

POSTPONE ACTION ON NAMING FAIR RENTAL INQUIRERS

Final vote on Mayor Baker's ordinance empowering him to appoint a fair rental committee to investigate and prosecute rent profiteers by exercise of police power, was postponed until Friday afternoon to give Commissioner Bigelow a chance to study the ordinance.

Appointment of the committee members for two years, and selection of a paid certified public accountant as one member, the other two to serve without compensation, are among the many provisions of the ordinance. Right to investigate books and papers of landlords, subpoena and examine witnesses and receive testimony is provided. In case of disobedience to subpoenas the commission may enlist the aid of the municipal court. The commission shall have full power to determine whether or not landlords are charging exorbitant or reasonable rents as determined by the returns on their investments.

Bigelow questioned the legality of the ordinance citing former Deputy City Attorney C. C. Hindman's opinion of September, 1919, that the power to regulate rents rested in the state.

"I'm sure the city has full power by exercise of its police power," said Deputy City Attorney Mackay, who framed the ordinance. The city can regulate any matter affecting public interest.

Mayor Baker stated that it was time for the city council to "move in" on profiteering landlords.

"If the city council will stand back of me I'll go the limit to make protests to time," continued the mayor.

TENDERS FOR STREET AND SEWER WORK ARE OPENED

Numerous bids for street improvement and sewer construction were opened by James Gill of the city auditor's office before the city council this morning.

The list of street improvement bids follows: East Twentieth street, United Contracting company, \$12,068.50. East Twenty-ninth street, United Contracting company, \$8776.25. Fifty-third street Southeast, Cochran Brothers, \$21,000; J. A. Lyons, \$34,365. Killingsworth Avenue, United Contracting company, \$15,101. Sixty-fourth street, Southeast, Warren Construction company, \$27,383.50. Forty-third street Southeast, Warren Construction company, \$6758.10. Kllokittat street, Municipal Paving plant, \$1724.50. East Thirtieth street, Municipal Paving plant, \$7700.50. Warren Construction company, \$4902.35. East Morrison street, M. Hansen & Co., \$19,742. Prescott street, Municipal Paving plant, \$1338.10; United Contracting company, \$4995.50.

Bids for sewer construction included the following: Portland boulevard and Orient street, Edward Sandberg, \$121,418.30; Jacobsen-Jensen company, \$122,942.70; John Keating, \$138,999.50; Azar Brothers, \$139,169.40. Forty-second avenue Southeast, Jack Eckel, \$180,723; Joseph & Son, \$199,800; Mehernie & Co., \$201,160; J. Albert, \$213,100; Ford-Brooks company, \$2825.10.

CLAIMS RUBBISH COLLECTION NOT INCURSED ON BUREAU

The city street cleaning department seems to have plenty of time and money in which to sprinkle the streets during rainy weather," said Fred German, president of the Realty board, this morning before the city council, in answer to Commissioner Bigelow's statement that it was not the function of his bureau to collect rubbish that people would pile up street corners during the coming clean-up campaign set for May 16.

"That's a falsehood, Fred," fired Mayor Baker. "Seems as if you and I are always at issue over some subject. Let me tell you that the streets are

flushed, not sprinkled, during wet weather. Many people have the same impression. Waste materials cannot be washed to the curbs by rain—the street cleaning bureau is forced to flush them the same as in dry weather."

UNDERTAKING PARLORS ARE AFFECTED BY AMENDMENT

Action of the city council this morning in amending article 706 of the building code, placing undertaking parlors in the list of objectionable businesses will prevent future erection of such buildings unless property owners agree.

A protest signed by numerous property owners against the proposed remodeling of a building at Eleventh and Market streets for undertaking purposes caused the council to amend the existing ordinance. Residents complained that a "state of gloom" would exist in their neighborhood if a funeral parlor was permitted.

BLUEBEARD TALKS TO ONE WIFE WHO OFFERS BLOOD TO SAVE HIM

Los Angeles, Cal., April 21.—(U. P.)—Slowly but surely the veil of conjecture is being torn away from the life of "Bluebeard" Charles N. Harvey, the police declared today. The first important step was taken when Harvey faced Mrs. Elizabeth F. Williamson of Sacramento, one of his many alleged "wives." Harvey married her under the name of Lewis.

Mrs. Williamson offered to give some of her blood to Harvey in order that he may recover more speedily from his double attempt at suicide, but it is believed physicians will decline her offer.

"Don't worry everything will be all right," Harvey told Mrs. Williamson when she entered his sick room at the county hospital. "Have you seen anyone? How much have they told you?" he inquired anxiously.

Harvey admitted to Deputy Sheriff Manning that he knew Nina L. Deloney, Alice M. Livingston, Bertha A. Goodrich and other missing "wives."

He said Miss Deloney is in Kansas City and that the others are "in the east." Harvey's condition was such that physicians deemed it unwise to prolong the interview, but he will be questioned again today.

Partial identification of a picture taken 19 years ago in Shelburne, Mass., as that of Harvey was made by "Mrs. Andrews," the "wife" who caused his arrest. Harvey refused to say if he had ever been in Shelburne.

Another picture came from Vancouver, B. C., which, it is said, connects Harvey with an entirely new "wife"—Mrs. H. L. Gordon, of Vancouver.

Despondent Man Is Missing; He Had Threatened Suicide

The body of R. D. Pierce, 7 East Twelfth street, may be lying in one of the sloughs along the Columbia river. Pierce, who disappeared from his room about 3 o'clock Sunday morning, sent a letter to his employer, the Palace Laundry company, where he was route driver, stating that he intended to commit suicide because of domestic trouble and the fact that he was short in his laundry accounts.

The sheriff's office was notified but deputies have failed to find anyone who has seen Pierce since he left his room. Pierce was married but has been separated from his wife for some time.

Portland Woman Weds

Chehalis, Wash., April 21.—George W. Hoover of Vader and Martha Kayser of Portland were married here Tuesday by Justice P. C. Beaufort.

BENSON WILLING TO DONATE PARK SITE TO COUNTY

A. S. Benson sent a communication to the county commissioners today in which he stated that he desires to save the county all possible expense in connection with the opening of the St. Johns river road cut-off along the property of the Portland Gas & Coke company, but that there is grave question as to whether the county may be liable for damages to the property which would be sloped outside of the road right of way.

Benson said that he has offered to purchase the property from the Gas company for \$3000 provided the claim against the county is settled for \$1000, and that in such event, the \$1000 to be applied to the purchase price, and Benson will then donate to Multnomah county the land so acquired for public park purposes. This is a tract of approximately six acres, lying between the Greeley street extension of the St. Johns river road and the Portland Flouring Mills company's property.

O. H. SKOTHEIM IS SUED FOR DIVORCE; CRUELTY ALLEGED

O. H. Skotheim, who was head of the "Own Your Own Home" campaign in Portland last year, is defendant in a divorce suit filed today in the circuit court by Elva D. Skotheim. Skotheim was in charge of the pretty bungalow used for own-your-home demonstration purposes, at Fourth and Stark streets.

The Skotheims were married in Vancouver last June. In her complaint, Mrs. Skotheim alleges that her husband heaped personal indignities upon her, making it impossible for her to live with him longer. She alleges that shortly after their marriage her husband became quarrelsome, insulting and sarcastic, and that he cursed and abused her, both when they were alone and in the presence of her 14-year-old daughter. Last July, she says, he knocked her down, badly bruising her, and that her left arm is still crippled.

"And plaintiff has forgiven defendant many times," says the complaint, "in hope that the defendant would reform, but all without avail."

She alleges her daughter became ill, with a high fever, and that Skotheim, in anger, forced herself and her daughter to leave his apartments.

The complaint sets forth that Skotheim owns real property worth \$25,000 and personal property valued at \$15,000, and that he has an income of \$5000 a year. She asks for divorce and one third of the defendant's property.

TWO AUTO TRANSPORTATION FIRMS ARE INCORPORATED

Two concerns proposing to handle automobile transportation filed their articles of incorporation with the county clerk today. The A. J. Auto company, with Portland as its principal place of business, has as its incorporators A. Jalokk, John Gratke and Frank S. Grant, and its capital stock is \$20,000.

The Auto Transit company is incorporated by S. H. Solomon, Sig. Wertheimer and Joe Wertheimer, with \$10,000 as capital stock.

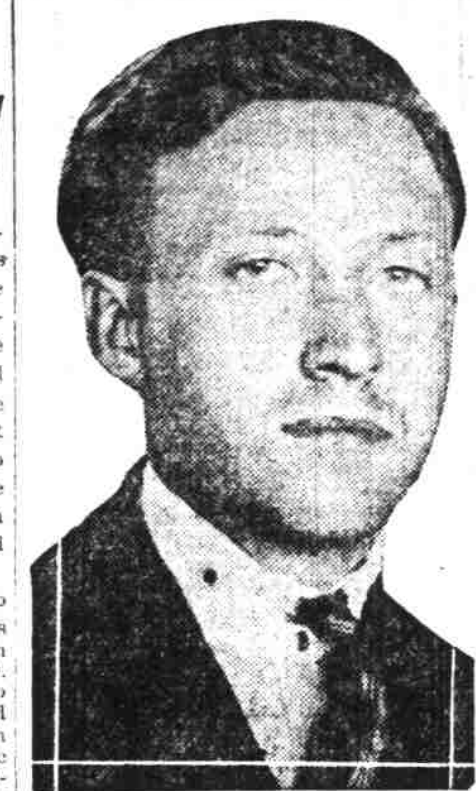
\$405 Damages Sought

E. G. Bolter filed a civil action today against J. B. Kisky and James Shillito for \$405 in damages alleged to have been sustained in a collision between three automobiles.

Oil Company Formed

The National Oil company of Portland filed articles of incorporation with the county clerk today. Its capitalization

RUSE IN COURT ROOM PROVED BOOMERANG



W. D. Lyons

is placed at \$300,000 and the incorporators are A. R. Jones, C. J. Young and Roscoe C. Nelson, all of this city. The corporation proposes to purchase or sell grants and lease holds in connection with oil and minerals.

Guard Benefit Planned

In appreciation for the patriotic services rendered for the community by the Multnomah Guard band during the war the city council Tuesday afternoon passed an ordinance granting The Auditorium free of charge for the joint benefit of the Multnomah Guard band and Veterans of Foreign Wars will stage on Friday night.

Invention Company Files

The Victor Invention company of Portland filed its articles of incorporation today with the county clerk, giving \$5000 as its capital stock and Victor F. Hoeftlich, Fred D. Jeannot and Ray Adams as the incorporators. Its purpose is to manufacture and develop machines and devices.

Cruel Treatment Charged

Beda Everett filed a divorce suit today against W. H. Everett alleging cruel and inhuman treatment. They were married at Wabasha, Minn., October 25, 1902, and there are four minor children.

BROTHER WHO TRIED TO AID BROTHER'S ESCAPE MUST APPEAR IN COURT

M. D. Lyons, who is charged with attempting to help his brother, W. D. Lyons, escape from the prisoner's box in the municipal courtroom Tuesday, was released from custody Tuesday night by Chief of Police Jenkins and ordered to appear before the municipal judge Thursday morning, when the brother is to be tried on a charge of passing a check without having sufficient funds in the bank and with operating an automobile without the proper license.

M. D. Lyons was allowed to go into the prisoner's box by Bailiff Carr to visit his brother. M. D. is 25 years old and W. D. is 27. The brothers were dressed alike and are said to resemble each other. Instead of the visitor leaving the box after the conversation, the prisoner walked out. Bailiff Carr said he did not notice the difference. As soon as W. D. left, Carr took the visitor by the arm and led him to the elevator and was in the act of delivering him over to the jailer, when two policemen returned with W. D. and demanded to know how he got out of jail.

Patrolmen Ferry and Abbot happened to be in the courtroom and saw the prisoner escaping.

W. D. Lyons is married and has a small child. He is said to have purchased a \$400 automobile Sunday and deposit of a worthless check as first payment.

A short time before the brothers changed places Mrs. Lyons visited her husband also. She fainted at first sight of him behind the bars.

Tacoma Company Is Granted Power to Operate in Oregon

Salem, Or., April 21.—The Western Rubber company of Tacoma, Wash., capitalized at \$5,000,000, has been granted permission to operate in Oregon. Alfred A. Hampden of Portland is named as attorney in fact for this state. Articles of incorporation were filed Friday as follows:

Woodlawn Investment company, Portland, \$200,000; G. T. Woodlawn, M. Kelly, G. W. Holcomb.

Columbia River Log Scaling & Grading bureau, Portland; J. S. O'Gorman, Russell Hawkins, H. C. Clair, Watson Eastman, J. A. Byerly, P. J. Brix, E. S. Collins.

A certificate filed by the Albatross Metal Furniture company of Portland shows an increase in capital stock from \$100,000 to \$150,000.

Resolutions of dissolution were filed by the Sutherland Light & Power company of Sutherlin, Or., and the Columbia River Log Scaling & Grading bureau of Portland.

Still Bearer Fined
Mike Kaborch paid \$100 today for the privilege of carrying a still in a gunny-sack. Federal Judge Wolverson heard his plea of guilty to violation of prohibition laws, and clamped on the fine.

ROACHES REVEL; SANITATION POOR, AT SOME PLACES

"I don't see how even one dish of food can be served without a cooked cockroach in it," an employee of a local restaurant told an investigator for the Women's Protective Bureau, according to a report submitted to City Health Officer Parrish this morning by Mrs. G. J. Frankel, superintendent of the bureau, describing health conditions in eating establishments.

Mrs. Frankel declares that general conditions at the Virginia, 408 Stark street, are "terrible." The Walter Leaming restaurant at 173 Sixth street is "filthy" and the White Kitchen at 224 North Second and Jack Salada establishment at 25 North Fifth are "dirty."

NO SEX DISTINCTION

Mrs. Frankel, in a tabulated report, points out that, although both men and women are employed at the Virginia, there is a common toilet and common dressing room, sanitary conditions are poor and there are no 1920 health cards.

Sanitary conditions are poor at the Walter Leaming restaurant, the report says; there is a common toilet, no dressing room and no health card.

There is neither toilet nor dressing room at the White Kitchen, sanitation is poor and there is only one holder of a health card. The report continues, and the same conditions exist at Jack Salada's. Sanitation is described as "poor" and "fair" in several other establishments.

CONDITIONS DEPLORABLE

In a letter accompanying the report, Mrs. Frankel tells Dr. Parrish that "members of my department have investigated about 123 restaurants and eating places in the city. In some of them we found deplorable conditions as far as the toilets and dressing rooms were concerned. We found places where there was a common toilet and a common dressing room, possibly both in the same room, both being used by men and women, and in one or two cases there was not even a lock on the door. This does not tend toward good morals."

Telling of a report Mrs. Frankel says: "I mentioned finding one or two places, one especially, where the worker reported that she did not see how even one dish of food could be served without a cooked cockroach in it."

Mrs. Frankel declares the health bureau cannot keep in touch with all the places because it has not enough workers.

Market Exchanges Closed in Japan

Washington, April 21.—(I. N. S.)—The principal market exchanges of Japan have been closed for three days owing to the situation created by failure of operators to put up additional margins, according to a report received late this afternoon from the American embassy at Tokyo, dated April 17. Tokyo stock exchange stock, regarded as a barometer of general conditions, has dropped from 470 to 260 within the last 30 days.

Baseball Game Is Postponed; Grand Opening Tomorrow

The opening game of the baseball season will be held with great pomp and eclat at the ball park Thursday afternoon—weather permitting. The initial game was scheduled for this afternoon, but on account of the continuous downpour of rain W. W. McCredie, manager of the Portland club, postponed the event at 11 o'clock this morning.

The Los Angeles club will contest the honors of the big event with the Portland players and a big crowd is anticipated. The Portland club is in excellent form according to McCredie and the game will be well worth witnessing. Mayor Baker will toss the ball into the field from the grandstand. Governor Olcott will pitch the first ball over the plate.

SCOTT NEW SECRETARY FOR NORTHWEST FIRE PATROL ASSOCIATIONS

Carl C. Scott, for nine years deputy state forester in F. A. Elliott's office, has been elected secretary-treasurer of the Northwest Fire Patrol associations of Clatsop, Columbia, Clackamas, Marion, Linn and Western Lane counties, succeeding Hugh Henry, who resigned some time ago to embark in the timber business for himself. The election occurred at the meetings of the various county patrols, which have just closed.

Scott is well known among timber owners and forest protective agencies. Previous to entering the state forestry office in 1911 he cruised timber for a number of years.

Henry occupied the position of secretary of the county patrols since 1912. He will relinquish the office as soon as Scott can take over the work. Henry expects to open offices in the Yeon building.

The Northwestern fire patrols comprise an area of 2,000,000 acres of timber land contributing toward fire protection. Considerable trail work, telephone and logging development is planned during the coming season. Crews are already in the field in some of the counties. Logging operations are very active in some of the regions. The aim of the association is to build up fire organizations through closer cooperation of the state and federal agencies so as to minimize the injuries caused by fire. Office is maintained in the Spaulding building.

Safe Is Suspected; Policemen Move It

Because Ah Sam, 101 North Fourth street, refused to open his safe Tuesday night and allow the police and federal officers to look inside and see if he had any cocaine or morphine the police called a dray and moved the safe to headquarters, where it is to be opened by an expert. Sam is held in jail in default of bail. His trial will be Friday.

Legal System for Raising Salaries of County Help Seen

The question of increases of salaries for county employees was again before the county commissioners this morning in conference with District Attorney Evans, Sheriff Hariburt, Constable Peterson, Auditor Martin, Assessor Reed, District Clerk Richmond and other officials over the recent ruling of the district attorney that the "raise" is illegal. Evans held that the commissioners should require the heads of each department to certify that they are unable to secure competent employees at present salaries.

It was indicated that the heads of each department will present to the commissioners next Monday such statements.

HUNT AND THOMAS IN CONFERENCE ON SCHOOL FOR DISABLED SOLDIERS

Differences between the federal board of vocational education and Director George B. Thomas were aired this morning in the school board offices in attempts to reach some sort of agreement on the use of Benson Polytechnic school for the rehabilitation of disabled soldiers during the summer. School Director Thomas and R. C. Hunt, representative of the federal board, met in informal conference.

Hunt endeavored to make a contract with the board at a stipulated charge per man for overhead expense, for which the federal board would take over the building from June 15 to September 15 and pay from its own funds such instructors as it wished to retain.

Thomas asked Hunt to prepare for submission to the board Friday night a statement as to the actual number of men the vocational board wishes accommodated, together with the courses they wished to take.

The machinery ordered by Thomas from Washington, D. C., cannot be located, although word was received many days ago of its shipment. Whether the equipment is being held up by snows or railroad strikes is a conjecture. The board expects to have Benson thoroughly equipped for rehabilitation work in September, says Thomas. Meanwhile, the federal board wants to use the school, or portions of it, during the summer.

Heavy Steel Beams Reported Stolen

Three steel beams 80 inches square and from 20 to 36 feet long were stolen from the Hood River Valley Products company, 321 North Fourteenth street, recently. The police are looking for the beams in junkshops.

E. M. Frank, 826 Northwestern Bank building, reported the theft of a complete fishing outfit from his automobile while it was parked in the business district.

POOR FISH? NOT MUCH; THEY ARE RECEIVED ROYALLY

Who said "poor fish"? Trollers in the upper river may well expect more desperate tussles than ever after tonight when the effect of some 5000 gallons of perfectly good liquor shall have had time to get to the royal chinooks that are on their annual pilgrimage.

Police, deputy sheriff and internal revenue agents have had the confiscated "evidence" in storage all winter at C. O. Fleck's warehouse Second and Pine streets. It has accumulated with each succeeding raid and the time arrived this afternoon when it had to be destroyed as the state and national law require.

Hundreds of applicants there were for the job of "destroying" the accumulation, but the means they offered were not in accordance with the laws in that behalf made and provided.

And so the contraband was poured into the river.

If any of the salmon manage the "comeback" stunt and, contrary to the theory of the fish and game commission, make their way to the ocean again after spawning, the Willamette and Columbia river fishing industry should receive a vigorous boost in after years. Doubtless the "comebacks" would tell of their wild adventures to their friends at sea, how they were regaled during their visit to the Willamette with the joy and thrill of their lives, and how such hospitality may well be expected again.

Nevertheless, the "destruction" of the liquor formed an interesting sight for hundreds of dry-lipped, envious souls, who for once, longed to be fish.

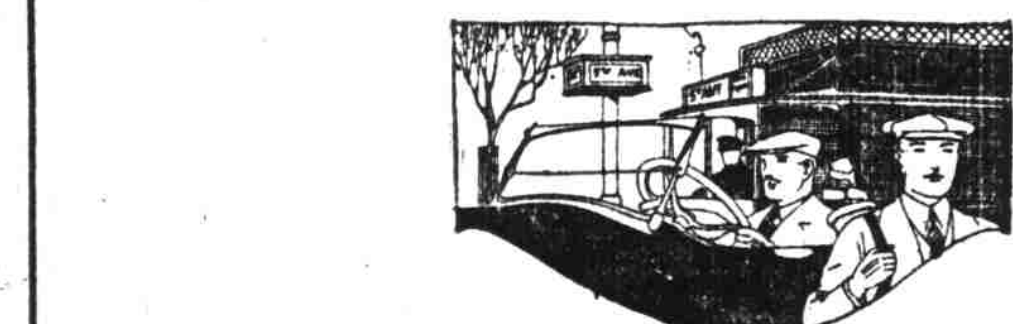
The man who spent the summer constructing air castles is now trying to borrow heat for the air.

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AND—
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