

SALE OF FIRE HORSES AND PURCHASE OF MOTORS IS PROPOSED

Commissioner Bigelow Devises Way to Secure Cash to Increase Salaries.

WILL SAVE FOOD EXPENSE

Foodstuffs Cost Has Increased 75 Per Cent and Motor Apparatus More Expensive, Official Claims.

In addition to abandoning some of the fire stations to get sufficient funds to increase salaries in the fire bureau and give the men more time off duty, C. A. Bigelow, commissioner of public affairs and head of the fire bureau, proposes to sell many of the horses and equip present apparatus with motors.

Bigelow declares the motors can be purchased with the money derived from the sale of horses and the money paid for feeding and their care. The motors would be small and attached to the apparatus in the suburban districts.

There are 91 horses in the bureau. Just how many would be sold has not been determined. Bigelow says that with horses feed increased 75 per cent during the past year, the waste of foodstuffs to confound using all of the animals.

Bigelow says that the motor apparatus can cover more territory than horse drawn apparatus and reach the scene of a fire more quickly, therefore fewer stations will be needed.

Bull Run Dam Inspection
John M. Mann, commissioner of public utilities, and officials of the water bureau left this morning for Bull Run lake to view progress work on a dam being constructed across one of the arms of the lake to conserve Portland's water supply. The work is being done under the direction of Ben Morrow, assistant engineer of the water bureau. The party will return to Portland Monday night.

Early Closing Is Proposed
All pawn shops and second hand stores will be required to close at 7 o'clock night except Saturdays, and those preceding holidays, if the city council adopts an ordinance prepared by Mayor Baker. The ordinance was requested by June and second hand dealers and is to be presented to the council Wednesday.

Will Provide Free Fuel
The Central Door & Lumber company has offered the city the use of its shavings, chips and sawdust to be used in heating its buildings. The material is to be given free of charge provided the city does the hauling. The offer is to be considered by the council next Wednesday.

Blood Named Designer
Henry F. Blood, structural engineer of the bureau of building for five and a half years, becomes a designer on the new grain elevator for the commission of public docks. Blood was laid off in the reduction of forces in the department of city works and immediately accepted the new position. He begins his new work immediately.

HIGHER CAR FARE IS SOUGHT IN PETITION OF RAILWAY COMPANY

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City of Portland has as yet not indicated its position.

The public service commission appraised the street car company property December 31 at \$18,371.55. The minimum rate of return to which the street railway company is entitled, it is asserted, is 6 per cent of the valuation, or \$1,102.02. The company's revenues for the 12 months ended June 30 were \$2,787,856.

During the same period, it is declared, operating expenses were \$2,050,481, taxes and franchise fees, \$205,428, bridge tolls \$66,627 and depreciation, on the schedule fixed by the commission \$360,060. This left a net operating income of \$369,298. The net operating income for 1916 was \$369,298, less an estimated net operating income of \$1,650,481 during the year previous.

In round figures, the street car company believes that its operating expenses during the present fiscal year will be 15 per cent greater than during the one ended June 30, 1917. Gross operating income for the present year is estimated as \$2,206,023, with the net operating income as \$413,793. This is asserted will be \$1,309,999 less than a return of 6 per cent on the street railway valuation.

Eight Hour Day Asked

It is further asserted that for 30 years employees of the company have worked on a ten-hour day basis. These trainmen have now presented a petition for an eight-hour day and for increased pay. If these things are granted, it is asserted, it will mean an increase of \$800,000 annually in operating expenses. Even should that increase be 15 per cent as estimated, says the petition, the annual net earnings would still be more than \$1,500,000 less than a minimum return of 6 per cent on the valuation.

Rate Readjustment Sought
The petition prays for readjustment of the existing rates to give the com-

pany the 6 per cent net income sought after the usual expenses have been met and the demands of the men for more pay have been granted. The petition is signed by Franklin T. Griffith, president of the company.

While this petition is on its way to a public hearing the study of the effects of the eight-hour basis is still going on. Division superintendents of the company and the executive committee of the streetcar men's union are figuring out the best division of runs possible. Meetings are being held daily.

When writing or calling on advertisement, please mention The Journal.

Lyric Theatre Opens Sunday

Sept. 2, in the big musical comedy.

"Money to Burn"

25 people in the cast, featuring Ben Dillon and Al Franks. Doors open at 8 p. m.

(Adv.)

Native of Germany Serving America in War on the Kaiser

Ernest L. Beck, one of the chiefs of Battery B, Oregon, is a native born, a German, and until he was 15 years of age was reared in Germany and never spoke a word of English. The Kaiser was loyal to part with the law as he would have been of military age in two years more, but his parents brought him over some how and made an American citizen of him. When the call came to go to Mexico young Beck went last year with Battery A and this year offered himself in the Washington National Guards, but on account of his birth was turned down. The regular army medical officers passed him, but again the words "born in Germany" let him out. "I felt I was as good an American as anybody else," said Beck, "and so I came down to Portland again and by honorable discharge enabled me to get under the Stars and Stripes with a gun once more. I am glad to be in Battery B, and would like to meet up with the Kaiser in France and this year offered mine, believe me."

PACIFIC NORTHWEST FARM PAPER BOUGHT BY WESTERN FARMER

Combination, It Is Declared, Gives This Section Really Big Journal Long Needed.

The purchase of the Pacific Northwest farm paper by the Western Farmer, the largest farm journal on the Pacific Coast, was announced this morning. The two papers will be published under the name of the Western Farmer. Phil S. Bates, publisher of the Pacific Northwest, will not be connected with the new publication, but the officers will be E. E. Faville, editor; D. L. Carpenter, business manager; and A. W. Starnes, director of publication. "This combination," said D. L. Carpenter, "gives to the Pacific Northwest territory a really big farm journal which is something the field has long needed." The Western Farmer, which already has a circulation much larger than any other Pacific Coast farm paper, will now reach more than half the farm homes in the entire Pacific Northwest, comprising Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Western Montana and Northern California.

The Western Farmer was established in Spokane 17 years ago, and was acquired by E. E. Faville, the present editor, eight years ago. Mr. Faville was formerly editor of Successful Farming, published at Des Moines, Iowa, and known as the largest farm journal in the world.

Services Today for Episcopal Rector

Last Rites Said at Santa Rosa for Rev. William Edward Potwine, for Many Years Pastor at Pendleton.

Funeral services will be held today at Santa Rosa, Cal., for Rev. William Edward Potwine, rector of the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation, Rev. Mr. Potwine, who died at the age of 61 years, for 25 years engaged in religious work, and was a member of some 10 years in the St. Elizabeth mission to the Chinese at Honolulu.

The funeral services will be in charge of Rev. W. S. Short of Bonanza, Cal., who was a lifelong friend of the minister.

Rev. Mr. Potwine died of acute influenza, a native of Connecticut and is survived by his wife, a son aged 9 and a brother and sister.

Helen Jantzen
The funeral of Helen Jantzen was held this afternoon from the J. P. Finley chapel, with services later at the Portland crematorium. Helen Jantzen was drowned at Corbett, Or., Sunday, August 26. She was 7 years old. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl C. Jantzen, reside at 345 East Thirty-fifth street.

Laura Norene Berry
The funeral of Laura Norene Berry, the little girl drowned at Westport Thursday, was held at the J. P. Finley chapel this afternoon. Interment will be in Milwaukee cemetery. Her parents, Captain E. H. Berry and wife, reside at 433 East Burnside street. Mrs. Jane Burns Albert sang several appropriate hymns at the services.

John Stevens
John Stevens died this morning at his home, 401 Cook avenue, in his sixty-fourth year. Mr. Stevens was a native of New York state and a resident of Portland for 20 years. He was employed in the water department of the city for 16 years until a few months ago. Mr. Stevens is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ella Stevens. Mr. Stevens was a member of Rose City camp, Woodmen of the World. Funeral arrangements are in charge of R. T. Byrnes.

Sarah Elizabeth Nye
The funeral of Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Nye, aged 62, and a native of Rhode Island, was held in Corvallis, Wash., this morning. She died in Portland Thursday following a long illness. She is survived by a son and daughter. R. T. Byrnes had charge of the funeral arrangements.

Minam Fire Under Control
Baker, Or., Sept. 1.—The Minam forest fire, which crossed the divide from Velvick creek to Clendenning creek Thursday night, and threatened to cross the Eagle river divide, was under control late Friday afternoon, according to a report from Supervisor Barnes. The blaze near North Powder, which threatened the La Grande water supply, also, is believed to be practically under control, although the direct work has been received since early Friday afternoon. Indications were that the situation was much improved.

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ENGINEERS TO DECIDE ON CLOSING LOCKS OR POSTPONING OF WORK

Money on Hand and Crew Employed; All Might Be Lost if Work Is Deferred.

FREIGHT BUSINESS HEAVY

Channel Deepening Will Require That Locks Be Closed for Six Weeks. Notice Can Be Given.

The secretary of war and the chief of United States engineers will decide whether the Willamette river locks are to be closed while the channel in the locks is being deepened from 3 to 8 feet, or whether to defer the improvement and keep the locks in operation for the accommodation of river traffic.

The officials were asked by telegram by the district United States engineer, H. H. Johnson, to decide the question. The river transportation interests say that a great volume of products will be handled during the next few weeks and that serious injury may be caused by stopping steamboat transportation.

Crew Already Employed
On the other hand, the government has the money now for the improvement and the sum might be diverted to other projects if the work is not done this year. The men are now employed for the labor and if the crew is allowed to scatter the labor situation in another year might make it difficult to go on with the improvement then.

The equipment is on the ground, and it might be carried to other projects or dismantled if a year's delay were ordered. The work must be done sooner or later if river transportation interests are to be served, the engineers point out, and the sooner it is done the more positive and immediate will be the benefits.

Weeks Closing Necessary
It was stated today it would not be necessary to close the locks for more than six weeks, and that at least two weeks' notice would be given if it is decided to go ahead with the improvement.

The 1250-foot wall constructed in connection with the improvement of the locks at Oregon City has just been completed, according to report made by Resident Engineer H. H. Johnson. The wall, which was built by the Bureau of Reclamation, is in charge of the improvement.

**Forest Fire Raging
IN MT. HOOD COUNTRY
DOES LITTLE DAMAGE**

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and barren ranges to reach the reservoir and Supervisor Sherrard of the Oregon National forest said any damage there was out of the range of possibility.

The fire is also a considerable distance from Rhododendron Inn and the other resorts of the upper Sandy river valley. A number of Portland people who have summer homes just inside the Oregon forest, near Zigzag ranger station, became nervous and left their homes Friday, but the houses are still in no danger.

The high wind, which was the cause of considerable anxiety for the fire fighters Friday, had died down this morning. It places the fire swept into the tops of the trees, becoming what are known as "crown" fires. These were small in extent, however, and did not sweep as crown fires usually do.

A large band of sheep running in the country along Clear creek where the fire started was said to have been driven out of the fire zone safely by drovers taking them over to the Salmon river banks, where there is scarcely any timber.

Foresters Still Anxious
The forest service people were still seriously concerned about the fire in the Bridal Veil Lumber company's upper camp on the south side of Larch mountain. This blaze caught the full sweep of the fire zone and was burning over in the logged off zone about the buildings and along the railroad of the upper logging camp. This fire, should it get a good sweep, might easily pass into the fire zone safely.

The boundary of which is a short distance away, with only a shallow valley and some low hills intervening. It was reported, however, this morning that the fire was more under control because the wind had gone down. The lumber company has 200 men fighting the flames. The fire is particularly in areas that was burned over two years ago.

Washington Situation Serious
Seattle, Wash., Sept. 1.—U. P.—Warmer weather and a brisk westerly wind in the eastern part of the state made firefighters redouble their efforts last night to subdue numerous fires which are burning in logged-off lands and in commercial timber.

Chief Fire Warden G. S. Joy of the State Forest fire association said today that the situation was more serious now than it had been in several weeks, and that he feared that before Sunday some of the fires which were announced under control several days ago would break out again.

Alsea Fire Under Control
Corvallis, Or., Sept. 1.—Forester John Hyde reported the fire on the Alsea mountain under control, but says the danger is not yet passed. The main fire has been almost extinguished, but there remain several smaller fires which are being watched to prevent spreading.

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Police Ordered to Wage War on Open Mufflers in City

Chief of Police Johnson has issued an order instructing the patrolmen to wage a campaign against automobiles and motorcycles that travel with their mufflers open and to round up the chauffeurs who are robbing war gardens.

According to Chief Johnson, complaints against both of these violations of the anti-noise law have been numerous and he will make an effort to stop them. From reports coming into police headquarters the war garden robbers operate around midnight until 4 or 5 o'clock in the morning.

In the future autoists and motorcycleists violating the anti-noise law will be arrested.

BOOKS FOR SOLDIERS WILL BE ASSEMBLED AT CENTRAL LIBRARY

Portland Has Been Selected as One of Two Centers for Conducting Work on Coast

To act as a collecting and distributing center for books for soldiers, Portland has been selected as one of the two points on the coast, Los Angeles being the other western city, and nine others located throughout the east. All libraries in Oregon, Montana and Washington, which may be regarded as auxiliaries or substations will ship their collections to Portland. The only exceptions being Seattle and Tacoma from which points shipments will be made directly to American Lake.

Thirty-five thousand volumes are needed, and the variety wanted runs the entire range, with the exception of religious books. None of those are asked for because so many will be sent anyway.

Those who have no books are asked to send money to Mary Frances Isom, librarian at Central library, or to the library phone numbers are Main 1366 and A-5579.

Auto Victim Lies Unconscious on Cot

Edwin Joslin, 375 Second Street, Hurt by Own Car While Struck by Driver Not Yet Identified.

Edwin Joslin, an engineer of 375 Second street, is at Good Samaritan hospital in an unconscious condition as the result of an automobile collision at the intersection of the coast highway at the West Portland school building.

Joslin was taken to the hospital last night after being run over by a car who did not give their name. According to their account of the accident Joslin attempted to pass them at the intersection of these roads. They did not hear his approach and turned sharply to the right, crashing into Joslin's machine, turning it upside down. Joslin was burned on the left side by boiling water from his radiator that was broken, besides severe scalp wounds and bruises on his eye and face.

Mrs. Joslin said her husband had been out in the country on business and was coming home when the collision occurred. Joslin's condition is considered serious.

Pastor's Wife Dies After Long Illness

Mrs. E. O. Eldridge Passes Away at Age of 57; the Funeral Will Be Held at Mt. Tabor M. E. Church.

Mrs. E. O. Eldridge, wife of the pastor of the Mount Tabor M. E. church, died Friday at her home, 1807 East Stark street.

The death of Mrs. Eldridge followed an extended illness of several months' duration. Arrangements will be made to have the funeral Monday at the church at East Sixty-first and Stark streets.

Mrs. Eldridge was 57 years old and was born in the southern part of Maryland. She came to Oregon seven years ago with her husband and lived the last three years in Portland.

Her husband and a daughter, Mrs. Charles Hernline of Roseburg, Or., survive.

Department of Home Economics Created

Mr. Newberry need not suffer pangs of the stomach any longer for a public day and night have been set aside to direct housewives in cooking arts and more particularly in the proper way of conserving food and arranging meals.

Miss Edna Groves, supervisor of domestic science in the public schools, will have charge of the department of home economics, taking it over from the office of W. B. Ayer, federal food commissioner.

So anything housewives wish to know in the way of regulating food and cooking can be learned from Miss Groves. "So many people are thinking of nothing but canning and preserving foods just now that they have forgotten the important feature of meal arrangements," she said.

Friday and last night, and during the entire day and night, hundreds of residents were kept busy fighting the flames away from their homes. An urgent call was sent to Oregon City last night to a report from Supervisor Barnes. The blaze near North Powder, which threatened the La Grande water supply, also, is believed to be practically under control, although the direct work has been received since early Friday afternoon. Indications were that the situation was much improved.

Fire in California
San Bernardino, Cal., Sept. 1.—(U. P.)—The worst forest fire in the San Bernardino mountains in six years is raging today and on appeals to the Santa Fe railroad and other big corporations to furnish men will depend whether men will be drafted as in a former fire when the government forced men to the fire lines.

CHICAGO BANDIT HEAD CONFESSES HIS GANG KILLED MESSENGERS

Statement Involves Other Suspects Now Under Arrest for Robbery.

Chicago, Sept. 1.—(U. P.)—Following announcement today that Edward Wheeler had made a full confession regarding the Winslow Brothers payroll robbery and murders, Deputy Police Chief Westbrook announced that the alleged ringleader of the bandits had been arrested. He is Charles "Buck" Benton, the police announce.

Wheeler, who stood off 250 policemen for two hours in his mother's home Thursday, calmly confessed that he led the gang of automobile bandits who robbed Winslow Brothers' company of nearly \$9000 and killed two express messengers.

The confession, according to the police, involved "Charlie the Cadet" Carroo and named Guy Ascutto and another man as occupants of the murder car.

In the face of Wheeler's statements Carroo stubbornly denied his guilt through a long night of examination. Wheeler asked John Ryan of the detective bureau for a cigarette, then a match and as Ryan asked if he was ready to talk about the Winslow job, Wheeler said:

"I will. Why not? I was in that job, all right. "He added, pointing to the next room where Carroo was held. "He'll swing for just the same as I will."

When Carroo heard of Wheeler's confession he said:

"Why, Wheeler must be crazy. That's all wrong. You can't get me to talk anyway. Go as far as you like with your court case. You've got it on me, I guess, but I'm not going to squeal."

Deschutes-Crook Division Case Ends

Bend, Or., Sept. 1.—The old quo warranto case, filed last December to check the division of Deschutes from Crook county, was placed safely in its grave Friday with the handing down of a decision by Circuit Judge T. E. J. Duffy, overruling a demurrer to the answer to the complaint, filed by District Attorney H. H. Dearmond for Deschutes county. The anti-divisionists are unable to take the next step, the filing of a reply, because the withdrawal of the private complainant, Gus E. Stadie.

Stock Rustlers to Be Hit

Bend, Or., Sept. 1.—In an endeavor to formulate plans to check rustling on the upper Deschutes river, Deschutes county stock men will meet in Bend Saturday with the county court, the district attorney and the Division of Forestry and Game officials. Prevention of the pollution of streams by stock will also be taken up.

High Price Paid for Sheep

Bend, Or., Sept. 1.—Thirteen dollars a head was the price paid here Friday by A. E. House of Ontario for sheep from the Deschutes river. The sale was made by William Nelson and W. K. McCormack of Bend.

War Correspondent Will Make Address

Frederick Villiers of the Illustrated London News, the only war correspondent who has been in service on both the French and British fronts, will speak Wednesday evening, September 12, in the Hailing theatre, on "What I Saw With Joffre." The proceeds will go to the Red Cross.

Mr. Villiers not only was with the allies in the present war, but has seen most of the fighting in all campaigns for the last 45 years and consequently knows by experience the whole battle from the first to the last. He has made sketches of the troops in action on the famous front on France and Flanders and will illustrate his lecture with more than 100 of them. They are recognized as authoritative and vivid.

I. W. W. Released to Join Hospital Corps

Governor Withycombe this morning signed papers pardoning Herman Smith, an I. W. W., who was sentenced to 45 days on the rockpile by Judge Rossmann. Smith had served about two weeks of his sentence. At the time of his trial in municipal court Smith uttered serious remarks against the United States, its army and the government in general.

Smith's pardon was petitioned by Deputy District Attorney Deich, so whom Smith wrote a letter apologizing for his utterances and asked that he be given his freedom to join a hospital corps in which he had enlisted previous to arrest.

Meteorologist to Go On Inspection Tour

A. H. Thieszen, meteorologist of the weather bureau, will leave Monday on a trip to Marshfield, Eugene and Salem, where he will inspect weather bureau branches and plan changes in the service.

At Marshfield he will install Mrs. D. L. Rood as special weather observer, to take the place of E. Osling, who has resigned. He goes there first. At Eugene he will go to Hendrick's bridge over the McKenzie river, about seven miles from the city, to install a new river gauge. At Salem he will install a gauge on a new bridge crossing the Willamette.

Coffins of waterproof cardboard, to which the lids are attached with glue, are a European invention.

Horseshoer Injured By Vicious Animal

Equine Which Had Just Come From Ranges and Which Had Not Been Broken Attacks John Schroer.

A wild horse that objected to being shod struck with its forefoot John Schroer, an employee of the Grand Avenue stables, Wednesday afternoon. The man sustained a compound fracture of the arm.

The horse had just been brought in from the range and had never been broken. Schroer led the animal across the street to the blacksmith shop of Dahl & Son to have it shod. As the blacksmith started working, the horse rose on its hind legs and struck out with its forefoot. One of the flying hoofs struck the stableman on the arm.

He was taken in an ambulance to Good Samaritan hospital. He was 27 years of age and has been in the employ of the Grand Avenue stables at 20 Grand avenue for three weeks. He came to this city from Iowa.

MAN ARRESTED AND TWO SUITCASES OF LIQUOR ARE SEIZED

J. Richardson, Former Boat-swain of S. S. Breakwater, Taken Into Custody.

J. Richardson, formerly boatswain of the steamer Breakwater, was arrested by deputy sheriffs as he stepped off the train at Rose City from San Francisco with two suitcases of liquor in his possession.

Shortly after his arrest Richardson admitted he had two trunks on the train, one containing whiskey and the other containing two suitcases of liquor in his possession.

The authorities are jubilant over the capture of Richardson. He was arrested on the charge of violating the liquor law and secured an acquittal before a jury in the district court.

Richardson, the officers say, is the prize "packer" of all the bootleggers operating in this city. His two trunks, containing the whiskey, were lined with excelsior and in addition the shipment was broken.

The prisoner will be turned over to the federal authorities on charges of having violated the statute regulating the shipment of contraband goods between states.

Reference to Kaiser by Man Named Schreiber Resented by Court.

"It will be easier for the Kaiser to lick the allies than for you to get the nickel out of me," was one of the sentences Herman Schreiber wrote in a letter to his wife, which was seized by the National bank. Other things written in the letter were the cause of his arrest and his trial before United States District Attorney Judge Wolverton on the charge of sending obscene literature through the mails. He was fined \$50 and warned to be careful in expressing himself in the future.

Two Wives Seek Divorce

Suit for divorce was filed today by Julia Sharpe against J. F. Sharpe. Helen Osborn asks for a divorce from Russell Osborn on the grounds of cruelty and non-support. Osborn is 20 years old.

Damages Are Sought

Sarah Berlant has filed a personal injury suit against the Portland Railway, the light of power company asking \$10,000 damages.

Steel Employee Arrested

John Gentry, an employee of the Northwest Steel company, was arrested this morning by Deputy Constable Gloss on a charge of statutory assault.

Breach of Contract Charged

The Duncan Lumber company has filed a breach of contract suit against the Willapa Lumber company, seeking to recover \$15,700.

CONTRACTOR GIVES UP PAVING JOB WHEN HE CAN'T OBTAIN CARS

Canby-Hubbard Work Waits; Bids to Be Received on O. C. Route to South.

Owing to the inability of the contractor to secure railroad transportation for material, the state highway commission has cancelled the contract for paving 10 miles of the Pacific highway in Clackamas and Marion counties between Canby and Hubbard.

The contract cancelled was awarded July 22 to the Oregon Harsam Paving company on a bid of \$155,954.

In lieu of the contract which has been cancelled, the highway commission has called for bids for 10 miles of paving in Clackamas county alone, beginning at Oregon City and going south. The bids will be opened Tuesday at a meeting of the commission in Portland. It is proposed in the immediate future to call for bids for a 10-mile section in Marion county.

Oregon's Wheat Men May Not Get \$2.20

W. J. Sommerville of Umatilla County Sees Price Sliding on Account of Grading and Freight Rate.

That Oregon wheat growers will not get \$2.20 for their wheat, but something more nearly \$1.75 in the average was the assertion today of W. J. Sommerville, pioneer wheat grower of Umatilla county, who is registered at the Imperial from Pendleton.

The \$2.20 price is for No. 1 northern hard wheat, the very best American grade, in the Chicago market, said Mr. Sommerville. "In the first place, most of the Oregon wheat will not grade up that high. The average will be very little No. 1 wheat and most of it will run second, third and even fourth grade. There will be a slight differential on