

'CITIZEN' DOWELL WANDERS AROUND AS THOUGH LOST

Chief Who Developed Fire Fighting System to Highest Efficiency Has Good Will of All.

By Fred H. McNeill
Citizen Benjamin Franklin Dowell is swarming around the streets these days in citizens' clothes, hat, felloe, well met, as usual, but inwardly musing over the days when he was Chief "Biddy" Dowell, head of the fire department, resplendent in blue, crossed trumpets and brass buttons.

Not saying that "Biddy" Dowell is mourning the loss of the fine feathers and the double row of buttons on his breast, nor the authority that went with them, but he is musing over the days when he was Chief "Biddy" Dowell, head of the fire department, resplendent in blue, crossed trumpets and brass buttons.

For, as "Biddy" says, once out, always out. They're still Jim, Bill and Ed and Mike to me and I'm still "Biddy" or "chief," but then—they're in and I'm out, and that's all there is to it. In the way he sums up the feeling that the finest lot of men a fellow could know, and you don't appreciate it until after you get away. It's just like being a soldier and then being a civilian, they're men you know they'll go the limit for a fellow and it's pretty hard to make the break.

IN SERVICE 25 YEARS
Hewing strictly to the line of accuracy, Dowell was still chief all last week. His retirement becomes effective Sunday, but for the last 10 days he was on vacation. Retiring at his own request, after 25 years of service, Dowell, still young—for he is in his fiftieth year—is going to be in the world in civilian pursuits. He has gone from the department bearing with him the good wishes of every man who served under him and of his superiors and associates in the city service. In his day the department has made its greatest advancement. Under him Portland's fire prevention service was developed to its present high efficiency. He had the friendship and respect of fire chiefs in every part of the country. He has carried on successfully the high achievement of his predecessor, David Campbell, Portland's immortal fire chief, who met death in the harness just nine years ago.

NATIVE OREGONIAN
Chief Dowell is a native Oregonian. He was born in Jacksonville, March 23, 1876. He came to Portland in April, 1895, arriving on the day of a 500-mile journey. He came to Portland in April, 1895, arriving on the day of a 500-mile journey. He came to Portland in April, 1895, arriving on the day of a 500-mile journey.

MADE FOREMAN IN 1906
Fire department jobs were political in those days, and Dowell lost out during the Paenoyer administration. But on July 5, 1906, Dowell went back as extra man. The term means that he was at liberty to do outside work, but when the enormous bell at Fourth and Morrison streets clanged out the alarm he had to "hot foot" to the place. At that time the department men were "part paid," and the foreman and one other man at each house. Dowell's salary then was \$30 a month.

FIRE CHIEF AT EXPOSITION
When the paid fire department was instituted in 1903, Dowell took the first fire service examination, was made a captain and held it a month. He was given charge of truck 1, the only company he ever headed.

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FIRE CHIEF LEAVES SERVICE

B. F. ("Biddy") Dowell, who is credited with having brought Portland's fire fighting department to its present state of efficiency.

31, then head of truck 2; Walter Parrish, now lieutenant of engine 25; Charles Hewitt, now a policeman; George Stokes, now one of the state fire marshals, but at that time captain of engine 1, and Winifred Davy. These men were on the first floor when the doors above opened under the heavy weight of merchandise, and they were imprisoned in a pocket. The other firemen, believing they were dead, burrowed through a mountain of flour and other stuff to find the imprisoned ones in a small space practically uninjured.

ALWAYS AT ENGINE 25
On March 31, 1908, Dowell was appointed battalion chief. His headquarters for just one night were engine 13, and the next day Dave Campbell transferred him to engine 25. This house has since considered his home and he has been sleeping there ever since, regardless of his rank in the department.

Whenever newspaper reporters wanted to find the chief and he was not at headquarters, he could invariably be located by calling some of the crowd at engine 25. The house is at First and Jefferson streets.

The big tragedy in the Portland fire department occurred June 28, 1911, when Chief Campbell lost his life. There are plenty of firemen who remember the day, nine years ago, when the department lost its head, literally and figuratively. When Mike Laudonick, assistant chief, learning of Campbell's death, in the excess of his emotion, turned in a general alarm and Dowell was found, late the same afternoon, walking aimlessly around blocks on the east side half a mile distant from the fire.

Campbell was killed in the destruction of the Union Oil company's plant at East Water and Salmon streets. The fire had not yet become real hot.

HOPE DAVIS CAMPBELL, 31, was "I want in there and told those fellows to take the line out," said Dowell, telling of the incident. "Johnny Young was standing over on the south side of the room in the smoke. After I had ordered the men out Campbell came in, and told me to get that line back in again. So I started towards the Salmon street door and left Dave standing there in the middle of the floor. I'll never forget how he looked. He was crouched over a little to get away from the smoke, and he was waving his hand as if he was shouting. I had just gotten to the door and was starting across the street when she let go and I was dashed across the street against a pile of paving blocks. Young was thrown out the front door."

Dowell believes that the explosion was of case goods stored in the basement. The explosion was terrific and the body of the beloved chief was not found for hours afterwards.

"When the boys found his body I started in to look at it and then picked up," Dowell continued his story. "I didn't want to see what was in there for I wanted to remember him as he was alive."

BECAME CHIEF IN 1911
Mike Laudonick became acting chief. Battalion Chiefs Dowell, Jay W. Stevens and John M. Young took the examination, Laudonick waiving his right. Dowell was appointed to vacancy on November 1, 1911, by Mayor Rushlight.

STATES TO PUBLISH DRAFT DESERTERS' LIST OF 150,000

Total of \$7,500,000 Offered as Reward for Capture of Men Who Sidestepped War Service.

Washington, July 31.—Publication of a list of more than 150,000 draft deserters, soon to be made by the war department, will be by states over a period of several weeks and possibly months, instead of having simultaneous publication for the entire country, according to information given today.

The reason for the change in plan is that the force in charge of the draft records would be unable to answer requests for information and handle all the cases that would be rushed to Washington at one time if there was but a single publication.

WOULD EXPEDITE WORK
By announcing the names, state by state, the draft record force and officers engaged in the roundup of deserters will be able to keep up with their work, it was stated.

War department officials still are engaged in checking names of the deserter list. It has been this checking that has delayed the long awaited announcement of the draft names, as finally sifted down. Great care has been exercised with the result that the present list is only one third the size it was when the lists of deserters were brought together here from the state adjutant generals.

One reason for care is that the publication means that the government automatically offers \$50 for the capture of each man listed, a total of \$7,500,000.

MANY DESERTERS ABROAD
It is certain there are hundreds of draft deserters who are not in the United States at all. This is indicated by the number of letters from foreign countries in which draft deserters ask information as to the terms on which they may return. Most of these letters come from South America and Mexico and there is a current of homesickness evident in what they write.

The only terms the government is willing to offer is that the deserters face trial, a usual prison sentence is six months, unless the case is exceptional, as that of Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, who was sentenced to five years.

125 Tons Colorado Mineral Contains One Gram Radium

(By United News)
Washington, July 31.—The world supply of radium is being increased at a hitherto unequalled rate, according to the report given today by Dr. E. B. Rosa, chief physicist of the bureau of standards, which makes official tests for practically the entire radium output of the United States.

Radium's use as a cure for cancer is the principal reason why the most valuable and mysterious of minerals is coming into more general use. Hospitals and institutions of research are the usual purchasers, Rosa said.

Seventeen grams of the precious substance, worth approximately \$125,000, have been tested already this year. Tuesday a man appeared at the bureau with capsules containing one gram worth \$125,000, the largest single amount ever received for testing.

This fortune concentrated in a few tiny particles looking like brown sand had been obtained from 125 tons of a mineral found largely in Colorado. After the amount of radium is determined officially, it will be delivered to the Institute for Malignant Diseases at Buffalo, N. Y.

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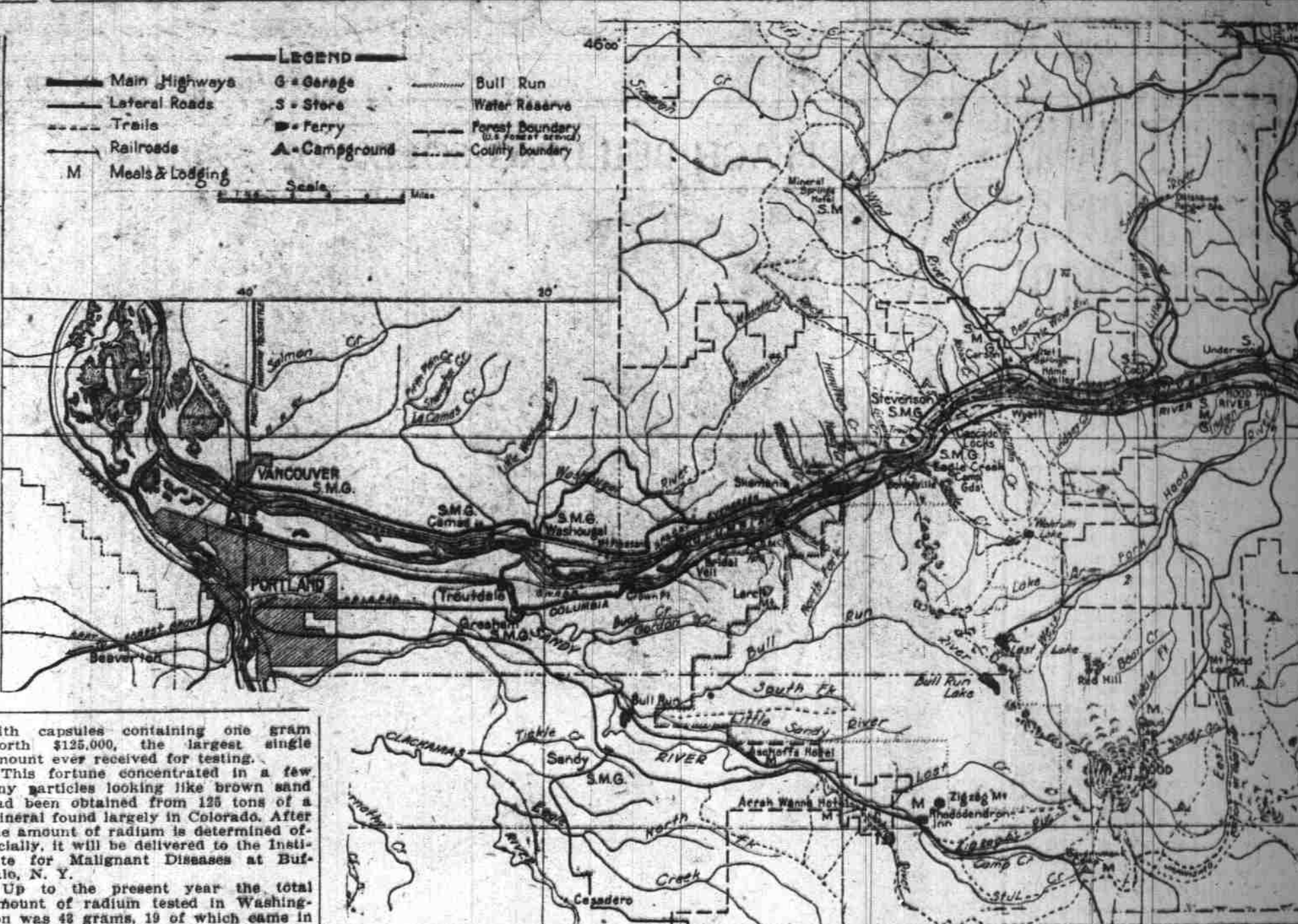
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FOREST SERVICE MEN DRAFT RECREATION MAP SHOWING TRIPS



A recreation map of the region between Portland and The Dalles, including the Mount Hood country and the Mount Adams area, published by Ted Flynn and Victor Flach, draftsmen in the forest service. The map shows roads, trails, camp sites, and other valuable bits of information for forest service men. It is intended mainly as a guide for the taking of short trips in the Columbia highway region.

Lewis and Clark Festival to Have Pendleton Veteran

Seaside, July 31.—Plans are progressing for the Lewis and Clark festival to be held here next month under the supervision of Mrs. Rose of Portland.

Mrs. Cora E. Geiss, formerly primary supervisor in the Pennsylvania Institute, is in the city and is assisting in training the children for the fair scenes.

The Boy Scouts will be encamped at Seaside two days during the festival, previous to going to their camp at Long Beach. They will assist in the Indian scenes.

Walter Jenkins of Portland will be here to conduct a community sing each evening previous to the performance. Mrs. A. D. Frost of Portland, who was the queen of the pageant given in Portland last year, will play the part of "Columbia." The queen will be selected from among the Seaside ladies by vote.

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Castlerock Lacks Teacher to Make Faculty Complete

Castlerock, Wash., July 31.—The faculty for the Castlerock schools has been completed for the coming year, save one high school teacher, as follows: Superintendent, F. B. Dutton; High school—Miss Edith Sprague of Lynn, Mass.; Miss Naomi Bowen, Pullman; Miss Nellie Albin, Vancouver; Grade school—Newman McCoy, Miss Gladys Toole, Bellingham; Miss Lenore Kenyon, Iowa; Miss Inez Underhill, Miss Carrie Fouts, Miss Martha Carson, Miss Nellie Holmes, Miss Alma Innes. Three auto stages will convey children from a distance, as other districts have been consolidated with Castlerock district.

Corrected /
"I consider the lady attenuated in form."
"Do you think so? I'd call her real thin."

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MAN WHO DIDN'T ACT ENOCH ARDEN REGAINS HIS WIFE

Henry Curtis, Who Was Reported Dead, Returns and Wins Wife Who Had Married First Love.

(By United News)
Kansas City, Mo., July 31.—Henry Curtis had never read Tennyson's "Enoch Arden."

So when he came back from war, where he had been officially reported killed, and found his wife had married another, Eugene E. Peel, he didn't sacrifice himself as did the hero of Tennyson's tale. He took his wife back to his bosom as if nothing had happened.

This, naturally, placed Mrs. Curtis in a dilemma.

"Choose between us," was Peel's ultimatum. She chose her first husband. Back in 1914, according to Peel, there was an "Annie Lee" who lived at Carthage, Mo. Her name was Esther Warren. She was the daughter of a boarding house landlady, and she had two suitors. Peel, a young doctor, and a chap named Curtis. She married Curtis.

Peel came to Kansas City and tried to forget Esther.

Then came the war. Curtis tore himself from his bride of a year. He went with the Canadian army to Belgium. From the second battle of Mons came word to Esther that her husband was "gassed" and died in hospital.

Peel sympathized with the widow. His love rekindled. On September 10, 1919, "Philip Ray" and "Annie Lee"—Peel and Esther—were married.

In June, 1919, Enoch Arden came home.

"Not to tell her, never to let her know," The words of Tennyson's Enoch Arden never occurred to Curtis.

"He acted as if nothing had happened since he left his wife, and he lived with her," Peel told the judge. "She seemed to prefer him to me, so I kept a quarrel with her. I left, going to Texas."

"You seem to be the victim of a man who never read Enoch Arden," said Judge Burney. "You are entitled to a divorce."

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Made to Retract Statements Made In Lauding Soviet

London, July 31.—(U. N. S.)—Dr. Walter von Simons, the German secretary, has been compelled to repudiate his praise of Bolshevism uttered in his speech at the opening of the national assembly on Monday, according to an exchange dispatch from Berlin today. Dr. von Simons, the correspondent says, was compelled to change his attitude by political circumstances. He has made public his revised views saying that he considers Bolshevism, dangerous poison.

It is understood in Berlin, continues the dispatch, that Dr. von Simons only saved his official position as foreign secretary by a "humiliating apology."

U. of O. Summer Session Ends
University of Oregon, Eugene, July 31.—The summer session of the University of Oregon ended Friday. The total registration reached 322.

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Jenks Family Holds Annual Reunion at Old Tangent Home

Tangent, July 31.—The Jenks family reunion was held Sunday at the old family home, about one mile south of Tangent. Interest of 34 years is centered about this place, where James Benton Jenks, his wife and the oldest children of the family settled after braving the hardships of crossing the plains.

Nine sons and one daughter were born of this union, all of whom survive and are residents of Linn county. They were present at the family gathering. The place is owned and managed by two sons, Oliver and Enoch.

The sister and nine brothers present, together with their families, according to age, are: Floyd B. Williams D., James E. Jr., Mrs. J. H. Richard of Harrisburg, Mack, Oliver H., Charles, Jesse H., Forrest E. and Enoch M. Jenks. Other relatives present were: Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Jenks Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Pierce Jenks, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Scott. Specially invited guests included: Rev. and Mrs. Needham and daughters, the Misses Jenks and Marion; Mr. and Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Spangler of California, Clara Starnes of Weston, Or.; Mr. Butler of Jefferson, Or.; Mr. Walley and Earl Stafford of Lodi, Cal.

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Surplus War Stock Brings Two Billion And Half to British

(By United News)
London, July 31.—Sales of surplus British war stores have brought \$2,520,000,000, said a white paper issued by Lord Inverforth.

Disposal of the remainder is expected to increase this amount by \$1,500,000,000. Metals have been the biggest item, yielding \$1,237,000,000. Chemicals and explosives added \$125,000,000 and textiles and leather, \$94,000,000. Auto trucks were also an important source.

Roumanian Prince Is Soon Due in U. S.

San Francisco, July 31.—(U. N. S.)—The crown prince of Roumania will arrive in the United States shortly. Cable dispatches to a local steamship company announced that he was on board a ship which left Yokohama for San Francisco.

World Increases Price
New York, July 31.—(U. P.)—The New York Evening World today announced that beginning August 1 its price would be increased from two to three cents. The Evening World was the last of New York's evening newspapers to raise its price. Increased cost of labor and materials was responsible.

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