

MEMORIAL PROJECT TO BE URGED UPON PRESENT CONGRESS

"I expect during the present week to complete the preparation of our 'case' for presentation to congress, in the appeal of the city of Portland to the federal government for the donation of the old postoffice site to this municipality," said Mayor Baker this morning.

"I shall send to Senator McNary a comprehensive statement of the situation—the purposes for which the donation is desired and reasons why it would be a gracious and proper thing for congress to pass a special act making this donation to the city of Portland, as a part of the program to create a fitting memorial to the loyal Americans who served under the stars and stripes, and especially honoring those men of Oregon who made the supreme sacrifice in the world war."

Mayor Baker says he will have the undivided support of all the patriotic organizations of Portland and vicinity as well as the backing of various civic and commercial organizations in urging the government to take action conforming with the memorial plan proposed.

"If the government will donate this site to Portland," said the mayor, "we will not have the slightest difficulty in raising the funds that would be required to convert this block into a park of beauty graced by a memorial shaft in keeping with the high ideal of commemorating Oregon's heroic dead. I believe the Western members of congress will be glad to give their support to the proposed measure making the donation to Portland for this purpose."

COMBINING OF CITY AND STATE ELECTIONS PROPOSED

City Commissioners Bigelow, City Auditor Funk and City Attorney Grant this morning conferred with the county commissioners of Multnomah county regarding the prospect of the city holding a special election at the same time as that of the state election, scheduled for June 7, when it is proposed to submit to the voters of Portland a revision of the city charter and possibly some other propositions for their acceptance or rejection.

The result of the conference was that the county commissioners agreed that the city's special election could be held at the same time as the state election at a cost to the city of not to exceed \$250,000.

It is possible that the city will submit a bond proposal for \$200,000 for new fire apparatus and also some proposal regarding the handling of garbage collections and disposal, although nothing definite has yet been formulated on the latter subject.

Monthly Fines Total \$7744

A total of \$7744 was paid in fines in the Portland municipal court during the month of February, and bail money to the extent of \$1366 was forfeited, according to a report for the month filed with City Auditor Funk this morning by Municipal Judge Rossman. In the report for the month there were 414 cases of violation of the traffic ordinances for which fines were imposed.

City Hall Notes

The American Soda works has made application to the city for a permit to use a building at 209 Adams street for garage purposes. The application has been referred jointly to the commissioners of public works and public affairs.

The city council has referred to the commission of public works for his recommendation petitions for the improvement of Sixty-fourth street southeast from Foster road to Fiftieth avenue southeast, East Forty-seventh street from Belmont to East Yamhill street, and Chicago street between Jersey street and Smith avenue.

Permission has been granted by the city council to the Portland Flouring Mills company to install, maintain and operate a scale track at East Second and East Stark streets.

The bid of Schlitt & Spady for the removal of garbage from the Carroll public market for the sum of \$85 per month has been accepted by the city council. The company is to put up a bond of \$1000 for the faithful performance of contract.

Upon the recommendation of Mayor Baker, the city council has authorized the appropriation of \$5820 out of the general fund to provide for the expense of operating the bureau of police.

The city purchasing agent is advertising for bids for the furnishing of hay, grain, straw, etc. for various municipal departments for periods of three, six, nine or twelve months. Bids will be opened this week.

POSTCARDS RETURNS SHOW DIVISION ON FOSTER SEWER

A few more than 500 postcard returns on the Foster road trunk line sewer project have been received by Commissioner of Public Works Barber, out of a possible 3500 residents of the district to whom the notices were sent. This afternoon the returns indicated that the sentiment of property owners within the district is almost equally divided on the project. All of the returns must be in the mail by March 24 if they are to be counted and considered at the final hearing set for March 30.

STATUS OF WATER BUREAU EMPLOYEES TO BE FIXED

A feature of the bi-monthly meeting of the municipal civil service board next Thursday afternoon will be the determination as to the status of 25 employees of the city water bureau whose work keeps them constantly outside the city boundaries. Most of them are located at the headworks and the reservoir. The bureau is desirous of having these men placed under civil service regulations, the same as employees within the city. There is a difficult question as to the jurisdiction of the board in such instances.

OKLAHOMA TOWN'S GROWTH IS RAPID, SAYS CONSTANTINE

William Constantine, proprietor of the Constantine market on Yamhill street, is back from Okmulgee, Okla., where he has been for the last five months looking after his leases on oil and gas lands. He will leave again next Monday for an indefinite sojourn in Oklahoma to superintend some new development work.

"The report has come to Portland that I've made a million in Oklahoma oil and gas lands," said Constantine today. "Well, I haven't made a million, but I've done very well. The development there is simply amazing, and many persons have become very wealthy within a comparatively short time. The growth of the city of Okmulgee and of the entire county is simply marvelous."

PHOTOGRAPHS SHOW GROWTH

With Constantine during his short return stay in Portland is E. J. Chambers of Okmulgee, who has brought with him many photographs of the oil, gas and coal development there and others showing the rapid creation of a modern city with eight and 10-story blocks, where only a short time ago there was but a mere village.

"Okmulgee county," says Constantine, "produced 10 per cent of the increase of oil of the world during the last year. It expanded its production from 700,000 barrels to nearly 3,000,000 barrels."

"There are places where as many as 300 derricks may be seen on one section of land. Many new wells are going down. The natural gas production in the county sells at more than \$10,000 per day and there are 30 coal mines with \$10,000 daily capacity of production. There are 40,000 acres of proved coal land in this county, and it has produced 4,831,000 tons of coal in five years."

BIG POPULATION INCREASE

"The town of Okmulgee has grown from 5000 to 25,000 since 1917, and there has been an increase of 6000 since the last federal census. The place has the largest glass factory in the United States and other industries are attracted there by the great abundance of natural gas."

"Okmulgee county paid 15 per cent of the taxes of Oklahoma for 1920. This county produced as much oil in 1920 as did the entire state of Wyoming or twice as much as did Kentucky, Tennessee and West Virginia combined."

Interested with Constantine in various leases in Oklahoma county are Ira Williams and W. B. Hager, both of the Constantine company here in Portland.

Short Circuit Gives False Fire Alarm

A short circuit in the fire signal system caused the fire whistle to blow several times early Sunday morning, arousing the city and causing much speculation as to just "where the big fire was."

EASTERN FACTORY HEADS HAVE FAITH IN PORTLAND FELD

Manufacturers of the East are becoming more highly impressed with the importance of the market on the Pacific, said W. D. Dodson, general manager of the Chamber of Commerce, who returned from Washington, D. C., Sunday night.

For almost three months Dodson has been at the national capital and the manufacturing centers of the East, working in the interest of the shipping and industrial growth of Portland. It has been largely due to his efforts that Portland has been given recognition in shipping and industrial matters, in the opinion of business men of the city who have studied his efforts.

"High rail tariffs have caused a concentration of study on Pacific Coast conditions, and, even if the railroads, to save their own necks, reduce rates, the effect remains the same," said Dodson. "At first they studied the business conditions of the Pacific Coast merely in regard to the local distributive territory, but as soon as they concentrated their study on the coast distributive features they were struck with the importance of the growing market in the Orient. Business men are maintaining an optimistic outlook for the future, but new building operations cannot be expected soon because of the difficulty of financing any new work."

"In the East a Portland man can be proud to say he comes from Portland because of the shipping facilities that have changed marvelously. In regard to shipping, Portland is always in the front rank of ports to be considered. This change of viewpoint is due to the excellent records made by Portland in shipping board operations last year."

Appointment of George E. Chamberlain, ex-senator from Oregon, to membership in the new shipping board is a certainty, in the opinion of Dodson, who expresses the consensus of opinion of official Washington.

APPOINTMENT DELAYED

The delay in the official appointment of the Oregon man by President Harding has been occasioned by the effort being made by the president to obtain county without money in the budget for it, and this extra expense will make a still greater deficit to meet in the next budget. The estimated expense of a state election is about \$20,000.

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AMENDED ELECTION LAW GIVES COUNTY PROBLEM TO SOLVE

The county commissioners are still up in the air as to whether they must employ two election boards to work all day during the special June election.

The new state law requires that there be two boards, one to take the ballots while the other is counting them. The old system was to have the first board take the ballots during the day and the other board count them in the evening.

Double office room and double equipment will be required under the new plan, Chairman Holman of the county commission points out. The special election came as a surprise, catching the county without money in the budget for it, and this extra expense will make a still greater deficit to meet in the next budget. The estimated expense of a state election is about \$20,000.

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J. D. Swank Must Serve Term on Forgery Charge

J. D. Swank, Portland real estate dealer, must go to the penitentiary at Salem and serve his sentence of six months to two years for forgery. The mandate of commitment was received today from the supreme court and deputy sheriffs arrested Swank and lodged him in the Multnomah county jail. Swank had appealed from the decree of the circuit court, which sentenced him October 29, 1919, but the supreme court has denied the appeal.

Swank was charged with forging the name of Frank Burrows on a note paid to Archie L. Stephens of Taft, Or., in connection with a deal for Stephens' homestead at that place. The state charged at the time that this was only one of many similar transactions on Swank's part.

Woman Accused of Harboring Escaped Convict, Is Set Free

If no court warrant is issued for the rearrest of a man who has escaped from prison, it is a crime for his friends to harbor and conceal him. So ruled Federal Judge Bean this morning in dismissing the charges against Mrs. May Taylor, who was charged with harboring James Watson, an escapee from McNeil's island.

Had Tom Ward, agent of the department of justice, been armed with a search warrant or a warrant of arrest when he went after Watson and found him, then Mrs. Taylor could have been held under the law, the court said.

Judge Bean said that the commitment which accompanied Watson to McNeil's island when he was first confined there could not be construed as a warrant or process of arrest.

Watson was sentenced to three years in the federal prison for white slavery. He escaped from the prison after serving about nine months. He was arrested near Bertha station by Word, where he is said to have been living with Mrs. Taylor. Watson has been returned to prison.

Grout Will Speak

School Superintendent D. A. Grout has called a meeting of all principals and teachers in Portland schools for Tuesday at 2:30 p. m., at Lincoln high school, when he will talk upon his impressions of the National Education association convention at Atlantic City, which he recently attended.

Governor's Private Secretary Is Injured In Automobile Wreck

Salem, Or., March 21.—In spite of a broken collarbone and severe cuts about the face suffered as the result of an automobile accident Sunday morning, Don Ujpho, private secretary to Governor Olcott, is up and around this morning, although he does not expect to report for duty at the executive office for several days. Ujpho was pinned beneath his car when it went into the ditch north of Woodburn as he was returning from Portland early Sunday morning. Ujpho blames defective steering gear.

Homer Foster of the secretary of state's office, who was with Ujpho, was thrown from the overturned car and rendered unconscious, but was not seriously injured.

Deputy Warden Lewis and State Parole Officer Varney, following the Ujpho machine, assisted in extricating him from the wreckage.

Ujpho and other members of the party had been to Portland on business in connection with the review of the state parole board, of which he is a member. The automobile was wrecked.

COMMITTEE WILL SEEK SOLUTION OF CRATER LAKE NEEDS

An organization committee to devise ways and means of financing a larger Crater Lake operation was made today by H. B. Van Duzer, president of the Chamber of Commerce and chairman of the general Crater Lake investigation committee.

The new committee is headed by Governor Olcott as honorary chairman and Eric V. Hauser as chairman. Other members of the committee are: Julius L. Meier, E. N. Wheeler, Rodney Gillman, Richard W. Price, R. W. Childs, Amos Benson, Leslie Butler of Hood River and Vern H. Vawter of Klamath Falls.

This committee was appointed as the result of two meetings of business men of the city 10 days ago. At these meetings A. B. C. Dohrmann, chairman of the Yosemite park organization committee; Horace Albright, superintendent of Yellowstone National park and E. C. McCormick, vice president in charge of development work for the Southern Pacific, were present.

It has been proposed that the interest of A. L. Parkhurst be purchased and that the Crater lake concessions be recapitalized and improved. The numbers by the chorus were thoroughly appreciated and warmly applauded, as were also the vocal and instrumental solos and two sextet numbers.

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John A. Bell Buys \$16,000 Residence On Sherwood Drive

The residence property at 720 Sherwood Drive was transferred last week from Paul Starrett and Mrs. W. S. Dinwiddie to John A. Bell, head of Bell & Co. The house is beautifully situated on large grounds, the site being one of the finest view properties in the Portland Heights district. The new owner will remodel the interior of the house and occupy it as a home. Consideration was not named, but the home is valued at \$16,000. The deal was handled by John Carr.

The house at 720 Sherwood Drive was the home of Mrs. Helen Ekin Starrett, a widely known educator, author and lecturer, who died several months ago.

Large Audience Attends Concert By Whitney Boys

The concert by the Whitney Boys' chorus at the White Temple Sunday night was an unqualified success in every way, as evidenced by the manner in which it was received. The audience completely filled the entire seating capacity of the church and many were unable to gain admittance.

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RECEIVER IS ASKED FOR TRUMPH MACHINERY CO.

A. C. White, a shareholder of the Triumph Machinery company, today filed a petition in circuit court asking that a receiver be named for the company, as it was in an insupportable financial condition. The assets of the company are about \$15,000, the petition says. A suit started by the Starr Fruit Products company to recover a sum said the petition for a receivership necessary. Wallace claims such can be saved the shareholders if the company is kept from bankruptcy.

Sees on Promissory Note

F. L. Miller filed suit in circuit court today against J. T. Stone, doing business as the Eastern Pure Milk and Cream company, to recover \$7975 alleged to be due on a promissory note.

Woman's Screams Frighten Man Who Would Attack Her

Miss C. Seymour, 1001 East Thirtieth street, reported to the police that she was attacked Sunday night by a man just as she was returning home. Miss Seymour told the police she screamed and pulled away when the man caught her by the arm. The man was frightened and ran. Mrs. L. M. Black, 441 Bivall street, reported to the police that a man accosted her near her home when she was returning from work at 12:10 this morning. Her screams frightened the man away.

16 Injured In Collision Seattle, Wash., March 21.—(I. N. S.)

—As a result of a collision between a stalled truck and a Seattle-Tacoma motor bus on the Pacific highway south of this city, 16 persons were injured, some of them seriously, last night. The most critically injured are: Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Myrtle Scott, Sam Strasser, Mrs. Yettie Strasser and Mrs. Emma Barklow, all of Tacoma.

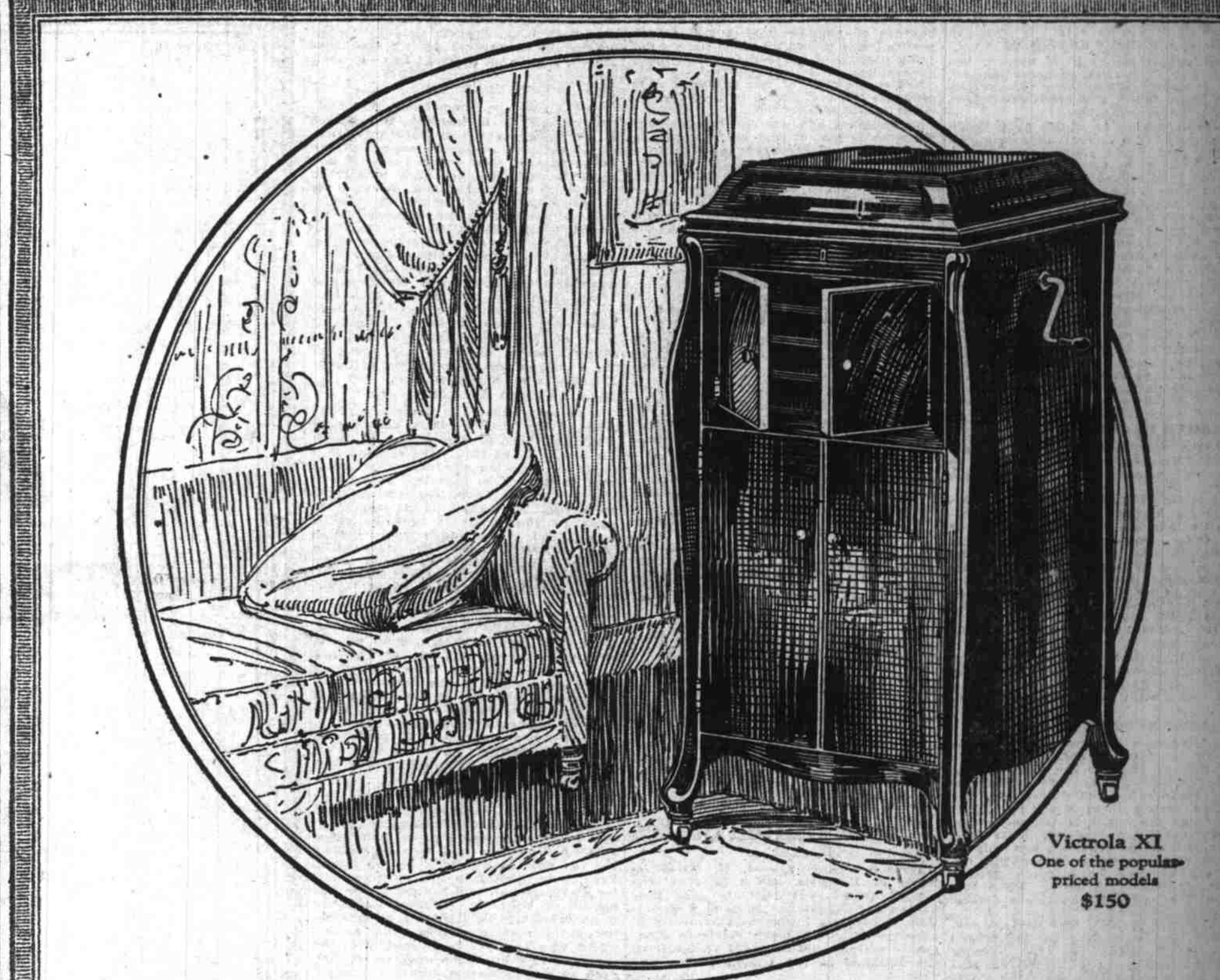
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The eyes of the birds that fly by night are usually nearly double the size of those that go abroad by day.