

PARK HEAD WILL ASK PROTECTION FOR THE NEW BEAVER COLONY

Curious and Inconsiderate People, Says Mr. Conville, Disturb Them in Lairs.

FAMILY WORKS 30 ACRES

The Bunch Has Nearly Completed a Dam, and Superintendent Thinks They Add to the Attractions.

James O. Conville, park superintendent, is to ask W. L. Finley, state biologist, to take some action to protect the little family of beavers now at work in Benson park and on adjoining property. The law prohibits the killing of beavers, but Conville wants to protect them and their homes against disturbance by the public. The animals, of which there are about 50 in the park and on adjoining property, work only during the night, and those disturbing the homes of the animals Sunday were trying to get the little animals out in the open that they could be seen.

Conville says that a continuation of this practice will mean the elimination of the beavers from the park and adjoining land. He says that most of the work and many of the homes of the little animals are on land adjoining the park and over which the city has no control. He seeks protection for the beavers on the land other than that owned by the city, contending that they are an added attraction along the highway.

The little family has been at work on nearly 30 acres, Conville estimates, and have felled a number of trees. The trees are on the low land of the park where no material damage can be done, however. They have also about completed construction of a dam across the Wahkena creek, and are now working on other dams.

DIECK TAKES ANOTHER TACK

Taxi-Jits' Charge Is Objected to by Commissioner.

Commissioner Dieck objects to the "taxi-jits" operating under the new rate card system, charging 5 cents per passenger for the first 15 minutes consumed and then 45 and 60 cents when 20 minutes is consumed on a trip. He says there is too noticeable a difference between the charges and will probably take steps to prevent the "taxi-jits" from operating with these charges in effect.

A. A. Thielke, president of the Jitney Drivers' union, says, however, that the rates are fair, inasmuch as all "taxi-jits" can make the run on the present jitney routes in 15 minutes. He says further that if a passenger desires to ride longer than 15 minutes the fare should be based on the hourly rate. The hourly rate varies from \$1.25 up to \$2.50 an hour.

Thielke also wants to have different rates for "taxi-jits" operating between 6 a. m. and midnight and those operating from midnight to 6 o'clock in the morning, believing that an increased charge should be made for traffic carried during the early hours of the morning.

Attorney La Roche says that this is permissible and it is probable that such a plan will be adopted. The charges will all be based on hourly rates and distance traveled.

Small Girl Struck by Auto.

Clara Stetzel, a 6-year-old girl who resides at 1140 East Twenty-third street north, was slightly injured when struck by an automobile driven by

Frank Pugh, 953 East Twenty-fourth street north, last night. The collision was at East Twenty-third and Alberta streets. The little girl was standing with her parents on the curb and stepped off, only to be struck by the machine. She was taken to Dr. L. A. McCabe's office. The injuries were slight bruises and cuts. Mr. Pugh immediately reported the accident at police headquarters.

EX-MAYOR ROSE OF MILWAUKEE EXPLAINS SHIPBUILDING PROJECT

Each Block of Half Million Stock Represents One Craft.

Plans for the development of trade between the United States and the Orient along three coordinate lines were announced today by David S. Rose, former mayor of Milwaukee, who is counsel for the Chinese-American Products Exchange company, a \$10,000,000 corporation. Mr. Rose is heading a party of some 25 business men on a survey trip to China, leaving Vancouver next Thursday. At the members' council of the Chamber of Commerce today he explained that China wants to deal with the United States because this is the only nation that has dealt fairly with her.

The program consists of establishing a chain of banks in China, the development of steamship lines under the American flag, and the organization of trade exchange facilities. Mr. Rose explained that the \$10,000,000 capitalization is to be divided half and half between common and preferred stock, the latter being issued in 10 series of \$500,000 each. Each of these series is to be independent of the others so far as general earnings is concerned, because each will finance one steamship, the latter being issued in 10 series of \$500,000 each. Each of these series is to be independent of the others so far as general earnings is concerned, because each will finance one steamship, the latter being issued in 10 series of \$500,000 each.

Mr. Rose explained that the corporation is backed by such men as Dr. Owens, chairman of the Southern Commercial congress; Thomas Southgate of Norfolk, Va., owner of large warehouses and terminals; Carl Esmy of Savannah, cotton magnate; Herman A. J. Bell, commission merchant; Jordan Zan; W. M. Cook of Ladd & Tilton bank and L. T. Ferry.

Mr. Rose said Portland may share in the proposition by subscribing to stock, and if one of the \$500,000 issues is taken here, may be assured that this city will be made a terminal. Captain Richard Chilcott is interested in the proposition as a shipbuilder and marine authority and as such is one of the officials of the corporation.

Fire Damages Building.

Fire starting in some adjoining buildings that are being torn down caused about \$200 loss to a two-story frame building owned by Mrs. V. Mayor at 50-52 North First street, shortly after 3 o'clock this morning. The upper story is occupied as a rooming-house by Margaret Caputo, and no insurance was carried.

PROMINENT MEN WILL SIT ON JURY TO HEAR SMALL DAMAGE CASE

F. W. Henningsen Seeks \$150.28 Damages From Dr. Manion for Collision.

THEY WILL EARN \$2 PER

General Finzer and Messrs. Bell, Cook, Zan and Ferry Will Determine Who Was at Fault in Collision Case.

Five jurors, well known Portland citizens, were called upon today to hear the evidence in a small damage suit and for their services they will receive the inconsequential sum of \$2 a day each.

The suit before District Judge Dayton is that of F. W. Henningsen vs. Dr. Florence Manion and is the sequel to a collision between two automobiles, one car being driven by the plaintiff and the other by the defendant.

Damages in the sum of \$150.28 is asked by Henningsen. He claims that Dr. Manion is an "inexperienced driver" and that because of her alleged incompetence to handle the car, the accident occurred. The cars came together at Nineteenth and Everett streets, on May 2, 1916. The plaintiff's car was considerably damaged in the crash. After the collision his machine skidded into a telephone post. Dr. Manion answering the complaint, says, "that Henningsen is the one who is inexperienced at driving a machine; that he was proceeding north near the center of the street, while her car was going east, near the curb; that he failed to sound a warning signal and that the cars came together when he attempted to pass in front of her; that he appeared to be bewildered and made no effort to stop his own car."

Dr. Manion testified that the steering gear of her machine was rendered useless by the crash and it was impossible for her to stop her car.

Policeman White testified for the defense, claiming that the plaintiff clearly saw the other car approaching and that he appeared to be bewildered.

The jurors are: W. E. Finzer, former adjutant-general of the O. N. G.; J. A. Bell, commission merchant; Jordan Zan; W. M. Cook of Ladd & Tilton bank and L. T. Ferry.

Rearrange Juvenile Court Rooms.

Renovations and alterations to the rooms of the child welfare and juvenile court departments at the county courthouse are being made today. Some articles of new furniture are being installed. Chief Probation Officer Simmonds' quarters will in future be located in the room formerly occupied by the widows' pension department. The home-placing work will be conducted at room 544.

Struck by Auto—Sues.

Suit for \$5250 damages for personal injuries was filed in the circuit court this morning by Earl Brown, an employee of the Crown Milling company, against Edith M. McGinn. Brown claims that while crossing the steel bridge he was struck by the automobile driven by the defendant. He alleges that the car was exceeding the legal speed limit and was carelessly managed.

FUNSTON HAS CHOSEN 25,243 TO BE SENT HOME FROM BORDER

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"Iowa, first squadron cavalry, field hospital No. 1, Ambulance company No. 1, Brigade headquarters, Toldir infantry; Kentucky, second infantry;

Louisiana, first battalion, field artillery, field hospital No. 1. "Maryland—Fifth infantry. Oklahoma—First infantry, troops A and B cavalry, field hospital, company A, engineers. Pennsylvania—Second field artillery, company C engineers, Sixth infantry, Eighth infantry, Third brigade headquarters. Massachusetts, Ambulance company No. 2, field hospital No. 2; Minnesota, First infantry, First field artillery; Missouri, Fourth infantry; Montana, troop A cavalry; Nebraska, field hospital No. 1, company A, signal corps and Fifth infantry; New Hampshire, First infantry; New York, Seventy-fourth infantry, field bakery company, supply train, ambulance company No. 4; North Carolina, First infantry; Ohio, Fourth infantry, First infantry, Third brigade headquarters, Third squadron cavalry. "South Carolina—Troop A cavalry, company C engineers, field hospital. South Dakota—Fourth infantry. Utah—Second squadron cavalry, Tennessee—Ambulance company No. 1, field hospital No. 1, Virginia—Second infantry, Wisconsin—Second infantry Total, 25,243."

Eastern Plan Explained.

In making public the report the war department said: "General Funston has selected these organizations chiefly in accordance with the rule of return, they were troops longest in service on the border. To some extent, however, this rule could not be followed without undue weakening of the border guard, and the departures from it are so explained."

Merrymaking Marks Opening of New Year

Caucasians Mingle With Chinese in Observance of Old Custom. Manchurian Drama Is Being Given.

With Caucasians mingling freely with orientals, the Chinese New Year was officially welcomed at midnight last night by the usual merrymaking and a continuance of the Chinese play which began early in the afternoon. The Manchurian drama is being enacted at Arion hall, Second and Oak streets, by a company of 25 Portland players and will continue two weeks. The costumes are gorgeous and the music continuous. The purpose of the play is given for the purpose of increasing a fund for the Chinese Republic, to be expended for educational advancement. Portland hopes to raise \$5000 by the proceeds of the play. Prominent Chinese who are advancing the interest of the drama are Mrs. S. Wing, Chin Ting and Luen Sang.

NEW BILLS IN HOUSE

H. B. 177, by Douglas county delegation—To regulate fishing in Umpqua.

H. B. 178, by Sweeney—To regulate automobile headlights on highways.

H. B. 179, by Mackay—Making technical correction in wording of statute as in code.

H. B. 181, by Mackay—To make summons in court action returnable in 60 days instead of on last day of term of court in code.

H. B. 182, by Corbett—Fixing six percent as legal rate and 10 percent as contract rate of interest.

H. B. 183, by Ashley—To provide for uniform prices on sale of contract goods.

H. B. 184, by Forbes—Empowering public service commission to investigate interstate traffic and present facts before Interstate Commerce Commission.

H. B. 185, by Barber—Regulating speed of trains at grade crossings.

H. B. 186, by Bean—Taxing gasoline one cent and distillate half one per gallon.

H. B. 187, by Bean—Providing for sale of gasoline by specific gravity of 58 per cent instead of 60 per cent.

H. B. 188, by Crandall—Extending mechanical lien over work done on irrigation projects.

H. B. 189, by Burdick—Fixing salary of school superintendent of Lake county at \$1500 per year and \$300 traveling expenses.

H. B. 190, by Burdick—Allowing water master traveling expenses.

H. B. 191, by Laurgaard—Establishing state highway commission and road code.

H. B. 192, by Sweeney—Empowering officials to accept head only of certain animals as basis for payment of bounty.

POSSIBLE RETURN OF HARPS BOY REVIVES POLTERGEIST MEMORY

Lad Created Sensation Here in 1909 by Exercising Alleged Super-Normal Power

DR. GILBERT SAYS "FAKE"

Medical Man Who Kept Boy Under Observation Tells Interesting Story of What Result Was.

Announcement made last night in Portland by a Spokane spiritualist, that Ernest Harps, whose manifestations in the realm of psychic were the sensation of 1909, will return to demonstrate his "powers" in Portland, has renewed interest in the boy's adventures.

Gilbert Tells of Boy.

Notice that the return of Ernest Harps was to be staged brings the following letter from Dr. J. Allen Gilbert, who has kept the boy under observation since the fall of 1909, when remarkable poltergeist powers were attributed to him by reason of the strange things that happened in his grandfather's home on Marshall street. He was 11 years old at the time.

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"It is now announced that a new view of Ernest Harps, the psychic medium, whose apparent connection with the spirit world aroused considerable comment in Portland seven years ago, has been promised by a spiritualistic medium, who has engaged to give a series of lectures on the subject. In view of this fact, it might be well to review very briefly the occurrences referred to in the announcement.

"At the time of the occurrences, Ernest Harps, a boy of 11 years, was living with his grandparents on Marshall street. The phenomena in question occurred October 28, 1909, and created great excitement in the neighborhood. The house was thrown into utter confusion by what seemed to be supernatural agencies. Great crowds were immediately attracted to the house, and the services of a policeman to clear the house of curious onlookers. To get Ernest away from the throng he was removed to his mother's home, where he remained for a few days, hidden away from the throng of people eager to see him.

Boy of General Interest.

"Some saw in him a wonderful medium. Others desired access to him to 'take the devil out of him.' The various cuts saw in him a verification of their pet beliefs. Being deeply interested in psychic phenomena or anything giving evidence of so-called supernatural manifestations, I suggested that Ernest and his grandparents come to our home for a while to give a public demonstration of their powers. Some were genuine 'poltergeist' phenomena. Take your choice. I am convinced of the first or second, after a long and thorough investigation ending in a practically complete confession.

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WORK OF AMERICAN AMBULANCES WILL BE TOLD BY PECHKOFF

Adopted Son of Maxim Gorki to Address Two Portland Audiences.

Mrs. Helen Ladd Corbett has been requested by the New York committee of the American Ambulance to be sponsor in Portland for the appearance here of Lieutenant Zinovi Pechkoff, a member of the French legion or honor and an alumnus of the American Ambulance hospital, who is lecturing throughout the country in the interests of the American Ambulance.

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A committee of prominent New York men is financing his tour. He will arrive in Portland Monday, January 29, and will speak at a dinner that evening to the men at the University club. Tuesday afternoon he will speak at Mrs. Corbett's residence in Sixth and Jefferson streets to the women. Invitations for this latter event are being sent out today.

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In no single case was Mrs. Gilbert able to catch him in the act and yet circumstances were such that there is no doubt of things which I described. The things that happened. Anyone wanting first-hand evidence can refer to the detailed report cited above.

Was Caught Once.

"Nothing ever happened when I was present once he was caught by Mr. Thacher, while at the Valley hotel. Twice he was caught by inmates of the hotel; once while pulling the table cloth, and another time while he was once upsetting a chair. In this instance a mirror was his undoing, as the whole process was seen in the act. The mirror was set up setting two chairs, throwing hat and gloves on the floor and other minor things, to all of which he confessed when confronted with the mirror evidence.

"He was fond of playing checkers, and frequently different members of the household would entertain him in this way. Only once did I catch him in the act. Ernest, when playing, though I know absolutely that he did so a number of times. Others caught him often, but rarely in the act.

"Being so thoroughly convinced of Ernest's dishonesty and trickery in many of the phenomena, and having enough data to defend myself in the opinion, one Sunday, which I described, in the presence of Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Gilbert and myself, I faced Ernest with the list of contradictions and mis-statements he had made. At first he denied being included, so as to make the author of anything at all.

"Boy Admitted Trickery. "Seeing that I knew more than he thought I did he admitted having done some of the things which I described. After inconsistencies and contradictions, he finally admitted having done numerous other things. Cornered still further by his own contradictions, he finally admitted doing all the things at the Marshall street house, except two. In the beginning of our talk I had foolishly said that some of the things I was unable to explain, mentioning these two as examples. Possibly, if I had not admitted that I was unable to explain them, he would have confessed to them at once.

"From his contradictions regarding them it is practically certain that he did them. My own thoughtlessness probably accounts for these two things being included, so as to make the confession complete. Three weeks later he explained in detail how he did the various things. In describing how two chairs were dropped, he gave me his characteristic laugh and said, 'It scared Uncle George pretty nearly to death.' I said, 'Were all the dishes that fell where you could reach them?' He said, 'Yes, and dropped his head as if half ashamed. His deprecations entailed considerable loss.

"At the close of the conference I said to Ernest, 'Well, you surely had them fooled all right.' He said with a grin of boyish satisfaction, 'You bet I did.'

Three Explanations Possible.

"For those who question his confession I can see but three possible ways of explaining the phenomena: 1. Ernest did them all himself without supernatural agency. 2. He had a confederate. 3. Some were genuine 'poltergeist' phenomena. Take your choice. I am convinced of the first or second, after a long and thorough investigation ending in a practically complete confession.

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Well Known Musician Dies.

Gustav C. Timm, an oldtime well known musician, as his father before him, died at his home, 175 Twelfth street, on January 20, of typhoid fever. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mae Timm, of this city; a son, Walter, now in a hospital at Denver, and a daughter, Mrs. George Esplin, of Seattle, Washington, Mr.

Mrs. Luckey's Funeral Tuesday.

The funeral services of Mrs. Eunice Waters Luckey will be held at the Holman parlors, Third and Salmon streets, Tuesday at 10 a. m., and interment will be in Riverside cemetery, Rev. R. Dyott officiating. Mrs. Luckey was born in Massachusetts, December 28, 1852, and is survived by her husband, James Clinton Luckey, of 560 Elm street, and a daughter, Mrs. Harold E. Gilbert of this city. Mrs. Luckey had been a member of the First Congregational church in this city for 23 years and was one of its best known communicants.

Mrs. Wickersham's Funeral.

Funeral services were held this afternoon at the Erickson parlors for Mrs. Elvora P. Wickersham, who died at her home, 161 Schofield street, on January 19 at the age of 59, after a long illness. Mrs. Wickersham was born in Indiana and had resided in Portland for the past six years. She is survived by two daughters, one of whom is Mrs. June E. Boderfer of this city.

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T. M. Rogers died at his home, 621 East Washington street, on January 21, in his sixty-ninth year, as a result of two strokes of paralysis, the first suffered about two and a half years ago. Mr. Rogers was the proprietor of the Willamette Stove Works a number of years ago, and afterwards was in the real estate business. He was widely known among business men in this city. He was a member of Milwaukee assembly, United Artists.

Mr. Rogers was born in England and came to this country when a young man. Surviving him are Mrs. Mary Jane Rogers and 10 children, Anna R. Mary Jane, John S. Fred J. Robert E. Thomas M. Sarah M. Lila H. Urbane O. Milder A. and Robert E. Rogers, all of Portland. The funeral will be held at the residence establishment of J. P. Finley & Son, Fifth and Montgomery streets, Tuesday afternoon at 4 p. m., with interment at Lone Fir cemetery.

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