

\$65,000 LIMIT ON COURTHOUSE ANNEX IS URGED

Grand Jury in Favor of Economy
in Building Structure; Hospital
Condition Scored in Report.

Opposition to the expenditure of \$100,000 for additions to the court house by the board of county commissioners, is expressed in the final report of the February grand jury.

The report states that the \$65,000 provided for in the budget should be the limit, if the new annex is needed, and goes further by recommending that if possible, some of the waste space in the courthouse should be utilized, instead of building the proposed one story annex in the light well.

The action comes largely as the result of the statements of Commissioner A. A. Muck printed in The Journal, in which he asserted that he was absolutely opposed to the expenditure of such a sum for that purpose.

SUGGESTION IS MADE

The latest proposal in regard to changes in the courthouse so as to provide the needed additional room for the tax collecting department, is to have either the recording or the registration bureau of the county clerk's office move to rooms on one of the upper floors, and turn over the vacated space to Sheriff Hurlburt, tax collector. As each of these departments occupies one whole side of the courthouse, the room thus provided would be more than ample.

Definite action to readjust rooming conditions at the courthouse by requesting some of the organizations which are not connected with the county administration to move may crystallize during the coming week. The city school board, which occupies 12 rooms on the third and fourth floors, may be the first to receive orders to move.

HOSPITAL CONDITIONS SCORED

In the final report submitted to Presiding Judge McCourt, the grand jury stated further:

"We feel that the criminal laws are too often invoked to collect bills, that there is a general looseness in checking up the financial responsibility of purchasers of second hand automobiles, thus affording irresponsible people an opportunity to become owners of machines for which they do not intend to pay."

"The hospital facilities of the county are in a deplorable condition, and immediate steps should be taken to provide facilities for handling contagious diseases."

Baching at U. Out Of Date; Economy in The Other Direction

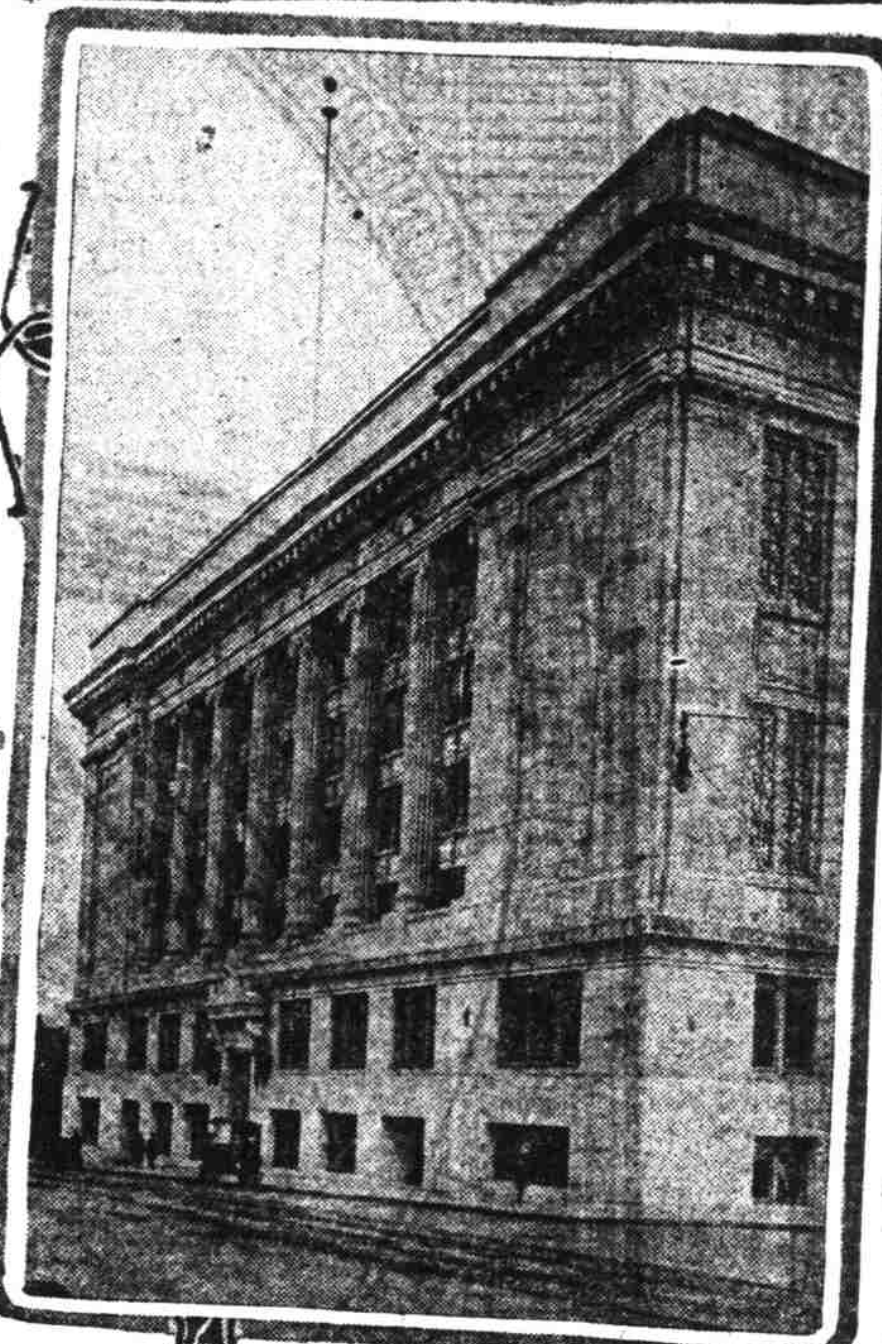
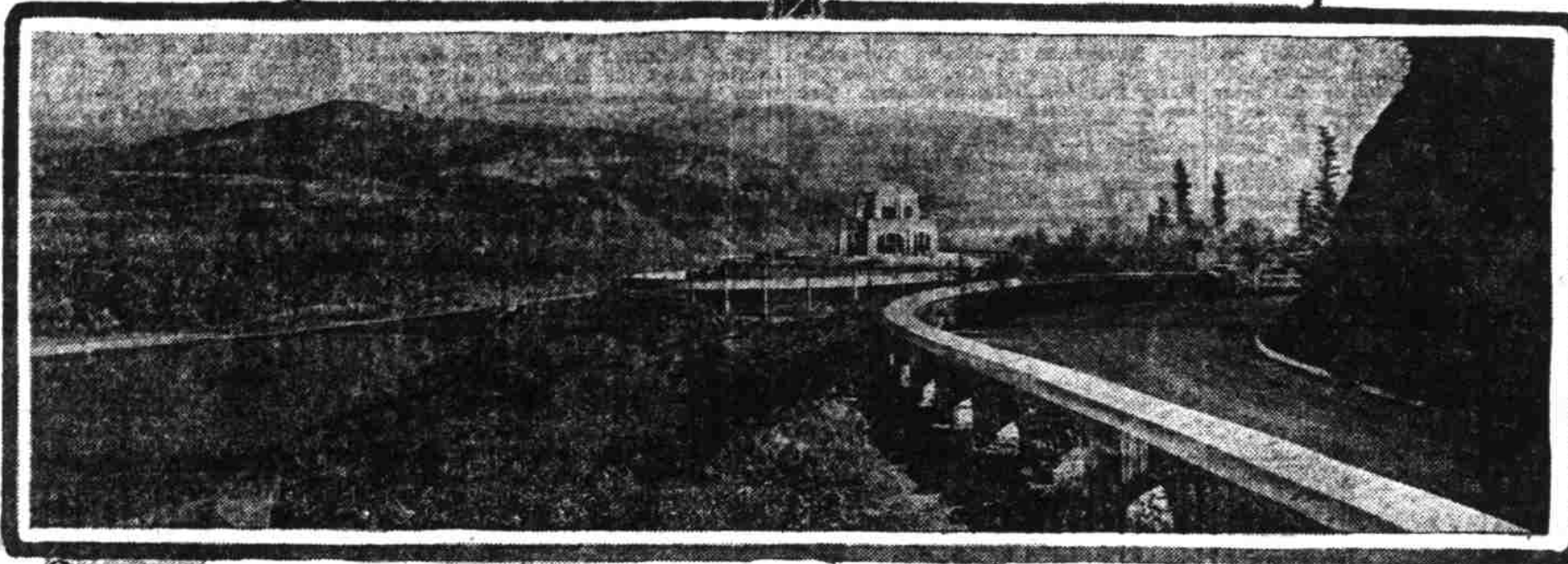
Eugene, Feb. 28.—The economical university student, who used to cut down expenses by doing his own cooking and baching, is extinct. In fact, the "bachelor" is just a memory. This sudden change is due mostly to the fact that students are not obliged to economize as in days past on account of the state and federal aid now being given those who were in the service. Also to the fact that students have found fraternity houses and table combinations were cheaper in the long run. In a number of the sorority houses the girls manage to hold their total room and board expense down to \$32 a month.

Timber Area Inspected

Eugene, Feb. 28.—N. C. Macduff, supervisor of the Cascade national forest, spent several days this week in the Oakridge section, looking over an area of timber of about 7,000,000 feet which will soon be advertised for sale, as application had been made for the timber, mostly Douglas fir.

Multnomah Courthouse Declared Inadequate Other County Projects Afford Study in Costs

Above—The Columbia river highway at Crown Point. The cost of grading and paving this scenic boulevard to the Hood River county line, which was borne by Multnomah county, was \$1,430,000. Below, left to right—View of Interstate bridge, the total cost of which was \$1,687,583, and Multnomah county's share \$1,258,522. Multnomah county court house, which cost \$1,590,000, and upon which it is proposed to spend an additional \$65,000 to \$100,000 for an annex in the light well, although space already is provided a dozen tenants engaged in activities foreign to county government.



The Multnomah county courthouse, which occupies a block 200x200 feet, cost the taxpayers \$1,590,000.

The Interstate bridge, three miles long, spanning the Columbia, cost Multnomah county \$1,258,522, and Clark county,

Wash., \$429,061, or a total of \$1,687,583.

The Columbia river highway, extending through the gorge of the Columbia to the Hood River county line, 45 miles east of Portland, cost \$1,430,000, including the hard surface.

These are figures in the files of County Auditor Martin.

The courthouse cost more than the highway and almost as much as the bridge.

Stories of extravagant expense imposed upon the people by the erection of the structure with its "costly rugs upon marble floors," have been revived by the movement to occupy the lower area of the six-story building's light well with a one-story "annex."

The subsequent construction of the highway and the Interstate bridge throws into the strong light of sharp contrast the rather amazing cost of the courthouse.

It now appears that the project for the light-well annex was approved, that an item of \$65,000 for the structure has been included in the tax budget which the grand jury in its report Saturday declared should be the limit and that the taxpayers are already bringing in the money to pay for it. But is also appears that the scheme went through without any study of the building as a whole to test its present capacity to house the business and judicial operations of the county.

The budget estimate of \$65,000 provides only for the one story annex with a glass roof. But an additional, as yet unapproved estimate, is for an excavation under it expected to cost \$20,000. And it is even said that to raise the annex to a two story altitude might be a not unexpected eventuality.

A partial utilization of the light well was first proposed by the tax department. The tax department is seriously congested. It has room neither for its records, the safekeeping of its money, the activities of its employees nor the

accommodation of the citizens who crowd the lobby at taxpaying time. To add to the difficulty, the lobby is a public thoroughfare between Fourth and Fifth streets.

The first modest request plus outside suggestion was formulated into the present scheme, annex, glass roof, excavation and all. But it was put forward without noticing conditions obvious to any inquirer, as for instance:

Many unused corridors, particularly one opposite the tax department on the first floor.

The relief bureau office at the main entrance for efficiency's sake should be moved to the rooms of the public welfare bureau on the fifth floor.

The partial utilization of the main room allotted to the county clerk and the detached relation of the county clerk's private office to the general organization under him.

The presence in the basement of a bulky ventilating system which does not ventilate, and the nearby accumulation of heterogeneous articles mostly classifiable as junk which increase fire hazard.

The prevalence of commodious rooms for office purposes that contain space far beyond their requirements.

The occupancy of the building by a dozen tenants, engaged in activities foreign to county government, each utilizing one to four rooms and only part of them paying rent.

It is believed that if thinking is done relative to the maximum use of the courthouse in the terms of the building as a whole, it will be found unnecessary for years to come to add to its previous great cost the expense of an "annex."

C. A. Elwell Is Held To Face Charge of Burning His Store

Oregon City, Feb. 28.—Following an investigation by Sheriff Wilson and deputies from the state fire marshal's office of the burning of the grocery store of C. A. Elwell at Jennings Lodge station on the night of December 28 last, when Mrs. Elwell had a narrow escape in fleeing from the upstairs of the burning building, Elwell was arrested in Portland today on a charge of arson, preferred by the sheriff of Clackamas county.

He was brought to Oregon City this afternoon and arraigned before Justice of the Peace L. V. Stipp. Bail was fixed at \$1500 and furnished, with Carl Starker and C. D. Atchley of the Jennings Lodge district as surety.

The two story frame building was owned by Morse & Dill of Portland, while Elwell owned the stock, all of which was destroyed by a fire, the origin of which was a mystery, and which occurred after the Elwells had retired. Elwell and family now reside in Portland.

Public Forum for Yamhill County Is First of Its Kind

McMinnville, Feb. 28.—Thirteen districts in Yamhill county were represented today in a meeting for the organization of the "Yamhill county public forum," whose object is the "free and open discussion and action on all public questions." It is non-partisan in character, yet political discussion will be permitted.

A tentative constitution and by-laws were adopted which will be discussed and permanently formulated at a meeting to be held in the county court house on Tuesday, March 9, at 10:30 a. m. All neighborhood centers in the county are to take an interest in this forum. One of the prominent questions to come before the body will be the completion of the paved highways through the county.

John U. Smith of Chesham Center is chairman and L. L. Thornton of Unionvale is secretary. This is the only organization in the state of this character.

New Shingle Mill for Castlerock

Castlerock, Wash., Feb. 28.—H. N. Peabody, M. N. Peabody and Gilbert Johnson have formed a partnership and are erecting a shingle mill on the Cowitz river above Castlerock. It will be ready for operation March 1. It will give employment to a number of men, both in the mill and in the woods.

ASTORIA OFFICERS CLASH IN LIQUOR CASE EVIDENCE

Difference Arises Between State
and Federal Functionaries
Over Seizure of Whiskey.

Astoria, Feb. 28.—There was a clash between the officials of the state and federal courts this afternoon that may portend a controversy over possession of the evidence, consisting of 13 cases of high class whiskey, in the case against Martin Costello. It occurred when Costello's hearing on a federal charge of having liquor in his possession was called before United States Commissioner Carney.

REQUEST IS IGNORED

Attorney Flagel of the federal district attorney's office, who conducted the prosecution, stated that he had requested District Attorney Barrett to discontinue the state charge for the same offense against the same defendant.

"This Barrett promised to do," continued Flagel, "but owing to the objection made by the sheriff he now refuses. We do not like to prosecute a man in two courts for the same offense, but the government got into this case through accident, and now that we are in it we are going to stay in."

"I shall insist on seeing the defendant's automobile in which the liquor was found."

PROCEDURE TERMED WRONG

"There is something wrong with the procedure in this case, frankly, I cannot understand why the evidence was taken away from the sheriff and placed in the custody of some other party who sleeps in the room with it."

The liquor was removed yesterday from the county jail to the office of Justice of the Peace Carney and put in the custody of the constable. When Attorney Flagel insisted he would get out a warrant for seizing the liquor, the local authorities turned it over to Deputy Marshal Tichenor.

New Cannery For McMinnville to Be Erected at Once

McMinnville, Feb. 28.—This city and vicinity were addressed today by Clarence Butt of Newberg, H. S. Palmer of Puyallup, P. F. Standish, field man for the A. Rupert company, and J. O. Cranford, local manager for the new cannery to be constructed in McMinnville this year, on the subject of furthering the interests of the enterprise in this community.

Many growers, present and prospective, manifested a deep interest and asked questions, which were satisfactorily answered. The construction of the new cannery will begin next week. It will be located north of the Nestles Food company's plant where ample ground has been obtained.

Slashings Fire in Washougal Section Burns Farm Home

Washougal, Wash., Feb. 28.—The farm home on property belonging to C. W. McClure, postmaster of Washougal, was burned this afternoon when a slashings fire three and a half miles east of Washougal got beyond control.

The house had been occupied for some time and the place had been leased recently. The new tenant had moved part of his household goods into the house and it is believed they were lost.

The slashings fire is said to be under control. Fire fighters were summoned from Washougal and surrounding territory.

155,000,000 Francs for 1919 Relief

Paris, Feb. 28.—(U. P.)—(By Mail)—The American Red Cross spent 155,000,000 francs on its relief program for France and Belgium during 1919, according to a report just made public here.

Of this sum 30,000,000 francs went to Belgium, and the remainder was spent for civilian relief in France. Since the beginning of its activities here in the spring of 1917, the Red Cross has devoted approximately 200,000,000 francs to work in France.

J. E. Harvey, head of the Harvey Lumber company at Walton, on the Coot Bay branch of the Southern Pacific, was fined \$25 at Eugene for allowing sawdust from his mill to get into a creek.

Interscholastic Basketball Is Fast Drawing to a Close

Originally the 1919-20 basketball schedule of the Portland Interscholastic league was slated to end a week from tomorrow, but illness to players in almost every school forced the postponement of contests. This means that it will be at least the middle of March before the curtain will be lowered.

This week's play calls for the High School of Commerce meeting the James John High aggregation on Monday afternoon, Lincoln High and Jefferson High for Tuesday, Columbia University and Hill Military academy on Wednesday, High School of Commerce and Washington High on Thursday and Franklin High on Friday.

At present Coach Billy Bryan's Benson Tech quintet is leading the circuit with four wins and no defeats, while Jefferson High and Franklin also have yet to meet their first setback.

The annual Lincoln-Washington contest was staged in the Portland J. M. C. A. gymnasium Friday with the result that the Colonials were defeated for the first time this year.

Man Accidentally Killed Near Astoria Believed Identified

Astoria, Feb. 28.—The man known as James M. Hoffman, who was accidentally killed Friday at the Crown-Willamette Paper company's camp, has not been positively identified, but he is believed to be Floyd McGargill.

On the man's person was a marriage certificate of Floyd McGargill and Elva Tolson, as well as a letter from Minnie Tolson of Hoquiam, Wash., addressed to McGargill, and chiding him severely because of the treatment of her daughter. Mrs. Tolson has wired the coroner that the description given of the man answers that of her son-in-law.

Triplets Twice In 15 Months

Albany, Ala., Feb. 28.—(U. P.)—Six children—two sets of triplets—within fifteen months, is the birth record in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Posey Livingston of Albany. The second trio of children are all well.

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