

FIRE MARSHAL ASKS BUSINESS MEN SOME STARTLING QUESTIONS

"Safety First" Luncheon at Commercial Club Largely Attended.

AMERICAN LOSSES HEAVY

Per Capita in Portland Is 9¢, Whereas in Some Italian Cities It Is But 12 Cents a Year.

"How many men in this room know exactly where the fire escapes of this building are located, and how to get to them? Let those that do raise their hands."

One hand went up, and then, hesitatingly, two more.

Fire Marshal Jay W. Stevens was the speaker, and he was addressing several hundred Portland business men in the dining room of the Commercial club at the "Safety First" luncheon today.

"I thought so," he said, in the dead silence that greeted his coup, "but that's pretty good."

There was a little feeble applause, and much condemnation of the speaker.

Fire Marshal Stevens compared the fire losses in European countries with those in America, with the advantage all in favor of Europe.

Shows Relative Fire Losses.

"In some Italian cities," he said, "the fire loss is only 12 cents per capita a year. In Portland it is 9¢. And yet the people of Italy, we say, are foolish enough to think of getting into that war. They can take a look at our fire loss and say, 'You're just as crazy as we are.'"

Portland, he said, stood fifth in amount of fire loss for cities in the United States in 1914, and fifth in the number of conflagrations, or fires in which more than three buildings are burned.

"This is a high ranking for Portland," he said, "but proud as you are to see Portland near the top, I trust that this will be one record that you will try to lower during the next year."

He said that in his opinion the principal of the Irvington school deserved a Carnegie medal for his heroic work during the Christmas tree fire in his school.

Loss of Life Most Deplorable.

"The fire loss in Portland last year," he said, "was \$1,500,000 in property and 16 lives. Who can compute the value of those lives? How much would one of them be worth had it been that of one of your family? This loss of life gets to me. I can see a man burned out of everything he owns. That doesn't affect me—we've got hardened to it. But the loss of life—I can't get used to that."

Arson, carelessness and ignorance were given as the causes of fires. But arson and ignorance, he contended, are forms of carelessness, arson being carelessness on the part of the individual, and ignorance, carelessness on the part of the community, which he criticized for paying losses known to be incendiary, simply to "get rid of" the claimant.

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Bishop Sumner Arrives in City This Evening

New Head of Oregon Diocese Enters Diocese; Portland Clergymen Meet Him.

Right Rev. Walter Taylor Sumner, newly elected Episcopal Bishop of Oregon, arrived this afternoon in his bishopric under auspices as promising as a beautifully clear day and a cordial welcome could create.

He passed through La Grande this morning accompanied by Archbishop Chambers of Portland. A group of Episcopal clergy, including Dr. A. A. Morrison, Rev. J. E. H. Simpson, Rev. Henry Russell Talbot, Rev. John G. Hutton, Rev. Oswald W. Taylor, left for Hood River to meet him there and a larger representation will welcome him at the Union station this evening at 7:15 p. m.

He will be taken to the home of Dr. Morrison where he will be a guest for a week. The services of the holy communion will be held at St. Stephens Cathedral at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning, followed by breakfast after which there will be a private conference with the clergy.

Bishop Sumner will be received by the people in a reception at the Union station, row evening at the Multnomah hotel, for which elaborate preparations are being made. His first sermon in Portland will be at the Trinity church next Sunday morning.

When Bishop Sumner left Chicago farewell was spoken regrettably by the Chicago Association of Commerce and by the educators of the city, as well as by Episcopalians. Business men and clergy alike were sorry to see him go for during 17 years in Chicago he had made a record for constructive social service that has commanded national attention.

His welcome to Oregon includes appreciation of the great service opportunity he will be given here wherein his Chicago experience will represent the greatest possible value.

Medical Law May Not Be Amended

Physicians Express Opinion That the Measure as Proposed by Paisley Would Admit Failures.

Salem, Or., Jan. 20.—Members of the house medical committee expect to consider tomorrow morning the bill introduced by Representative Paisley of Washington county amending the law governing the practice of medicine in Oregon without undergoing the examinations of the state board of medical examiners.

Mr. Paisley explained this morning that he introduced the bill at the request of Dr. Via of Washington county, who is a technical point of the bill, he disclaimed knowledge. The only apparent difference between this bill and the present law is that of the proper showing, the examining board is required to issue a license. The present law leaves it optional.

A new feature of the bill requires that such applicants for license to practice medicine must be graduates of reputable medical colleges.

Chairman of the medical committee will investigate the assertion that a similar law in California was "gasoline for more hangovers than dynamite," was one of Fire Marshal Stevens' epigrams. He condemned smoking in theatres, announcing as his policy that he has put his best foot forward in the lobby and on the stage.

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LOVERS OF NATURE HAVE RARE TREAT NEW BIRD PICTURES

Exhibition of Films Will Be Given at Heilig, Friday to Sunday; Finley to Explain.

Young golden eagle, one of birds shown in pictures.

Portland nature lovers and motion picture devotees are to have a treat beginning Friday in the presentation of the first time in this city of a series of pictures entitled "Wild Bird and Animal Life in Oregon."

The pictures are to be given at the Heilig theatre, the afternoon and evening of Friday, Saturday and Sunday, in conjunction with a talk by State Game Warden William L. Finley, under the auspices of the Oregon Sportsmen's league.

The league has arranged this series of entertainments for the benefit of the Arthur S. Hubbard memorial fund, the Heilig taking 40 per cent of the receipts for expenses of putting on the shows and the league receiving the remaining 60 per cent for the fund.

Arthur S. Hubbard was a deputy state game warden killed near his home in southern Oregon in the performance of his duty. Calling at a house to arrest a poacher who had been killing deer out of season, he was shot and killed.

The proceeds of the fund will be given to his widow and two children, who are in need of assistance.

The pictures are to be shown at 1:30 o'clock there will be a special school children's matinee in addition to the regular afternoon matinee at 3:30 o'clock. Evenings the pictures will be shown at 8 o'clock.

In addition to the receipts from the motion picture presentations, every deputy game warden in the state has offered to donate one day's salary out of 67 each month for the benefit of the fund.

The committee in charge of the benefit consists of L. N. Fleischner, H. B. Van Duser, Lester W. Humphries, William L. Finley and James B. Welch.

Multnomah County Delegates Meeting

One Measure to Be Considered Would Do Away With Health Certificate Required Before a Man Marries.

Salem, Or., Jan. 20.—The Multnomah delegation, including senators and representatives, will hold this afternoon its first meeting since the session opened.

Among other things, the delegation will consider a bill in which County Clerk John B. Coffey is interested. Mr. Coffey is here to meet with the delegates.

One of the bills he wishes to have enacted into law will abolish the law requiring a man to obtain a certificate of health as a condition for securing a marriage license. Another will provide that the county clerks may retain for the county fund 10 per cent of all fees collected for fish and game licenses. Another will provide that the county clerks may retain for the county fund 10 per cent of inheritance taxes collected in the county.

Disputed Precinct Is Counted Today

Sheriff Word Gains 17 Votes in Precinct 58, but Loses in Three Others—Hurtubise Claims Net Gain.

Former Sheriff Tom Word gained 17 votes in precinct 58 this morning, but lost 6 in precincts 57, 59 and 60. Sheriff Hurtubise gained 14 yesterday afternoon and Word gained one. Yesterday afternoon's net gain for Hurtubise was 13, and this morning's net gain for Word was 11. Hurtubise's attorneys claim a net gain of 8 since the beginning of the recount of votes in the shrievalty race.

This afternoon the vote of precinct 27, the much disputed north and territory, is being counted. Judge Kavanaugh is being counted in personal charge because of the charges and counter charges growing out of the official count. Undisputed ballots only will be counted this afternoon, others will be held until Judge Kavanaugh can arrange for more time to go over them.

HAD FORTUNE IN POCKET

While climbing to the top of Council Crest from Hillebrand postoffice yesterday afternoon, Frank McCulloch dropped a deed of apostasy, owing to the fact that the man carried \$500 in negotiable paper, Coroner Damman investigated the case thoroughly but found that it was a habit with McCulloch to carry his money in that manner and that death came from natural causes. Mr. McCulloch was 62 years old.

Call on the Governor.

Salem, Or., Jan. 20.—Forty pupils of the eighth grade school heard a little address by Governor George A. Wallace, who shook his hand, visited state departments, included the legislature, visited the state institutions and had a good time generally today. Superintendent Churchill introduced them to the governor and showed them around.

Prohibition for Arkansas.

Little Rock, Ark., Jan. 20.—A state-wide prohibition bill was introduced today in the state senate.

Columbia Items in Bill Not Touched

Rivers and Harbors Bill Passes House by Vote of 181 to 61; No Objection to Large Oregon Appropriations.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.)—Washington, Jan. 20.—The Columbia river and harbor projects in the rivers and harbors bill passed the house without objection late last night, the first time a bill has passed the house without objection since the appropriations materially.

The bill as it passed the house provided for new projects. The largest Pacific coast appropriation included was \$1,355,000 for the Columbia river.

Regret Death of Ellis.

Washington, Jan. 20.—Majority Leader Underwood and Minority Leader Mann have voiced their regret at the news of the death of ex-Congressman William R. Ellis.

OREGON MATERIALS
BEING BOUGHT FOR
STRUCTURE AT FAIR

Preference Given Furnishings Which Are Made at Home, Wherever Possible.

In obtaining the furnishings for the Oregon building at the Panama-Pacific exposition, the Oregon exposition commission is finding it possible to buy articles almost exclusively of Oregon manufacture. Where articles are not manufactured in the state orders are placed with Portland firms, said O. M. Clark, chairman of the commission, this morning.

"The students of the manual training departments of the public schools are furnishing the bulk of our furniture for the building," Mr. Clark said. "Some of the furniture manufacturers are furnishing furniture for exhibit purposes. The brick and tile for the building are of Oregon manufacture. The electric fixtures will be made here. The flags will be manufactured in Portland. The woodwork and blankets will come from Pendleton as the contribution of the woolen mills there. The patent beds for employees in the building will be loaned by a manufacturing concern here. We expect to furnish sleeping accommodations only for those whose work here is of a temporary nature, as well as for the four students from the University of Oregon and the four from the Oregon Agricultural college, who will be in charge of the building." The Washington building contains no such accommodations and this will add considerably to the expense of the building, Mr. Clark said. "We have one room we will use as a sleeping room, which will be used by all notables to receive their guests."

"It is our policy to buy for the furnishings of the Oregon building Oregon-made goods and through Portland firms if the goods are not manufactured in Oregon."

WELL KNOWN PRINTER
AND OREGON NATIVE
DIES THIS MORNING

Funeral of James E. Godfrey, Prominent Democrat, Will Be Held at Salem.

James E. Godfrey, veteran master printer and one of the best known men in Oregon, died at 10 o'clock this morning at the Good Samaritan hospital following an operation performed a week ago.

Mr. Godfrey resided with the state printing department at Salem for over 30 years, serving as foreman under Mark Brown, Frank C. Baker, W. H. Lewis, J. E. Whitney, William Dunaway and other state printers. His long residence at Salem brought him in touch with all the men prominent in the public life of Oregon for the past three decades and his acquaintanceship was probably as extensive as that of any man in Oregon.

Two weeks ago he was elected to the Democratic ticket for the office of state printer and he served the Democratic party as a delegate at the 1912 convention held in St. Louis.

For the past year he had been a special agent in the excise tax department of the internal revenue office for this district. Of Mr. Godfrey's family, his wife, Mrs. Godfrey, is held in high esteem. He was capable and popular and stood in the highest regard of those in this office. The state suffers a great loss in his death.

Mr. Godfrey, who was born in Polk county in 1856, leaves a widow, Mrs. Ida Godfrey, a past master of the John Campbell of 85 Williams boulevard, Mrs. Kate McClellan of Los Angeles, Al Godfrey of Salem and Mrs. Emma Godfrey. He was a cousin of Senator Harry Lane.

The body will be taken to his old home at Salem this afternoon and funeral services will be held there tomorrow under the auspices of the Masonic order, of which he was for years a prominent member.

Mr. Godfrey was a past master of Pacific lodge No. 50, A. F. & A. M.; past high priest of Multnomah chapter No. 1, Royal Arch Mason; past illustrious master, Hudson council, I. R. & S. M.; past patron, Chadwick No. 27, Order Eastern Star; past grand patron, chapter of Oregon, O. E. S.; and at the time of his death, clerk of the grand chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oregon.

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PETITION IS DENIED, PAVING JOB MUST GO TO LOWEST BIDDER

Commissioner Dieck's Recommendation Disregarded by Other Members.

REPORT IS NOT ACCEPTED

Whether or not the city should recognize petitions for a type of pavement costing more than the price of the lowest bidder when work is done in the improvement of streets was the absorbing question before the city council this morning when it refused to adopt a report of Commissioner Dieck recommending that the contract for the improvement of portions of East Forty-fourth and East Fifty-first streets be awarded for gravel bitulithic pavement.

The lowest bid submitted was for a concrete type of pavement, but about 24 per cent of the property owners had asked that the contract go for gravel bitulithic. As they had petitioned for the gravel bitulithic, the council recommended that the contract be so awarded.

Commissioner Bigelow opposed the scheme, contending that contract should go to the lowest bidder under specifications and if the types of pavements were unsatisfactory new specifications would be made and the objectionous types. Commissioner Daly took the same attitude and when the vote was taken Mayor Albee voted with the two to reject the report.

Action on the second resolution of intention to improve was postponed, however, until an investigation is made as to the actual number of property owners on the streets and their further views obtained.

CANNOT USE STARK STREET

Linton People Must Secure Another Outlet if U. R.'s Bought.

Should the business men of Linton purchase the tracks of the United Railways between Portland and Linton and operate freight and passenger cars, they will have to secure another outlet through Portland's business section than the Stark street. Such was a decision of the city council yesterday afternoon, when it ordered the new freight franchise of the United Railways, which terminates the use of Stark street, advertised.

Negotiations between the people of Linton for the purchase of tracks are pending and it is understood that an agreement has been reached as to price. The present franchise for tracks between here and that town has been revoked by the county. It is said that the city council will not allow the use of Stark street, only heavy Light & Power company operate the cars.

OWNERS OF BUSES PROTEST

Contending that the proposed traffic ordinance prohibiting trucks from traveling on Morrison, Alder and Washington streets from 10 to 11 a. m. will prohibit the larger jitney buses from traveling on these streets during the day, and that the ordinance will cut down the speed limit of the buses to 10 miles an hour in all parts of the city, owners of the buses have protested to the city commissioners, and as a result a hearing is to be held by the council on the subject. Further objections are to be heard at that time, also.

A number of automobile owners have objected to the ordinance, claiming that the ordinance will be allowed to park their machines between Morrison and Yamhill streets in the business district.

Final Action Not Taken.

Owing to amendments to the proposed ordinance creating the position of public dog catcher, the ordinance will not be taken by the city council this morning. The measure was amended to provide for a salary of \$150 a month, and the city council will be asked to pay a man for full time containing that the city could save money and accomplish all good results if the defender worked only half time. This did not meet with the approval of the other commissioners, however.

Fuel May Go to Schools.

If negotiations pending between the school board and City Commissioner Brewster work out, the wood chopped by the unemployed at the Good Samaritan hospital following an operation performed a week ago.

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Motion Picture Shows in Peril

By Bill Introduced in Washington Legislature Goes Through, the Film Palace Will Be Dark on Sunday.

Olympia, Wash., Jan. 20.—Moving picture shows will have to close Sunday if the legislature enacts a bill introduced Tuesday by Senators French of Clark county and Leonard of Chelan county.

Among other new bills introduced were the following: By Senator Campbell, labor leader, requiring that notice be given the debtor before an attachment or garnishment be issued by the courts.

By Representative Mark Reed, permitting Indians to hunt and fish without license in accordance with their original treaty rights.

Bill providing that 10 per cent be the maximum legal interest. It is now 12 per cent.

Bill reenacting the law providing for coroners. Coroners were abolished by the previous legislature.

Bill permitting state banks to join the federal reserve.

DESERT LAND BOARD
RECOMMENDS PATENT
FOR IRRIGABLE LAND

Certificate Not Signed by Governor West, Who Explains It Had Been Juggled

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)

Salem, Or., Jan. 20.—The state desert land board today decided to forward a certificate of recommendation passed by the old board, when Governor West and Attorney General Crawford were members, to the Central Oregon Irrigation company's be patented.

The certificate had not been signed by former Governor West and the