

## BRIDGE REPAIRS PLANS INDORSED IN JOINT MEETING

That the bridge situation is one of the most acute features of the traffic problems in Portland, and that a comprehensive plan for bridge building and betterments must be undertaken to meet the demands of the city's growth, was the consensus of opinion at a conference at the office of the county commissioners today.

This conference was attended by the commissioners, the mayor and representatives of the state highway commission and F. I. Fuller of the Portland Highway, Light & Power company. The mayor gave assurance to the commissioners of the purpose of the city officials to cooperate fully with the county in a general bridge program, and in the particular cases discussed he stated that if the commissioners would reduce their requests to writing and present them, he would see that they are fully carried out.

**BRIDGE REPORT ADOPTED.**  
While the discussion of bridges was comprehensive, attention was given to the Morrison and Burnside bridge situations. It was decided that the report of the state highway commission engineers on the Morrison street bridge be adopted, and that immediate steps be taken for the re-routing of the heaviest traffic while the betterments proposed shall be begun immediately after the big conventions that are to be held in Portland in June.

Engineers of the state highway commission are to draft a schedule of vehicles and loads to be permitted to continue to use the Morrison street bridge pending the changes proposed, and the city officials will station men there, day and night, to see that the heavy loads are diverted to other bridges for the present.

"In my opinion, we must get into steel construction, where we have been using timber," said County Commissioner Holman in discussing the general situation. "I believe it will require five years' time before we can get any new bridges under construction, under the most favorable circumstances, and our traffic will be more than doubled by that time."

**\$208,000 FOR REPAIRS.**  
This report calls for the immediate expenditure of \$208,000 for repairs, and a big sum will be required for the Burnside bridge, which may have to be replaced.

"If permission is not given to Portland this fall to place a bridge bond issue before its people, then this cannot be secured for two more years, I believe we must adopt a definite and comprehensive policy on bridges across the Willamette river, and then follow it closely, or the growth of this city will be retarded."

Mayor Baker declared his belief that the bridge traffic within one year would be fully one third heavier than today, and that within three years it would be double that of the present. He stated that he is in full accord with a comprehensive bridge program.

It was stated that the engineers' report on the Burnside bridge will be ready for presentation within four weeks.

**Viewers Are Appointed.**  
Viewers were appointed by the county commissioners today for the proposed relocation of the Skyline boulevard in the western hill district. A large delegation of property owners adjacent to the highway, with M. L. Brooks as spokesman, appeared to make protest against the proposed change, on the grounds that they have built their homes with reference to the old location and the new route would leave them off the highway.

**Convert to Be Given Tonight.**  
In the Multnomah hotel ballroom tonight the first of a series of two concerts will be given under the auspices of Summer Woman's Relief Corps No. 21. Three artists of national reputation, Florence Otis, soprano; Florence Austin, pianist; and Josef Martin, pianist, will appear.

## Farm Bureau Gives Approval to State Millage Tax Plan

Boardman, April 19.—Resolutions have been adopted by the farm bureau here in support of the state 4 per cent bond limit bill, the college millage tax and the public school millage tax. Another matter favored by resolution was that the Boardman road district ask the county court to appropriate from the road funds of the district money for a preliminary survey of the Boardman-Irrigon-Lexington road.

The John Day project also received a boost and a committee consisting of S. H. Boardman, A. L. Larsen and W. H. Stewart was appointed to arrange a barbecue for the latter part of June. This celebration will be held near the dividing line between the irrigated section and the John Day desert.

## BAKER BELIEVES IN PREPAREDNESS

Washington, April 19.—(I. N. S.)—Government operation of the Muschel Shoals nitrate plant to produce fertilizer for peace and as a reserve war material, was urged by Secretary of War Baker today.

Secretary Baker told the house military affairs committee the alternative was complete demobilization or partial operation. He said it is unsafe to maintain less than 200,000 tons of nitrate as a reserve for war purposes.

## Fake Meter Tester Busy Again; Homes Are Given Warning

Under the guise of being a meter tester and light inspector, a young man has been entering residences on Portland Heights Saturday and today, evidently with the intention of getting the "lay-out" of the house for purposes of robbery, according to complaints received by the P. L. & P. company.

A young man entered the home of Bishop Sumner, 574 Elm street, Saturday and the home of Mrs. Mary L. Hayden, 583 Myrtle street, this morning. He did not have credentials and the owners of the homes became apprehensive and made complaint to the light company. The company warns against admittance of anyone not possessing the official badge.

## Lineman's Funeral Will Be Held on Tuesday Afternoon

Funeral services for William Nelson, who was electrocuted Friday at Seventy-second street and Fifty-ninth avenue, will be held at 1 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the chapel of J. P. Finley & Son. Interment will be in Mount Scott cemetery.

Nelson was born January 31, 1888, at Green Bay, Wis. He had lived five months in Portland and was employed as a lineman for the Portland Railway, Light & Power company. He was a member of the Episcopal church and of the electrical union of Wallace, Idaho. He is survived by his widow, Florence Nelson, and son, Melvin Nelson, both of Portland.

**Shanty Fire Causes Flurry.**  
A small shanty next to the Ainsworth dock caught fire this morning and caused much excitement in the fire department until it was evident the dock was not endangered. Smokey's carelessness is given as the cause.

**Insurance Dividends Must Pay Tax.**  
Washington, April 19.—(I. N. S.)—The supreme court today held that on cash dividends of a mutual life insurance company to its policy holders, taxes must be paid by the company under the income tax of 1913.

## SUNDAY MARKED BY EIGHT THEFTS, FROM CHICKENS TO CASH

Sugar thieves were frightened away from the Stearn-Hollingshead company, Seventeenth and Sandy boulevard, late Sunday night by the watchman, after they had set off the burglar alarm. The watchman told the police the two men left quickly in a truck. The room the men were trying to enter contains a quantity of sugar.

The thieves who entered the grocery store of A. Sutherland, 76 Killingsworth avenue, Saturday night, performed a lot of hard work before getting in. They dug a hole underneath the basement door and after crawling inside sawed a hole through the door leading to the store. They were hardly paid for their trouble, as they only found a few cents in the cash register. A small amount of candy was also stolen.

The J. P. Jensen home, 224 East Sixteenth street, was broken into while the family were away from home Sunday. Considerable jewelry and \$10 in cash were stolen. The thieves were apparently frightened away before finishing their job, as they left a suitcase full of loot behind them.

Thirty-six pieces of silverware and a pair of gloves were stolen from the house of L. A. Patterson, 424 East Ninth street north. The police say they have a clue to the thief.

Frank Muria, proprietor of the Lincoln hotel, reported that a thief entered his room and stole a suit of clothes, razor and watch.

While H. G. Sohm, 1011 East Franklin street, and his family were absent from their home Saturday, robbers ransacked the house and stole the family jewelry. Entrance was gained through an open window.

A coffee percolator was stolen from Mrs. L. E. Grizzell, 820 S. Ivanhoe street. St. Johns police suspected someone acquainted with the house, a visit to the home of Mrs. A. Heckett, 1057 East Thirty-eighth street, and stole 15 fancy pens.

## Assistant Manager In Portland to See Metropolitan Open

Homer McCoy of New York city, assistant manager of the Metropolitan Five to Fifty Cent Stores Corporation, arrived this morning to superintend the opening of a new store in the McGinn building at Broadway and Washington. Alterations are proceeding rapidly under direction of Edward A. Miller and the store will be open about May 15.

## Sinnott's Bill for Klamath Indians Is Passed By House

Washington, April 19.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL.)—The house today passed Representative Sinnott's bill authorizing the Klamath Indians to go before the court of claims with claims for money alleged to be due them on account of boundaries of present reservation. This bill is of large importance to the Klamaths, involving several hundred thousand dollars on account of lands which were lost to them when the boundary lines were run. The measure has been up several times, but was always stalled by objections until today.

## Spirited Contests Are Under Way for American Legion Post

Spirited contests for posts of commander and vice commander are awaited tonight, when Portland post of the American Legion elects officers for the ensuing year. The election will be held in the Armory.

Martin L. Kimmel, former corporal, is running on the platform that more enlisted men should hold important American Legion posts. James O. Conville, former captain, is his opponent. Conville has conducted the employment service of Portland post for many months.

Jerrold Owen, newspaperman, former first lieutenant, is opposed by James Bain, former corporal, in the race for vice commander.

Five members of the executive committee are to be chosen from these nominees: Arthur M. Geary, Thomas P. Mahoney, Franklin Korell, James S. Gay Jr., Arthur Bryan, Cassius R. Peck, W. A. Ekwall, R. E. Norton, Frank Siewer.

## Crap Shooters in Albina District Are Too Wary for Police

Efforts of Motorcycle Policeman Ingle to catch alley gamblers in the Upper Albina district Sunday afternoon proved unsuccessful. The police received complaints that young men were playing "craps" in the middle of the street. Ingle reported seeing games at Eleventh and Fremont streets, Union avenue and Falling street, and at East Eighth and Beech streets. Each time Ingle saw a game he gave a warning which gave the players time enough to conceal evidence before the officer arrived, even though he ran up on them with his motorcycle.

## 40 Feet to Be Cut Off North Glisan Street at Third

Forty feet of the north side of Glisan street, at Third, will be cut off adjoining property that the bend in street traffic off the O. W. B. & N. bridge may be avoided, following a petition of property owners, which was favorably passed on by the city council today.

City Engineer Langstaff is compiling estimates of the cost of widening, which calls for cutting back 20 feet on the north side of the street at Fourth. The street will be widened to conform to the nature plan of a general widening of Glisan street.

## Oscar Overbeck, III For Three Months, Is Much Improved

The condition of the health of Oscar Overbeck, who has less than three months, showed marked improvement this morning and the fears of the last week have been practically set aside by his friends. Overbeck suffered a relapse following a siege of influenza and last week developed critical symptoms, from which it appears he is now rallying.

Mrs. Overbeck is in constant attendance at her husband's bedside at Good Samaritan hospital. He is a member of the firm of Overbeck & Cooke.

## Successor to Daly On Fair Price Board. Is Not Yet Named

Successor to Will H. Daly, who resigned last week from the post of federal fair price commissioner, will not be named until Attorney General Palmer calls for recommendations. He declared United States Attorney Lester W. Humphreys.

Daly, in quitting the job, said he was tired of red tape, and said he was distressed with the office work, except Humphreys, who he said had given excellent cooperation.

Palmer has not yet accepted Daly's resignation or called for new applicants.

## Fall From Window Fractures Skull of 18-Months-Old Boy

Earl Pickens, 18-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Pickens, 1184 East Irving street, is in a serious condition at St. Vincent's hospital following a fall from a second story window at his home Sunday. The child was playing with two other children upstairs. He is said to have climbed on a chair by the window, and to have lost his balance. His skull is fractured. The mother found her child lying on the ground. Pickens is interested in a garage at Union avenue and Schuyler street.

## Driver Is Charged With Being Drunk

Charged with driving while drunk and violating the prohibition law, Julian Panatoni was arrested by Patrolman Abbott Sunday morning at Fifth and Salmon streets. He will be tried in the municipal court today. A bottle of wine was confiscated by the police for evidence. Emil Illige and John French, who were in Panatoni's machine, were arrested as witnesses, but released on their own recognizance. Panatoni's bail was set at \$500.

## Dr. Earl V. Morrow Undergoes Operation

Dr. Earl V. Morrow is convalescing from a severe operation undergone by him last week for removal of gall stones, when 200 of them were taken from him. Dr. Morrow underwent a similar operation nine years ago, when over 60 stones were removed. Barring complications Dr. Morrow will be fully recovered within a short time, according to Dr. J. W. Morrow, his father.

## Sir Auckland and Lady Geddes Arrive

New York, April 19.—(I. N. S.)—Sir Auckland Geddes, the new British ambassador, arrived here today from Liverpool on the steamer Kaiserin Auguste Victoria. He was accompanied by Lady Geddes.

## MANIAC MURDERS DOCTOR PASSING COLLECTION BOX

New York, April 19.—Firing a revolver toward the altar as he stood amid the congregation of St. George's church Sunday, just after the collection had been taken, Thomas W. Shelley, maniac, sent a bullet crashing through the brain of Dr. James W. Markoe, personal physician to J. P. Morgan and vestryman of the church. Dr. Markoe fell dead in the aisle.

Panic ensued immediately, and there was a wild stampede toward the doors. Brandishing the pistol, Shelley ran to the nearest door, and waving his weapon at the people, warned them to keep away.

**WOMEN MEMBERS SCREAM.**  
Dr. George E. Brewer, noted surgeon, who had been passing the collection boxes with his fellow vestryman, disregarded the warning. He advanced upon the maniac and was shot in the leg. He too fell in the aisle, but almost immediately recovered his feet and notwithstanding his wound hurried toward Shelley. Dr. Brewer was joined by William Fellows Morgan, president of the Merchants association, and together they seized the assassin, delivering him to detectives who had been attracted by the gun fire and screams of hysterical women worshippers.

Two others who braved the slayer's automatic gun as they hurried toward him to aid in subduing and capturing him were Morgan Jones, a manufacturer, who received a slight wound as a bullet grazed his cheek, and Herbert L. Satterlee, brother-in-law of J. P. Morgan and former assistant secretary of the treasury.

C. Stafford, organist, opened up the stops, signalled to the choir and the organ thundered forth a stately hymn and members of the choir raised their voices in song in an effort to calm the panic that started among the congregation at the sound of the first shot. This had some effect and many resumed their seats, tremblingly waiting, they knew not what fate, for the bullets were flying wildly from the mad man's pistol.

The police discovered many radical pamphlets in the assassin's suit case, which they procured from the Pennsylvania station through a check in the man's pocket. He denied that he had any connection with the I. W. W. and maintained that his name was Shelley, although faced with the alleged fact that he had given the name of T. W. Simpson in registering under the selective service draft act.

The Rev. Dr. Karl Reiland had just finished his sermon in fashionable St. George's church when the assassin, who had been sitting quietly, a stranger

among the large congregation, showed signs of excitement.

The clergyman's closing words in his appeal for help to the needy and a spiritual awakening appeared to unleash Shelley's maniacal instinct. He grew more and more restless during the taking of the collection, then leaped to his feet, jerked a gun from beneath his left arm, and shouted:

"Down with the church! Down with wealth! Down with America!"

Later the assassin said to Dr. Brewer and Morgan as they seized him:

"I had to do it. I listened to Dr. Reiland urging us to raise money. I never had any money and I thought I would make the people up. I don't know why I shot."

**LETTER FROM GIRL.**  
To the other he said:

"I fired the shot. I am not a Bolshevik. I knew that this world was no place for a man without money. I went to the church and the first thing I heard was a demand for money. Then I started shooting. I don't know Dr. Markoe. As soon as I had killed him I wished I had fired the shot into my own head."

Shelley told the police he had escaped from the Fergus Falls, Minn., insane asylum and had been working as a printer.

A letter in the prisoner's possession was signed "Your own little girl," and had as its salutation, "My own dear Gaddy."

The writer's address as shown on the letter was 5117 Peabody street, Duluth, Minn. Her name did not appear.

The assassin, after hours of grilling, admitted that the name of Shelley, which he maintained was his, was in reality the name of his wife, and declared that his name was Thomas W. Simpkins. He said he escaped from the Eastern State hospital in Richmond, Va.

"I know that was a 'nut' factory," he said. "I came to New York from Richmond this morning—got in early, after riding in a coach all night, and I was hungry. But I only had \$3 and I could not buy food with that."

Simpkins, or Shelley, said he was

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born in London, in 1878. He said he knew he was crazy, but that he never liked being locked up. He said he worked as a printer until the war broke out, when his wife ran away, taking the two children to Minnesota.

"I joined the 'Canadian fusiliers,'" he said. "When I thought of my wife it

nearly killed me. Just after I joined, word came to prepare for overseas and they ordered me to a troop train for Halifax. While on the train I heard that my wife was in Duluth and was about to give birth to a third child, and I just jumped from the train and managed to work my way to that city."

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