

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 room.

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.

That, in itself, has raised the question of a possible support of 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 paused 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.

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.

Roof Fire Causes \$500 Damage to House and Goods

Sparks from a chimney were fanned into a fire on the roof of the residence at 812 South Williams boulevard. Engines 32 and 24 responded to an alarm and the fire was extinguished with about \$500 damages to building and contents. The house is occupied by J. A. Campbell and owned by G. W. Waterbury.

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 31 accidents last Friday. This is not being placed on a high number ever recorded in a single 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 and the 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 have been in vogue, 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 sharp, and going into 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 CAR 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 which 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, driving in a southerly direction, 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.

Another driver saw a streetcar halt 100 feet ahead. He skidded into it. "The ice coated street rendered me powerless to stop," he says. "Of course it did— at the rate of speed he was traveling. Machines seldom skid 100 feet at 10 miles an hour. And that is a high speed on slippery streets."

CUTTING CORNERS DANGEROUS

One of the frequent causes of accidents is "cutting corners," where motorists swing too close to the left curb intersection. "Cutting" has been so frequent at East Water street and Hawthorne avenue that Traffic Police-men Scott and Anderson measured the distance and set a marker in the center of this intersection. Within a short time Thursday they arrested 27 drivers for cutting around inside this marker. Municipal engineers had been expected to place markers at other corners, but they were not ready to do so until the method of their arrest. All, however, had pleaded guilty to the violation of the traffic ordinance.

Mrs. C. E. Warrens Sues for Divorce

Oregon City, Feb. 27.—Suit for divorce was filed Thursday by Josephine Warrens against Charles E. Warrens, charged with desertion. They were married in Portland June 9, 1917, and have two children.

Mrs. Warrens is a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Steel and is a sister of Mrs. James F. Ewing.

Lynn Weimer May Have Been Drowned

Police were notified today that Lynn Weimer, an employe on the municipal terminal dredging operations at St. Johns, had been missing since 5:20 o'clock and it was feared that he had fallen from the dredge and been drowned. Weimer had not been seen at his accustomed inspection of the pipe line. He lived in Burlington street, St. Johns.

Ewing Is Recovering From Long Illness

James F. Ewing, educational director of the First Presbyterian church, has so far recovered from his long and serious illness as to be able to take a trip to California. Mr. and Mrs. Ewing left Portland quietly Tuesday for Berkeley and Carmel-by-the-Sea, where they intend to remain a month or more until Mr. Ewing's health is fully restored.

HOOVER For President

Democrats friendly to the movement now on foot to place the name of Herbert C. Hoover on the ballot as a Democratic candidate for president may secure blank nominating petition forms by writing Oswald West, 500 Journal Bldg., Portland, Or.—Adv.

FEW ON HAND TO HELP GREAT WORK OF PISGAH HOME

"Where are my friends?" questioned "Mother" Lawrence of Pisgah Home colony, this morning.

"Don't they know our drive is on? Don't they know that without workers and without contributions further progress in our work is impossible? Don't they realize that good wishes alone won't finance us?"

Three hundred women had promised cooperation; 10 appeared for work. Campaign management and publicity organization had fallen short of impressing the unquestioned excellence and unselfishness of the work for the unfortunate at Pisgah home and Pisgah home colony.

DONOR STILL UNIDENTIFIED

One man, unknown, who had sent at Thanksgiving \$200 for a party of an anonymous contribution of \$100, Thursday. He had done more without pledge than those whose volunteer assumption of obligation to make the campaign a success is not being reflected in service.

"A prince of a man," was the name "Mother" Lawrence gave to the unknown.

Was unqualified permit from the city and enthusiastic endorsement from local organizations, it was suggested this morning that the campaign for funds need not fail and a good work need not stop because of the city's defaulting, if the time were extended and radical measures of reorganization applied.

Saturday will be tax day for the home, when citizens will be asked to give it. It will be the one big day for the solicitors working to raise \$35,000 for Pisgah colony as part of the "Old Folks at Home" week activities.

WAITING LIST FOR HOME

Mrs. Lawrence reports that she has had a waiting list for accommodation for some time past, and that this makes some action imperative. Almost every day applications come to Woodmere Old Peoples home or to the colony afar, for a place to live, for a place for some old persons to end their lives in happiness and comfort.

Headquarters of the campaign are in room 617, Gasco building, and workers are being sought to assist in the canvass or help with the big sale tomorrow should report there to Mrs. Louise Palmer Weber, campaign manager. Checks for the home should be made payable to C. Henri Labbe, treasurer.

SHIPPY EXPLAINS; LOVES FRENCH GIRL

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which had made our home so unhappy before I went overseas asserted itself. She accused me of having come home reluctantly. I tried to assure her that I had come home with the determination that if we could not live together happily we must separate. She became so angry at that, that she struck me with her fists.

TEACHER IN OREGON

"The day after our return to Kansas City I received a letter offering Madeleine a place as a French teacher in Oregon. I had written letters about her to the consular office in Paris, but nothing improper about our love for each other. I forwarded that letter to Madeleine and on the strength of it she got passports to America.

"On arriving in America, she knew what she had not known before, that she was to become a mother. That made it impossible for her to teach in a girl's school. No one met her in New Orleans, and she had no money, but I thought it was a good one. \$50 was stolen from a purse which she left in her room while she went to the dining room. That was the end of her money. She had to come to Oregon, so she came to Kansas City.

SICK BUT BRAVE

"The poor little girl was very sick, but still brave. Throughout all this trying situation, her bravery and sweetness have been my greatest comfort. All her life in this country had been lawful and honorable and she has encouraged me to fulfill every legal and moral obligation to my wife and son. I told my wife that, in view of our previous unhappiness, nothing I could ever do could make things right for her now, and begged her to let me do the one decent thing left for me to do, marry the French girl I have loved.

"Madeleine was as pure as heaven when I met her. Her love for me has been the most glorious thing that ever came into my life and though I greatly regret the sorrow this has caused others, I cannot be sorry for that love. It is ennobling and strengthening, and I feel that nothing I can ever do or be or suffer can be worthy of it. It is her intention and mine that we shall live honorably, for the sake of our coming child and never break the law; but, of course, it is our great hope that soon somehow, legally and honorably, we may be married and rear our child in honor."

On inquiry at various public and private schools in Portland no information was obtained as to the whereabouts of Shippy as a teacher has been secured. The office of the Portland City schools reports that no correspondence with such a person has been received, but that no application has been made by her for a position as instructor. In reply to the question at Miss Catlin's school, St. Helens Hall and St. Mary's academy, or any other educational institution in the city the answer has been the same.

COUNTY BACKS CITY HOSPITAL PLAN

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on Marquam hill immediately, so that it will be ready for occupancy by fall?" he asked County Commissioner Hoyt.

"We can't do it in a year or more," replied County Commissioner Hoyt. "It is a physical impossibility to finish it within six months," added Holman.

"Then, gentlemen, the city would like to know with how great a sum the county will stand back of us in the construction of the Kelly Butte hospital."

HOLMAN MAKES OFFER
It was at that point that the fire-works started. By reason of long practice, Holman was able to make himself heard above the rest.

"I am willing to underwrite the city not to exceed \$25,000," he said, "but I would like to couple with it a policy of elimination of duplication in the city and county bureaus."

"Wait a moment, gentlemen," put in Commissioner Hoyt, excitedly. "The city can get the money other places. The county has expenses of its own to meet. I am opposed to the plan of having the county build city buildings."

"I don't give a damn where you stand," asserted Mayor Baker politely, "as long as the other two county commissioners are with us. We don't want to ask favors of you gentlemen that we don't have to pay the expenses of."

"We are willing to lend it to you," replied Hoyt.

City Commissioner Barbur joined in. "If the city could borrow money we would have done it long ago," he declared. "The charter won't let us go in debt above our budget."

MUCK SUGGESTS IDEA

County Commissioner Muck entered in the argument for the first time and poured the gasoline on the fire with his opinion.

"We have \$65,000 in our budget for the erection of a one story annex to the courthouse," he stated. "Present estimates raise that sum to \$100,000. We can crowd some here and I am in favor of using at least part of this money for the hospital."

Commissioner Holman interrupted him with the declaration that the annex plan was still in the nature of a study, but he suggested the possibility of utilizing some of the other county funds.

Mayor Baker finally wound up the argument.

"We would like to know what the county commissioners will do, and then go," he said.

"I will support Holman's motion to underwrite the city," said Muck.

"The matter was thus decided. Hoyt gave a parting shot at the mayor by telling him he might be able to switch one of the other commissioner's viewpoints before time for definite action."

CONFERENCE ENDS PEACEFULLY

The conference broke up into units and numerous iron fists were held to blot out any rancor. Five sample bricks with which the county commissioners had providently provided themselves, remained in their corner, unused during the conference.

The early part of the meeting was given over to a discussion of ways and means. It was decided that it would be impractical for the county to build a small hospital on Marquam hill now, for such a building would cost at least \$180,000, was figured, and could not be completed in a year and a half.

The hospital being erected by the city at Kelly Butte is to be a permanent structure, and will house some patients. When the county finally decides to build a contagious disease hospital on Marquam hill, the Kelly Butte building will be utilized for some other purpose.

Dr. Mackenzie gave expert testimony to the boards as to the logical situation for the hospital and he pictured the ultimate great need for a hospital to rise on the Marquam hill site. At present the University of Oregon and the county hospital, which is in the course of construction, are the only buildings there.

SMYRNA, ADRIANOPLE, AWARDED TO GREECE

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The Turks should remain in Constantinople and the recent "de facto" recognition of the Turkish empire probably indicates that the allies have started a new policy in the east—one of conciliation. Something had to be done to meet the Bolshevik menace around the Caspian sea for Afghanistan, India, Mesopotamia and other British possessions or protectorates were gravely threatened.

First, apparently, it was decided to place the Turkish and thus avoid the danger of a rising in the rear, and, second, it seems as if an attempt had to be made to consolidate native opposition to Bolshevism in the Caucasus. The people there could hardly be expected to fight the battles of England if they were not recognized as worthy of independence.

RICH IN RESOURCES

Perhaps the most important of the new Caucasian nations is Azerbaijan. It is the only Mohammedan republic in the world. It has 5,000,000 inhabitants about the Caspian port of Baku. Although tiny in area, it is very rich in oil, cotton, tea and agricultural products.

From a political point of view, it stands out as a buffer state between Russia and the British spheres of influence in Mesopotamia and Persia. There can be little doubt that if Great Britain fights the Reds on the Persian border, as she may have to do by reason of her treaty with the shah, she will welcome the aid of 5,000,000 native troops in Azerbaijan. Likewise the recognition of this Mohammedan state ought to have a powerful effect on the Russian population of India, Syria, Mesopotamia and Arabia.

BRITAIN GIVES ADVICE

"All the British troops have been withdrawn from Baku," said the fat, pudgy little man who is at the same time president of the Azerbaijan peace delegation and provisional president of the republic, "but Great Britain continues to give us advice, through a high commissioner established in the capital. No other great power has a diplomat of equal rank among us. A French commissioner left Paris this very morning, but some time must elapse before his arrival. Italy is represented by a special military mission. The United States has only Colonel Haskell as representative to all the Caucasian countries."

"Are you making active preparations to meet the Bolshevik menace?" I asked.

"No," replied the president. "They are far away across the Caspian sea. Our most immediate enemy is General Denikin, who bitterly clings to the reactionary idea of a greater Russia. Fortunately, however, he is not very strong at present."

"What are your future political plans?" was my next query. "Do you wish to become a British protectorate?"

"By no means," came the answer. "We want to live free and untrammelled by any great power. We would like to form a Caucasian federation with Georgia and Armenia, but the latter country does not seem to take to the idea at all. Then in the distant future, perhaps, there may be a chance of union with Persia. Our religion, manners and customs are much the same as hers and the Persian language is similar to ours. The commercial connections between the two countries are strong. But for the moment, believe me, there is no necessity for such plans. All the world has need of our exports of naphtha, benzine, gasoline and crude oil. We are rich enough and capable enough to govern ourselves."

EXTENSIVE SALE OF TIMBER MADE TO EASTERN MEN

Purchase of approximately 130,000 acres of timber land in Klamath county at an early date by the Long-Bell Lumber company of Kansas City, is indicated in reports received from Klamath Falls. The tract is held by the Western Pacific Land & Timber company and is estimated to cruise three billion feet of merchantable pine timber valued at approximately \$10,000,000.

The Long-Bell company purchased 87,000 acres of timber land in northern Klamath county from the Booth-Kelly company about one year ago. This tract carries approximately 1,500,000,000 feet, and the Long-Bell company is expected to build mills in the vicinity

during the next two years, with an annual capacity of 300,000,000 feet.

The Weyerhaeuser interests recently disposed of 75,000 acres of fir timber in the Cowitz valley to the Long-Bell company for \$6,000,000. This is the largest timber deal recorded in the Northwest since the acquisition only by the Klamath county transfer.

Slayer Takes Trip To See Relatives; Now on Way Back

Salem, Feb. 27.—A. B. Foster, committed to the state prison here from Portland, September 16, 1919, for killing Laurence Goodell, a night clerk in a Portland hotel, and transferred to the state tuberculosis hospital for treatment January 6 last, left that institution Thursday night surreptitiously and went to Portland to visit relatives. Word was received from him this afternoon that he was on his way back to Salem.

Foster was a model prisoner at the penitentiary and had given no trouble at the tuberculosis hospital, where he had been employed at light work. He had at times, however, appeared despondent and seemed to brood over his troubles.

His original sentence called for one year to 13 months imprisonment, leaving only some five months yet to serve.

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