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SEVENTY-THIRD YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, TUESDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 19, 1924

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DITCH FRAGAS AGAIN STIRS CITY COUNCIL

Attorney Smith Proposes Charter Amendment to Compel Paper Company to Cover Area

MCMAHAN GOES BACK INTO DIM HISTORY

Old Steam Engine May Be Jazzed Up for Fire Department's Use

The submission of a charter amendment to the voters by which the council would seek authority to compel the Oregon Pulp & Paper company to cover the ditch on Division street was recommended by Ray Smith, city attorney, at the council meeting last night.

L. H. McMahan, attorney, having obtained permission to address the council, gave the history of the building of the ditch in 1882; said the city council then had no authority to grant such a franchise, and that the council knew it; but merchants and others induced them to do so since it was thought the proposed mill would mean much to the city of Salem.

Company's Right Held Limited

Mr. McMahan said the Oregon Pulp & Paper company did not own the ditch and could not be compelled to cover it; that the property owners owned that land, and the city had the right to cover it since it was a dedicated street. He further insisted that the paper company did not even own the right to use the ditch, but merely had it on contract, and that it belonged to the Ladd estate. Following Mr. McMahan's talk, members of the council voted to have the city attorney examine a brief which Mr. McMahan said he had in his possession covering the disputed mill race, and asking that Mr. Smith make a report at a later meeting.

May Use Old Engine

The old steam fire engine is to be examined with the aid of experts with the idea of putting it in shape for emergency use. The action was taken despite the objections of Alderman Marcus, who wanted it sold for what it would bring. He said he knew the engine, that it would take too long to get up steam to be any good. Mr. Dancy said steam could be gotten up in 30 minutes, and if there ever was a fire on the river front in Salem there would be plenty of time to get up steam before the fire was put out.

Plans Ordered

The street commissioner was ordered to prepare plans and specifications for the repair of Court street pavement and also for the repair of East State street.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH HEAD DIES SUDDENLY

DALLAS, Texas, Feb. 18.—The Right Rev. Alexander C. Garret, 76, presiding bishop of the Protestant Episcopal church in America and bishop of the Dallas diocese, died suddenly tonight in his cottage at St. Mary's college here.

The bishop's death was unexpected. Despite his blindness and advanced age, he had continued to take an active part in church matters. Early today the bishop complained of a pain in his chest and physicians were summoned, but he seemed to have recovered, and at 7 o'clock tonight his condition was described by Mrs. Anna Crocker, principal of St. Mary's college, as "exceptionally good."

MESSENGER ROBBED, OFFICER RAPS BANK

SEATTLE, Feb. 18.—Variance of opinion between Charles Tennant, captain of Seattle detectives and James T. McVay, president of the Metropolitan National bank of this city as to the propriety of arming messengers carrying large sums of money, was disclosed by a holdup today in which the bank lost \$12,000 that was being conveyed to the Seattle branch of the federal reserve bank.

"Under the procedure followed by the two messengers of the Metropolitan bank it was the easiest thing in the world for a holdup to be pulled off," said Captain Tennant. "They should have taken some precaution, as neither messenger was armed. Going to the reserve bank, through an alley, was simply to invite a robbery."

BRAIN HEMORRHAGE SUFFERED BY GREENE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Senator Green of Vermont suffered a serious relapse after an operation late tonight, his condition being regarded as very critical. Only a few minutes earlier, physicians had declared his chances of recovery favorable. He apparently had come through the operation successfully when he suffered a hemorrhage of the brain.

The hemorrhage was quickly checked, however, and attending surgeons said then that the condition of the patient was critical, though no more serious developments might follow.

SCOUT LEADERS HEAR REGIONAL EXECUTIVE

K. L. Haga, deputy regional scout executive, addressed the gathering of campaign workers of the Boy Scouts last night when they met at a dinner in the Grey Belle.

He emphasized very strongly a statement that has recently been sent out to the field from the national headquarters in New York, to the effect that the present generation is a leaderless generation.

Scouting has recognized the importance of boy leadership and the failure of the older brothers of this generation. This conclusion has been reached after many months of intensive study upon the part of nationally known Boy Scout leaders. The Scout program is now emphasizing the finding and training of boy leaders among its own members. The patrol system of organization is the method by which this is being accomplished.

DAUGHERTY IS HOLDING PLACE AGAINST FIRE

Demands Pile Up on President's Desk Urging That Attorney General Be Ousted From Cabinet

VOLUNTARY RETIREMENT IS HELD IMPROBABLE

Head of Legal Department Denies He Feels Investigation of Record

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Hints of an entirely new and startling development in the oil scandal stirred the capital today and were communicated to President Coolidge.

A start at rumbing down the story which has amazed senators and officials will be made tomorrow at a conference between the senate oil committee and Harry Payne Whitney, New York financier and official of J. P. Benckard and company, a New York stock brokerage firm.

NOT GUILTY PLEA MADE BY TOOZE

W. J. Templin Also Indicted at McMinnville; Girl Alleged Drunk

MCMINNVILLE, Or., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—The grand jury has returned an indictment against Walter L. Tooze Jr., jointly with W. J. Templin, for contributing to the delinquency of a minor by giving liquor to a 16-year-old girl, who, it is alleged, became drunk. Tooze is chairman of the state Republican central committee. Both pleaded not guilty this afternoon.

It is alleged in the indictment under which the two men were arrested late Saturday that they took Ethel Miser, 16, and a girl companion to the garage operated by W. J. Templin and gave them liquor. There is only one charge, and it is not statutory. The maximum penalty is \$1000 fine and six months in jail.

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Retiring Cabinet Member Challenges Accusers to Start Impeachment

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Tendered voluntarily by the secretary for fear his remaining might "increase the embarrassments" of the president and as an outgrowth of the senate inquiry into the leasing of naval oil lands, the resignation marks the first break in the cabinet which Mr. Coolidge took over intact upon the death of President Harding.

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TRIBUTE IS PAID VETERAN BY COUNCIL

Aldermen With Silent Vote Adopt Resolution Honoring James McClelland

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THE WEATHER

OREGON: Fair Tuesday, except rain near the coast; increasing easterly winds.

LOCAL WEATHER (Monday)

Maximum temperature, 54. Minimum temperature, 37. River, 4.3.

Rainfall, none. Atmosphere, cloudy. Wind, northwest.

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