

CALL FOR DRUGS NOT STIMULATED BY PROHIBITION

Internal Revenue Officials Say
Illicit Sale of Narcotics in Ore-
gon Confined to "Little Men."

Prohibition has not increased the use of drugs in Oregon, declare narcotics operatives working for the United States internal revenue department.

"And there isn't any drug ring in Oregon either," chief of the local operatives declares.

"The reason is simple," he explains. "Portland is so far from the Canadian and Mexican borders it is more profitable to sell in nearby cities any drugs that are smuggled into the United States."

"There are many 'little men' peddling drugs, but they are independent of each other."

"COKE" COMES HIGH
"Coke" is now selling for \$60 an ounce, according to the underground quotations. Just as is the case with moonshine, prices are governed by supply and demand.

But it's risky business these days to sell drugs. Chinamen and negroes prove to be the chief peddlers, and they are nearly all "pegged." Frequent raids by federal officers, assisted by city patrolmen, bring offenders of the Harrison narcotics act into United States court.

Mayor George Baker has recently taken a hand in ridding Portland of drug peddlers. In addition to the regular moral squad detail which seeks violators of drug laws, two patrolmen and a sergeant from the flying squad of the first night relief operate in Chinatown.

CELESTIAL TRICKS STILL VARIED
Adventures of these officers are many. By no means, they declare, are all the secret passageways and steel doors of Chinatown gone. Tricks of the celestial seem to be as many and as varied as ever.

It was not long since that one of the narcotics' patrolmen on the flying squad was compelled to squat for hours in a stuffy recess in a Chinese joint. He entered the place in the afternoon when no one was present, and only revealed himself when he had "the goods" on several Orientals.

Secret exits, to provide refuge in case of sudden raids, are declared to connect many shacks in Chinatown here. Springs controlling revolving walls and hidden doors are secreted in unusual places.

JOINT NEAR BATH TUB
For a long time, the operatives declare, they knew of the existence of a certain joint only by knowledge that it was near a bath tub. Bath tubs are scarce in Chinatown, but even so it proved difficult to locate the proper joint.

Investigation proved that a house on Fourth street had a bath tub, the purpose of which was to hide a spring in the wall that provided a hurry exit.

Penalties imposed recently on drug possessors and peddlers in federal court have been heavy, and it is believed they have some effect in holding down the traffic.

Local Offerings in
Investment Market
Yield High Interest

Some of the Liberty bonds have sold during the past 10 days on a 5 1/2 per cent basis. Other investment issues are selling in line. The best railroad bonds yield from 5 1/4 per cent to 6 per cent on present prices, good industrial bonds 6 1/4 to 7 per cent and sound preferred

Police Seeking Man Who Had Formula For Chicken Lice

A formula for killing chicken lice that is not "worth a damn" was sold to Harry A. McRae Friday by W. L. Hall, according to a felony complaint filed in the municipal court Saturday by McRae. Hall is said to have represented to McRae that he had discovered a wonderful formula known as "lice liniment," and is said to have agreed to sell the formula for \$250. McRae showed Deputy District Attorney Deich an agreement which the two men signed.

Hall is charged in the complaint with obtaining money under false pretenses. The detectives are looking for him.

Edward C. Taylor Is Injured by Auto

Struck by an automobile at Broadway and Burnside street, Edward C. Taylor, 47, a resident of the American hotel, was taken to St. Vincent's hospital Saturday night. He is suffering from a broken leg and a badly bruised face. The front wheel of the automobile, driven by C. W. Myers, Malcolm apartments, passed over Taylor, it is said.



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\$13,383 INCREASE IN HARRIMAN SPAN RENTAL ADVISED

Recommendation Made by Special
Investigator J. P. Newell in
His Report to County Board.

An increase of \$13,383 a year in the rental on the Harriman bridge is recommended to the board of county commissioners in a report submitted by J. P. Newell, special investigator for the board.

The present annual rate paid by the county for the use of the upper deck of the structure, familiarly known as the Steel bridge, is \$48,688.

The O-W. R. & N. company submitted demands to the county over a month ago for an increase in the annual rental of nearly 50 per cent, or the payment of a yearly sum of \$71,116.

In his report, Newell effects a midway compromise figure, leaning a couple of thousand to the leeward of the railroad company. His estimate of a reasonable yearly rental for the span is \$62,250.

ROAD SUBMITS DEMAND
The demands of the railroad were submitted at the termination of a five year contract entered into on January 19, 1915. In its original petition to the board in January, the railroad company submitted four main items on which it based its figures for an increase in rental.

Newell took up each item in detail and his figures conform very nearly to those of the company. However, he recommends the entering into of a three year contract with the utter disregard of one of the items, the annuity to cover depreciation on the value of the bridge, during that period.

The value of the highway portion of the bridge has been fixed by the railroad and county at \$896,414. The company asks an annual interest on this sum at 4 1/2 per cent, totaling \$40,338. Newell's figures tally with those of the company in this item.

MAINTENANCE IS FACTOR
The second item on the railway's estimate was annual maintenance at \$10,189. Newell, in his report, goes \$1000 below this estimate, fixing this figure at \$9100, even though his figures show that in 1919 the cost of maintenance was \$8779, while in 1918 the maintenance was only \$3283.

Annual taxes, made up the third item, and the railroad company fixed this at \$13,875. This item can only be estimated. Newell estimates the taxes for the present year at \$12,414, and his estimate for the year previous, is \$9787.

In his estimate to cover the amounts of annual depreciation on the bridge, Newell goes above the figures submitted by the company, although he uses their 35-year life for the bridge as his basis. His figures for annual depreciation are \$8256, compared to the \$7613 estimated by the company. However, he modifies this by recommending that the county pay nothing for depreciation during the next three years at least.

FIGURES ARE SUBMITTED
Newell's figures are as follows:
Taxes (estimated) \$12,414
Annual maintenance \$9,100
Annuity to cover depreciation \$2,500
Total \$24,014

As compared with the \$37,403 paid in 1919, the proposed rental for the next three years, making his figures for the present \$62,250.

To take care of this point after 1922, he recommends that with each succeeding three-year contract the depreciation annuity be increased \$2100.

ADJUSTMENTS ARE NEEDED
"By 1954 and 1955," he reports, "the annuity on this plan will have reached \$23,100, and with interest will amount of \$24,000. Of course, further adjustments will have to be made long before that time."

Newell figures that the company has been operating the Steel bridge since 1912 at a loss of approximately \$65,627. In justice to the company, he says, this deficiency should be paid by adding it to the depreciable valuation of \$621,533, making a total of \$687,160.

According to his figures, it cost \$61,929 for the company to maintain the bridge during 1919, although only paid \$48,688. His tabular figures show a steady increase of "out-of-pocket costs" for the company on the bridge from \$20,918 in 1912 until \$53,399 in 1919.

FIRST CONTRACT COMPROMISE
The original contract was entered into by the county and the railroad as a sort of compromise after the city officials had stated that they could not undertake the payment of the rentals. The price was at that time a compromise.

As the railroad officials have the power to convert the bridge into a toll bridge, should the county not meet their demands, the controversy is creating a widespread interest.

The county officials have taken Newell's recommendations under advisement, and will meet with the representatives of the railroad soon in an attempt to thresh out the matter. As the contract ran out on January 19, an agreement was entered into that any settlement reached would be retroactive.

Mexican Passenger
Train Is Held Up

El Paso, Texas, March 6.—(U. P.)—A Mexican National railroad passenger train was held up by bandits near Corralitos, Chihuahua, and over 400 passengers robbed, according to a report reaching the border here tonight. The train was burned. The holdup occurred last Thursday. Whether passengers were harmed was not stated.

SHIRTS
TO ORDER

Jacobs Shirt Co.
Baleigh Bldg., 217 Washington St.
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Coed Debaters Chosen
Pacific University, Forest Grove, March 6.—At a tryout for the women's debate team Friday, to meet Willamette university in April, the teams selected were as follows: Affirmative: Lydia Short and Melba Walker; negative, Margaret Martin and Ellen Anderson, with Maud Barrett as alternate.

Milwaukie Pig Lost In Portland While Owner Buys Cigar

Suburban Milwaukie visited metropolitan Portland and left the natives gasping. It all happened Saturday. "Have you seen a stray pig anywhere around here?" casually inquired a man at police headquarters.

The cops thought they were being "framed" in a joke. They played safe. They said they never, never had seen a stray pig in these high cost of living days.

"I left my truck standing at Third and Yamhill streets for a few minutes while I went into a cigar store," the man said. "When I came back a little pig I had in the truck was gone. Thought you fellows might have seen it."

He said he was George W. Cook, a farmer of Milwaukie.

VAUDEVILLE HOUSES TO SEND FEATURES TO BLIND HOME BENEFIT

Entertainment Is to Provide Fund
for Campaign for Industrial
Institution Measure.

Four headline acts from the vaudeville houses of the city, a special skit, leading soloists of the city and several specialty surprise numbers will comprise the performance to be given Tuesday night at the Auditorium. The performance is staged to raise funds to be used in carrying on a campaign in favor of the legislative bill to establish an industrial home in Oregon for the blind.

The plan, it is said, is about the only method in which the friends of the blind of Oregon can raise sufficient campaign funds. If the legislative bill is approved by the voters, it will give any blind person in the state an opportunity to become self-supporting.

Frank Coffinberry, well known theatrical man, is in charge of the show. He reports that headline acts from the Orpheum, Pantages and Hippodrome theatres have been donated to aid in the cause, and that in addition a feature act from Lyric is on the program. Francis Richter, the blind pianist; Miss Margaret Carney, the blind soloist; Mike Brennen, the local Irish tenor, and O'Neill Whipple, the "rube minstrel," will take part in the entertainment. Several specialty surprise numbers are also arranged for, the characters of which will not be announced until the night of the performance.

A large number of women are conducting a campaign to dispose of tickets, a campaign which will not end until late Tuesday afternoon. Tickets are on sale in booths in the department and may also be obtained at Sherman, Clay & Co's store at Sixth and Morrison streets. The admission price, including war tax, for any seat at the benefit will be 50 cents.

Idaho Campaign for
Gen. Wood Opened

Pocatello, Idaho, March 6.—Major Henry H. Armstrong fired the first gun in the presidential campaign in Southern Idaho this week when he addressed a large crowd at the Pocatello hotel. He is chairman of the state "Wood for President" club. Following the address a club was organized for Bannock county and temporary officers elected.

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HEALER DEPARTS TODAY, LEAVING SCORES BENEFITED

Portland Visit of Good Samaritan
Creates Lasting Impression on
Afflicted Persons He Treated.

With the hope of thousands of sufferers nourished by the flame of faith imparted to them by prayer and laying on of hands by James Moore Hickson, English miracle man, Hickson is prepared to step toward new conquests and at 1 o'clock this afternoon will leave for Seattle.

In quarters whose location has been kept strictly secret, Hickson has treated from the exertion of two healing missions he conducted at Grace Memorial Episcopal church on Friday and Saturday and with the benediction of hundreds who have found new cheer in his words and deeds he is continuing on his tour around the world.

HEALER TO VISIT JAPAN
After holding two healing missions at Seattle, Hickson will go to Spokane and from there to Fargo, N. D. Later he will visit Japan and China and eventually will have ministered to the distressed practically throughout the world.

The healer is traveling under the auspices of the Episcopal church in America, which accepted his services from the Church of England on the strength of the record he has established through 20 years of activity in spiritual healing. From all sides is expressed belief in the miracle man. From a thousand Portland people have come testimonials to the good he has done for them in lifting the pain from weary limbs and the cares from burdened minds. The good he has done—and his sponsors declare that good to be inestimable—will be followed up throughout the state by a consistent course of practices in the hands of the Episcopal clergy of Oregon, although it has not been decided just what form the "follow up" campaign will take.

OLD AND YOUNG TREATED
To the old and the young, the rich and the poor, the faithful and the faithless, Hickson ministered without stint of energy and without recompense other than what he apparently gained from the success of his good offices. To those who had given up hope in the struggle for health, he brought cheer and hope. To the distressed of mind and body, he brought relief from pain.

"The names of those treated by Mr. Hickson run into the thousands," said Rev. Oswald Taylor of Grace church, through whose efforts Hickson was brought to Portland. "The good he has done, we who have seen cannot doubt. He has been a blessing to the suffering people of Portland and I only wish that we might keep him with us."

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