

BOND COMPANY TO PAY FOR REPAIRS ON WEAK SEWERS

The Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland will pay for taking up and reconstructing all sewer work improperly constructed by A. Y. Azar & Co., thus eliminating the possibility of litigation over the faulty sewer work of Azar's recently disclosed in an investigation made by Commissioner of Public Works Barbur.

The estimated cost of putting the newly constructed sewers in proper condition is approximately \$10,000, while the city is holding up payments on Azar contracts to the amount of \$46,841; therefore, the bond company deems it wise to pay the cost of perfecting Azar's faulty work and collecting the difference of \$36,841, rather than to contest in the courts for the amount claimed by Azar on faulty work. Azar attempted to engage the services of a prominent Portland attorney to prevent the city from compelling him to make his work good, but the lawyer declined to take the case, later stating that "Azar had no ground for his contention as had been proved in the higher courts on similar cases."

Commissioner A. L. Barbur, City Engineer Laugaard, City Attorney Frank S. Grant, A. Y. Azar and Frank E. Smith, attorney for the bond company, held a conference in Commissioner Barbur's office Monday, and the agreement of the bond company to make good the faulty sewer work resulted from that conference, Barbur stated Tuesday.

The Minnesota and Almsworth avenue trunk sewer and the Mississippi-Almsworth sewer were the two important contracts which Azar attempted to deliver to the city in faulty condition. Assistant City Engineer Orin E. Stanley was suspended for 30 days and Inspector W. A. McQuigan was discharged as a result of Azar sewer contract disclosures.

Work on unearthing and reconstructing the Azar contract sewers will start at once under close inspection of the city engineer's office and will be completed as early as possible, Commissioner Barbur announced Tuesday evening. "And any other faulty sewer work discovered in the city, by any contractor, will be similarly treated at the expense of the contractor or his bondsmen," he added.

Board of Health to Be Given Moonshine To Test for Toxics

District Attorney Evans has notified the police that he has no objection to their giving the state board of health small samples of moonshine whiskey so the board may investigate its toxic qualities, and the tests probably will begin in the near future.

The board decided to investigate the moonshine situation in connection with a statewide survey of the effects of prohibition, following reports that many families in Portland and in other cities were operating small stills.

Members of the board of health declare that the practice is dangerous, inasmuch as improper selection of the grain for distillation, and improper methods of distillation, frequently result in the production of methyl alcohol, which is acutely poisonous, in the distillate.

Portland Realtors Will Include Cuba In Pleasure Jaunt

A visit to Cuba will feature the eight-day trip of members of the Portland Realty board who went east the first week in January to attend a meeting of the executive committee of the National Association of Real Estate Boards at Atlanta. Members of the party from Portland are Coe A. McKenna, president of the local board; Fred E. Taylor, president of the national association, and Mrs. Taylor.

A telegram received today from McKenna announced that the 250 realtors who attended the Atlanta meeting were journeying from there to the east coast of Florida. More than 80 cities of the United States and Canada are represented among the delegates and the entire party proposes to make the trip to Cuba and the Isle of Pines. The realty market of the Eastern states is rapidly recovering from the effects of the recent industrial slump, according to McKenna.

Caples Tract Held Trifle Inadequate For James John High

Site for the new James John high school was still "in the air" after lengthy discussion of school directors Tuesday night. The Caples tract, which has been supported by large delegations of St. Johns residents at various meetings, is considered a trifle too small to meet the growing needs of the community, and the trend of opinion is now turning toward the Burt-Neff and Cedar park tracts, farther from the industrial center of the city, and containing larger acreage.

Newton C. Gaunt, contractor, has offered to erect a 28 room fireproof building on the Hawthorne-Buckman site for \$194,000, or a 16 room fireproof building for \$120,000. Gaunt will meet with Clerk R. H. Thomas and Superintendent of Properties George Edmondstone today to present his plans.

Boy Scouts Ready To Do Good Turns; Plan Anniversary

The Boy Scouts' organization of America will be 11 years old February 8 and in celebration all councils will put on a week's program, beginning February 8, which will be Scout Sunday, to be specially observed in the churches. A father and son banquet will be the feature of Monday. On Tuesday every scout will be expected to do a big "good turn" for his mother. Wednesday will be recruiting day. Thursday will be a day of community good turns. On Friday evening there will be a Scout rally at Lincoln high school. A program of good turns for the city is being worked out for Saturday.

Al Kader Temple Prepares for Class Initiation and Ball

A short business session of Al Kader Temple, Mystic Shrine, will be held at 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon in the armory and an hour later members of the Shrine will begin "working" on a large class of candidates. A total of 163 applications were acted on favorably at the meeting Tuesday night and the special gathering of next Saturday was set by Potentate Frank S. Grant because many additional applications are expected from among those who are taking degrees at present which will make them eligible.

The grand formal ball in honor of the potentate will be held Thursday night in the Auditorium and Herman Von Borstel, chairman of the entertainment committee, declares that it will be the most

elaborate affair ever held in Portland. Dancing will start at 8:30 o'clock and several special features will be added to the regular program.

Hot Lake Arrivals
Hot Lake, Jan. 19.—Arrivals at Hot Lake sanatorium Sunday were: G. H. Henderson, New Home, Idaho; F. S. Bramwell, Grants Pass; L. H. Bramwell, Thelma M. Deeterling and Mrs. C. Harding Scott, LaGrande; S. M. Daniel, Wallace, Idaho; Mrs. S. D. Crowe and Mamie Geary, LaGrande; Dr. and Mrs. R. J. Ruckman and George Ruckman, Alice; E. H. Pratt, Haines; Mrs. G. T. Wardrip, Welser, Idaho; Mrs. C. L. Allen, Lostine; T. Goshimunn and Mrs. J. Smith, Pendleton.

Many to Attend Camp
University of Oregon, Eugene, Jan. 19.—A half hundred university students will attend R. O. T. C. summer camps if present plans of Major R. C. Baird carry.

LAKE DAMMING PERMITS WANTED; CAMPERS AROUSED

Whether mountain lakes of the Northwest are most valuable for recreation or for waterpower is a question confronting the office of the district engineer of the United States forest service, who is receiving scores of applications for investigation and recommendation to the

federal water power commission. At Spirit lake, at the base of Mount St. Helena, the damming of the outlet would raise the water 40 feet and work havoc with the Y. M. C. A. camp and to the numerous summer homes bordering its shore. Application for permit for such damming is on file. In Oregon, permits are desired for damming Diamond lake, for whose inclusion in Crater Lake park a bill is now pending in congress; Waldo lake, one of the most beautiful bodies of water in the Cascade mountains, and numerous other lakes that the proposed Skyline road will touch. P. H. Dater, district engineer, is of the opinion that Diamond lake should not be used purely for recreation, since the Umpqua river, which it feeds, is one of the greatest water power sources in the state. He believes, also, that while the damming would hurt Diamond lake from a recreational standpoint, it would not spoil it, since the water would

not be drawn until September when the vacation season would be over. Washington resort lakes threatened by promoters are Lake Crescent and Lake Cheelan, principally.

Yakima Has Second Big Blaze of Year

Yakima, Wash., Jan. 19.—Explosion of a stove in the Golden Rule clothing store on Yakima avenue Tuesday evening caused a fire that resulted in losses aggregating \$50,000. The clothing stock, valued at \$20,000, is a total loss. Fire swept through the building, a one story brick, wrecking the barber shop of Clarence Shaw, and the Rotary bakery, with stock and fixtures valued at \$7,500. This is Yakima's second large fire of the year. Losses of the two aggregate more than \$100,000.

Railroad Building Near Willamina Is Practically Halted

Willamina, Or., Jan. 19.—Railroad construction on the Willamina & Grand Ronde line is practically at a standstill. Wages have been cut and practically all of the working force has been let out. Nearly all mills are closed down and operation of the clay pit of the Willamina

Brick & Tile company has been suspended.

The Willamina library has been discontinued because of lack of housing facilities due to the demand for office room here. The circulation had increased steadily.

Monmouth House Burned
Monmouth, Jan. 19.—A vacant two story furnished dwelling, owned by John Stevens, was destroyed by fire Tuesday. The property was valued at \$3000 and was insured.

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