

U. P. ASKS COUNTY HIGHER RENT FOR HARRIMAN BRIDGE

Commissioners May Lose Structure Unless 50 Per Cent Increase Demanded Is Granted.

Demand for an increase exceeding 50 per cent in the annual rental paid by the county for the use of the upper portion of the Harriman bridge was made to the county commissioners in a special meeting this morning by C. E. Cochran, corporate counsel for the Union Pacific.

The increase asked involves \$23,548 a year, the railroad companies asking \$1,416 as compared with the former rental of \$48,885. The old contract terminates January 15, and a new adjustment must be made by that time or satisfactory proceedings begun.

The contract was entered into January 15, 1915, and provided for the rental for one year. The agreement gave the county the option of renewing at the same terms annually for five years. The five year period is now up, and the railroad companies declare they should receive a higher rate.

BRIDGE IS NEEDED
As the county has no supervision over the railroads, it is possible that unless a satisfactory settlement is reached, the railroads may decide to convert the span into a privately operated toll bridge. With the Burnside and Morrison street bridges in bad condition, this would greatly hamper traffic.

The county commissioners seemed to consider that the increase is not unreasonable, and J. P. Newell, consulting engineer, was directed to go over the figures.

The figures include: A 4 1/2 per cent interest rate on the \$206,414 estimated as the original cost of building the upper span, an amount to cover annual replacements and depreciation, the life of the bridge being figured as 70 years; an amount to cover maintenance, and taxes.

FIGURES SUBMITTED

Figures submitted by the corporations are as follows:
Annual interest at 4 1/2 per cent, \$40,328.65; annual replacements and depreciation charge, \$7513.49; annual maintenance, \$10,189.00; annual taxes, \$13,875.22; total, \$71,416.34.

Police Search for Reckless Driver; Car Crashes Into Pump

Police are looking today for the driver of a motor car bearing Oregon 1920 license 35994. A warrant charging him with reckless driving was issued after H. Rich, 1249 East Twenty-second street, reported that the unidentified driver had damaged his car.

Shortly before 1 a. m. today, the unidentified driver knocked over a gasoline pump in front of a garage at Washington and King streets.

Only a few minutes later, he crashed into Rich's car, which was parked in front of the White Lunch, Washington between Fourth and Fifth streets. His machine jumped upon the sidewalk and then sped away. Patrolman Willett saw the latter accident and obtained the license number.

A Texas plumber is the inventor of a hand operated tunneling machine for laying sewer pipes without digging trenches.

PORTLAND STUDENT AT STANFORD WINS PRIZE



Herschel L. Driver

An honor was accorded to a Portland student at Stanford university, California, when Herschel L. Driver, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Driver of this city, received one of the Hoover fellowships, which were offered to graduates in the school of mines.

Driver was graduated from Washington high school, Portland, in February, 1914, after having finished the Latin course, according to H. H. Herdman, principal.

The fellowships each pay \$600 a year, covering two years. Both donors are former graduates of the Stanford mining department. Professor Hoover, in present the head of that branch of the university.

Reorganization of O-W. System Will Bring Many Changes

Reorganization plans have again been tentatively arranged for the Union Pacific system, although no definite announcement of who is to be the successor to Gerrit Fort, passenger traffic manager, or whether the office of traffic manager on the O-W. is to be maintained has been made.

This statement was made by Frank W. Robinson, traffic manager of the O-W., who returned Monday evening from a reorganization conference in Omaha, Robinson, who was recently selected as freight traffic manager for the system when it returns to private control, expressed the opinion that the changes contemplated were of vital interest to the entire railroad world.

"Carl Gray, president, and H. M. Adams, vice president in charge of traffic, will visit Portland early in February—probably during the first week of the month," said Robinson.

"No conclusion has been reached as to whether the position of traffic manager on the O-W. will be continued, but assurance has been made that William McMurray will continue as general passenger agent and H. E. Lounsbury as general freight agent of the O-W."

Leg Broken In Collision

J. O. Kubo, aged 36, a Japanese, was taken to St. Vincent's hospital with a broken leg this morning, suffered from a streetcar hit his machine on East Thirteenth street. Kubo lives in Milwaukie.

MRS. RENO ASKS FOR PAYMENT ON HOLBROOK POLICY

Feminine Business Partner of Man Found Dead at Multnomah Club Files Suit for \$10,000.

Suit for recovery of \$10,000 from the Western Union Life Insurance company of Spokane was filed in the circuit court this morning by Mrs. Jennie G. Reno. She alleges the sum is due her on a policy taken out by James B. Holbrook, which named her as the beneficiary.

Holbrook was found dead in a locker room of the Multnomah club on February 17, 1919, from a revolver wound. There was no official coroner's inquest, but in the opinion of Coroner Smith, Holbrook died from self-inflicted wounds. The insurance company is said to have refused to pay the policy, maintaining that it did not pay funds on policies taken out only a short time before death by suicide.

The policy was entered in favor of Mrs. Reno, according to M. L. Holbrook, brother of the dead man, to protect certain interests which Mrs. Reno and Holbrook had in common. The former Mr. Reno had been a business associate of Holbrook's, it is said.

The decision will rest largely upon the question as to whether Holbrook's death was accidental or suicidal, attorneys say. A revolver he was known to have been carrying was found beside Holbrook's body.

C. E. and George Cochran have been retained as counsel by Mrs. Reno. An attorney fee of \$2000 is asked in the complaint.

USES CIGAR CUTTER FOR GUN

Court Dismisses Alleged Assault Case, Involving Girl and Ring.

Lovers' quarrels, coupled with the most approved movie style of gun-play, were completely aired in Judge Bell's district court late Thursday afternoon, when Lloyd Grimshaw, 22, who lives near Gresham, was called upon to answer charges preferred by a girl, Elwood, of the same vicinity.

Grimshaw was charged with handling a dangerous weapon in a threatening manner. According to the testimony, Grimshaw had given a ring to a girl, who, apparently not reciprocating his sentiment, lent it to Elwood, who wore it.

The result was immediate. At 10 p. m. about a week ago Grimshaw stopped the automobile in which Elwood and the girl were riding and pulled out a "revolver." Among the prospects he is said to have promised Elwood was that of hanging his skin over the fence.

Grimshaw's arrest followed. At the trial he produced a cigar-cutter shaped like a revolver, which he said was the weapon he had used to threaten Elwood. The case after giving the lad a reprimand.

WIFE FIGHTS DIVORCE SUIT

Mrs. Hunt Testifies in Own Defense; Husband Is Plaintiff.

Mrs. Dorothy Hunt began her defense in the divorce action started by C. R. Hunt, shortly before noon today, in Judge Gatens' court. Mrs. Marjorie Hunt, who is the plaintiff, had lived with the couple for six months and that during that time Mrs. Hunt had done all the washing and that Hunt had been abusive and cruel.

The 7-year-old child for whom the contestants are fighting played around the courtroom during the trial, making friends with the judge and the witnesses and smiling impartially upon all.

Hunt, who is manager of a produce commission house and a member of the Multnomah club, is suing for a divorce on the grounds of cruelty.

U. S. AND GERMANY ARE STILL AT WAR

State Department Notifies All Diplomatic Agents Treaty Ratification Does Not Matter.

Washington, Jan. 16.—(U. S. N. S.)—The state department has issued circular instructions to all diplomatic and consular agents notifying them that the United States is not affected by ratification of the peace treaty and that our relations with Germany stand as under the armistice.

The state department in connection with this announcement made public a note sent to the German government notifying it of the status of the United States after the ratification of the peace treaty.

Learns Brother Drowned
Vancouver, Wash., Jan. 16.—When F. W. Robinson of Oregon City arrived at the auditor's office Thursday afternoon, with David F. Jennings and Nellie Rubie, for whom he acted as witness in securing a marriage license, he learned that his brother, George Robinson, had been drowned in Silver lake, near Oregon City. The message was given him by County Auditor J. L. Garrett.

MALE and FEMALE

Starts Tomorrow
Orchestra
Matinee Daily

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Rossman Loses to Pearl Howell and Her Hard Reasoning

Pearl Howell, colored, was a tired traveler. She taxied from Nineteenth and Flinders to the Golden West hotel, on Everett street, seven blocks away, she told Judge Rossman in police court today.

The fare, \$2.40, she thought too much. She claimed W. L. Loendorf, driver, 70 cents, but this he denies. "If you had a dispute over the fare, why didn't you drive to the police station to have the difficulty settled?" queried the court.

"Well, if he charges \$2.40 to ride seven blocks, how much would he charge to take me the other way?" she asked.

She paid the \$2.40 in court and was allowed to go her way.

GOODA BYE, JOHN, SINGS ALL U. S. A.

Red Eye, Alias J. Barleycorn, Is Finally Deported From American Shores.

By David M. Church

Washington, Jan. 16.—(U. S. N. S.)—Another "red" is being deported today. At midnight he will be sent from American shores while thousands of his friends bewail his departure. "Red eye," alias "John Barleycorn," is the only deportee who is nationally mourned today.

"Prohibition goes into full force at midnight," said Prohibition Commissioner Kramer today in solemn tones. "We are neither hanging crepe on the door nor running up the flag. Our job is to simply carry out the laws which Congress has passed."

Attorney General Palmer's brief remarks at the departure of "John Barleycorn" were unceremonious.

"There is no longer any liquor question in America—that is settled," said the attorney general. "The prohibition law looks just like any other law to the department of justice."

Search for Work Is Vain; Penniless Man Takes His Own Life

W. C. Green, aged 65, committed suicide in his room at 112 North Sixth street today after vain attempts to get work that would provide money for his needs.

When found Green was sitting in a chair near a window with the rifle with which he shot himself lying near by.

A note addressed to "the authorities" declared Green had sought vainly for work and that he was without money. "I would not beg or steal, and am leaving no debts but \$5 due for room rent," he wrote. Personal effects, the note suggested, would be placed in the hands of the coroner.

Admiral Sims Would Have Senate Abolish All Naval Decoration

Washington, Jan. 16.—(U. S. N. S.)—Abolition of naval decorations was favored by Admiral William S. Sims, who appeared before a senate naval affairs sub-committee today as the first witness in the investigation of the naval awards controversy.

"If the government could see its way clear to wipe out the whole business and start clean, I think a majority of the service would be pleased to see it," he said. "However, that is only my own opinion. The whole business always led to trouble. I saw this coming and tried to head it off."

Sims denied that personal pique was responsible for his criticism of Daniels. "It was because I believed traditions of the service had been violated by changing the recommendations," he said.

Sims declared that commanding officers should have authority to promote and recognize heroism on the spot. He sought this reform, but appeals to Daniels were fruitless, he said.

Charges against Daniels do not contain any flavor of insubordination. Some of them involve only what is believed to be mistaken judgment," he said.

Benjamin Willets, A Native of Iowa, Came Here in 1856

Benjamin Willets, 66, a native of Cedar county, Iowa, died Wednesday at his home, 1072 East Alder street. He had resided in Oregon since 1876. He had suffered from partial paralysis for a number of years. He is survived by his wife and two daughters, Mrs. Decia V. Willets of this city and Miss Edna V. Willets of Seattle. Funeral services were held at the First Presbyterian church this afternoon, Rev. L. M. Booser officiating. Burial services were in Mount Scott cemetery.

Victor K. Strode
Victor K. Strode, a well known attorney of this city, died this morning at his residence, 867 Kelly street, aged 67. He was born in Illinois and resided in Portland since 1878. Strode is survived by a widow and two sons, Charles J. and Victor W. Strode of this city. Funeral services will be held at the residence Monday at 2:30 p. m., and final services will be in Riverview cemetery.

John T. McKee
The funeral of John T. McKee was held this afternoon at the Finley chapel, Rev. H. H. Griffith officiating, and final services were at the Portland crematorium. McKee died Wednesday at 58 Everett street at the age of 58. He came to Portland in 1891 and continued to practice law until his death. Two sisters are Mrs. J. H. McKee of Middleton, Idaho, and Miss Marie L. McKee of this city. Henry P. McKee of this city is a brother.

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READERS RUSH TO COVER IN RESERVE BANK SITUATION

Responsibility of Federal Board to Financial Markets Realized, Says Writer; Future Brighter.

By Broadan Wall

New York, Jan. 16.—The federal reserve bank situation remained unchanged Thursday and the professionals who had raided the stock market in expectation of any advance were forced to cover. The advance resulting from this covering movement was as sharp as some of the recent breaks.

In the midst of this short covering there was also some very good buying for long account. Many investors had hesitated to buy because they distrusted the loyalty of the federal reserve board. That board demonstrated its loyalty by refusing to make a further assault on security markets.

The fact that the reserve board seems at last to realize its responsibility for the financial markets, makes it possible to consider the stock market seriously for the first time since November.

LIBERTY BONDS SAFER
It is unfortunate that a raid on the people's investments has been permitted, but that is all past now. The damage has been done and it will bring nobody any money to weep over it. The reasonable thing to do now is to look to the future and to take for granted that the reserve board is sincere in its present attitude of loyalty to the people.

Liberty bonds are safer now, as are all other securities. It is possible that a constructive campaign may be carried on in Wall street as the preliminary to a great international reawakening of trade. The greatest commercial campaign in the history of mankind is about to be undertaken and it cannot be undertaken with a panicky condition in the stock market. The people will not put their money into bonds, stocks or acceptances from abroad while they see their own securities falling under the assaults of professional traders who are encouraged by official action of governmental boards.

Christmas Sales of War Savings Stamps Footed \$3,000,000

Christmas sales of War Savings Stamps and Treasury Savings certificates amounted close to \$3,000,000 in the Twelfth Federal Reserve district, according to a report made public by Theodore Hardee, director of the war loan organization for the district. The estimate is based on the heavy bank sales for these securities, which alone amounted to \$872,800 for the period embraced between November 26 and December 31. Postoffice sales, as yet unreported, will swell the total sales somewhat where near the estimate, in the opinion of war loan officials.

The 1920 sales of government securities have started off well. The government is stressing the advantages of investment in Liberty bonds at their present prices and advising persons, especially small investors who have some ready money, to snap up the bonds, which are selling at various figures somewhat below par, not because they are worth less than the face value plus accrued interest, but because temporarily there happen to be many of them thrown on the market by speculators who are forced to liquidate assets. Financial experts are agreed that, with a short time every issue of Liberty bonds will not only reach par but no doubt bring a premium.

Yakima Road Bonds Placed in Portland

Yakima, Wash., Jan. 16.—Yakima county commissioners yesterday placed with the Lumbermens Trust company of Portland \$170,000 worth of Yakima bonds, which are a second installment of an issue of \$420,000 voted last year.

The bonds are a second installment of an issue of \$420,000 voted last year. The Portland company with an option to take the remainder. The securities bear 6 per cent interest, but they were purchased at par plus 1 per cent, and the company pays the accrued interest to the date of delivery and the net is something like 5 per cent.

Bank Officers Elected

The Dalles, Jan. 16.—The First National bank of this city has elected the following directors for 1930: E. M. Williams, E. O. McCoy, L. Barnum, B. K. Kelly and Henry Teal.

LIBERTY BOND SALES

	Open	High	Low	Close
Liberty 3 1/2	99.90	99.16	98.90	98.90
Liberty 1st 4 1/2	101.10	101.16	100.90	100.90
Liberty 2d 4 1/2	92.98	92.98	92.90	92.90
Liberty 3d 4 1/2	93.90	93.92	93.46	93.46
Liberty 4th 4 1/2	91.26	91.40	91.18	91.18
Victory 3 1/2	98.92	98.92	98.84	98.84
Victory 3 1/2	99.90	99.92	99.86	99.86

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Corrected daily by foreign department of United States National bank.
Opening nominal rates for bank transactions:
London, pounds sterling, \$ 8.60 1/4
Paris, francs, 11.57
Berlin, marks, 13.33
Geneva, francs, 13.60
Copenhagen, kroner, 17.70
Stockholm, kronor, 19.30
Hankow, local currency, 96.50
Yokohama, yen, 49.90

PACIFIC COAST BANK STATEMENT

	Clearings	This Week	Year Ago
Monday	\$ 6,862,472.17	\$ 6,975,440.10	\$ 6,722,943.32
Tuesday	5,545,360.53	4,279,750.83	4,279,750.83
Wednesday	6,619,237.12	5,100,225.12	5,100,225.12
Thursday	6,177,738.10	5,352,546.94	5,352,546.94

GOVERNMENT BONDS AND INVESTMENTS

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION BONDS

TO YIELD
FROM 4.90% TO 7.15%
INVESTMENT SECURITIES
FULL PARTICULARS SENT
UPON REQUEST

G.E. MILLER & COMPANY

GOVERNMENT
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