

## RIVERVIEW UPKEEP PROVIDED FOR BY IRREDUCIBLE FUND

Reestablishment of an irreducible maintenance fund for the upkeep of graves in Riverview cemetery will be one of the first problems confronting the new board of directors of the cemetery association, according to a resolution adopted at a meeting of lot owners, held Monday afternoon at Library hall. The resolution also provides that the state legislature be asked to restore the law governing the irreducible fund as it was prior to amendments made at the 1921 session.

In spite of stormy weather and icy pavements more than 100 members of the association attended the meeting. W. M. Ladd, president of the association, was present, and came in for a share of the criticism leveled against former boards of trustees for alleged mismanagement of the finances of the association. Ladd has been a member of the board of trustees since the association was organized in 1912, and has been president of the board for the last 20 years.

### NOT AWARE OF STATUS

In reply to his critics, Ladd said that he was unaware of the state of the association's finances until August, 1921, and that he had been unable to get members of the association to attend its annual meetings in the past. More than 200 lot owners were present at the annual meeting January 9, when reports on the condition of the association were presented by Strong & McNaughton. These reports were accepted and ordered placed on file at the adjourned meeting Monday.

Six trustees were elected to fill vacancies caused by expiration, death and resignation. C. Henri Labbe, L. Allen Lewis and Leslie M. Scott were elected for nine years; L. G. Clarke and S. P. Lockwood for a six-year term, and Fred W. Mulkey for a three-year term. A total of 103 votes were cast in the election. Holdover members of the board are H. L. Corbett, P. M. Warren and C. M. Huggins. Retiring members are W. M. Ladd, W. R. Mackenzie and C. H. Caver.

### QUESTION LEGAL RIGHT

The chief criticism directed against Ladd and other trustees called into question their legal right to use money from the irreducible maintenance fund, provided by a reservation of 10 per cent of the purchase price of lots, for other than investment purposes. It was shown in a report filed by Strong & McNaughton that a bonded debt of \$115,000, due W. S. Ladd, H. W. Corbett and Henry Felling, had been retired several years ago by money taken from the irreducible fund of the association, though the bonds would not mature until 1932.

The cemetery association owns approximately 340 acres of land, of which about 180 acres have been platted for cemetery use. A portion of the property un-platted and suitable for residence purposes is valued at \$345,000; there are remaining unsold cemetery lots valued at \$95,000 and the association holds securities valued at \$30,000, making total assets to the value of \$370,000, according to the report by Strong & McNaughton. Current debts of the association amount to about \$1000.

It was shown that lots to the value

of approximately \$550,000 had been sold and that if the irreducible maintenance fund provided by the founders of the association had been maintained it would now amount to approximately \$158,000. Speakers at the meeting Monday afternoon expressed the belief that the use of the money from this fund for the retirement of bonds was a violation of the laws of the state and of the bylaws of the association.

### RESOLUTION ADOPTED

The resolution providing for the reestablishment of the maintenance fund was presented by J. N. Teal and was in part as follows:

"That the principle of an irreducible fund whose income shall be used in the cemetery in perpetual care is accepted and adopted as the cardinal factor in any financial plan devised for the operation of Riverview cemetery, and the trustees are instructed so to shape the policies and finances of the cemetery as to create such a fund at the earliest possible date, sufficient in amount to achieve this result; and provided further that the law providing for the creation and maintenance of an irreducible fund should be amended so as to read as it did prior to the amendment of section 7037 of the Oregon laws by the legislature of 1921, and that bylaws in accordance with said act before its said amendment and with the declared policy of this association be adopted thereunder."

## Cue Expert Fails To Pocket Liquor

Milo Condon, local billiard champion who was arrested at the Rialto billiard parlors Saturday night, did his best to dispose of a small quantity of liquor in his possession at the time, according to testimony in municipal court Monday. Asking the officer if he might telephone he searched madly in a telephone booth for some place to hide the bottle, but to no avail. Patrolman Shaylor saw him pouring it out, after taking a small farewell nip, according to testimony in court. He was fined \$10 for violating the prohibition ordinance.

## Funds Raised for Community House

Freewater, Jan. 17.—A committee from the Commercial club Monday visited business houses in Freewater soliciting \$250 from each for the purpose of building a community house. In two hours \$7000 was raised. Tentative plans already have been drawn. The building will be a two story structure, which will house the city council, library, Women's Civic club and Commercial club.

## Passenger Traffic Problems Considered

Preliminary consideration of Northwestern passenger traffic problems was given at the monthly meeting of the North Pacific Coast Passenger association in Victoria, B. C., Saturday, according to R. H. Crozier, assistant general passenger agent of the S. P. & S., who attended the meeting.

## CHURCH IS HELD TO BE ONLY HOPE OF WORLD PEACE

Presbyterian field day was observed Sunday by hundreds of Presbyterians of the city. Eight pulpits were occupied by a team of leading Presbyterians who visited the city with Dr. Henry C. Swearingen of St. Paul, moderator of the general assembly of the denomination. A general mass meeting was also held in the First Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon, at which Dr. W. H. Nugent presided.

"The church is the only optimistic institution in the world just now," declared Dr. Swearingen at Mount Tabor Presbyterian church Sunday night. "Some others are whistling to keep up their courage, but the church really believes in its note of hope. Business languages, politics is confused and diplomacy is afraid of its shadow. No one appears to know just what is going to happen. Everybody is waiting to see what will take place. But the church is confident and assured. It knows it has the message the world requires. It knows its teachings contain the solution of the world's problems. The church is a pretty good institution to hold to and support just now."

Speaking at Westminster Presbyterian church Sunday morning Dr. J. A. Marquis of New York, general secretary of the board of Home Missions, declared that "the rest of the world is watching America with breathless interest."

"What will guarantee it against aggression on our part," he asked. "Not our touring wealth, for that is a threat more than it is a guarantee. Not our great manpower, or our mechanical and organizing genius, not the restless and aggressive energy of our people, ready to undertake any adventure under the sun. All these are temptations rather than restrictions. The one guarantee is our Christian character, the extent to which we are going to stand on Christ's platform of love and confidence and unselfish service. Without this treatise become scraps of paper and diplomacy a game of cunning. The political and economic order cannot go on without character, and religion is the character maker."

## Local Veterans Ask Convention Rates

A request for rates of one cent a mile for delegates to conventions of veteran associations to be held in Pacific Coast cities in August was ordered forwarded to the railway traffic officials now in session in Chicago by the local Veterans of Foreign Wars in a meeting Monday night. The conventions included in the request are: Veterans of Foreign Wars, Seattle; Spanish-American War Veterans, Los Angeles, and Disabled Veterans association, San Francisco. The request was telegraphed by J. W. Jones, vice commander.

## Two Boys Confess Four Burglaries; Recover Property

Four burglaries perpetrated in Portland recently were cleared up by inspectors Coleman and Collins Monday who say they obtained confessions from Russell Cornelius, 14 years old, 685 Savier street, and Jack Majors, 13 years old, 364 Nineteenth street, who admitted prowling the places. Walter Brown, age 16, 364 Nineteenth street, admitted having accepted some of the stolen property.

The most recent of the burglaries was at the A. H. Bottmiller store, 757 Thurman street, which the boys entered late Saturday night and obtained \$6 and a number of watches and flashlights. Other burglaries to which they confessed were Wilson's cafeteria, 774 Upshur street; C. A. Hinman pool hall, 792 Thurman street, and the Ideal theatre, Twenty-fourth and Thurman streets. Considerable stolen property was recovered.

## Pioneer and Civil War Veteran Dies

The Dalles, Jan. 17.—Funeral services for Isaac Payden Joles were held here Monday afternoon. Joles, who was 78 years old, enlisted in the Union army at the age of 17 years and fought beside his father in the Civil war. He was one of the oldest members of J. W. Nesmith post No. 32, G. A. R., and his death leaves only 12 members in that organization. He came to The Dalles in 1878. With two brothers, he was engaged in the grocery business here for years. His wife died in Portland in 1904. Three daughters survive. Joles was one of 12 brothers, two of whom survive.

## TO DIVIDE AREAS IN CONTROL PLAN FOR PINE BEETLE

Klamath Falls, Jan. 17.—The control plan adopted for the war to be waged on the pine beetle this season, as the result of the congressional appropriation of \$150,000, and which will include 1,200,000 acres in Southern Oregon and Northern California, was announced Monday here by J. F. Kimball, local Weyerhaeuser representative.

The plan provides for a division of the territory into three distinct areas, each to be under the personal supervision of J. F. Kimball, representing private owners; F. P. Keen, representing the bureau of entomology, and W. G. Durbin, representing the forest service. PROVIDES CONTROL BOARD

The tree area heads will constitute a board of control and will have control of the administrative work while the technical end will be left to the bureau of entomology, which evolved the control plan in a preliminary survey last summer.

Preliminary to the actual work, which will start about March 20, the bureau of entomology will conduct here a school for the training of the large force of men to be placed in the field. Workers will fell and burn beetle-infested trees.

At a meeting Monday of the Klamath-Lake Counties Forest Fire association, C. H. Dagget succeeded C. L. Gilham as vice president. The association will be succeeded February 2 by the Klamath Forest Protective association, which will represent local timber interests in

dealing with the government in pine beetle control matters.

An organization for the purpose of financing lumbermen and providing an outlet for the timber cut of a large number of the smaller mills of this district probably will be established here by the California-Oregon Lumbermen's club, which has for its members owners of 24 sawmills. The plan evolves the establishment of a selling agency by the Forest Products company of Portland, and the financing by credit agencies of warehouse receipts issued against lumber in pile by the Lumbermen's Warehouse & Storage company of Portland, the paper to be redeemed when the lumber is sold.

TO OVERCOME DIFFICULTIES

It is believed the plan will overcome the difficulties now standing in the way of the smaller mills of this district, and that it will aid materially in increasing the lumber output.

A crew of 30 men is establishing camp preparatory to construction work at Copco, Siskiyou county, which will include the installation by the California-Oregon Power company of an additional generating unit in the power plant and the raising of the Copco dam 14 feet. Installation of the machinery means the repair of the 13-mile spur to Thrall and the employment of a crew of 150 men through the remainder of the year. The machinery is being installed as an emergency measure.

## Missionary Student Dies at McMinnville

McMinnville, Jan. 17.—Allrick Erickson, student at Linfield college, died at the hospital here Sunday, following a second operation for appendicitis. He was in his junior year. The body was taken to his home at Mt. Vernon, Wash., by his mother and sister. The young student was preparing to become a medical missionary. A brief service was held at the Baptist church Sunday.

## \$400,000 Issue of Road Bonds Taken On Basis of 100.06

La Grande, Jan. 17.—A joint bid by the Lumbermen's Trust company of Portland, the Ralph Schneeloch company of Portland, the National City company of New York and the Security Trust & Savings company of Seattle for \$400,000 issue of road bonds of Union county was accepted by the county court Monday. The bid entered by the successful bidders was on a basis of 100.06 with 5 1/4 per cent interest.

The bonds are serial, with an average life of 3.55 years, and the saving to the county by accepting the bid decided on was \$2430 over the next best bid. All bids entered were at interest rates of 5 1/4 and 5 1/2 per cent and the basis on which they were bid varied from 100.06 to 101.785. Bids on a similar issue of bonds last summer resulted in a high bid of \$4.25 by the Ralph Schneeloch company.

## Two Portland Auto Lines Get Permits

Salem, Jan. 17.—The first permit covering the operation of commercial automobiles and trucks in Oregon, under the act of the special session, was issued to the Portland-Newberg Stage company of Portland by the public service commission Monday. The company operates six stages between Portland and McMinnville via Newberg. Permit No. 2 went to the Portland-Hillsboro-McMinnville Stage company of Portland, operating 14 stages between Portland, Hillsboro, Forest Grove, Yamhill, Carlton and McMinnville.

PNEUMONIA IN BAKER

Baker, Jan. 17.—Doctors of the city report that pneumonia is prevalent, with six serious cases at present.

## Reciprocal Trade With Foreign Ports Urged at Luncheon

Reciprocal trade relations with foreign ports and closer cooperation within the Port of Portland were emphasized as all important at the foreign trade day meeting held in connection with the members' forum luncheon of the Chamber of Commerce at noon Monday.

Speakers at the meeting were George M. Vinton of the Vinton company, H. E. Grieve of the Ocean Trading company, E. H. Parker of the Marshall-Wells Hardware company, J. Nakagawa of Susurki & Co., Frank Ransom, Alfred A. Aya and George N. Black. Major Gottle of the United States engineers gave a brief description of present day life in interior Alaska.

The membership of the Chamber stood for one minute at the beginning of the luncheon, in silent tribute to Dr. J. M. Boyd.

## Boycotted for Cut In Bread; Go Lower

Aberdeen, Wash., Jan. 17.—Bread was sold for 7 cents a loaf Monday by Mary Brothers of Astoria. They opened a cash and carry store here Saturday and put the price of a 16-cent loaf of bread at 8 cents. All other bread sellers protested to the bakers and Marr Brothers were boycotted by the bakers. Bread then was ordered from Seattle by express and the price cut to 7 cents.

### TAKES KESLO PASTORATE

Keslo, Wash., Jan. 17.—Rev. F. Claude Stephens, former pastor of the Keslo Christian church, has taken the local pastorate, coming here from Klickitat county. The local church has launched an aggressive campaign of rural religious work along with the regular church activities.

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