

TANNER CREEK SEWER COST TO BE LOOKED INTO BY ENGINEERS

Society Appealed to by City Council Over Deick's Protest.

COLLUSION IS RUMORED

Investigation to Follow If Experts Declare Bids Are Excessive—Conduit in Bad Condition.

Believing that prices submitted in bids for the construction of the Tanner creek sewer are excessive, the majority of the city council today requested the local chapter of the American Society of Engineers to appoint three engineers to go over the figures and submit a complete report.

The action was taken following a lengthy discussion concerning rumors that collusion existed among certain contractors bidding on the work.

Commissioner Baker suggested that the council investigate to determine whether there was truth in the rumors, but his suggestion was sidetracked in favor of the plan for the appointment of the engineers. Commissioner Bigelow stated that the investigation could be held if the engineers reported that prices were excessive. The motion for the appointment of the engineers was made by Commissioner Daly, and passed by the vote of Daly, Bigelow and Baker.

The action was taken over the protest of Commissioner Deick, who stated that further postponement of the reconstruction of the sewer might prove disastrous to the city, because the conduit was now in a dangerous condition. He also stated that the action put him in a peculiar predicament inasmuch as he was president of the local branch of the organization and in charge of the department which would have charge of the reconstruction of the sewer.

Commissioner Deick, in submitting a statement of prices submitted for the work and urging that the contract be let at once, began the discussion of the rumors of collusion. He did not recommend that the contract be given to any of the bidders, however. In his statement he pointed out that the bid of J. F. Shea and William Lind was for \$202,800.80, the bid of Jacobsen-Jensen \$303,921.30 and the bid of Gieschke & Joplin \$309,173.95, while the engineer's estimate was \$272,399.05. He explained that the engineer in figuring on the work had not considered the hazards which might be met by the contractors on the work while the contractors had figured the hazards.

J. F. Shea one of the contractors bidding on the work, denied that there was any collusion as far as he was concerned and offered to pay the expenses of an investigation and forfeit his certified check of \$31,000 if it was found that he was a party to any collusion.

Despite Commissioner Deick's explanation that his department had not considered the hazards and that he did not consider the hazards of the contractors excessive, the council majority held that the engineers should be asked to investigate.

To Curb Jitneys.

Standard rate cards prepared by Commissioner Deick and aimed to curb the activities of jitneys now operating as "taxi-jits" have been adopted and

WELL KNOWN PORTLAND BOY DIES IN BOISE



Ted Sullivan.

Ted Sullivan, who was well known in Portland in the amateur baseball circles, died in Boise, Idaho, on January 18, of pneumonia. He was 19 years of age, the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Sullivan, of 119 Prescott street, and had lived in Portland for several years. He was born in Minnesota and came to Portland with his parents.

When the troops were called out last summer he volunteered with the Idaho cavalry, Troop A, and would have been discharged and on his way home January 20. His troop had, but recently been returned from the border. Besides his parents he is survived by three sisters in this city, Misses Mae, Hazel and Anne Sullivan; and two brothers, John L. Sullivan of San Antonio, Texas, and Frank Sullivan, of Sand Point, Idaho.

The funeral will be held in Portland at a date to be announced later.

must be compiled with by all for-hire cars between now and Saturday, January 27, according to announcement by Commissioner Deick this morning.

Commissioner Deick is to request Mayor Albee to have the police arrest all drivers found who are operating without the standard rate cards after January 27.

Women All on Deck

It is not often that all men who sign up to take a municipal civil service examination put in an appearance the day of the examination. "Women are different, however," says Secretary McLain of the civil service board. He points to Thursday's examination for matrons of the police bureau. Thirteen women had filed applications and every one of them was present at today's examination.

Matter Is Postponed.

Adjustment of assessments for the cost of constructing the Union avenue viaduct, was again postponed by the city council today. The council expects to readjust the assessments next Wednesday.

Wins on Examination.

N. F. Johnson, present acting director of the public employment bureau, was the only one to pass the recent civil service examination given for director and assistant director of the employment bureau. The present assistant director failed to qualify, and now another examination is to be held to secure an assistant to Johnson.

JOSEPH R. BOWLES IS SUED FOR FOUR RINGS BY PICTURE ACTRESS

Gertrude O'Malley Seeks Jewels or \$1800 From Northwest Steel Co. Head.

San Francisco, Jan. 19.—(P. N. S.)—Gertrude O'Malley, a pretty movie actress, today sued Joseph R. Bowles, millionaire president of the Northwest Steel company of Portland, for the recovery of four diamond rings or their value, \$1800.

The suit, filed by Attorney Algeron Crofton, revealed a simultaneous visit to California by the actress and the steel magnate, whose home is in Portland.

Three of the rings are alleged to have been unlawfully taken by Bowles at Portland on November 1, 1915, their value being \$500, \$300 and \$200. The other ring is declared to have been obtained in San Francisco, December 19, 1915.

In the Portland incident, says the girl, Bowles told her he wanted to have the rings reset in platinum, secured them, and refused to return them.

In December, 1915, Bowles and the girl quarreled here and, she says, he returned to Portland. Then she wired him for \$200. He told her to pawn her jewelry, promising to redeem it when he returned. He got the fourth ring, she says, from a pawnbroker, but would not give it to her.

Former Convict Up On Forgery Charge

Wallace McKay, a paroled convict from the Oregon state penitentiary, arrested last night by Detectives Price, Mallett, J. Moloney and Tichenor, was charged today with forgery, and the detectives say his fraudulent financial operations netted him at least \$150.

McKay is said to have successfully negotiated at least a dozen checks. The complainant was a representative of the Hudson Arms company, where a check for \$40 was said to have been passed. The Page Grocery company, 455 East Burnside street, is also said to have cashed a check for \$37.50.

McKay is said to have represented to taxicab drivers on whom checks were passed that his father was the owner of the McKay building. McKay makes a general denial of the charges. He was arrested in July, 1912, for stealing Elks' convention badges, but was paroled by Judge Gistens. He was later arrested for forgery, but was paroled after receiving a penitentiary sentence.

Son Sought For an Assault on His Sire

Crippled, almost blind and hardly able to speak, Andrew Uno, who said he was 60 years old, appeared before Deputy District Attorney Richard Deich this morning and swore to a complaint charging his son, Albert Uno, 22 years old, with assault and battery. The elder Uno said that the young man had frequently beaten him up, and this morning the son assaulted him, he declared, while he was building a fire, and knocked him down. Uno was unable to explain the attacks. His residence at 1763 East Eleventh street.

Burglars Make Haul From Porter Home

Enter Household of Two Widows and Make Away With Jewelry Prized for Sentimental Reasons.

Clever burglars working in the home of Mrs. Emily Porter and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Mary A. Porter, 370 Park street, some time Thursday evening, while the two women were attending a theatre, stole jewelry worth nearly \$1000.

Detectives Tichenor and Moloney say the burglars left no trace of their presence save a slight "jimmy" mark made in opening a window on the front porch. No dust tracks or burnt matches were found in the house, and things in the two bedrooms from which the jewelry was taken were not disordered, although it was evident that a careful search had been made. Six detectives, including Bertillon Operator James M. Hunter, were engaged in an investigation of the case early this morning.

Much of the jewelry was old and valued for sentimental reasons. Both women are widows, and most of the jewelry was given them by their husbands, who have been dead for years. One pair of diamond earrings belonging to Mrs. Mary Porter was valued at \$350. Other articles taken were a solid gold clasp bracelet set with small diamonds, a round brooch solidly set with pearls and a diamond in the center, a large cameo pin, a diamond bar pin worth \$90, two old-fashioned solid gold rope bracelets set with cameo, and two valuable watches. About \$40 in money was also taken.

The women discovered their losses while preparing to retire for the night. Mrs. Mary Porter is the sister of John Coffey, ex-county clerk.

HAWTHORNE-BUCKMAN DISTRICT ASKS BOARD FOR MODERN BUILDING

Two Are Named to Fill Vacancies; Alderman Wants District to Run Cafeterias.

Committee from the Buckman-Hawthorne school district has asked the board of education for a modern building, with auditorium, committee rooms, basement, lunch rooms, class rooms, and swimming pool. The board had already decided that the district should have a new school.

Alice Johnson and Evelyn Jones were elected teachers for the Franklin high school, to fill vacancies. The board decided to allow credits for the study of the Bible in the home Sunday school.

Home Telephone company phones will take the place of the Pacific States phones in the schools, with the exception of those phones at the exchange board in the administrative office.

Superintendent Alderman advocated that the school board operate the lunch cafeterias in the school which are now conducted by private individuals for gain. Resolution submitted urges that the domestic science department, headed by Miss Edna Groves, take full charge of the cafeteria under the direction of the board.

Manual training shops will, in future, be kept open Saturdays under direction of district superintendents, the instructors to be paid by the district.

WOMEN OF UMATILLA SEEK TO HAVE PLACE ON COLUMBIA HIGHWAY

Feminine Mayor and Council Adopt Resolutions for Consideration by Legislature.

Umatilla, Or., Jan. 19.—Mayor Mrs. E. E. Starcher and her feminine council and other officials at the regular city council session, adopted resolutions urging that every effort be made to have the Columbia River highway east from The Dalles routed through this city. These resolutions to be forwarded to Governor Withycombe and the state highway commission.

The city council ordered the installation of 16 new street lights, some having been discontinued some time since by the former council, and also ordered a general cleaning and repair of the city hall.

Mayor Starcher stood firm in her resolution not to appoint a city marshal, pointing out that a saving of \$57 monthly is being effected by the nominal arrangement. It is the mayor's contention that Umatilla is a peaceful city; that there is a deputy sheriff available for police duty at all times, and that inasmuch as the city ordinance requires any member of the city council to make an effort, she does not deem it necessary to incur the city payroll with an additional official.

Resolutions adopted are as follows:

"Whereas, There is before the legislature at this time a bill providing for the state highway commission to be empowered to lay out the route for the Columbia river highway from The Dalles east; and

"Whereas, Several routes have been proposed, it is a noticeable fact that all the proposed routes which have been laid out over a rough and hilly country, and many miles back from the Columbia river for which the highway is named; and

Water Grade Provided.

"Whereas, The Columbia river highway can be built from The Dalles east along the Columbia river by way of Arlington, Boardman, Irrigon and Umatilla, thence through Hermiston, Stanfield, Echo, Nolin and Rieth to Pendleton, the route being the shortest, with the minimum expense for construction, and serve more people than any other possible route back away from the river; and also would draw all tourist travel from Washington, Oregon and Montana points to Portland; and

"Whereas, A water grade can be had from all points on other proposed routes to the Columbia river, and this proposed route; be it

"Resolved, by the city of Umatilla, That the Columbia river highway be routed as herein described, which is the route along the Columbia river route; and be it further

"Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the state highway commission, the governor and the press."

Bottled Up Wrongs Faced by Prisoner

When Arthur D. Anderson Is Tried This Morning City Court Develops Memory of Unexpected Length.

All the bottled up traffic wrongs committed by Arthur D. Anderson, chauffeur were hurled in his face in the municipal court this morning when he was arraigned on a charge of operating an auto without license, and only his payment of three old fines prevented his going to jail for 12 days. Anderson pleaded guilty to the no-

Unwritten Law Invoked

San Angelo, Tex., Jan. 19.—(I. N. S.)—That the "unwritten law" simply justified Harry J. Spanell in the killing of Lieutenant-Colonel Butler, who was shot to death in Spanell's automobile, was the line of defense indicated by counsel for Spanell today. It is understood that the defense will contend that Spanell did not intend to kill his wife, Crystal Holland Spanell, who was in the automobile with the army officer, but she was a victim of stray shots.

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Columbia Views to Be Shown in Kansas City

Samuel C. Lancaster today received confirmation of his application to exhibit natural color Columbia river highway and other scenic pictures before the department of superintendence of the National Education association, to be held at Kansas City late in February. The date assigned him is March 1.

The Chamber of Commerce today closed negotiations for an exhibition of highway pictures at the Yellowstone Trail Highway association at Pasco, February 2, with Frank Branch Riley as the accompanying lecturer.

Married at Oregon City.

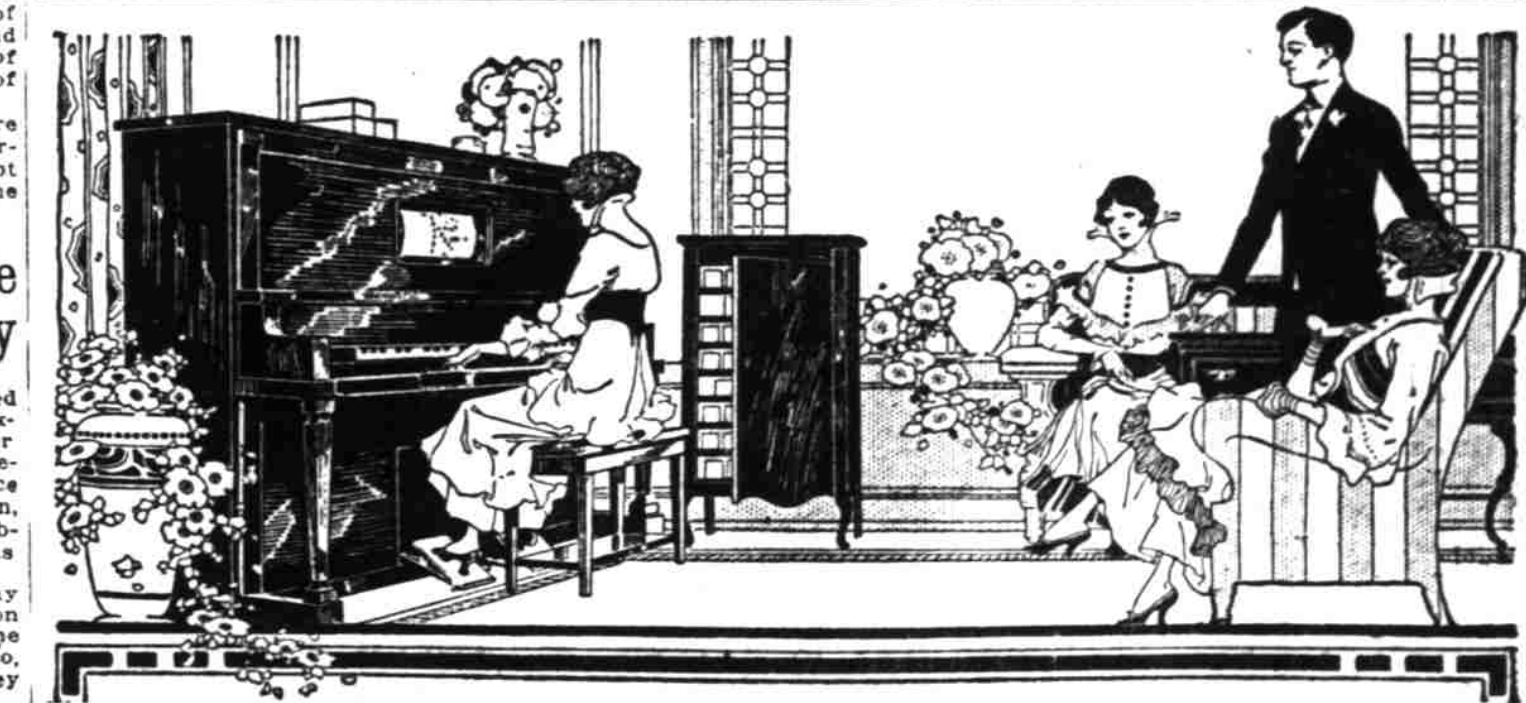
Oregon City, Jan. 19.—Miss Georgia Ritenour of this city became the wife of John Zielskowsky, formerly of Salem, Thursday morning at 11:30, at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Ritenour, the ceremony being by Rev. J. K. Hawkins of the First Methodist church of this city. Only the friends and immediate relatives were present. They will probably make their home in this city.

Portland to Be Represented.

Samuel Lancaster and Walter Warey will represent the city at the American Roadbuilders' association convention to be held in Boston, February 6 to 9. Both of these men will be in Boston this afternoon and were asked to represent the city. The city will pay none of their expenses, however.

Fisheries Manager Resigns.

Prince Rupert, B. C., Jan. 19.—(U. P.)—H. O. Roberts, local manager of the Pacific Fisheries, which concern has its head office in Seattle, has resigned the post and gone to Juneau. He expects to be in Alaska most of this year, in connection with fishery matters.



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