgard and Edgar B. Piper, are urging that there be no further delay and a site picked immediately.

CONTAGION HOSPITAL NEEDED City Health Officer Marcellus Makes Recommendation.

One of the most important needs of the city is a contagion hospital where all cases of contagion can be handled in the most satisfactory manner possible. Officer Marcellus in his annual report completed today. Especially essential, says Dr. Marcellus, is a detention ward, where all suspects may be kept until the disease is well developed.

FUMIGATOR NOT NAMED YET Health Bureau May Be Able to Handle Work.

Although an ordinance had been prepared creating the position of a city fumigator, the measure was not passed by the members of the council this morning, but action was postponed for two months, on recommendation of Commissioner Brewster. He stated he wanted to see how the efficiency system for employes works out and believes that if the employes of the health bureau handle their work properly one of the present employes may be picked for the new position.

NEW BRIDGE TO BE REPAIRED City Attorney Authorized to Start Proceedings.

City Attorney La Roche was authorized by the city council this morning to start proceedings to have the pavement on the Broadway bridge repaired by the Pennsylvania Steel company, which built the structure.

WARRANTS TO BE ISSUED TOGETHER W. U. to Be Accused of Operating Regular Messenger Service.

Warrants are to be issued today for the arrest of the manager of the West-Union Telegraph company on a charge of violating the license laws and not paying a license fee to the city.

ROAD ROLLER WILL BE SOLD City Decides to Dispose of Machine in Need of Repairs.

The city has one to sell. The machine is in need of repairs and according to a report made to the council

WOMAN MAY CLAIM \$12,000 REWARD FOR CATCHING MURDERER

Mrs. Arthur Colen Gets Back Stolen Diamond and Probably Fortune, Too.

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Dec. 24.—A formal charge of murder was lodged here today against John Bostick, the Southern Pacific robber suspect. He was charged with shooting and killing Traveling Passenger Agent Horace Montague on December 1, the day the Southern Pacific's train was held up at El Monte, near Los Angeles.

The "hit" on which Bostick relied to establish his innocence was shattered today. He had claimed that he was at work at the Southern Pacific roundhouse here on the day of the holdup. H. H. Carman, foreman of the Southern Pacific shops, was brought before Bostick this morning.

"Did you ever see this man before?" Bostick was asked. "I never did," was the answer. Bostick paled when told who Carman was but remained silent. Sheriff Hammel of Los Angeles arrived here today. He is confident that Bostick is the bandit, and declared he probably would take him to Los Angeles tomorrow afternoon. Hammel wanted to leave this afternoon but Captain of Detectives Mooney would not consent to this as he wished to make a further investigation here.

Bostick gave his age today as 22 and said he was from Iowa. A diamond recovered from a pawnshop on a ticket found in the suspected pocket was positively identified this afternoon as the stone taken from Mrs. Arthur Colen. It was Mrs. Colen who recognized Bostick on the street here and caused his arrest. If the postal authorities are satisfied that Bostick is the train robber, Mrs. Colen may collect \$12,000 in reward in addition to the \$5000 offered by the Southern Pacific company.

SLIDE 80 FEET DOWN ROPE AND TO LIBERTY

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Dec. 24.—James Hurley and Frank Melville, fugitives from the penitentiary here, seemed likely today to spend Christmas as free, though hunted men. From the moment when they completed their 80 foot slide down the rope dangling from the top of the prison's outermost wall, not a trace has been found of either man up to this early part of the afternoon. Warden Johnston was convinced, he said, that he had every avenue of escape from Marin county closed. Some of the searchers seemed to think it odd, however, that so minute a hunt as they have made should not have uncovered the least a scent if the men remained in the prison's vicinity.

JANITOR CHAMBERLAIN IS REINSTATED TODAY

Russell Chamberlain, janitor at the city hall, was reinstated this afternoon to his position by the Municipal Civil Service Commission. Commissioner Brewster had dismissed the aged janitor on the ground of inefficiency, but the commission in reinstating him, holds that instead of being inefficient he was inefficient only because of being before the civil service commission, the case was heard in the council, when a great many Grand Army men appeared in behalf of Mr. Chamberlain, who is a war veteran.

WHEELBARROW Scheme Disapproved. Leon A. Ybaroz's Proposition to Trundle a Wheelbarrow across the Continent from Indianapolis to Portland, Bearing the Legend "To the Promised Land," Did Not Fall Very Forcefully upon the Portland Commercial Club, especially when the pedestrian of the Spanish moniker suggested that advertising to be paid for—would add to the value of his exploit.

A brief note was sent to Ybaroz today saying the club could not appreciate the value of whatever advertising such a cross-country trip might have.

More Jack Rabbits Coming. A thousand big jack rabbits will be shipped from Pendleton to Portland Friday to be served in a dinner for homeless men at the Portland Commons and Commercial club, especially when the pedestrian of the Spanish moniker suggested that advertising to be paid for—would add to the value of his exploit.

A license inspector charged, that the company is running a regular messenger service and should pay a license fee. License Inspector Hutchings, who swears to the warrants, charges that the company is running a regular messenger service and should pay a license fee.

When a liquor license renewal fees are paid by 5 o'clock this afternoon the city will find itself with approximately \$250,000 more in its treasury. Today is the last day for the payment of the license fees and if they are not paid by 5 o'clock the renewals will be held up.

MINUTE DISAPPROVES TURNING OF LINCOLN HIGH-SCHOOL TO CITY

Director Declares Property Should Be Sold for Cash if Good Price Is Offered.

Judge M. G. Munly of the Portland district school board denies that he is in favor of the school board's turning over to the city the old Lincoln High school property at Fourteenth and Alder as a site for the proposed new auditorium. His position is that the unused property belonging to the school district should be treated as assets and converted into cash at the first favorable opportunity to be utilized in acquiring school sites in districts where needed. In discussing the plan proposed by the Greater Portland Plans association, Judge Munly expressed himself as follows:

"I wish to correct the impression that as a member of the board of directors of school district No. 1, I am in favor of the movement to turn over the old Lincoln high school block, on Fourteenth and Morrison, to the city for the construction of an auditorium. It is distinctly of the opinion that the officers of the district cannot transfer this property to the city for such purpose; neither can they enter into any partnership arrangement with the city or any other municipal corporation for the division of use of the property. By the defeat of the school bond issue a year ago, the district is behind \$1,000,000 in actual needs for school purposes. From every quarter of the city, there is an urgent demand for additional grounds and enlarged school facilities. Even the very high tax levy made this year will not go half way around in meeting these demands. It is my opinion that the old Lincoln high school and other school grounds not in use are assets which ought to be turned into cash upon the first favorable opportunity to meet these urgent school needs.

The people have twice voted on bond issues for an auditorium and declined to enlarge the fund. The fund voted for this purpose is ample to construct an auditorium and purchase grounds. Such grounds can be had on the east side. Denver built its auditorium for six hundred thirteen thousand dollars; Milwaukee for less than six hundred thousand dollars; and St. Paul for a sum between four and five hundred thousand dollars. Unless directed by a further vote of the people, on this question, I would not favor the arrangement proposed by the Greater Portland Plans association."

AD CLUB TO PROVIDE FOR 100 POOR FAMILIES

In the interests of good fellowship it was announced at the regular weekly meeting of the Portland Ad club this noon that 100 members of the club had volunteered to provide 100 needy families with Christmas cheer. The club has worked quietly along this line, and through its efforts it is expected that several hundred people in this city will have a Merry Christmas tomorrow.

Christmas and brotherhood was the general theme of today's luncheon, Miss Mary Edgett Baker, daughter of George E. Baker, the local theatrical man, related that old favorite "Twas the Night Before Christmas," and several selections were rendered by the Ad club quartet.

COUNCILMAN ELLIS OF THE DALLES IS DEAD

(United Press Leased Wire.) New York, Dec. 24.—A stirring scene when one young woman fainted in the courtroom where Hans Schmidt is being tried for the murder of Anna Amuller and another young woman was led from the chamber and rebuked by her fiancé, only one woman was present when the trial of the priest-murderer was resumed today. The defense rested its case today. Former Judge Olcott reserved the right, however, to reopen should an anticipated hypothetical question be propounded by assistant District Attorney Delahanty.

WOMAN SHOTS YOUTH AND KILLS HERSELF

Denver, Colo., Dec. 24.—Further investigation today of the tragedy discovered in the Riato hotel here late yesterday confirmed the belief of the police that Mrs. Loula Eider, 23, had killed Frank Gregory, a boy of 21, before she ended her own life. The bodies were discovered when the police battered down the door of the girl's room.

STEEPLEJACK FOUND IN HOTEL, HIS LEG BROKEN

San Francisco, Dec. 24.—Olaf Czarnowski of New York, known throughout the country as one of the most daring of steeplejacks, was reported dying at the Emergency hospital here today. He was found on the first floor of the addition being built to the St. Francis hotel with a fractured skull and broken arm and leg. It was not known how he met with his injuries.

OUTLAWS AND DEPUTIES BATTLE IN KENTUCKY

Prineville, Ky., Dec. 24.—Two men have been killed in a battle between deputy sheriffs of Belle county and a gang of outlaws headed by John Hendrickson, which is still raging at Four Mile creek.

1,000,000 PARCELS OF MAIL ARE DELIVERED IN PORTLAND THIS WEEK

Local Postoffice Has Biggest Period of History; Mail Is Stacked High.

Tonight is the night when the Ad club of Portland will entertain hundreds of people with an open air Christmas tree. All arrangements for the monster affair, given for the purpose of demonstrating to the world that the Oregon climate is so moderate that in the winter season an outdoor entertainment can be given without inconvenience, have been completed and the huge Christmas tree mounted on a platform that blocks Oak street

Delivering 1,000,000 Parcels. Portland postoffice employes are delivering this week to residents of the city, 1,000,000 parcels, according to Postmaster Frank S. Myers, who says his estimate, after a careful investigation, was a conservative one. He said that the parcels, which Mr. Myers, are being delivered today, and the greater bulk of this huge figure will have been handled on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

A stack of mail sacks crammed full of parcels, over 10 feet high and almost 100 feet long, illustrated vividly today just why this is the busiest season the Portland postoffice has ever known. This building, located alongside the building housing the mail Mr. Gison streets, and it was placed there only after every available cranny inside had been filled and barely enough room had been left for the large force of men to work in. Two huge train loads of mail from the east, each bringing almost as much as arrived all day Monday caused a congestion that almost caused the office to be swamped. In addition to the large force of men at the mailing division, where every available clerk who could find a place to work was used, the regular staff forces at the main office were worked all night.

Receipts Are Heavy. In addition to the tremendous volume of parcels, work in the local office was complicated by the fact that 500,000 pieces of first class mail, consisting of letters and postcards, was received and had to be handled. No. 2, the mail train due yesterday morning at 7 o'clock and which arrived at a late hour last night, brought 57 pouches of first class mail, containing 285,000 pieces, the largest single shipment of first class mail to ever come to Portland. The majority of the pieces included in this consignment were Christmas postcards. Postoffice receipts yesterday were \$245.38, a decrease of almost \$2000 from the day before, and stamp sales today were almost normal. The big business of the Christmas season will, however, Chief Clerk Hurst states, swell the total for the month to \$125,000. Total receipts so far this month are about \$104,000. Santa Claus Letters Coming. One full delivery of mail in every part of the city will be made tomorrow, according to Postmaster Myers. The general delivery windows will be open until noon and the regular holiday collections will be made. The entire executive force of the local office, together with all the substitutes, will be on duty for at least half the day. "This would not be necessary," stated Mr. Myers, "if it were not for the fact that the trains have been from 12 to 38 hours late all the time. This has held us up. We have had ample force at all times and have made short shift of the matter as it came through our hands, but we have been forced to do much waiting."

DEFENSE RESTS IN TRIAL OF SCHMIDT

The defense rested its case today. Former Judge Olcott reserved the right, however, to reopen should an anticipated hypothetical question be propounded by assistant District Attorney Delahanty. Dr. M. S. Gregory was recalled to the stand for cross examination. He agreed with other alienists of the defense that Schmidt was insane. The chart prepared by Dr. Jeffife showing sixty members of Schmidt's family with the taint of insanity was hung on the wall in full view of the jury. Dr. Jeffife then explained it, using his walking stick as a pointer. Cases of absolute insanity were represented on the chart by X's, and cases of partial insanity by Dr. Gregory's opinion that Schmidt's mind was so obsessed with the idea of making a human sacrifice that no man made law could have prevented the taking of Anna Amuller's life.

BRITISH MINISTERS FEAR SUFFRAGETTES

London, Dec. 24.—Because the militant suffragettes gave warning that they would observe no truce during the Christmas holidays, only three of the cabinet ministers made known where they would spend their vacations and all of them today were closely guarded by secret services. The Marquis of Crewe, Lord of the Privy Seal, and Lewis Vernon Harcourt, colonial secretary, announced their destinations. Mr. Burns, president of the local governmental board, said he would remain at his home in South London and visit the poor houses.

MAN WORKING FOR CITY INJURED IN CAVE-IN

Within a few short hours after work had been provided by the city for T. S. Raney of 327 First street, the head of a small family, a quantity of dirt from the side of a ditch in which he was working, caved in on him, seriously injuring him about the chest.

OPEN AIR CHRISTMAS TREE EXERCISES TO BE THE FEATURE TONIGHT

Huge Tree Installed at Broadway and Oak; Ad Club Will Be Host.

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Will Admitted to Probate. The will of Mary C. Smith, who died December 18, leaving an estate valued at \$4000, was probated this morning and provided that George E. Smith, her husband, receive the bulk of the estate and be named executor. John F. Cox, a nephew of Chicago, and Mary E. Burke, a niece of Washington, D. C. were each left \$250. Portland railroad men today received copies of a resolution adopted by the Central Passenger association on the death of James Charlton, late chairman of the Trans-continental Passenger association.

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at Broadway has been strung with lights. The gifts that are to be presented to the poor children of the city are already assembled and ready for removal to the platform. The exercises will start at 7:30 o'clock, when the Portland Police Department band, which will have assembled at the police station, will march to the platform playing a lively air. At the platform and during the ceremonies, the band will play several other fine selections. Rev. J. H. Boyd will be the master of ceremonies. Some of the best musical talent in the city has offered its services for the evening and among those who will appear are the Ad club quartet, Mrs. Elfrida Heller Weinstein, W. R. MacMurray and Dom Zan. Familiar Christmas carols will be sung, which the crowd will be asked to participate in.

PAROLED GIRL TO BE TAKEN TO SPOKANE

Lillian Larkin, the 18-year-old girl whose case caused a petition to be presented to Mayor Albee for the removal of Mrs. Lola G. Baldwin as head of the department of safety for young women, yesterday pleaded guilty to a charge of vagrancy before Circuit Judge Cleaton. She was sentenced to six months in the county jail but was paroled to her mother's home to live.

Two others were given paroles for Christmas presents yesterday. Judge Gatens allowed W. J. Dwyer to leave the state after sentencing him to four years in the penitentiary for obtaining money by false pretenses. E. G. Hayes pleaded guilty to a similar charge and was sentenced to imprisonment by Judge Kavanaugh and paroled.



Oregon to Open the Big Ditch

The famous battleship which in 1898 made its astounding dash from the Pacific Coast around Cape Horn in time for the battle of Santiago, on the morning of July 3, will be the first battleship to pass through the Panama Canal.

That will be a proud day for old Oregon and her namesake, the big sea-fighter of which we are all justly proud. When that morning comes, the big gray fellow with every flag flying to the breeze, will sail past the breakwater opposite Colon through Limon Bay into Gatun Locks; then step by step she will be lifted 85 feet up to the level of Gatun Lake. Thirty miles further on the great Culebra Cut will be reached where America has fought nature for ten years—and won. On past the little city of white tombstones on the hill whose silent inhabitants paid the heaviest tax of all, the old ship will sail, past Gold Hill, straight into the great concrete locks at Pedro Miguel, from whose battlements you can look out over the placid, emerald Pacific as Balboa looked and wondered exactly 400 years ago.

Silently the great lock doors will swing outward and allow the ship to descend to the level of the Miraflores Locks, then down four steps to the level of the Pacific Ocean and on past Ancon, Balboa and within sight of Panama City.

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- EUROPE**
The late Bulgarian war and the consequent changes make this map a possession to be prized. Very few homes have a good map of Europe.
- JAPAN, KOREA**
In view of our trade relations and the mighty development of these countries these maps are timely and important. In addition there are charts of foreign born population, total population and its elements, increase in population, illustration showing increase of immigration from foreign countries and maps showing relative size of U. S. and foreign countries.
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