

PLAN CHANGES IN GIVING INSPECTION TO NEW BUILDINGS

To eliminate two of the five inspections required under the city ordinance before a building is "passed" as properly constructed, Mayor Baker has called a conference for early this week, in the hope of dividing the work of two city bureaus and placing the various details where they can be most efficiently handled.

Commissioners Barber, Mann and Bigelow will meet with the mayor and discuss the advisability of transferring the building division from the department of public works.

Under the present system the building division conducts inspections for both plumbing and electrical work, as well as that of structural inspections. The same job is given an additional sanitary inspection by the health bureau and a fire hazard inspection by the fire marshal's office.

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14 1-2 Per Cent of Olympic Forest Was Ravaged by Storm

Tabulated results of the cruise of 22,000 acres of the Olympic "blow down" at the northwest corner, just outside the worst of the damaged area on national forest land, which was made last summer by forest service men, and recently submitted to T. T. Munger, forest examiner, show 14 1/2 per cent of the original forest to have been destroyed, with 223,000,000 feet left standing and 155,000,000 feet blown down.

That portion on the north fork of the Calawah showed a downed percentage of from 19 to 23; on Beaver creek it ran about 5 per cent, and on Beaver lake, 3 to 30 per cent.

These figures are not the average for the blow down, but merely the government land average on the region considered for salvage. Little hopes of salvaging the timber was expressed by Munger because of low stumpage prices elsewhere and the difficulty of logging the downed timber.

Extradite Man for Alleged \$26 Theft

George M. Rear, wanted in Vancouver, B. C., in connection with the theft of \$26, was arrested early Sunday morning at the Carlton hotel by police inspectors. He refused to waive extradition, but Vancouver authorities telegraphed later in the day that extradition papers had been obtained, and an official was ready to leave for Portland to take the prisoner in charge.

Dead Man, Thought To Have Committed Suicide, Is Found

Vancouver, Wash., Jan. 23.—The body of William L. Miller, thought to have committed suicide a week or 10 days ago, was found Sunday in the house on his 20-acre farm near Brush Prairie, Phillip Kimo of Vancouver and John Miller of Brush Prairie found the body when they went to his place to ascertain why he had not been seen in the last two weeks. A gunshot wound in the temple showed how he met his death.

A rifle beside the body indicated that the wound was self-inflicted. Little is known of Miller here. He was about 30 years old, and is said to have been an ex-service man. It is understood his sister lives in Portland.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Vancouver, Wash., Jan. 23.—The following marriage licenses were issued Saturday: Frank Courter, 26, Kelso, and Pamela B. Ralfeff, 30, Condon, Or.; Virgil Jakin, 19, and Georgia Potter, 19, Portland; James W. Yandle, 36, and Myrtle Murphy, 50, Portland; Albert Lanhard, 24, and Florence V. Glover, 19, Portland; Max Hoaglin, 24, and Catherine E. McHale, 19, Portland; Harvey SanPinto, 21, and Helen Kline, 19, Portland; James Anderson, 21, and Viva I. Grady, 18, Portland; Walter P. Lamor, 21, and Clarice Wilson, 33, Portland.

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AUTO SHOW OPENS CARS WILL PARADE

Portland took its first peek at the automobile show this morning. The show, the thirteenth to be held by the Portland Automobile Dealers' association, was formally opened at 9:30.

Officers of the association, who are acting as a reception committee, are A. H. Brown, president; A. C. Stevens, vice president; C. L. Boss, C. W. Dunning, H. C. Hayes, W. R. DeLay, C. G. Irwin, H. W. Roberts and H. M. Corey, directors. Final touches on decorations were given Sunday and the exhibits, including more than 100 automobiles, many accessory booths, were all ready for inspection when the doors swung open this morning.

The biggest crowd of the day is expected this afternoon when school children, who are particularly welcomed today, will appear. The dealers will entertain the public at an informal reception tonight.

A downtown parade will be a feature of the show Tuesday. Old-time cars will be entered and prizes totaling \$100 will be awarded by the dealers for the oldest in use.

Handsaker Photos Illustrate Story Of Starving Russia

Illustrated with a series of photographs which were taken by the Rev. John J. Handsaker, state director for the Near East relief in Oregon, the January Review of Reviews carries an article by John H. Finley, special correspondent, depicting the horrors of starvation and devastation in that section of Soviet Russia which is chiefly populated by Armenians.

Several months ago Handsaker, in company with a number of other Near East relief workers, went to Alexander on board a boat carrying relief supplies to the two big orphanages which are being maintained by the Near East relief in this district, and the Portland minister carried his camera more than 11,000 miles to obtain the pictures which are used in the Review of Reviews. The article accompanying these illustrations gives in detail some of the obstacles confronting the relief staff carrying on the constructive work of the Near East relief in the trans-Caucasus, but according to Handsaker, who has been an eye-witness to conditions there, shocking as the story and pictures may seem to the average well-fed, comfortably clothed American, they fall far short of conveying any idea as to the conditions of wholesale starvation and suffering to be met with on every hand.

REPEAT BOY SCOUT PLAY

La Grande, Jan. 23.—The Boy Scout play, "The Upper Trail," recently presented here will be staged in Cove next Saturday. The play will be part of a "Scout day" to be held there for the purpose of interesting Cove boys in the movement. A basketball game and conference of Scout leaders are also on the program at Cove.

Plan to Entertain 700 Engineers From N. W. Are Prepared

Convention programs and entertainment features have been prepared for the 700 engineers from Oregon, Washington and Idaho, who are expected to attend the first annual convention of the American Association of Engineers of the state in this city January 27 and 28.

Appointment of 10 special committees to handle program details has been made by the local chapter. The visitors will probably begin arriving Thursday night and registration Friday morning. For luncheon Friday noon the visitors will be guests of the City club, and Friday afternoon the first convention session will be held in the Multnomah hotel.

Another session will be held in the hotel Friday evening.

A tour of the city will be made Saturday morning while the railroad engineers' section of the organization will hold a meeting in the afternoon. Saturday evening a banquet will be held at the Multnomah hotel.

Mattress Bank Shy \$50; Did Robber or Dog Do Pilfering?

Police are trying to determine just what part Rags, watchdog of R. D. Murray, 1021 East Broadway, played in a robbery at his home Saturday, when a thief broke a window and made off with a \$50 bill which Mrs. Murray had hidden in a mattress.

Suspicion was first fastened to the dog by Officer S. P. Ingle, when it was found that mixed in with the broken fragments of the window pane were many dog hairs which corresponded identically with the watch dog's. The window sill showed marks of the dog's teeth.

So Ingle asked to see the dog, but it was no place to be found. It was later discovered hiding at a neighboring house and for a long while appeared to be unwilling to return. No marks were found on the animal.

"That dog has a guilty conscience," police declare. "They estimate that it was an accomplice in the robbery. But Mrs. Murray will have none of it. She declares that Rags has always been loyal. As an explanation of the dog's actions she offers:

"He tried to stop the thief, and because he didn't he is ashamed."

Police are baffled by the circumstances. As yet Rags has refused to speak concerning the incident. Instead, he mopes dejectedly around his home, as if his secret was burdening him.

The suspected Rags has not been placed under arrest.

See "Our Oregon Home!"

Green Room, Portland Chamber of Commerce
Seventh Floor, Oregon Building, Fifth and Oak
Admission Free

SPONSORED by the 10,000 members of the Portland Federation of Women's Organizations, "Our Oregon Home" is a striking presentation of the wide variety of Oregon-made products. A six-room home completely and beautifully furnished! It shows the things that appeal to the home lover, from front porch to back door, from cellar to garret.

Exhibits-Souvenirs-Movies-Receptions

Tea Every Day From 2 to 4 P. M.
Oregon-Made Products Given Away Every Afternoon at 4 and Every Evening at 9

Special Events of the Week

Monday Evening
Hosts, committee of one hundred, Portland Chamber of Commerce. Vaudeville program, music, dancing.

Tuesday Evening
Annual Oregon products dinner of the Portland Federation of Women's Clubs.

Wednesday Evening
Portland Ad Club night. Special stunts.

Thursday Evening
Hostesses—Business and Professional Women's Club and Women's Ad Club. Stunts, Entertainment.

Friday Evening
Associated Industries night. Free refreshments. Entertainment. Dancing.

Are Oregon Labels on Your Tables?

MEIER & FRANK'S
The Quality Store
ESTABLISHED 1857

Oregon Goods
Have Won National
Prestige

Look for
the Sale Cards
Everywhere

LAST 5 DAYS
of Meier & Frank's
Greatest of All

Odd Lots
Sacrificed Prior
to Inventory

January Clearance Sales
With Bigger and Better Values Than Ever.

Every Article Reduced
(CONTRACT LINES AND GROCERIES EXCEPTED)

Near Approach of Inventory and Our Determination to Clear Stocks Against Stock-Taking Means Still More Drastic Reductions on All Odd Lots—Many Now Half Price and Less

Our Windows Tell the Story

WATCH OUR WINDOWS

SOME LOTS ARE QUITE SMALL, BUT THE SAVINGS IN ALL CASES ARE GREAT—IT WILL PAY ESPECIALLY BIG TO COME EARLY

Meier & Frank Co.

Beginning Tomorrow and Continuing All Week:
Annual "HURT GOODS" Sale

We call it a "Hurt Goods" sale, although it embraces odds and ends and broken lines of perfect quality as well as shopworn and slightly damaged articles that have accumulated during months of busy selling in the Household Utilities Section. It is a tremendous clearaway at prices that are in many instances but a fraction of the original selling figures and present worth. Included in this disposal (while any remain):

CROCKERY ALUMINUMWARE NICKELWARE
CHINAWARE GRANITWARE CUT GLASS
GLASSWARE WOODENWARE TINWARE
BRASSWARE IRONWARE ETC., ETC., ETC.

Special Note—To avoid breakage we request that patrons carry purchases. Come early. —Meier & Frank's: Household Utilities Section, Basement.

Also—Beginning Tomorrow:
Sale of "HURT" Silverware

A timely disposal of silver-plated articles—odds and ends and slightly shopworn one-piece-of-a-kind articles offered at fractional prices while lots last. In the sale are:

TEA AND COFFEE POTS SANDWICH TRAYS BREAD TRAYS WATER PITCHERS
SALT AND PEPPER SHAKERS BON BON DISHES SUGAR BOWLS TRAYS
CANDLESTICKS VASES CUPS ETC., ETC.

Meier & Frank's: Silverware Shop, Main Floor.