

### CITY WATER HELD FIT FOR DRINKING; COUNCIL WILL ACT

The Dalles, Sept. 23.—Complicating the furious controversy raging here over the question of the purity of the city water, E. F. Pernot, Portland bacteriologist, Thursday reported to J. T. Rorich, president of the water commission, that the local supply, on showings of samples taken from Mill creek and the storage reservoirs, was fit for consumption.

Earlier in the week the state board of health reported that samples taken from faucets about the city, as well as from the stream, indicated that the water contained a high percentage of colon bacilli and should be boiled before it was drunk.

New samples of the water are now being taken in the city proper by the water commission and these will be submitted to the bacteriologist for examination.

If these also are declared safe, the city council will ask the state board of health to prove its finding or to remove the ban it has placed on the local supply. Residents of The Dalles are indignant because the state board of health has not stepped into the local controversy and made a thorough investigation of the situation. Dr. Frederick Stricker, state health officer, recently promised Dr. Fred Thompson, city health officer, that he would come to The Dalles, but nothing has been seen of him.

### Girl Seriously Hurt And Parents Suffer Injury in Collision

Alice Erren, 9-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Erren, 235 Ross street, lies suffering in the St. Vincent's hospital with what is probably a fractured skull and both parents are painfully injured as the result of a collision of their automobile with a Weatherly Ice cream company truck at East Twelfth and Ash streets about 10 o'clock Thursday night. The accident occurred when the truck, going east on Ash street, caught the right rear wheel of the automobile going north on Twelfth street. The car was whirled end for end and then rolled over, throwing the occupants to the pavement.

The little girl is most seriously injured. Mrs. Erren sustained injuries on the left arm and on one eye and the father is suffering from a fractured left shoulder and a cut finger.

### Workmen Now Able To Enter Hot Tunnel

The Dalles, Sept. 23.—Workmen now are able to enter the O-W. R. & N. tunnel near Mosier, following the fire of September 10, the rock having cooled sufficiently to permit ingress to the opening. Great quantities of water were pumped from the Columbia river and poured upon the heated rock walls. The fire also resulted in the generation of gas from the rock, which made many of the workmen sick, and not until this was driven out could reconstruction start. The work progresses slowly because of the danger of falling rock.

Roadmaster Duffy is in the local hospital recovering from a fractured ankle, caused by a fall of rock. Railroad officials are unable to estimate the time that will be required in completing repairs, and O-W. R. & N. trains are using the "shoo-fly" built on the old grade around the mountain point pierced by the tunnel.

### A. Evans Arraigned; Pleads Not Guilty

The Dalles, Sept. 23.—Abe Evans, confessed killer of James Doran, who was shot to death here September 10 for the sake of the small roll of bills he possessed, was arraigned before Circuit Judge Fred W. Wilson, Thursday and pleaded not guilty. W. P. Meyers, Bend attorney, representing Evans, argued a demurrer to the indictment on the charge that District Attorney Galloway used a semi-cool room where he should have used a coma in the indictment, rendering the document unenforceable. Judge Wilson overruled the demurrer. Evans will be tried here September 25. It is believed that the defense will be based on insanity grounds.

Reed Dormitory Officers Named

Election of officers for the women's dormitory at Reed college Wednesday evening resulted in the selection of Opal Welmer as president, Ann Shepard, vice-president, and Helen Pippy, secretary. Opal Welmer is a member of the senior class. She has returned to Reed after a year's absence while she was attending the University of California. Ann Shepard, junior, is an ex-member of the student council, and Helen Pippy, sophomore, is this year's freshman librarian.

### Prisoner Lonesome, In Jail Alone, He Says on Return

Klamath Falls, Or., Sept. 23.—Tom Capener, who, together with five other prisoners, broke jail here Wednesday night, and to whose friends the jail break is charged, drove up to the jail in a taxi at 2:30 Thursday afternoon and presented himself for rearrest.

"It was kind of lonesome around here after the others had gone, so I thought I would go up town and have a drink and feed," he explained.

"What did you drink?" he was asked. "Moonshine," he replied, with hesitation. "And I got a couple of feeds and some clean clothes. When I got ready I hired a taxi and came back. I had a pleasant evening."

Capener asserts the padlock was cut by the prisoners by means of a file on the end of a stick, and declared that no assistance had been received from the outside. He is slated for a hearing before Justice Gaghagen on Monday, and on October 5 will face a federal court at Medford on a similar charge.

No trace of the other five fugitives has been found.

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