

RUSH MATERIALS FOR HIGHWAY WORK, ORDER OF STATE COMMISSION

Contractors Warned of Pending
Car Shortage and Possible
Delays in Shipments.

Salem, Feb. 19.—In order to avoid any delays in highway construction work during the coming season because of inability to secure shipments due to the car shortage, all contractors on state highway construction are being urged by the state highway department, in letters going forward this week, to begin at once the shipment and storage of materials in anticipation of their needs for the coming season. To encourage this course, the state highway commission at its last meeting authorized the state highway engineer to estimate material up to 75 per cent of actual cost to contractors at the storage pile and to include the same in the contractors' monthly estimates. Contractors who fail to take advantage of this warning of the pending car shortage and who fail to complete their contracts within the working season for this reason will not be granted extensions of time, but will be subject to the full penalty provided, the letter states.

Permission to cross a street in the town of Beaverton with a spur track was granted to the S. P. & N. railroad in an order issued by the public service commission Wednesday.

R. A. Harris of Salem, formerly in charge of the voters' registration department in the secretary of state's office, is back in the United States, after 16 months' service with the American

forces in France as a Y. M. C. A. secretary, according to a letter received by Governor Olcott from headquarters of the association in New York city. Harris' record in France is highly praised by the association.

Fred G. Buchtel, public service commissioner, was in Portland Wednesday in conference with representatives of the Portland Traffic association and the Willamette Valley Lumbermen's association relative to the car shortage situation in this state. Buchtel, as chairman of the state commission, has made repeated appeals to the federal railroad administration for relief, as the situation is causing serious loss to lumber mills and other industries. Repeated promises have so far failed to materialize and further efforts toward securing the needed car supply are planned.

The public service commission has set February 27 as the date for two hearings in the city of Tillamook, one affecting an application for a highway crossing at Juno and the other relative to an application by the Union Oil company for a spur crossing in Tillamook.

Persons Talking to Car Motormen May Be Fined in Salem

Salem, Feb. 19.—Talking to the motormen on streetcars in the Capital city will be made an offense punishable by fine or imprisonment if an ordinance introduced at Monday night's session of the city council is enacted into law. The practice of talking to the motormen on Salem's one-man streetcars, diverting his attention from his duties, it is claimed, has been responsible for many of the accidents in which the cars have played a part, and the street railway company wants the law as a club over the heads of the chronic offenders.

With 46 spaces reserved for exhibition purposes, the second annual auto-

mobile show, which opened Wednesday in the armory, bids fair to stand out as the biggest exhibit of motor vehicles ever attempted in the Willamette valley outside of Portland.

\$800,000 Involved In Power Site Deal Along Santiam River

Salem, Feb. 19.—The development of 6511 horsepower at Niagara, on the North Fork of the Santiam, involving the expenditure of \$800,000, is involved in an application filed with State Engineer Capper Wednesday by Charles J. Schnabel of Portland, asking for permission to appropriate \$60 second feet of water at that power site on the Santiam. The power so developed would be used for the development of electricity for power and lighting purposes, the application states. It is not expected that Schnabel contemplates immediate development of the project, but that he is merely tying up the power site pending further developments against the time when this site will be in demand for power purposes.

A license was granted by State Insurance Commissioner A. C. Barber to the Oregon Auto Underwriters, Inc., as attorney in fact for subscribers at the Oregon Auto Indemnity Exchange of Portland.

\$40,000 Bond Issue For Water Projects

Salem, Feb. 19.—The organization proceedings of the Enterprise Irrigation district of Klamath county are held to be valid and in due form, in an opinion rendered by Attorney General Brown, Tuesday, for the guidance of the state irrigation securities commission. The irrigation district has made application to the commission for the certification of a \$40,000 bond issue, and an opinion on the legality of the district had been sought for before passing on the application.

Silas J. Tracy, Old Time Coast Printer, Is Dead at Livesley

Salem, Feb. 19.—Silas J. Tracy, 74, pioneer printer, whose experience includes "sets" on most of the large metropolitan papers on the coast, died at his home at Livesley station, south of here, Tuesday, from influenza. He came to Oregon as a young man. He was a veteran of the Civil war. For 44 years Tracy had made his home at Livesley. He is survived by four sons and six daughters, as follows: Charles A. Tracy and Edward G. Tracy of Portland, James Tracy and Albert Tracy of Salem, Mrs. W. M. Shoemaker of Seattle, Mrs. Kate Albertson of Oakland, Mrs. L. F. Lindsey of Dallas, and Mrs. O. E. Erickson and Mrs. Evelyn Betts of San Diego, Cal. Funeral services will be in charge of the I. O. O. F. lodge here Saturday afternoon.

Owners of dogs in the capital city have been called to meet tonight for the purpose of effecting an organization with a view to protesting "against the conflicting statutes regulating the keeping of dogs in his state." More than 50 persons had signed the petition of protest calling for the meeting up to Wednesday evening.

Methodist missionaries assigned to work among Indians of the Northwest assembled here Wednesday at the first conference of its kind in many years. Missionaries and district superintendents are present from Idaho, Washington, Montana, Nevada, Oregon and California.

Olcott to Appoint Simon Benson Again

Salem, Feb. 19.—Simon Benson of Portland will be reappointed by Governor Olcott as a member of the state

highway commission when his present term expires, March 30, according to a statement given out by the executive offices Wednesday afternoon. Benson was named as a member of the original commission immediately after its creation by the state legislature in 1917. Benson is the only remaining member of the original commission.

Boys Make Escape From State School

Salem, Feb. 19.—Edward Dunn and Clarence Bland, each about 17 years old, escaped from the state training school here at about 2 o'clock today. They took their departure under cover of fog when one of the institution's employees, under whose direction they were unloading slabwood, relaxed vigilance. Dunn was committed to the school for demolishing furniture in a farmer's home in Grant county after limbing from a bottle of the absent householder's cellar stock.

Lebanon Councilmen Elect City Officers; Park Board Created

Lebanon, Feb. 19.—The city council Tuesday night elected the following city officers: City marshal and street superintendent, J. R. Green; night watchman, D. J. Frank; city health officer, Dr. R. L. Wood. An ordinance was passed creating a city park commission and the following board was named: Chairman, Bert A. Millspaugh; J. C. Mayer, S. P. Bach, D. Cormier, Albert Wilson, Dr. J. G. Gill and A. M. Reeves.

A second death from flu occurred when Ralph Cole, aged 22, died, Frank Bishop, aged 32, son of pioneer residents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bishop, was the first.

Mrs. Earl Luckey Of Eugene Is Dead After Flu Attack

Eugene, Feb. 19.—The first death indirectly from influenza occurred here Wednesday, when Mrs. Earl Luckey, aged 80, died from pneumonia, brought on by influenza. Besides her husband, she is survived by a small son and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson of Cottage Grove. Double funeral services were held this afternoon, as Warren H. Luckey, father of Earl Luckey, died Monday at the age of 74.

J. A. McLean, chairman of the Lane county Democratic central committee, is being urged to announce himself as a delegate at large on the Democratic ticket for the national convention in San Francisco. He has been prominent in county politics for a number of years, but has never held office.

U. Students Form Life Saving Corps At Eugene, Salem

University of Oregon, Eugene, Feb. 19.—A branch of the American Red Cross life-saving corps has been organized at the university, with ten men and six girls qualifying for membership. The men are Joe Hedges, Stuart Barager, Allan Carson, Sard W. Weiss, James H. King, Glen R. Hyde, Austin Hazard, Frederick Howard, Albert Capp and Newton Langerman. The girls are Jeanette Moss, Dorothy Reed, Helen Nelson, Valerie Coffey, Marion Nicolai and Emily Vearle. In case of a mill race accident these people will be called on either for rescuing purposes or to resuscitate the victim.

Willamette University, Salem, Feb. 19.—In a public testing demonstration held here Tuesday in the Salem Y. M. C. A. tank, Commodore Wilbert E. Longfellow of the life-saving corps of

the American Red Cross passed upon eight young men as capable of receiving the Red Cross life-saving award.

Corey Is Named for Railway Committee

Salem, Feb. 19.—H. H. Corey of the Oregon public service commission has been named as a member of the committee on grade crossing and trespass on railroads for the National Association of Railway and Utilities commissions, according to information received here. Corey last year served as a

member of the utilities rate committee of the association, and succeeded in securing the adoption of the Oregon plan of rate making as the standard of the national association.

Store at Holman Sold
Vancouver, Wash., Feb. 19.—J. J. Bodey & Son of Holman have disposed of their general merchandise store to W. E. Stecher, relative by marriage and resident of that section. Bodey and his son operated the store for 11 years.

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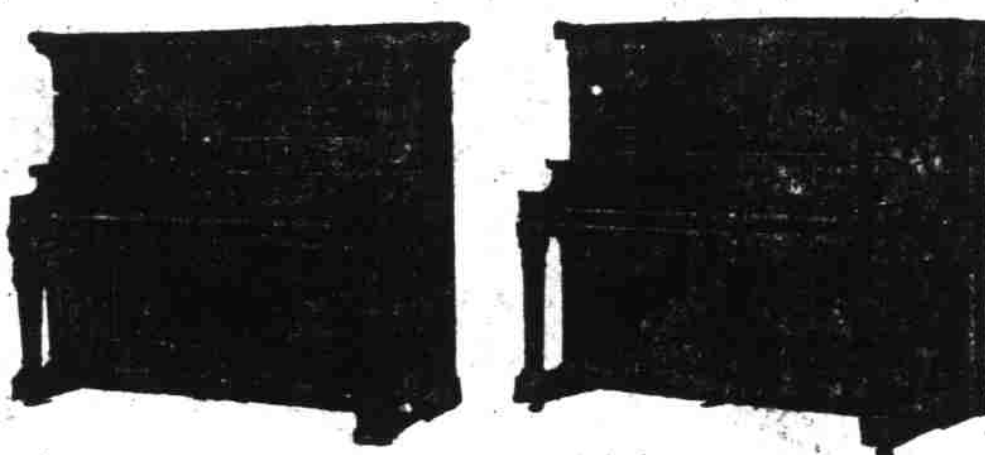
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