

DELAY IN WORK ON AUDITORIUM ENDED, MATERIALS DUE TODAY

Work on Structure Will Be Pushed Right Along From Now On.

COMPLETION IN APRIL

Non-Arrival of Steel Has Set Back Big Building for a Month or Five Weeks.

Work on the Portland auditorium which is under construction is now progressing rapidly. Operations were held up by the absence of materials a time or two which caused a delay of about five weeks.

A shipment of steel will likely arrive today and work will be pushed on the structure.

The plans called for its completion by March, but owing to the delay it will not be completed until April.

CRITICISES CITY EMPLOYEES

Local Merchant Says Men Were Discourteous and Lazy.

Charles G. Arnold, manager of a local motor supply company, protested against the manner and work of city service employees in the city water department. He also claims that he did not receive a rebate when he paid for more work than was done.

Mr. Arnold had some pipe laid recently by the water department. He says that the city service men were not only discourteous to him, but spent more time filling their pipes and watching for the superintendent, than they did in actual work. "I wouldn't let them work for me two minutes," is the statement made by Mr. Arnold.

He also says that he paid for two inch pipe instead of the inch and a half that was put in. And he charges that there has been no rebate.

When asked about the matter this morning, Commissioner Daly says that if there is any rebate, Mr. Arnold will receive it. He says that Mr. Arnold may have reason to protest against the work of the city service employees, as a taxpayer, but that as far as the water department's work is concerned, he pays for it by the lineal foot and not by the hour.

Speaking of the case George W. Caldwell of the city service board, had the following to say: "I have heard nothing of the case, but if the charges are true, there should be an investigation. If there is a case, it is an easy matter to discharge men. And there is nothing which would cause a quicker dismissal than for employees to loaf on city time."

VANCOUVER WANTS MEETING

Mayor Asked Support; British Columbia City's Move.

Mayor Albee of Portland has been asked to endorse Vancouver, B. C., as the meeting place of the joint commission at which representatives of the United States and Mexico will discuss international relations. This favor was asked in a telegram received by the mayor Monday from Mayor McBeath of Vancouver.

So far no action has been taken by the Portland executive. The matter was referred to the Chamber of Commerce, and it is endeavoring to get fuller information on the situation. Until such information is received, Mayor Albee will defer action.

Veterans Are Excused.

The mayor has consented to excuse members of the fire and police departments, who were Spanish war veterans, from duty Sunday. This order was given so that they may attend the Spanish War Veterans' picnic at Crystal Lake park on that day.

Stedman Is Ordered Sent Back to Seattle

Judge Wolverton in federal court this morning ordered the removal of Jack Stedman to Seattle, where Stedman must answer a charge of white slavery before the grand jury. The order concluded a hearing at which one of the principal witnesses was Bertha Miller, twin sister of Becky Miller, whom government officials allege, Stedman induced to come from Prince Rupert, B. C., to Seattle, for immoral purposes. Miss Miller, questioned by Assistant Federal Attorney Beckman, frankly admitted that she and her sister had lived immoral lives in Seattle, and that they had gone to Prince Rupert for that purpose. Her sister, said to have been Stedman's consort, has disappeared from the knowledge of the prosecutors. Stedman was arrested at Eugene two weeks ago by Deputy Marshal Harman. His arrest came when he telegraphed to Portland for a trunk that was being held for him at the depot, thus revealing his whereabouts.

To Take Hartman North.

Santa Fe, N. M., Aug. 3.—(U. P.)—Armed with the necessary papers, United States Marshal A. H. Hildreth planned to leave today with Guy Hartman in charge for Fort Smith, Ark. Hartman expressed himself as relieved at the prospect of facing charges of internal revenue frauds.

UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED SUPREME CHANCELLOR



John J. Brown, Vandalla, Ill.

Chamber Objects to Closed Shop Clause

Directors Request School Board to Remove Clause Requiring Payment of Union Wages From Future Contracts.

The Chamber of Commerce has addressed a protest to Dr. Alan Welch Smith, head of the school board's building committee, against a clause in school building contracts which requires the payment of the union wage scale for labor.

It is the opinion of the chamber that the open shop principle should apply in all public work and the contract clause objected to is said by the chamber to be a product of the American Federation of Labor, inserted at the request of organized labor. The clause also makes mandatory a preference to local labor.

Directors of the chamber request that the board remove the clause from future contracts.

Rejected Meat Sold; Stafford Is Fined \$5

Conviction Was First Under Meat Inspection Ordinance; Meat Rejected Because Whole Beef Not Submitted.

For placing on the market beef after it had been rejected by the municipal inspectors, S. A. Stafford, 626 East Stephens street, was fined \$5 in the municipal court this morning on the first conviction under the new meat inspection ordinance.

Stafford's son took the hind quarters of a beef to the inspecting headquarters for the east side on the municipal dock. The meat was rejected because the whole beef had not been brought in. A few days later the inspectors on the west side found the two quarters in the Jefferson market. The meat was seized, and the proprietor told the inspectors that he had purchased it from Stafford.

Records Show That Tacoma Was Wet

Tacoma, Wash., Aug. 3.—(U. P.)—July not only holds the record for being the wettest month in the history of Tacoma in precipitation, but it was also the wettest month since the big drought began seven months ago, according to records of the county auditor's office, compiled today. A total of 55.55 inches of rain fell during the month of July, or an average of more than 2.2 inches a day. Up to and including the last day of July 22, 1891 permits had been issued since January 1.

Receipts of the police court for the month of July exceeded the totals for all previous months for the last two years.

McDaniel Inquest Postponed.

St. Joseph, Mo., Aug. 3.—(U. P.)—Because of the absence of one of the jurors, the inquest in the case of the death of Mrs. Oscar D. McDaniel, continued from two weeks ago today, has been postponed until tomorrow. Mrs. McDaniel, wife of the prosecuting attorney of this county, was murdered in her home the night of July 14, and the murderer never has been apprehended.

Americans Desert Punitive Expedition

Discomforts of Mexican Service and the Inactivity Result in Unusual Number of Desertions From Army.

El Paso, Texas, Aug. 3.—(U. P.)—Inactivity and the discomforts of service in Mexico are causing numbers of desertions from the American punitive expedition, according to reports received here today. Precautions have been taken at the border below Columbus and all along the American lines to prevent escaping. The reports state that some of the soldiers have been driven to desperation by the indolent camp life and natural drawbacks to the Mexican service.

Mrs. Moshberger Dies.

Mrs. Anna E. Moshberger, wife of Fred Moshberger of Molalla, Or., who died in this city yesterday at the residence of her niece, Mrs. Martha Bahren, of 68 East Twenty-second street, was born in Switzerland, April 8, 1842, and came to Oregon in 1889. She was married to Fred Moshberger, February 24, 1890. The funeral services will be in charge of the East Side Funeral Directors and interment will be in the cemetery near Molalla.

BRITISH HAVE GAINED 24 SQUARE MILES OF FRANCE DURING JULY

They Have Gained 11 Strongholds and Killed or Wounded 100,000 Germans, Claim

By Philip Gibbs.

With the British Armies in the field, Aug. 3.—(U. N. S.)—A month has passed since the beginning of the great battle in Picardy. We who have been out here and saw the beginning, and day by day followed the progress of the British fighting men, knowing their difficulties and dangers from hour to hour, take breath now for a moment and look back upon its life time, counting its gains and losses, with any glory it may have and any tragedy.

It has been a stupendous month. Deville wood has been taken and retaken, after some of the fiercest fighting in all this battle, and now is firmly in British hands. The British hold part of Highwood, and on the left they captured Pozieres and the high ground about it. So in a month, by the greatest battle of history, the British have won the greatest in numbers, duration and sacrifice. They have taken 11 hostile strongholds. They have won back for France a patch of soil eight miles wide by three miles deep. They have brought back about 13,000 German prisoners. They have killed or wounded an immense number of Germany's finest troops, at least 100,000 surely, and have inflicted upon Germany a price which I suppose they are fighting for beyond all, to kill, to strike a mortal blow.

Those are the plain historical facts

Floater Identified As Mickey Porter

Body Which Came to Surface in Menefee Mill Pond That of Shingle Weaver, Lost Five Months.

Identified as Mickey Porter, a shingle weaver who disappeared from Milwaukee five months ago, the body of a man about 30 years of age came to the surface of the Menefee shingle mill pond this morning.

Identification was made by James Mathews, a barber at Milwaukee, who had frequently shaved Porter. A distant relative, Robert Reid of Carlisle, Wash., is to be notified.

Shipping Program May Be Considered

Chamber of Commerce Probably Will Call Importers, Exporters and Others Interested Into Conference.

A meeting will probably be held tomorrow of importers, exporters and others interested in shipping to consider a shipping program for Portland presented to the directors of the Chamber of Commerce by the managing committee of the chamber's trade and commerce bureau. The full directorate of the chamber considered the program last night and tentatively approved it, but it was deemed best to submit it to shipping men before final adoption.

EIGHT BATTLESHIPS REQUIRED TO CARRY MEN NOW ON LISTS

Naval Training Strikes Popular Chord Among Country's Civilians.

Washington, Aug. 3.—(U. P.)—Eight battleship loads of citizen sailors have enlisted from all over the country for the naval training ship Plattsburgh, which will sail from eastern points August 15 and cruise for a month. The navy department plans for the event were completed today.

The 2500 naval rookies will be members of the crews of the sea fighters during the voyage. They will learn to fire the big guns, swab decks, polish brass, sleep in hammocks, operate wireless apparatus, run battleship machinery and do everything else that will equip them to serve as naval militia reserve for Uncle Sam in case of war.

The eight ships, their points of departure and complement of citizen rookies are: U. S. S. Kearsage, from Portland, Me., 80 men; U. S. S. Virginia, from Boston, 463 men, also from Newport with 28 men; U. S. S. Maine and U. S. S. Kentucky, from New York City, 943 men; U. S. S. Rhode Island, from Philadelphia, 379 men; U. S. S. Illinois, from Norfolk, 461 men, and the U. S. S. Alabama, from Charleston, 101 men. Each day's cruise begins at 4 a. m. and ends at 9:05 p. m.

The program includes a list of sporting events between the rookie crews, baseball games, regatta, swimming contests and the like will be staged.

During the closing days of the

Two Bomb Victims Are Still in Danger

Miss Pearl Seaman and Henry J. Clausen in Serious Condition—Family of Ray Gammel Almost Destitute.

San Francisco, Aug. 3.—(P. N. S.)—Two victims of the preparedness parade bomb explosion are still in serious condition today. Miss Pearl Seaman of Oakland, one of whose legs was shattered, is making a fight for life at the San Francisco hospital.

Complications have arisen in the case of Henry J. Clausen, whose left foot was almost torn off, making his condition dangerous.

The family of Ray Gammel is almost destitute. Gammel lost both legs in the explosion.

The fund being raised for the benefit of the bomb sufferers now exceeds \$5000.

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PINE MANUFACTURERS MAY BE ORGANIZED AT THE BEND MEETING

Emblem Club and Commercial Club Will Be Hosts to Visiting Lumbermen.

Bend, Or., Aug. 3.—What will be one of the most important meetings of the Western Pine Manufacturers' association, the California White Pine association and the Western Box Manufacturers' association will be held in Bend August 8 and 9. It is expected that fully 100 pine manufacturers of the Pacific coast will be in attendance.

Steps will be taken looking toward the formation of one big association of pine manufacturers of the western states, such as has been advocated by General Manager T. A. McCann of the Sheelin-Hixon company of Bend.

According to this plan, there would be one association covering the entire pine production from Arizona to Montana, with local branches in various sections. One of the important features of one organization handling various important matters concerned with the lumber industry would be the establishment of uniform grades. The name, Pacific Coast Pine Manufacturers' association, has been suggested by Manager McCann, with Portland as its headquarters.

While the lumbermen are here they will be entertained by the Emblem club of Bend, the Bend Commercial, and during their stay a big convention of Hot-Hose will be held. Trips of inspection of the lumber manufacturing plants at Bend will receive considerable attention.

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