

RECORD BUILDING YEAR INDICATED BY NUMBER PERMITS

Portland's home building program is well under way and plans completed and in the process of preparation indicate that the current year will establish new records in residence construction in the city, according to a statement issued Monday by Horace E. Plummer, chief inspector of the building department at the city hall.

During the first 11 days of February 65 residence permits, calling for an expenditure of approximately \$250,000, were issued, and the total for the year up to Friday night shows 180 permits for new dwellings, calling for the expenditure of \$683,000. There were 115 residence permits issued during January. Plummer stated, and present indications are for a constantly increasing volume of new homebuilding during the spring and early summer months.

Recent reductions in the prices of lumber, brick, metal lath and other building materials are having a stimulating effect on construction. Proposed decreases in the cost of labor would help still further.

Foundation permits were issued Friday for the plant of the Portland Wool Warehouse company at the foot of Richmond street. Plans call for a building to cost \$70,000. Plans also are well along for the Hawthorne and Buckman school at East Sixteenth and Pine streets, and for the new James John school at St. Johns.

The only office building contemplated is being undertaken by the Hurley Mason company at a cost of \$500,000 on the half block on the south side of Salmon street between Fifth and Sixth. Definite promise of a new theatre on Broadway has been given by Ackerman & Harris, owners of the Hippodrome circuit.

Public buildings and manufacturing plants will furnish the bulk of the new construction during the year, according to Plummer, and there will be less garage construction than during 1920. Several large undertakings, including the proposed Meier & Frank \$1,000,000 structure and the new \$500,000 cooperatively owned apartment house at Madison and Madison add to the volume of prospective building.

Three-Day Rabbit Show to Be Held Here by Fanciers

The Oregon branch of the National Fanciers and Breeders' association will hold a rabbit show at 111 North Broadway on February 17, 18 and 19. Those in charge have purchased new rabbit coops throughout and are preparing for an exhibit of about 300 rabbits. Several fine prizes are offered. A special prize of \$15 goes to the best rabbit in the show, with \$10 to the second best.

Third Big Tanker Off on Trial Trip On Columbia River

Vancouver, Wash., Feb. 15.—The Livingston Ree, 12,000 ton oil tanker built by the G. M. Standifer Construction corporation for the Standard Oil company of New Jersey, left Tuesday morning for her official trial trip down the Columbia river. The tanker will go as far as St. Helens and return.

Bomb Is Hurlled at Dublin City Hall; Soldiers Uninjured

Dublin, Feb. 15.—(U. P.)—An unsuccessful attempt was made to bomb the Dublin city hall last night. The building is occupied by government troops. The explosive was hurled from an automobile which passed the building at high speed. It inflicted no damage, but resulted in a renewed search by the military today for hidden munitions.

Young Driver Faces Manslaughter Case

Spokane, Wash., Feb. 15.—Roger Bartlett, aged 16, will face a charge of manslaughter, following his arrest for the killing of A. D. Allison, aged 38, a farmer, on the Appleway near Vera, a suburb of Spokane, while driving his father's car at an alleged speed of more than 40 miles an hour.

Southern Oregon to Have Big Display in Mining Convention

Henry M. Parks, executive chairman of the third annual international mining convention, returned from Grants Pass and Medford today with the information that Southern Oregon plans sending 100 or 300 delegates to a large exhibit of ores and minerals to the Portland gathering, April 5 to 9. Parks attended meetings of mining men at both Grants Pass and Medford and found much interest evinced in the coming convention.

"The people of Southern Oregon are eager to get their resources of gold, silver, copper, asbestos, manganese and chrome before a body of experts such as will come to the Portland sessions," said Parks.

A. M. Swartz, consulting mining engineer with the Oregon bureau of mines and geology, left for Baker Tuesday afternoon to address meetings of mining men in behalf of the convention.

DR. HUGH S. MOUNT SUES 7 PHYSICIANS

Oregon City, Feb. 15.—A suit for \$50,000 damages against seven physicians in Oregon City was filed Monday by Dr. Hugh S. Mount, who charges that the seven signed a statement in which he alleges his character was defamed. The defendants named are Dr. O. A. Welsh, M. C. Strickland, A. H. Huycke, C. H. Meissner, W. Ross Eaton, C. A. Stuart and George E. Stuart.

The case arose following the shooting of Alex DeFord by Dr. E. Frost on November 21. Dr. Frost was assisting Night Officer Surtus in capturing DeFord, who had been fighting on Main street. DeFord died at the Oregon City hospital two days later.

Dr. Mount was called by the DeFord family to hold a postmortem and testify in direct contradiction to the statement of Dr. Welsh, county health officer, who had attended DeFord at the hospital and diagnosed the case as influenza pneumonia, from which he had asserted DeFord died, rather than from the wounds received when he was shot.

Following the inquest, Dr. Mount, through an agreement with the county officials, filed a bill for \$35 with the county for conducting the postmortem and was not paid by the DeFord family. At this the seven doctors filed a protest with the county court, asking that the sum be withheld. Dr. Mount asserts that the statements contained in the protest are defamatory.

ROADS LOSE BUSINESS TO AUTO TRUCKS

no competition exists have shown a marked increase in business during the last 12 months.

"The Oregon Electric line lost in taxes during 1920 a total of \$279,000," says Skinner. "This loss is an investment of millions, while bus and truck operators are growing rich upon practically no investment at all and a negligible tax."

Patrons on the S. P. & S. Astoria beach line had dropped off alarmingly during the past few years, according to the S. P. & S. traffic official.

"On the beach service round trip tickets sell for less than \$1.00 on one way trip, yet the S. P. & S. sold 3400 one way tickets during a given period last year against 4200 round trip tickets," said Skinner.

Skinner also spoke of a startling loss of business on the Oregon Electric line to Salem and this was substantiated by Ben C. Dey, attorney, and H. E. Lounsbury, general passenger agent of the Southern Pacific railroad, which operates both steam and electric service to the Astoria capital.

Steamer service on the upper Willamette river has been practically forced out of existence by the railroads and truck lines, and the same condition is threatening the lower Columbia river, in the opinion of operators of vessels between Portland and Astoria.

A motor trucking company has asked the Multnomah county commissioners for permission to operate a truck and trailer service between Portland and Astoria, which would carry 15 tons.

The Multnomah commission has taken the matter up with Columbia and Clatsop counties authorities.

Blast Survivor on Trial for Life in South Bend Court

South Bend, Wash., Feb. 15.—The murder trial of John Fred Goodwin, alias John "Red" Welch, began here Monday before Judge H. W. Bowen. Welch is charged with first degree murder as a result of the dynamiting of the River December 16, resulting in the deaths of Frank Behnke, Blanche Behnke, Elgel Christensen and Adolph Jary.

The selection of a jury is progressing slowly. After a day and a half the defense had seven peremptory challenges left, and the state three. The defense met to prove the explosion to have been accidental, due to gasoline used in the engine on the drogger.

NOW COMES U. S. SENATOR AFTER LANDIS' SCALP

(By Universal Service) Washington, Feb. 15.—Impeachment proceedings started Monday against Judge Landis of Chicago by Representative B. F. Welty, Democrat, of Ohio, will be followed by separate action instituted by Senator Nathaniel Dial, Democrat, of South Carolina.

Senator Dial made this announcement Monday after Welty had failed to include in the basis for his action anything other than the Chicago jurist's \$42,500-a-year job as writer of organized baseball. In his case against Judge Landis, the South Carolina senator will use as grounds for impeachment the recent action of the judge in releasing Francis J. Carey, 19-year-old bank teller, who confessed to embezzling \$26,800.

Senator Dial will be prevented from bringing the impeachment indictment himself because of the constitutional provision that such proceedings must originate in the house. The senator said, however, he will ask a South Carolina member of the house formally to present his charges. Discussion of this course already has begun.

Landis simply smiles at enemies' activities. Universal Service Staff Correspondent Chicago, Feb. 15.—Those who saw Judge K. M. Landis' broad smile when his court adjourned Monday knew he was not agitated over the impeachment proceedings started against him Monday by Representative Welty of Ohio because he had become head of organized baseball.

"You haven't a thing to worry about. Every good citizen in Chicago will fight for you," was the expression of one admirer. "I am not worried about this," the judge told another caller. "I am no more interested in this than I am in the appointment of a new bell hop at the hotel across the street."

The judge was on the bench when newspaper men informed him of what Representative Welty was doing in Washington. He looked at the dispatch and smiled as he went down the list of the charges against him.

"Doesn't that beat all?" he said. "No one takes that seriously but Senator Dial and Welty. Guess I'll let them get all lathered up before saying anything."

Further than that he refused to comment on the matter.

Since Judge Landis began making the road rocky for liquor violators, he has been the most talked-of man in Chicago. Today's proceedings added to the talk.

Landis' accuser may be held in contempt of court. Chicago, Feb. 15.—(U. P.)—Lawyers of Chicago today, coming to the defense of Judge K. M. Landis, who has been attacked in the United States senate by Senator Dial of South Carolina for his action in the case of an Ottawa, Ill., bank teller, accused of embezzlement, raised the point that Senator Dial may be in contempt of court.

"The courts have held in a number of decisions," said Harry W. Standige, former president of the Illinois Lawyers' association, "that discussion of a case still in court is contempt of court. In this case Senator Dial is criticizing Judge Landis in a case which is not completed. Judge Landis has announced that he has not yet decided what sentence he will impose upon the Ottawa bank clerk."

Standige declared the point at issue is how far the constitutional provision that no senator or representative shall be taken to account for his statements on the floor, protects Senator Dial in his remarks concerning Judge Landis. Threats of impeachment proceedings, Standige pointed out, might intimidate a judge.

Chicago judge may be called before committee. Washington, Feb. 15.—(U. P.)—Judge Keneaw Mountain Landis of Chicago may be asked to appear before the house judiciary committee to answer impeachment charges brought against him in the house by Representative Welty of Ohio.

Friends of Landis already have asked that he be invited to appear, while Welty believes the committee should ask him to testify during the inquiry as to whether the impeachment charges are sufficient to warrant a trial by the senate.

A meeting of the judiciary committee probably will be held within the next few days to determine procedure. Chairman Volstead said today.

A canvass of committee members today revealed that for the present a majority of them do not believe that Welty has presented sufficient evidence to back his impeachment move.

After waiting 60 days in jail to be tried on a charge of striking a false name to his questionnaire, Oscar Swanson, alias Oscar Wilson, was sentenced to 30 days in jail this morning by Federal Judge Bean. Sentence was in keeping with the recommendation of Assistant United States Attorney Veatch.

Swanson was arrested early in December at 2118 East Alder street, where he is said to have been living with Mrs. Lydia Thornton of Spokane. He was bound over to the grand jury on a charge of white slavery, but no indictment was returned.

Arranging of Swanson was brought about through the activities of the husband of the woman, who is said to have traced the couple from Spokane to Portland.

Jury Service Made Optional to Women If Measure Passes

State House, Salem, Or., Feb. 15.—Various members of the house of representatives who opposed house bill 155, introduced by Mrs. William S. Kinney of Clatsop county at the request of the Portland Women's club, and providing for jury service by women, will find themselves in an embarrassing position today. The bill is to reappear in amended form which will meet the objections they interposed against it. Whether they will now support it is a question that is causing anxious queries.

The opposition was ostensibly on the ground that the bill would force jury duty on women who did not desire it. The bill as amended, and which was reported favorably for passage by the house committee on revision of laws last night, contains this new clause:

"Any woman desiring to be excused from jury service may claim exemption by signing a written or printed notice thereof and returning the same to the sheriff before the date for appearance, and if exemption is so claimed by reason of sex no appearance need be made in answer to said summons, provided, however, that it shall be the duty of the persons serving any summons for jury duty to inform every female person so served of the provision and to furnish her with a written or printed blank on which to make such demand for exemption."

PARLIAMENT IS CONVOKED; IRISH WARNED

(Continued From Page One) world wide restriction of trade. This may be alleviated, but it cannot be cured by legislative means. This is a problem with acute and distressing consequences. Hundreds of thousands of our fellow citizens are receiving constant and serious attention from ministers with the object of both reviving trade and prosperity and in the meantime assisting those who unfortunately are unemployed.

"Estimates for the government services will reflect the determination of the government to reduce expenditures to the lowest level consistent with the wellbeing of the empire."

LIABILITIES OF WAR "The war has left upon the nation liabilities that can only be met by heavy taxation. It is imperative for our interests that there be an early revival of trade and industry, so that the burden can be reduced to the utmost."

Parliament was opened with all the pomp and ceremony and glitter of pre-war days. The king accompanied to Westminster by Queen Mary. The gallery was filled with notables representing the empire and all the great powers of the world as the king, attired in purple and gold, read his speech from the gilded throne.

It was the first time that the king himself personally addressed parliament on opening day since before the world war. Especial precautions had been taken to guard him and the other members of the royal family as they rode in the royal coach drawn by six black horses. It was accompanied by five other coaches bearing attendants. Cheers and fluttering flags greeted the king and queen on every side.

PRINCE GOES ALONE The Prince of Wales did not ride with his parents. He was in a separate carriage, having gone to the parliament building from his own official residence—York House—instead of Buckingham Palace. The royal family was received at the entrance of the parliament building with elaborate ceremonies and conducted to the robing room. After the royal vestments had been donned, the king took his place upon the throne with the queen seated at his left and the Prince of Wales at his right.

The Spanish, French, Italian and Japanese ambassadors rode to Westminster in state coaches. John W. Davis, the United States ambassador, and Harry Sthamer, the German ambassador, rode in separate motor cars.

THORNS FILLS STREETS A tremendous throng filled all the streets between Buckingham palace and Westminster, and a vast crowd was gathered about the parliament building. The buildings along the way were decorated with flags. The roofs and windows were filled with spectators who cheered and waved flags and handkerchiefs.

The king announced that a new Egyptian policy would be laid before parliament. Referring to imperial matters, he said it was proposed to renew the wartime practice of conferences in which the dominions would be represented. In this connection he expressed confidence that the conference next summer will "bring about coordination of external and internal policies."

The king announced that measures will be taken to safeguard the "key industries" and he pledged for frank cooperation between employers and employees. Announcement also was made that there will be early withdrawal of the government control of industry and that bills will be introduced to reorganize the British railways. Reforms were promised in connection with land purchases and the liquor traffic, "in the light of experience gained in wartime."

Women Invited to Improve Knowledge of Traffic Measure

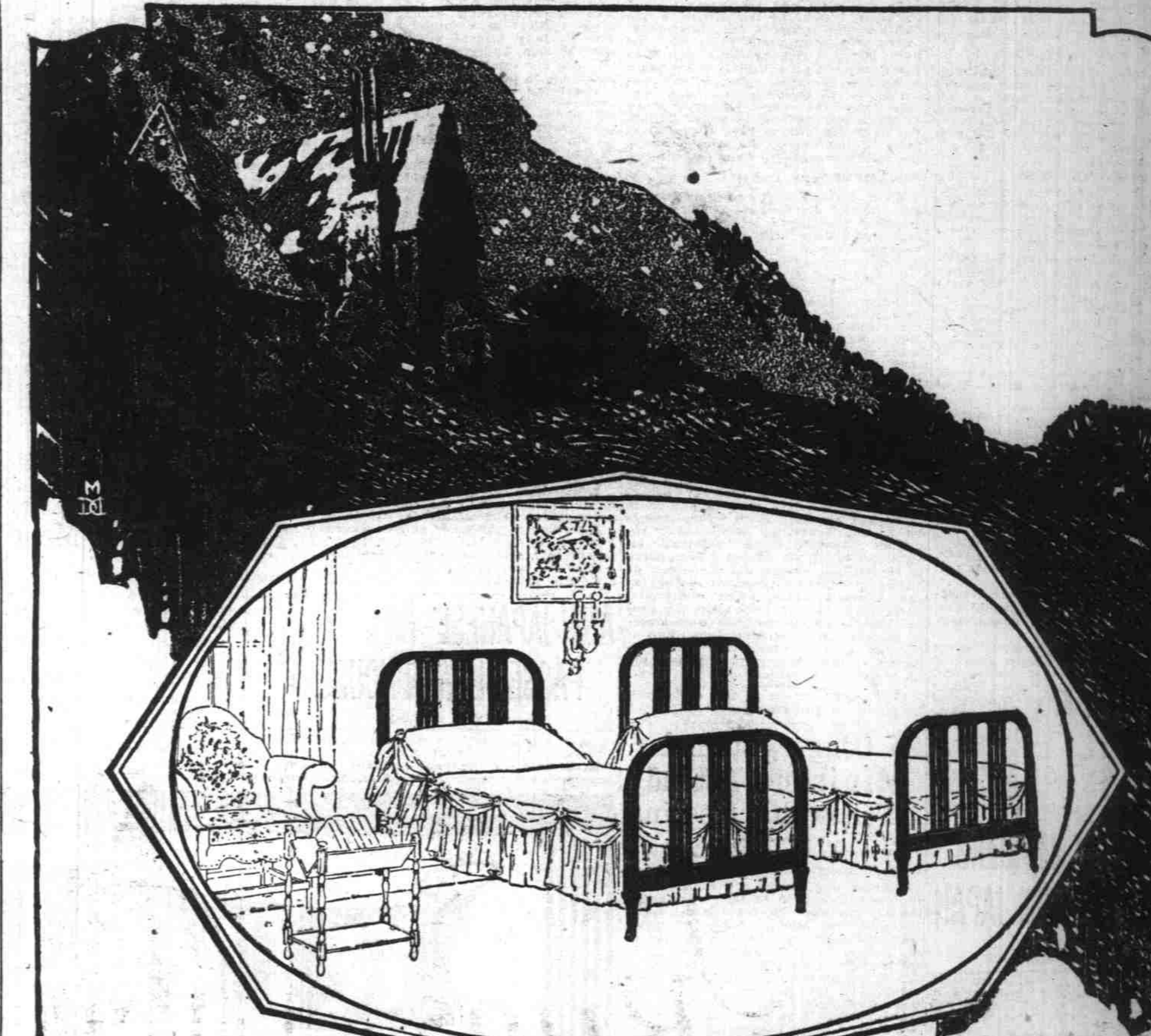
Portland women will be given opportunity to improve their knowledge of driving conditions and safety rules of the road in automobile traffic if the suggestion offered Monday night by Hugh H. Herdman, chairman of the local branch of the National Safety council, is entertained by Mildred Mortimer. Application for the course will be received at the council's office in the Oregon building.

Herdman's invitation was extended to Portland women at a meeting in Library hall, where Frank J. Loergeran gave a synopsis of the work completed by the course of 12 educational lectures conducted by the National Safety council.

Reckless Driver Fined F. H. Hollenbeck was fined \$50 and sentenced to 30 days in the city jail by Municipal Judge Rossman today on a charge of driving while intoxicated. The jail sentence was suspended on condition that Hollenbeck refrain from similar offenses.

Plan Discussed to Increase Interest in Art Association

At the annual meeting of the Portland Art association, which assembled more than 100 members and friends of the organization in the galleries of the museum Monday afternoon, William D. Wheelwright deplored the lack of support for artistic effort in Portland, and also the present limited number of members now on the association roster. The value of an art association, with its varied lines of education offerings, was commented upon by Mr. Wheelwright, and especial stress was laid upon the benefit to the organization of the new form of membership recently inaugurated. Previously memberships have been divided into three classes, perpetual, life and annual, funds received from them going into an endowment fund, which necessarily returned only a small amount of interest. The new plan will make possible a sustaining membership fund with minimum dues of \$4 a year. Other membership fees will be placed in a sinking fund. Plans for a definite membership solicitation under the leadership of Mrs. Henry Ladd Corbett were discussed. Charles F. Adams was re-elected treasurer. A reception was held in the galleries, during which Mrs. H. W. Corbett and Mrs. Charles F. Adams presided at tea tables.



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