

COUNTY BUILDING ANNEX PLANS ARE STILL UNCERTAIN

Plans for erection of a one story annex in the light well of the court house, to cost between \$65,000 and \$100,000, seem more distant than a week ago.

Consideration of ways in which this money could otherwise be expended has been made by the county commissioners. Commissioner Muck has expressed himself as being opposed to constructing the building.

The whole matter is still a study, according to Commissioner Holman, and the third county official, Chairman Hoyt, has said the cost is chief factor.

SURVEY IS BEING MADE
Meanwhile the board has employed architects to survey the courthouse to change office space to find room otherwise. When the matter was first brought to light by The Journal, all the commissioners acknowledged that numerous organizations and persons were occupying space to which they had no right, but two commissioners contended that election of these would in no way solve the problem.

A recent survey shows that over 30 rooms are being occupied by organizations not connected with county administration. The entire seventh floor is occupied by the Northwestern School of Law. Seven rooms are being used by court reporters of various departments.

Part of Muck's plan is to partition large rooms into smaller alcoves for court reporters, to convert one floor into as large a room as the tax department needs, and to allow unconnected organizations to move elsewhere when the room is needed. It is proposed to convert the courtroom now used by Presiding Judge McCort into an assembly room for the county commissioners and transfer the judge to one of the two courtrooms now vacant.

TENANTS ARE NAMED
Among the organizations not connected with the county which are occupying rooms in the courthouse are: City school business offices, 12 rooms; public welfare bureau, 3 rooms; Oregon Humane society, 1 room; State horticultural board, 1 room; bureau of labor, 1 room; Parent-Teacher association, 4 rooms; public welfare bureau, 3 rooms; University of Oregon, 3 rooms; state grain inspection bureau, 1 room; state labor commissioner, 1 room; public service commission, 3 rooms; Oregon Congress of Mothers, 1 room; Northwestern College of Law, 1 floor.

A few of these organizations pay rent to the county.

WILSON AND HOOVER

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occasion, has been held back from appointing men who might not be confirmed by the senate, and has in one conspicuous case—that of Thomas D. Jones of Chicago—withdrawn a nomination for chairmanship of the federal reserve board.

The Colby appointment, however, is

not merely a personal choice, but it arouses the political ire of Wilson's opponents on Capitol Hill, who incidentally have been feeling none too pleased over the selection of Charles R. Crane to be minister to China, a post for which he started only to be called back home by Philander C. Knox, then secretary of state, and now an active foe of the president in connection with the treaty fight.

Speaking of political repartee, the nomination of Crane is hardly palatable to Republicans. Crane, however, has his revenge. He booted the Republican party after that incident and supported first LaFollette and then Woodrow Wilson, contributing to the campaign of both in the hope that either might win a party nomination on progressive platforms.

WANTS PROGRESSIVE MEN
When LaFollette failed to win, Crane threw his support to Wilson, and contributed heavily to the 1912 campaign funds. He could have been ambassador to any post in Europe. He declined to accept any such job. His readiness to take a diplomatic position of lower grade—minister to China—is therefore viewed as having some relation to his earlier choice for the post under the Taft administration.

The naming of two Progressive Republicans—Crane and Colby—means something else. So far as Woodrow Wilson is concerned, he is not going to stick blindly to his party any more. He will reach out for men of the progressive type in either party.

That, in itself, has raised the question of a possible support for the White House for the Hoover candidacy.

OPENS BANKS FOR HOOVER
In Georgia the other day they declined to let Hoover's name go on the ballot because they did not know whether or not he was a Democrat and they refused to send the former food administrator a letter of inquiry. But if President Wilson can take into the bosom of his official family, a progressive Republican of 1912, the Democrats who are connected with a man's present, and not past beliefs or affiliations, will be able to argue that the Democratic party can afford to accept into its ranks a progressive like Herbert Hoover.

This establishes an important precedent—or rather a weighty argument for the Democrats who have been enthusiastically booming Hoover for the Democratic nomination.

FEAR LOSING CANDIDATE
It is not known how friendly Hoover and Colby have been, but it is a fact that the former is intimately associated with Charles R. Crane. He is as much of a Democrat as either Colby or Crane. Therefore, if Hoover wants the Democratic nomination the incidents of the present week will help him more than anything else since his name began to be mentioned. Whether he is ready to tie up with the Wilson administration that has glossed over the acts of the ultra-conservative Burleson, whose progressivism is not of the same kind as that of Colby or Crane, is another question.

People here are beginning more and more to believe that Herbert Hoover will not hesitate to endorse the Republican nominee for the presidency if the latter happens to be a real progressive, and thus make it impossible for the Democrats to name him at their San Francisco convention.

END OF TERM NOT DULL
So it all depends on what happens at the Chicago convention, which is to be held at least a week earlier than that of the Democrats. And the appointment of Colby, prominent progressive, to so important a place as the secretaryship of state is being regarded as the opening gun in the fight for the large inde-

MASTER BUILDERS IN CONVENTION TO HAVE BIG BANQUET

A banquet in the Multnomah hotel at 6:30 p. m. will feature the gathering of Northwest master builders in convention here today and Saturday. O. G. Hughson, manager of the Builders' exchange, will be toastmaster.

The third annual meeting of the contractors opened at the hotel Thursday morning and will close with a smoker Saturday night at the Builders' exchange, Worcester building.

The program today included addresses on construction problems by Ellis P. Lawrence, M. W. Lorenz, Captain Frederick S. Cook and other local men. S. C. Erickson of Tacoma talked at the morning session on the value of vocational training to apprentices, and C. R. Aldrich of Seattle spoke on "The Contractor and City Affairs." Members and their friends were given a luncheon at the Chamber of Commerce at noon, where they were welcomed in a speech by H. B. Van Duzer, president of the chamber.

Following a luncheon given in the rose room of the Merger Frank store Thursday for the visiting women who are guests of the women's auxiliary, a meeting was held at the Multnomah hotel. Mrs. Jacob Tranchesi of this city was elected president. Mrs. John Chalmers of Tacoma secretary and treasurer, and a vice president from each city represented will be named.

In the evening a program was offered for the women visitors in the gold room of the Multnomah, including piano selection, Mrs. Isobel Houston, graduate; violin, Miss Katherine Jordan, accompanied by Marcus Leopold; readings, Miss Emily Spaeth; saxophone solo, Ted Yoder, accompanied by Miss Eugenia Craig, accompanied by Mrs. J. Harvey Johnson; violin, Miss Helen Creitz and Miss Agnes McCall; song, Miss Delma McMaster, Mrs. Johnson accompanied, and an interpretive dancing number by Miss Katherine Flint. The program was followed by cards and refreshments. Mrs. O. Wayman was in charge of arrangements, Mrs. Thomas Muir and Mrs. J. M. Dougan acting as hostesses.

Faces Serious Charge
Cornelius Heitman, 19, a streetcar conductor, was in jail Thursday in default of \$2000 bond, as result of his arrest on two charges of contributing to the delinquency of minors. It is alleged that Wednesday night he took two young girls to his home at 1201 Mississippi avenue. Parents of one investigated when she failed to return until morning. Heitman's arrest followed.

pendent and progressive vote which is not tied tightly to either party. Wilson may be a sick man but he is not avoiding trouble with congress. The Colby appointment has created as much furor as the choice of Louis D. Brandeis, another progressive Republican, who became a member of the supreme court. Whatever else may be said of the president, he is not allowing the last part of his term to grow dull or be kept off the first pages.

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Roof Fire Causes \$500 Damage to House and Goods

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The grocery store of M. Bernstein, 554 East Sixth street, was slightly damaged by fire, the estimate being \$50. The building is owned by Mrs. Anna Herold.

FEBRUARY TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS RUN HIGH

Portland traffic officers are worried over the record of automobile accidents that the month of February will show. They are full of anxiety over whether a returning increase in the number of smash-ups is to be ushered in with the coming of spring.

There were 63 accidents last Friday. This is not being placed on record as a single number ever recorded in a high day in Portland. Last Wednesday the grim total rose to 41, but 16 show of the high mark. This, in spite of the fact that the streets were kept clean by Lewis and his men since the beginning of the accident prevention campaign in November, causes them to wonder if their efforts have been in vain.

ACCIDENTS FROM WET STREETS
Slippery streets will come with the spring showers, and wet streets are the cause of many a smashup. More than two score accidents have resulted from skidding cars during the week of the last few months. Two collisions were reported in two days last week, in which slippery streets were declared to have been the cause.

But drivers know when the streets are wet, and when they are slippery. They know that automobile tires "skid on wet pavement. Would it be amiss if pilot regulations had been made to respond with the condition of the streets?

It is impossible, of course, to prevent skidding at 20 miles an hour, or 15 if the turn is being taken. But at intersections at four or five miles an hour on rainy days, drivers would avoid virtually every collision that results from skidding. Had water been in vogue, entering the intersection at Seventeenth and Gilsan at five miles an hour last week, little Gilbert Kuehlic would probably be alive today.

LACK OF CARE CONTROL
A machine was parked near Twelfth and Burnside last week. Another came along, attempted to turn as it neared the other, skidded completely around, and crashed into the parked machine.

Had the driver of the machine going north regulated his speed to conform with the condition of the pavement, there would have been no collision. Skidding was not the fundamental cause of the accident. It was lack of control of the automobile.

A driver piloted his machine rapidly into the intersection at Thirty-fourth and Division streets, where he was skidded 20 feet and smashed his car. "Ice pavement" is blamed for the accident. The driver would have avoided the smashup in all probability, if he had thought of the "icy pavement" before rather than after the crash.

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