

## PLAYGROUNDS CLOSE FOR SEASON TODAY

Big Program Is Arranged for Fourteenth Street Grounds for All Day

An all-day program of sports and games will feature the closing here Friday of the two city playgrounds at Lincoln school and on Fourteenth street. The Friday program will be a combined affair to be held at the Fourteenth street grounds.

An invitation has been extended to the general public to attend the closing program which will be well illustrative of the activities that have been carried on during the summer. The playground is located on Fourteenth street, next to Mill creek and southeast of the Farrish junior high school.

The program for the day follows:

10 to 11 a. m.—Exhibition of games, including prisoners' ball, artillery ball and bat ball.

11 a. m. to 1 p. m.—Swimming and picnic, especially by the children from Lincoln, who are expected, for the most part, to bring their lunches with them and stay throughout the day.

1 p. m.—Dress up parade.

1:45 p. m. to 3:45 p. m.—Races, to be divided into three classifications. Both the boys and girls will be divided into three classifications—midgets, juniors and intermediates. The midgets' races will be 30 yards in length; the junior races 50 yards, and the intermediates 60 yards. Boys and girls will race separately. Following the foot races will be staged a bicycle race for boys, and a sack race for girls.

3 p. m.—Water events, including swimming, free style, for the separate classifications, a diving exhibition and scow joust. The scow joust will be similar to a canoe war, each team seeking to upset the other's boat by means of a long pole padded at the end. All water events will be staged in the creek that runs beside the playground.

It is estimated that a total attendance of nearly 10,000 has been realized at the two playgrounds this season. The figure is compiled by adding together the total attendance each individual day, and includes some single children 30 or 40 times. On the whole, however, the Fourteenth street playgrounds has seen a constant change in the personnel of children attending, it is stated by Leslie Sparks. "Almost any day I go down there I find about half of the boys are new," said Sparks. He has charge of the boys at the Fourteenth street grounds. Miss Grace Shook has charge of the girls.

Various athletic events have been staged at both playgrounds throughout the season. At Lincoln, tennis and other tournaments have been held under the direction of Miss Dana Robbins, who has charge of both boys and girls at the grounds. Robert Hill took the tennis tournament, winning over Delbert Vieco 6-3, 6-2 in the finals. In the semi-finals Delbert Vieco won from Louis Schriener by default, and Robert Hill won over Paul Tyler by a score of 6-1, 6-1.

Grand prizes have been put up by local sporting goods stores for the winners in tomorrow's events.

### STREET RAILROAD PROPERTY VALUED

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would have been received by the seller, there is applied various factors until there is built up a claim for value, amounting to \$51,692.72.

"This commission cannot countenance the acceptance of the application of factors which would so increase value, as exemplified in this case. The item under consideration is not a parcel of right-of-way for which condemnation proceedings are necessary, nor is it the only parcel of land which would serve the railway company's purpose, as is very often the instance where rights-of-way must be secured.

"At the time this site for car barn was purchased the seller was in competition with the owner of every other parcel of land of the same size and similarly located from one to two blocks away from the street railway lines. It is true that the location in Salem at a point relatively near the junction point of the lines has a convenience value to the railway company, because of this fact. However, there are and were many other tracts of lands with locations equally advantageous. With these facts in mind the commission will not apply factors in excess of the normal overhead allowances for the value of car barn lands.

"Another feature, which has novelty of being entirely new, is the claim for franchise values based upon the number of square feet of street space required for passage of the cars over the public streets and at a rate of value equivalent to that of the adjoining property fronting the street.

"It is the commission's conception that a franchise is a mutual agreement between the public and an agency undertaking public service, whereby the medium, by which service is rendered, is

## Dolly Enjoys Her Radio Work; Will be in Salem on Saturday



"Never hear an elephant broadcast?" To watch "Dolly," the two-year-old baby with the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey circus trumpet before the "mike" is even more fun than listening in. Geo. Denman, boss of the big herd, uses a very simple method. He shows the little shaver a carrot and then drops the tid-bit behind the magic disc. After which Dolly talks until she gets the carrot.

While the big show was at the old Madison Square Garden in New York this spring a test was made to see which of the animals registered most satisfactorily for fans. Each of the 43 elephants was led before the microphone. Albert, John, Babe and Romeo all being old and rather sedate, merely grunted and then returned to their respective bales of hay. But the twelve babies were all willing to air their views on circus life. That seemed quite understandable, since being merely youngsters of the jungle they entered into the fun as readily as they play at "London Bridge is Falling Down" in the circus rings.

The seals registered best of all, probably because their voices are most penetrating. "Big Nip" was persuaded to play the solo on the electric piano, which he executes as an accompaniment for the companies of high school horses on the big show program. "Shagz," the giant brute who drives his own automobile in performance, approached the "mike," gave a couple of loud "sniffs" and honked vigorously. Upon being shown the lofty towers which they scale in their act, Alf Loyale's police dogs yelped with impatience and so broadcasted in very able fashion.

There will be no broadcasting locally, but all the various sounds that go to make up the circus will be in full swing when the great combined circus comes to exhibit here next Saturday, August 29.

allowed, in common with other public uses, the right of use of the public streets. Such a contention that the public should presumably pay a return upon the right or gift extended by it, does not merit the serious consideration of a rate regulatory body.

"However, the railway company is not alone in its conception that the franchise or privilege to operate in the streets has a value, for the city of Salem requires a franchise tax to be paid in return for the privilege or occupancy of the city streets. Such a requirement has little justification if executed after the state assumed regulatory powers over its public utilities. It means, in effect, that the rider upon the street car indirectly pays for the privilege of use of the public streets, while others moving over such streets are untaxed. We would recommend that at such future time as feasible, the requirement for franchise tax of utilities be rescinded and the users of the utility service thereby relieved from the payment for this cost of service, which is inconsistent with our American standards of fair play.

"From the foregoing presents-

making purposes only, of all items of property comprising the Eugene Street Railway used and useful in the service of the public and thus constituting a developed street railway utility, was, on December 31, 1923, \$541,000."

### British Lords Defeat Living Farm Wage Bill

LONDON.—The Marquess of Lincolnshire, owner of 23,000 acres, surprised his political friends as well as foes by pleading recently in the house of lords for his bill designed to give a "living wage" to farm hands. Many of the members, land-owners themselves, twitted the 30-year-old marquess for his sympathies with the working man and his cause, but his reply was: "Tut, tut—I was one myself two or three generations ago."

The Marquess of Lincolnshire said he knew what was a living wage on the land in England, and he made it plain that he practiced what he preached, for his farm hands were receiving 45 shillings a week, considerably more than made necessary by law. As a result of his consideration, the marquess explained, only 19 families out of all those hundreds on his vast estates had left the land during the last 60 years.

"Only six hours have been given to discussion of agriculture in the house of lords since 1905," said the marquess, and I consider it more than a national scandal; it is a national crime and a national disgrace."

The bill was defeated by a substantial majority.

### NURSES ARE FREED; CRITICISM IS MADE

Acquittal of Alleged Liquor Transporters Brings Note From Wilbur

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27.—(By Associated Press.)—Lieutenant Andrew L. Gordon of the marine corps was admonished by Secretary Wilbur recently for his conduct as prosecuting officer in the recent court martial proceedings which resulted in acquittal of two navy nurses, Miss Ruth M. Anderson and Miss Catherine Glancy on charges of bringing liquor illegally into the United States on the transport Kittery.

The secretary took this action, he said, because of Lieutenant Gordon's failure to cross examine Miss Anderson and present to the court a statement he had in his possession. The letter will be filed in his record.

The findings were disapproved recently by Mr. Wilbur, who held they were not justified, but inasmuch as a court martial acquittal eliminates the possibility of a new trial, his action has no punitive effect.

In the letter admonishing Lieutenant Gordon, Secretary Wilbur declared that "it is perfectly apparent that there was no effort upon your part to establish the guilt of the accused."

FRUIT RATE PROBED  
YAKIMA, Aug. 27.—Members of the Yakima Traffic and Credit association will meet Monday to make plans for contesting a proposed freight rate on fruit, it was announced tonight. If the rate the roads are petitioning for should be granted it would mean more than half a million dollars added to the annual transportation bill of the valley, it was said.

## LABOR WILL MEET IN KLAMATH FALLS

Hartwig Refuses Re-election Salem Man Nominated for Vice President

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Aug. 27.—(By Associated Press.)—After nominations form which the executive heads of the organization will be chosen by vote of the membership on December 15 and after unanimously choosing Klamath Falls as the place for the 1926 meeting, the twenty-third annual convention of Oregon state federation of labor came to a close here, today.

The surprise of the convention occurred just before adjournment when President Otto R. Hartwig of Portland, arose and declined to accept the nomination which had just been offered him for the ninth consecutive time. He was followed by E. J. Stack, Portland, who has been secretary of the organization for 16 years and who also declined the nomination for another term.

Eleven laws and amendments were written into the by-laws and constitution of the organization during the four-day session.

Thomas Hunt, Portland; D. E. Nickerson, Joseph Reed, Bert Sleeman and C. O. Taylor, all of Portland, were nominated for president; J. S. Haughey, Portland; Harry H. Hill, Salem and Richard Whitty, Marshfield, for vice president; C. O. Taylor, G. A. Von Schrittz, and Ben Osborne, Portland, for secretary.

### False Top in Trunk Found Storing Place for Liquor

VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 27.—Customs officials in making an examination of a truck for valuation because it had not been properly cleared at the border, 15 miles east of New Westminster, discovered a false top where 120 bottles of liquor were concealed.

The truck was owned by C. M. McKenna who was convicted of illegal entry into the United States several weeks ago, but the false top was overlooked by the American authorities.

### IRISH FRUIT CROP A FAILURE

DUBLIN.—The fruit crop this year has proved almost a complete failure, the Free State department of agriculture reports. The yield is the smallest in many years.

### COAL MINE STRIKE ORDER IS ISSUED

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prepared to hear of such a move as yet. Their impression seemed to be that they were being disciplined for opposition to the demands of miners made on the

problem involved is shown in the fact that 3,362 pumps must be kept in continuous operation to prevent the mines being flooded. Less than a dozen of the corporations and only three of the ten anthracite counties produce the bulk of the hard coal shipped. Luzern, Lackawanna and Schuylkill counties accounted for about 67,990,000 gross tons of the 1924 gross tonnage of 77,929,249.

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Best Creamery, per lb.....	52c
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10 pound sack.....	59c
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Medium red No. 1 can, 3 cans.....	44c
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per pound, 39c; 3-lb. sack.....	\$1.15
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Blue Ribbon, 49-lb. sack.....	\$1.95
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