

### COUNCIL DEBATES PROTEST AGAINST ALL-NIGHT SHOWS

Shall Portland close its all-night picture houses or shall it regulate the classes of persons who are permitted to attend these shows after midnight, and prohibit women therefrom?

This question was raised at today's session of the city council and it was referred to City Attorney Grant for advice on how far the council may go in regulatory measures of this character.

It came to the council's attention, through a communication, presented through Mayor Baker, from the Federated Women's clubs, stating that the women have endeavored to bring about better conditions at two of the all-night theatres, but have failed, and that as a protection to womanhood and girlhood of Portland the places be closed after midnight.

Mayor Baker stated that he also has received reports from the women's protective bureau which are highly unfavorable to the all-night show houses as conducted under present conditions. It was stated that immoral women use these places for meeting men and that young girls are enticed there.

Commissioner Bigelow was in favor of requiring the places to close at midnight. If this can be done, while Commissioner Barbur thought it would be possible to regulate the classes permitted to attend.

It was urged that Portland has passed the country town stage of existence and must provide night shows the same as other large cities do, in order to meet public demand.

The letter from the president of the Federated Women's clubs stated that the management of the all-night theatres had the services of women chaperones, but it was objected that they did not give sufficient attention to the patrons to prevent objectionable conditions.

### CITY TO ALLOW GUARDSMEN TO ATTEND FIELD PRACTICE

Thirteen members of the Oregon National Guard who are also city employees are to be given time from their city work to attend the annual camp and field instructions at Camp Lewis for 15 days, beginning June 15. The city council decided this morning.

The men will be paid their regular salaries for the full time, but are expected to turn into the city treasury such funds as they receive from the government for their military service during that period.

There are six members of the national guard in the police department, and one each in the departments of street cleaning, plumbing inspection, construction and the city department, meat, meat inspection, park bureau and city hall.

### DAIRY PERMIT REVOKED; NEIGHBORHOOD WAR ENDS

A state closely resembling neighborhood war, with Charles Sumaki's dairy as the point of attack or objective, has developed out on the Peninsula, but the situation was relieved this morning when the city council revoked Sumaki's dairy permit for a location between Interstate, Montague, Farragut and East Terry streets.

Penching in of public streets, allowing cows, calves and chickens to roam on neighbors' gardens, and maintenance of insanitary stables, were among the charges of many neighbors, but Sumaki smilingly denied them all, declaring that the neighbors simply were mistaken. Chief Dairy Inspector Mack recommended that the permit be revoked.

### PORTLAND FIREMEN WILL BE GIVEN SPECIAL DRILL

Portland firemen are to have two weeks of special drill in the use of helmets, the pulmotor and lifesaving apparatus, under instruction of Rodney B. Helcox of the United States bureau of mines. This information was sent to City Commissioner Bigelow and Fire Chief Young today by Byron D. Pickard, district U. S. mining engineer, stationed at Berkeley.

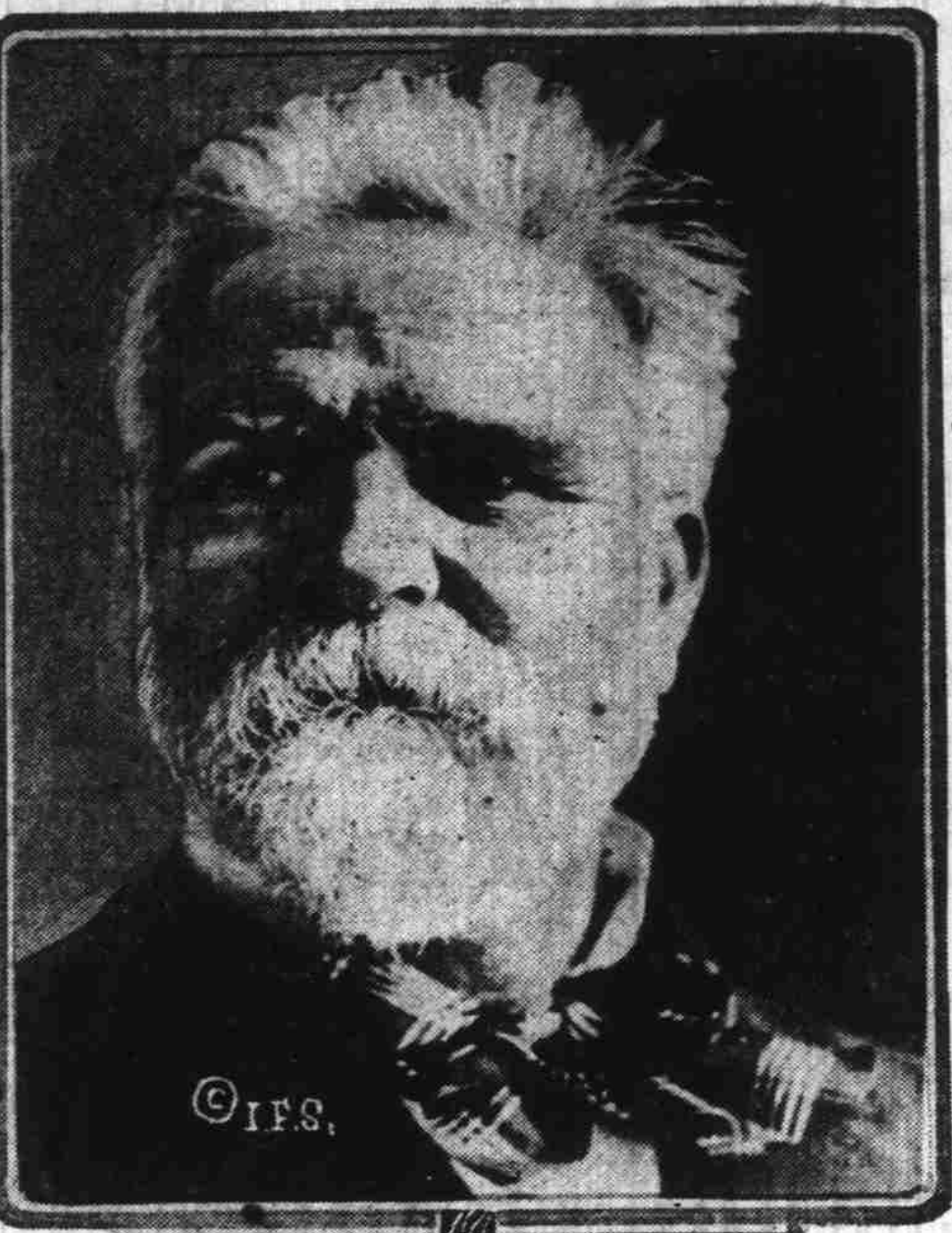
In a recent visit to California Commissioner Bigelow investigated the work being done in this line of instruction, and he decided that it should be applied here. He says Fire Chief Scott of Los Angeles, where similar instruction was given to the firemen, declares it has been the means of saving several lives there.

### 30 DAYS ALLOWED FOR SEWER REMONSTRANCES

The period for filing remonstrances against the assessment district for the proposed Foster road trunk sewer will expire today, and the city council has set May 18 as the time for the final hearing on this matter.

The city attorney has ruled that the council has full authority to proceed with the project, regardless of remonstrances, on the ground that it is under the classification of a sanitary sewer, even though it may not be actually used for a sewage carrier for several years, and meanwhile will be utilized to carry the storm waters to Johnson creek. How-

### OREGON'S POET COMES HOME



Edwin Markham, noted author of "The Man With the Hoe," who was born in Oregon City and who is being welcomed today by countless admirers in his native state.

### TO EACH PASSENGER A COPY OF HIS PAPER CONTAINING A POEM ABOUT HIS ARRIVAL.

### DONE WHILE YOU WAIT

"Right there is where the phrase about doing things while you wait originated. Now, that is what I call real journalism; none of the slow, poky stuff like we have today," he concluded with merry twinkle in his wonderful brown eyes, and the infectious Markham laugh. "I was only 5 when my mother took me and went to California, but I still remember Oregon City, and how I used to play on the river bank and in front of the great, white foamy falls. I used to play with a little girl called Maggie Kilburn. Of course, I haven't seen Maggie for 64 years, but I expect to see her when I go back Wednesday. I remember that I used to go to the woods and gather hazelnuts and strawberries, too. One of my most vivid recollections was the arrival of my brother at the house one day carrying on his shoulder a cask of syrup. That cask of syrup opened the gates of paradise to me, for I knew that meant molasses candy."

### TAKEN TO CLUB

On his arrival here Mr. Markham was taken to the Arlington club, where he is being entertained by Walter Warren. This afternoon Mr. Markham was the guest of honor at a reception given at Gil's bookstore. In the absence of Governor Crook, the address of welcome to Oregon was given by Mayor Baker.

Mr. Markham will be the guest of honor and principal speaker at a banquet to be given this evening at 7 o'clock

### IN THE CRYSTAL ROOM OF THE HOTEL BENSON.

William D. Wheelwright will preside and William F. Woodward will act as toastmaster. James B. Kerr will give the address of welcome. B. F. Irvine will speak on Mr. Markham's birthday. Anthony Duver will reminisce of former days. Mrs. Blanche Williams Segersten will sing a group of songs by Mrs. Katherine Gled Kerry. Mr. Markham will be introduced by Anne Shannon Monroe.

### Between the hours of 4 and 6 the Professional Woman's league will give a reception in his honor at the University club.

Saturday evening he will speak at the Lincoln high school auditorium, several hundred invitations having been issued for this affair. On Monday Mr. Markham will visit Salem. On Tuesday he will be in Monmouth and Wednesday he will visit his birthplace, Oregon City.

### Council Approves Auto Camp Charge

Without a dissenting voice heard in the council chamber and by unanimous vote, the city council this forenoon adopted the ordinance introduced by City Commissioner Pier, providing for a charge of 50 cents registration fee for each automobile using the privileges of the municipal automobile park opposite Peninsula park. This registration fee permits the use of the park accommodations for 10 days.

### ADJUSTMENT WITH SETTLERS ASKED

Salem, May 12.—Until a satisfactory adjustment has been made with settlers on the Central Oregon irrigation project, the state desert land board will not approve any transfer of the interest of the Central Oregon Irrigation company.

This was the notice served upon the Central Oregon company Thursday by the board in refusing to approve its assignment of certain interests in the Central Oregon project to the Title & Trust company of Portland. These interests included certain unsold lands in the project, an interest in a dam across the Deschutes river and in the flume through which water is diverted to the canals on the project.

Further, the order of the board points out that before intelligent consideration can be given to a proposed transfer of rights a definite plan of reclamation and financing of the north canal unit of the project and a contract covering the same must be presented to the board for action coincident with action upon the proposed assignment.

### State Health Board May Put Offices In Court Structure

The state board of health has delegated Dr. C. J. Smith, one of its members, to take up with the county court the matter of establishing headquarters in the court house, following a survey of the building. The board has leased a hotel building at Fourth and Jefferson streets to be used as a free dispensary. Consolidation of the various laboratories will be made as soon as plans can be arranged.

The board had adopted the bureau system of administration, with the following department heads: Bureau of administration, C. J. Smith; bureau of nursing, F. M. Brooks; epidemiology, George Houck; legislation, A. C. Smith; vital statistics, J. H. Rosenberg. A board of consultants made up of specialists in different lines, whose services will be voluntary, was authorized.

All birth and death certificates will henceforth be issued in triplicate so that each county may have a record of its own.

The annual meeting of health officers will be held June 30 to July 2, in Portland. The state board of health will meet at the same time.

### Friday 13th Unlucky? Well, Anyway, Here's Man Who Believes It

Friday the thirteenth! Hard luck day—you don't believe it? Listen:

Pete Ehn was the first man arrested after midnight. He says it was the first time in his life. Ehn was just comfortably drunk. This morning he was the first man to appear before Municipal Judge Rossmann.

For 13 seconds the court dreamily perused an office calendar and then spoke 13 sad, unpleasant words: "I will fine you \$13; remain in jail 13 hours and 13 minutes."

### Tank Explodes

Wapinitia, Or., May 12.—W. E. Forman was injured while soldering the gasoline tank on his Ford bug. A lighted match set the gasoline afire, causing an explosion. Forman's leg was hurt and considerable damage was done to windows nearby.

### Markham Addresses Students

Medford, May 12.—Following his lecture, Edwin Markham, the poet, gave an informal talk before the high school student body Wednesday, prior to departing for Roseburg.

ever, the council has given the regulation 30 days' time within which to file remonstrances. Indications are that these will be denied and the city engineer will be instructed to proceed with the work.

The proposed trunk sewer will be in Foster road at Fifty-second street, running to Ninety-second street, and on this latter thoroughfare to Johnson creek. The total cost is estimated at \$403,000 and there are approximately 3,500 lots in the proposed assessment district. Before the trunk line can be used for sanitary sewer purposes it will be necessary to construct a sewer along Johnson creek to the Willamette river, and it is estimated that it may be 10 years before this is carried through, but meanwhile the trunk sewer will be used to drain the storm waters from a large area.

### Gilman Project Postponed

The city council has complied with the request of Commissioner of Public Works Barbur and has postponed to May 25 final consideration of the project of widening Gilman street between Third and Fourth streets. This widening is proposed to relieve traffic congestion near the O-W. R. & N. bridge. It is proposed to create a large assessment district to meet the expense.

### City Hall Briefs

An expression of appreciation has been authorized by the city council to be sent to the executors of the estate of the late Nellie Robinson, together with instructions to have the Robinson bequest to the city of \$2000 shall be paid. The will provided that the \$2000 shall be used for construction of a drinking fountain or fountain, and it requests that the plans be so made that "God's dumb creatures in passing by may slake their thirst."

Permits to maintain dairies have been granted by the city council to John Monthall and H. Fournier. The application of Mrs. A. Will for a similar permit has been denied.

John Keating, contractor for the con-

struction of the sewers in the Killingsworth avenue and Walnut Park sewer system, was 11 days overdue in the completion of the contract, but the city council has remitted the penalty and accepted the work, the total cost of which is \$25,252.80.

City Treasurer William Adams has been authorized by the city council to call in improvement bonds numbered 22 to 23, inclusive, of the former town of Linton and to pay same at their face value.

John J. Karetter has been granted a leave of absence from his regular work under civil service provisions so that he may take the position of temporary assistant engineer at the new construction at the Bull Run headworks.

Authorization has been given by the city council to the water bureau to supply Bull Run water through the Darlington system, to the Joseph A. Stroubridge Estate Company, Inc. The regular rate for water supplied outside the city limits will be paid for the water thus supplied.

### MARKHAM RETURNS AFTER MANY YEARS

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apple and peach and other tree roots and branches for grafting and budding, and with these she stocked a large nursery. Yes, my mother was among the first to propagate orchards in Oregon. She not only brought the stock from Michigan and sold it, but she went out into the orchards and did the budding and grafting, for she was a woman of expedience, and a woman who did things.

### MOTHER WROTE POETRY

"Then, too, my mother was a poet. She wrote numerous poems which were published in that early publication, The Spectator. The distinctive thing about her was that, unlike most poets, she could make poems to order. The most notable occasion on which she proved her ability to do this was when the steamer 'Lot Whitcomb' got stalled in the river. All of the passengers were taken off and her owners almost despaired of ever floating her again. Finally the word came that she was on her way up the river again. The editor of The Spectator dashed into my mother's store, waving his arms like a windmill, and commanded my mother to write a poem on the forthcoming arrival of the 'Lot Whitcomb.' My mother complied. He dashed to his printing office and, dividing the poem among the force—I presume the force consisted of an office boy—they set the poem up, inserted it in the center of the front page of the paper, ran the papers off on the little hand press as fast as they could and the editor, with a big bundle of the papers, rushed for the wharf, where the 'Lot Whitcomb' was steaming in and handed



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