

COMMISSIONERS IN TILT OVER PARK PURCHASING PLAN

Pier and Mann Clash, and Ordinances Are Held Back; Delegation Urges New Playground.

Commissioners Mann and Pier engaged in a lively verbal cross-fire this morning in the city council over park purchases which resulted in the holding over of both Pier's ordinances to start condemnation proceedings on the Buckman tract, back of Benson Polytechnic school, and the property bounded by East Seventeenth, Twentieth, Taylor and Belmont, until the entire program of park acquisitions is presented to the council.

"I object to this piecemeal method of acquiring park sites. Let's place all park purchases before the entire council and apportion the money that should go to each tract," said Mann in opposing proceedings on the central east side tract.

Every time a tract has been considered you know about it," fired Pier. "I presented my whole program to the council some time ago."

Mann asserted that Mayor Baker was in favor of placing the entire matter of park purchases before the council, while Pier retorted that the mayor had expressed an entirely different opinion to him some time ago.

"Before we go any further we should decide on a definite program of purchase," said Commissioner Bigelow.

"I want to know the assessed valuation of these tracts," interrupted Mann. "I want to know what we are doing."

Pier said he would gladly submit the list to Mann to clear the matter and get some action on park sites that are being considered.

DELEGATION MAKES PLEA Twenty-five delegates appeared before the city council this morning urging the city to purchase a 10-acre tract adjoining the Franklin high school as a future playground and park site for the district.

E. E. Gilmer, representing the South Mount Tabor Community club, said that the club was heartily in accord with the petition presented to the council signed by over 250 residents of the district asking the purchase of a reasonable price could be secured.

Assurance was given by Pier that the council would view the tract in a body within the next 10 days with the idea of including it in the program of purchases if a satisfactory price could be agreed upon.

Saucy to Divorced Wife George Bauer doesn't believe in receiving birthday tokens from his divorced wife. He sent her a caustic note recently for acknowledgment. It fell into the hands of postoffice inspectors. He pleaded guilty today in the federal court and paid a \$100 fine for sending obscene matter through the mails.

W. G. Steel Leaves Medford Position For Eugene Post

Medford, Feb. 11.—Will G. Steel, secretary of the Medford Chamber of Commerce for the past year, has announced his resignation to accept the position as secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of Eugene. He was just recently elected secretary of the Medford chamber. Steel will retain his position as superintendent of Crater National park.

While the Eugene secretaryship pays him more money than the one here, he makes the change solely because his daughter, Miss Jean, will attend the U. of O. The chamber directors here volunteered to meet whatever salary was offered him by the Eugene chamber, but he declined to remain here.

Kooker Leaves O. A. C. For Extension Work With College in Iowa

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Feb. 11.—W. J. Kooker, a 1918 graduate in pomology, has left for Ames, Iowa, where he has accepted a position in the extension department of the Iowa State college, assisting in horticultural demonstrations. Since graduation, Kooker has been connected with the division of horticulture, having had charge of the college orchard and having served as instructor in the pomology department.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Feb. 11.—W. J. Kooker, who took his M. S. in agriculture at O. A. C. in 1918 and who has been in the service since that time, has been appointed training assistant with the rehabilitation division of the federal board for vocational education, with headquarters at Seattle.

Planes Crash Over Kelly Field; Both Aviators Are Killed

San Antonio, Texas, Feb. 11.—(I. N. S.)—Lieutenants Harry W. Brokaw and Harry D. Smith, army aviators, were killed Tuesday when their planes crashed to the ground after colliding 2000 feet in the air at Kelly field. Lieutenant Smith, whose home is in San Francisco, was flying a German Fokker and Lieutenant Brokaw was flying a British pursuit plane. Both aviators had served overseas. Lieutenant Brokaw's home was in Barberton, Ohio.

Returned Soldier Buried at Union

Union, Feb. 11.—Funeral services for Archie Low, a returned soldier, were held here. He spent 18 months overseas and was in five different engagements. He lost his life as a result of being gassed while in action, having never recovered from the effects of the gas.

Flu Epidemic on Wane

Washington, Feb. 11.—(I. N. S.)—The influenza epidemic has reached its peak and is now receding all over the country, according to reports to the public health service this afternoon.

14 WISE MEN AND TRUE RELISH BIT OF FUN OFF DUTY

Jurors in Centralia Murder Case Make Merry in Their Own 'Cell' After Spending Day in Court.

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outing with boxing gloves and that some of the agile ones are not adverse to dancing a hornpipe.

A blue haze drifted down through the marbled halls from the perpetual smoker, and all the subjects that ever concerned Grays Harbor county, save this one most important of all topics, are discussed in booming voices of the thumping, big, deep chested woodmen and ranchers and laborers who make up this jury.

One would think they would be grave and silent with the responsibility of 11 men's lives on their hands, but if the thought is there, it is put away in the hours when the defendants do not sit across the courtroom, facing their in constant reminder.

CONFESSOR WILL BE READ TO JURYMEN

By Fred H. McNeill (Over The Journal's Special Lead Wire) Montezuma, Wash., Feb. 11.—Guns of the prosecution will be turned full force upon the 11 men accused of murder in the Centralia shooting. Wednesday, when the alleged confessions of Loren Roberts will be introduced in evidence.

This much was admitted last night by W. H. Abel, special prosecutor, who said that the decks are now clear for the direct introduction of evidence tending to link the defendants with the actual killing of Warren O. Grimm, one of the four victims of the quadruple tragedy of Armistic day.

Bit by bit the prosecution yesterday built up its foundation. Guns said to have been used were identified and placed in evidence, gunfire marks were again described, and shells, empty and loaded, were shown. Description of gun pits on Seminary ridge, whence many shots are said to have been fired, were given.

BOTH KINDS OF BULLETS

Late yesterday afternoon Dr. D. A. Scace of Centralia hospital described the wounds that caused the deaths of Warren O. Grimm, Ben Casagrande and Arthur McElfresh, as well as the injuries of some of the other victims, who survived.

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Counsel for the defense then asked that Hanson be held as a witness for the defense, and Judge Wilson directed the witness to hold himself in readiness for another call.

FOUND SHELLS ON RIDGE

John Dikworth, Centralia ex-soldier, was the first witness of the afternoon. He identified a rifle as having been found in the rear room of the Centralia I. W. W. hall.

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Student Smokers Don't Make Grade, Declares Principal

Walla Walla, Wash., Feb. 11.—Principal H. W. Jones of the Walla Walla high school announced following the awarding of medals to eight students for high scholarship last semester that the average grade of all of the boys in high school who smoke cigarettes was 72.7 per cent, on the basis of a 75 per cent passing grade. As against this he pointed to an average grade of 83.3 per cent for all of the boys in the high school who do not smoke.

DENIES DEATHBED CONFESION

Later, on cross-examination, Attorney George F. Vanderveer, for the defense, asked the physician if he had not told Vanderveer a short time ago, when the latter was in Centralia, that Grimm, in the opinion of the doctor, had been dead for some time, and that he had no doubt that he was his own fault.

FOUND MURDERER DEAD

"In what condition did you find Arthur McElfresh?" asked Assistant Prosecutor C. D. Cunningham, who was conducting the examination.

HOTEL OWNER TESTIFIES

The total number of empty shells admitted, indicating the shots fired from Seminary ridge, was 19. One loaded shell was also entered by the prosecution. Testimony in regard to all of these only came out yesterday.

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Hands Off in Myers' CASE SEEMS VIEW

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Nothing to Consider

Senator Rankhead, chairman of the committee, is quoted as having taken the position that there is nothing before the senate that could be considered, and is difficult for local observers to see how the Myers case will get into the senate until the name of his successor is sent in by the president for confirmation.

RECESS SELECTION POSSIBLE

Myers, if he can get his case before the senate at all, will be there for a hearing on his dismissal by the president and ordered because of the adverse findings of at least two investigations made by the postal inspector's department.

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