

INCREASED RENT  
STREET IMPROVEMENT  
OPPOSED BY SUIT

Robert J. Linden, Portland taxpayer, filed suit in circuit court Friday afternoon to stop Sheriff Hurlburt from collecting \$13,434 from the taxpayers to pay the increase in the rental of the steel bridge and meet the depreciation. The suit also is intended to annul the contract the county commissioners have with the O. W. R. & N. company for the rental of the bridge, on the charge that the rent is unfair and against public policy.

The complaint claims the contract was entered into when the county was already in debt \$1,000,000. The depreciation starts at \$1400 and increases \$700 each year for 22 years, making an average of \$12,600 a year, or \$441,000 for the 22 years.

SERVICE COMMISSION TRIES TO USURP CITY'S RIGHTS  
The latest incident in the contention on the part of city officials that the public service commission of Oregon is trying to usurp the functions of city government by granting permits for the use of city streets to concerns that are not public service institutions came today.

COUNCIL GETS PROTEST ON REFUSAL TO PAY TWO WOMEN  
Because the city council has adopted an ordinance granting \$15 a month salary to two women, the council has been asked to pay \$15 a month to two women who contracted diphtheria while performing work for the department, but has refused to grant payment of salaries to Miss Crystal Corner and Miss Ruth Carter of the same department for loss of time while they were ill from diseases contracted in the handling of health matters, city employees are making a vigorous protest. The subject, it is said, will be taken up again at the first meeting of the council next week.

UNIVERSITY CLUB OBJECTS TO NINE-STORY APARTMENT  
Final consideration of an ordinance proposed to permit the erection of a nine-story apartment house at Sixth and Madison streets has been set by the city council for 3 o'clock next Monday afternoon. The plans for the proposed structure do not conform in some respects to the building code and the structure is to be of class A construction, practically fireproof, and it is urged that exceptions should be made for this large investment—approximately \$600,000—can be made in Portland.

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MAYOR PROMISES AID IN GETTING MEMORIAL SITE  
Eighty-one members of Over the Top post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, sent to Senator Charles L. McNary, this week a message in which they asked him to use his influence to further the plan of Mayor Baker to secure a donation from the government to the city of Portland of the old postoffice block as a site for a memorial to war veterans.

COUNCIL TO CONSIDER HOSPITAL APPLICATION  
The application of Strong & McNaughton architects, will go before the city council next Wednesday for a permit to erect a hospital on Nineteenth street, between Kearney and Lovejoy streets. The location covers almost a half block, taking in lots 1 to 7, inclusive, of block 268, Couch's addition. It will take the whole frontage on Nineteenth street in this block and extends about a half block back on Lovejoy street.

Injured Flyer Was Member of Oregon Forest Fire Patrol

Salem, Or., March 25.—Lieutenant W. D. Coney (transcontinental flyer), whose back was broken when he made a forced landing near Crowville, La., Friday, was a member of the Oregon forest fire patrol stationed at Medford last summer. Coney was regarded as one of the most daring flyers with the patrol, his sensational parachute drop from an airplane being the feature of the dedication of Harbour field in Medford last fall.

LIEUT. W. D. CONEY STILL IN SERIOUS CONDITION  
Natchez, Miss., March 25.—(I. N. S.)—Lieutenant William D. Coney, transcontinental flyer, who was badly injured when his airplane fell yesterday near Monroe, La., was still in a serious condition today at a sanitarium here. He spent a comfortable night after being brought here from Monroe, physicians said.

Arguments against the adoption of a motion picture censorship ordinance were presented before the city council in a two hours' address Friday afternoon by Dan J. Malarky, representing the motion picture operators in Portland. The speech was aimed at the so-called un-Americanism of the proposed measure, which was termed contrary to the spirit of the institutions of this country.

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MAJOR WANTS FACTS  
"There will be no time limit," declared Chief Deputy District Attorney Hermerley today, "in the discharge of the duty of this council to take as much time as is necessary—a full week, if required—to hear the arguments and to present a report of the majority."

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BOUCHE, INMATE OF PENITENTIARY, INDICATED GUILTY, REPORTED BY GRAND JUDGE

Following a dramatic scene in Circuit Judge Stapleton's courtroom Friday during which the jurist declared he did not believe Dr. Norman Bouchet guilty of manslaughter in spite of the verdict of the jury, Bouchet was sentenced to an indeterminate sentence with a two year minimum in the state prison and then paroled to Dr. Joseph F. Wood, Bouchet's physician.

JUDGE WARNS OF UPHILL FIGHT  
The judge then asked Dr. Bouchet an unanswered question, as to whether he could now fight the battle of ill health, and disease, coupled up with the new hardship of being branded a criminal, because of the verdict of the jury. The court also referred to the verdict of the jury returned Thursday in which Dr. Bouchet was found guilty of manslaughter, but in which the jury recommended extreme leniency.

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President of Labor Council Asks Workers to Support Chest

To All Members of Organized Labor of Portland:  
Greeting: The various appeals for donations for charitable purposes have been co-ordinated into one large drive for the purpose of eliminating continuous appeals that are made throughout the year from time to time.

TERMINAL RATES IN EFFECT BEFORE WAR ARE SOUGHT  
Terminal rates for transcontinental traffic which were abolished during the war period, will in all probability be again placed in effect, according to W. D. Skinner, traffic manager of the S. P. & S., who with H. E. Lounsbury, general freight agent of the O. W. R. & N., will leave Sunday evening for San Francisco to attend a conference of transcontinental railroad representatives scheduled for Tuesday.

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Additional Help of Highway Commission Is Asked by Wallowa  
More road work and additional aid from the state highway commission was sought Friday by a telegram to John B. Merrill, secretary of the state highway commission here, forwarded by officials of Wallowa county. The county court has authorized the extension of the 12 mile improvement of the Wallowa-Lostine section of the La Grande-Joseph highway.

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GRANT APPOINTS ENGINEER TO ACT IN RATE TANGLE

City Attorney Grant, with the approval of the city council, has selected E. C. Willard, a local engineer, to act as the temporary engineer on behalf of the city in making an analysis of the reports and documents used in the public service commissioner's hearing on telephone rates. Willard began his work today. Frank S. Baillie, local engineer for the Grant Smith company, will act as consulting engineer.

Officers Become Honorary Members of 162d Infantry  
Major C. T. Smith, Captain Carl Hiltner, Captain J. E. Brown, Colonel George A. White, Colonel C. E. Decker, Fred T. Merrill and E. C. Smith were elected to honorary membership in the 162d Infantry of the United States Army, Merrill and Smith both lost sons in France. Resolutions were passed protesting against the action of the German government in convicting Sergeants Naef and Zimmer for the attempted arrest of Grover Cleveland Bergdolf, notorious draft dodger, and requesting congress to demand the release of the two men.

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Y. M. C. A. Launches Membership Drive With "Ice-Breaker"

Friday evening in the auditorium of the Y. M. C. A. the young men's division held a big stage "ice-breaker" for the new life and larger membership campaign. About 100 young men attended.

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EAGLE BOAT 32 OF NAVY IS ADRIET IN PACIFIC WITH CREW

San Francisco, March 25.—(I. N. S.)—Eagle boat 32, United States navy, is adrift in southern waters off the Pacific coast with a crew of 20 men aboard.

Flotilla of British Warships Invited by Portland Chamber  
An invitation on behalf of the Portland Chamber of Commerce and of the state of Oregon will be extended to a flotilla of warships soon to leave Esquimault, B. C., en route to the permanent base at Halifax, Nova Scotia. Word from Esquimault indicates the arrival of the sea fighters early in April.

Residence Is Robbed Of Goods Valued at More Than \$1000  
Burglars entered the home of Mrs. M. C. Gielensky, 424 Holladay avenue, some time between Wednesday and Friday, and stole about \$1000 in silverware, clothing and jewelry and canned food. The house was completely ransacked and everything of value taken. Mrs. Gielensky reported to the police Friday afternoon that she had been away from home since Wednesday.

Tornado Rips Off One Wall of New \$1,000,000 College  
Salina, Kan., March 25.—(I. N. S.)—One wall of the new \$1,000,000 Mary Mount college, now in course of construction, was blown down by a "twister" at about 10 o'clock this morning. The building is expected to collapse at any moment. The damage thus far runs into thousands of dollars.

Woman Bound Over  
Mrs. Fannie Ortel, who was arrested after an exciting down town chase by a woman detective from Lipman, Wolfe & Co.'s store, was held over for grand jury investigation by Municipal Judge Rossmann Friday afternoon. She is alleged to have stolen a quantity of merchandise from the store.

Former Director of Defunct Tacoma Bank Is Indicted by County  
Tacoma, March 25.—(U. P.)—George G. Williamson, well-known attorney and former director of the defunct Scandinavian-American bank, was indicted by the county grand jury today. He was arrested but gave bond of \$20,000, covering three charges, and was released immediately.

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