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TRAFFIC ORDINANCE SUBJECTED TO FIRE

Aldermen Reject Report of Committee After Protracted Discussion

ACTION IS DEFERRED

Movement of Cars in Business District and Naming of Through Routes Causes Split; Council to Meet Again Tonight

Ordinance creating through streets in the city of Salem drew unsuspected fire when the ordinance committee's report on it was read before the members of the council in session last night. After considerable discussion, the report of the committee was rejected, and the ordinance was to come up as originally drawn. The session lasted so long, however, that a motion for adjournment passed through with ease, and not an ordinance came up for reading.

Report of the committee was not in favor of the original ordinance. In its stead another ordinance was recommended by the committee. This would create through streets, but would make Court street a through street to Commercial instead of branching off at Church street, and thence over to Ferry.

The reformed ordinance also did away with the sections limiting the number of persons to the front seat of an automobile, and requiring drivers to turn at the intersection rather than in the center of the block.

Reason given by Alderman W. W. Rosebraugh for eliminating the two sections mentioned was that he believed the through street idea "should stand on its own merits." He suggested that another ordinance be drafted to take care of the problems involved.

The revision also provided that State street should be made a through street only from Cottage to the east city limits.

"If you make State a through street only from Cottage on, you leave out one of the most dangerous intersections in the city," declared Alderman W. H. Dancy. "That intersection is State and Church streets. It is no inconvenience to stop at the corner.

"Under no circumstances would I make through streets through the business district. When the time comes to regulate traffic down town, we will have to provide officers for the task."

"It is a mistake to cut out the section limiting the number riding in the front seat of an auto," Mayor J. B. Giesy stated.

"The idea in the business district is not to stop the traffic but to keep it moving. I think it is a mistake to have stop streets in the business section."

At this point the report of the committee was rejected. The bill was taken out of the hands of the ordinance committee and filed to be run through its readings.

Street Commissioner Low brought before the council the matter of disposing of two of the city's teams, cutting down the force, and applying the money saved in the purchasing of a truck. He stated if this was not done, the city would have to buy a new team.

"We could take off two men. This would save $2400 a year. This would pay for the truck. What we can get for the feed we have on hand, and the teams will take care of the upkeep of the truck."

Mr. Low was authorized by the council to make the changes he had outlined.

Permission to use the room at the head of the stairs at the city hall was granted to the YMCA employment bureau. The only conditions attached were that the bureau pay for the maintenance of the office and agree to vacate if at any time the council should ask it to.

Question was raised as to whether or not Mrs. Shanks, city police matron, might not object to having swarms of men loitering on the steps near the entrance to her quarters, where she interviews girls quite often.

Aldermaan Engstrom stated he had looked into the matter thoroughly and had found Mrs. Shanks had no objection to the bureau location there.

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BUY STAMPS

CHRISTMAS SEAL STAMPS are now offered for sale at booths in the post office, Miller's Mercantile Co., Kafoury Brothers, Stiff Furniture Co. and the Bank of Commerce. Total receipts to date from booth sale, $180.62; received in mail, $678.00.

"EMBRACING" BILL HIT

HON. "DAD" TRUNKEY SAYS MEASURE OBNOXIOUS

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 21.—(By Associated Press.)—Declaring that "he did not want to see all the comforts of automobile driving destroyed," Representative David F. "Dad" Trunkey, 77, oldest member of the Washington legislature, moved today to strike that section of the automobile code which refers to "encumbrances in the lap."

The obnoxious section makes it "unlawful for any person to operate a motor vehicle upon the highways of this state when such person has in his or her lap or in his or her embrace another person, baggage or other encumbrances," violation of the provision rendering the offender liable to punishment for reckless driving.

"Dad" Trunkey, who has represented the 54th district, Whatcom county, since 1919, confesses a liking for cigarettes and will state on occasion that the thinks the "girls are getting prettier and sweeter every year."

WOULD PROHIBIT FRAUD IN GATHERING EVIDENCE

AMENDMENT TO BAN DECEIT AND FALSEHOOD

Repetition of Mayflower Incident Would Be Prevented by House Bill

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(By Associated Press.) — Prohibition enforcement methods, which have been subject to vigorous attack recently, became a voting issue in the house today for the first time at this session.

Representative Tucker, democrat, Virginia, an avowed dry, initiated a move designed to prevent a repetition of the much-discussed Mayflower incident in which a dry agent masqueraded under the name of a member of congress to obtain evidence at a cost of more than $900 to the government.

The vehicle employed by Mr. Tucker was an amendment to the annual treasury-postoffice supply bill, which carries funds tor dry law enforcement for the next fiscal year. A vote on the proposal was deferred until tomorrow.

An amendment which was directed at a section of the bill making $250,000 available for procurement of evidence in the next fiscal year, would prohibit the use of "fraud, deceit of falsehood" in the expenditure of any part of this sum.

Chairman Madden of the appropriations committee, which reported the bill asked if the bill was designed to prevent the purchase of evidence.

"If carried o nby defraud or deceit, I say yes," replied Mr. Tucker.

When Mr. Madden interrupted again to ask if the amendment would prohibit an agent from stopping a truck on a highway and buying a "case" for evidence, he asserted that it was "intended to do what it says," calling attention that he had "stood for enforcement of the Volstead law and voted for appropriations to carry it out."

The amendment as originally offered by Mr. Tucker, prescribed a punishment for any agent employing fraud or deceit, in obtaining evidence. This form however, it was held out or order and the punishment provision was eliminated.

LANDSLIDE HITS TRAIN

FOUR MEN ESCAPE INJURY WHEN ENGINE PLUNGES

ROCKAWAY, Ore., Dec. 21.—(By Associated.) — The engine and tender of the Southern Pacific local freight bound from Tillamook to Wheeler were swept from the rails today by a 75-foot landslide two miles east of Rockaway.

The track ahead was clear as the train approached it, but it was presumed that the jar of the train in passing loosened the earth. M. F. Thompson, conductor, Engineer Burgoyne, Brakeman Carter and Fireman Kral were all in the engine cab at the time of the crash and plunged headlong out of the cab windows down the steep embankment. Brakeman Carter was thrown into the waters of the bay, but rescue work on the part of Conductor Thompson saved him. None was injured.

GUARDS PLAN SMOKER

NEW YEARS PROGRAM TO BEGIN AT 2 O'CLOCK

In keeping with the New Years custom, the National Guards announce a smoker for New Years day, to begin promptly at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Athletic and military games will occupy the first period, with races and competition with small prizes for winners. At 6 o'clock dinner will be served in the armory when the guards will adjourn to attend the smoker and fight in the evening. The following detachments will join in the celebration: Headquarters Detachment, 249th Coast artillery, Medical Department, 249th CA, and Company F, 162nd Infantry.

FORD PLANES MAY MAKE POLAR TRIP

Rumors Current That Henry Ford to Back Trans-Polar Non-Stop Flight

AIR ACES SAID SECURED

Jimmy Doolittle and Lieut. MacReady Said to Have Been Asked to Pilot Plane on Northern Dash

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—(By Associated Press.)—Reports were current tonight that Henry Ford, who recently entered the airplane manufacturing field, is to back a trans-polar non-stop airplane flight early in the spring from Point Barrow, Alaska, to Spitzbergen. Although those named in onnection with the flight would not confirm the rumor, it was given an appearance of substance by the departuhe of two of them for Detroit.

The flight, according to the report, is being arranged by Vilhjalmar Stefansson, Dr. Isaiah Bowman, director of the American Geographical society; George Wilkins, explorer and veteran of two south pole expeditions, and Malcolm Alexander Smith, an Alaskan prospector, who is 67 years old.

Wilkins and Smith left for Detroit tonight.

Dr. Bowman, the only member of hte quartet who could be reached in New York, would not confirm the reports, but said he would have an announcement to make within two weeks, and that any previous announcement would not have the official details.

Not the least interesting detail of the current report is that Lieut. John A. MacReady, army transcontinental flier, and Lieut. James H. Doolittle, holder of several army flight records, are to pilot hte plane.

The flight is to be made from Point Barrow in April or May, it is said. Point Barrow is about 800 miles from the pole, and Spitzbergen is about 625 miles from that point over the top of the globe.

An all-metal plane manufactured by the plant whih Henry Ford recently purchased will be used.

DAYTON, Ohio, Dec. 21.—(By Associated Press.) — Admission that Lieut. John A. MacReady and James H. Doolittle of McCook field had been asked to pilot a plane in a trans-polar flight from Point Barrow to Spitzbergen was made by McCook field officials here tonight.

The officials also said that it was not likely that the two pilots would be given permission to make the trip. Request to have the men pilot the plane is understood to have been made by Geo. Wilkins, explorer, to the chief of the air service about two weeks ago. No word has been received in Dayton as to the disposition of the request.

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AMERICA LEADS WORLD IN LAW BREAKING; BELT

U. S. IS SCANDAL OF THE AGE DECLARES JUSTICE

What Is Wrong in Legal System Analyzed in Chamber of Commerce Talk

"The scandal of the age is not chaotic Russia nor despotic Turkey, but our own United States," declared Justice Harry H. Belt, of the Oregon supreme court, in an address before the members of the Salem Chamber of Commerce at its luncheon yesterday. "In Omaha, a mob of men women and children chased one lone negro through the streets. They caught him, and burned him to the stake. But their blood lust was not satisfied. Before they were through they had burned the court house, ruining thousands of dollars worth of property.

"America leads the world in law making and in law breaking. The average citizen cannot hope to comply with all the laws, so he obeys only those that are convenient for him to obey.

"If a law is bad, it should not be repealed by non-observance. It should be strictly enforced, and it would not be long before public opinion would demand its repeal in a legal way.

"There are more murderers per capita in the United States than in any other country. What is the cause? Other nations receive their light from the same sun. They are ruled by the same instincts.

"For one thing, the people of our country are of a heterogeneous character. We seem to be the dumping ground for the riff raff of Europe. Through lax immigration laws we get material that can not be assimilated.

"I have no intolerance for foreigners, but I object to the class that wave the red flag at us. They are the moral lepers of our society."

Speaking of "What is Wrong With Our Courts," Judge Belt admitted they are not perfect. He declared, however, that the courts receive little criticism of other than a destructive nature.

"It would be refreshing," he said, "to find a legal man who could point out the wrong and suggest the remedy. The average citizen is aware that the courts are not all they should be. The court should not fall back on its dignity and refuse to introspect, but must meet the criticisms courageously.

"The argument that courts mete out justice only for the rich is inherently wrong. On the other hand, the man who thinks there is no room for improvement in the court is wrong.

"The viewpoint of the man who thinks the court is all right, but admits of too much delay is worthy of consideration.

"Lawyers may not always be all they should. But even so, if all lawyers should do half of what their clients want them to do, no penitentiary in the country would be large enough to hold them all.

"Don't sneak around and ask the judge to let you off jury duty because you are too busy. If that is your attitude, forever keep your silence. You have no right to criticise."

BANNER 1926 IS SEEN BY STATE LABOR HEAD

HIGHER CROP PRICES MERIT INCREASED PLANTING

Lumber, Building, Business High Level Forecast; Road Funds Ready

A spirit of optimism pervades everywhere in industry, according to a statement issued yesterday by C. H. Gram, state labor commissioner.

"There is every reason to believe," read the statement, "that the lumber industry will produce as much manufactured product in 1926 as in 1925. For several months, operators contended, lumber was sold below cost of production.

"Regardless of these conditions, however, wages have remained stbale. This was due, no doubt, to a realization that wages are now at a level that will not permit further reductions in view of the costs of living. The lumber operators have faith that 1926 will be a big building year and that production will increase to meet the demands of a depleted market and stocks caused by cold weather in some of the producing sections.

"The concensus of opinion now seems to be that structural building in Oregon in 1926 will equal that of this year. Although a few estimates place the volume of building for next year slightly under that reached in 1925. The erection of 40 millions of dollars worth of new buildings in Portland this year has to a considerable extent provided employment for skilled mechanics and building laborers. The prospects for a like amount of building activity in 1926 and a proportionate amount in other parts of the state augur well for general business conditions and related employment.

"Highway construction in Oregon in 1926 will not exceed that of 1925, and possibly will be less. Present indications are that the state will expend approximately $6,000,000 on state highway work in 1926.

"The proportion of fall grain for 1925 will be considerably below the average acreage, because of the season being unfavorable for plowing. Therefore the spring wheat acreage will no doubt be increased, but there probably will be a falling off of general pro-

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FOUR LIONS ARE KILLED

TIMBER MAN OPENS FIRE ON CAVE FULL OF COUGARS

BAKERSFIELD, Cal., Dec. 21.—(By Associated Press).—Four mountain lions killed in one day with a pistol is the achievement of F. J. Ross of Bodfish, Kern county, according to a report from the mountain districts in which Ross did his hunting.

Ross said that he was ranging some timbered country with his two dogs trained to follow lion scent when he came upon a natural cave and was astonished to see the eyes of what seemed to be a cafe full of cougars.

He fired and when the smoke had cleared he had killed two male lions and two femaies.

STEALING THE IRISHMAN'S STUFF

HIGH RUBBER PRICES BRING OPEN WRATH

Great Britain Charged With Bad Faith in Alleged Price Manipulation

INVESTIGATION ORDERED

Speaker Says England Intends to Collect War Debt From the United States on High Rubber Prices

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(By Associated Press).—A charge of "bad faith" was made against Great Britain today as the house ordered an investigation of alleged manipulation of crude rubber prices by the English colonial governments.

Representative Hull of Tennessee, former chairman of the democratic national committee, made the charge and declared "England is openly proclaiming that it intends to collect four billion dollars from us in increased rubber prices to pay its war debt."

The resolution ordering the investigation was approved without a record vote after a brief debate and Chairman Parker of the interstate commerce committee, which will conduct the inquiry, announced he would start hearings about January 5.

Representative Tilson of Connecticut, republican leader, who proposed the investigation after a conference with Secretary Hoover, told the house the rubber consumers were paying $700,000,000 annual tribute to Great Britain because of its control of the rubber prices.

The scope of the resolution was increased to include besides rubber, investigation of monopolistic control of coffee, silk, nitrates, potash, quinine, iodine, tin, sisal, quicksilver, pulpwood and other "important raw materials."

The course of the investigation has not been outlined, but Chairman Parker indicated he would ask Secretary Hoover as well as some of the leading users of these products to appear before the committee.

The pupwood phase involves relations between this country and Canada, where a movement has been started to have the Canadian parliament establish an export duty on pulpwood from Canada to the United States.

SPEEDER LOSES LICENSE

IGNORED SUMMONS, YOUTH WEEPS WHEN FINED

Ellis Morgan, 19, of Portland, received a shock in the justice court here yesterday. He was fined $25 and had his driver's license recoked for a full year when he was brought here to face a charge of speeding.

Morgan was arrested some time ago by O. O. Nichols, state traffic officer. He is said to have been traveling 45 miles an hour. Like other violators, Morgan was told to report to the justice court the next day. But, Morgan didn't. He remained in Portland.

The matter hung fire for a time. Finally, to clear up the record, a warrant was made out for him. Still he didn't appear, despite the fact that Brazier C. Small, justice of the peace, wrote several letters to him, requesting a "conference."

Yesterday he was brought to Salem. Young Morgan got angry. He told Judge Small not to "get hard." In going over the details of the case it was found that Morgan had advanced his age one year when he applied for his driver's license. When they found that out, they say Morgan cried. Then Judge Small took his license away for a year, and fined him $25.

And they say young Morgan went out crying.

NOMINATION IS DEFERRED

ACTION ON M'CAMANT CASE POSTPONED BY SENATE

WASHINGTON, Des. 21.—(By Associated Press.)—Senate action on the nomination of Wallace McCamant of Oregon to be judge of the Ninth judicial circuit court was postponed today until after the holidays at the request of Senator Johnson, republican, California, who is opposed to his confirmation.

At the conclusion of an executive session of the senate late today it was announced erroneously that the nomination had been confirmed.

BROWN TO SAIL SOUTH

FISHING TRIP TO TAKE COMMANDER TO MEXICO

On the good yacht "Westward" Clifford Brown, dealer in hops and wool and better known as commander of Capital Post No. 9, American Legion, will soon be sailing near tropical seas off the coast of southern California.

Commander Brown will leave Salem in a few days for Guaymas, Mexico, where he will spend six weeks on the private yacht of Campbell Church of Eugene. Fishing and hunting will be the main attractions of the trip.

BABE SWALLOWS COIN

TRACHEA OPENED IN ORDER TO REMOVE DIME

LONGVIEW, Wash., Dec. 21.—(By Associated Press).—Alice, eight months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Barnes, Longview, swallowed a ten cent piece today. The coin lodged just below the voice box and it was necessary to open the trachea to remove it.

WILL BUY PARK SITE WHEN TERMS ARE SET

REPORT IS ADOPTED FOLLOWING LONG DISCUSSION

Wording of Motion Makes Purchase of Kay Property Possible Later

Oratorical powers of the city council were brought into full play last night when the matter of purchasing the Englewood park site from Thomas B. Kay came up.

Alderman E. B. Grabenhorst submitted the report of the park committee:

"The price of $7986 for the Kay site was agreed upon by the council in 1924. Interest would now bring that sum up to $8360. The committee has talked to Mr. Kay and he is willing to let the city have it for $6500. The committee recommends that the city purchase the Englewood park site on terms to be agreed upon later.

It was said that Mr. Kay was ready to accept any terms the city might wsih. Here, Alderman W. H. Dancy said:

"I am not willing to vote for this until some plan for terms is shown to the council."

"This has been dragging since Mr. Kay made the offer," declared Alderman Fred Filliams. "I don't understand why members of the council should question the word of a man of Mr. Kay's standing.."

Alderman J. E. Galloway asserted his belief that Mr. Kay's terms would be absolutely agreeable to the city, as he sells his lots on time, and would be glad to extend the city at least as good terms.

"The thing that interests me," said Mayor J. B. Giesy, "is, can the city find the money to pay for this?"

A motion was made that the report be laid on the table. This was attacked immediately.

"It seems to me we are haggling over a very small matter," declared Alderman Galloway. If the city cannot find the money to pay for this, I can!"

"We are haggling over a principle," Alderman Dancy said. "Let's do the city's business the way we would do our own business."

Motion to lay the report on the table was lost. Instead, Alderman Purvine suggested the word "if" be substituted for the word "on" in the report. Thus the report, that "the city purchase the park site from Mr. Kay if acceptable terms of payment can be agreed upon," was passed.

OFFICERS ARE ELECTED

G. B. GRABENHORST WILL HEAD CHAMBER FOR 1926

George B. Grabenhorst, prominent local realtor, was elected president of the Salem Chamber of Commerce for the coming year, to succeed T. M. Hicks. He will assume his office the first of the year. The election was held during the luncheon of the chamber held yesterday noon.

Other officers elected are W. E. Burns, vice president; U. S. Page, secretary; Ross C. Miles, treasurer; U. G. Holt, social department; George Vick, agricultural department; Dr. E. E. Fisher, legislative department, and Fred A. Erixon industrial department.

Otto A. Hartman and James H. Nicholson tied for the civic department, with John W. Orr but two or three votes behind. Election for this office will be held next Monday, with all three names up.

TO PUSH COURT DEBATE

PROPOSAL TO BE KEPT CONTINUOUSLY BEFORE SENATE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(By Associated Press.)—After a third day of debate, notice was given today in the senate by Senator Lenroot, republican, Wisconsin, that after the Christmas recess, the world court proposal would be kept continuously before the senate and pressed to a vote as quickly as possible.

The Wisconsin senator, a leader of the administration forces, working for ratification of the court protocol, said that whenever no senator was ready to speak on the subject he would ask that the statute and the reservations be read for amendment and adoption.

American adhesion to the court was endorsed today by two speakers, Senators Walsh, democrat, Montana, and Pepper, republican, Pennsylvania.

WOMAN HOLDS GAVEL

OLYMPIA, Dec. 21.—(By Associated Press). — For the first time since 1921, a woman presided in the legislatnre today when Mrs. Frank Reeves, represeniative from Chelan county, wielded the gavel for two hours during the reading of the auto code.

$6,100,272 PUT IN SALEM BY OREGON

State Property, Exclusive of Lands, Is Estimated at $15,282,291

FIRST VALUATION MADE

O. A. C. With Figure Set at $3,658,309, Tops List of Activities With Relation to Financial Investment

Value of investment made by the state in the Salem territory represented by plants, institutions, offices and buildings, exclusive of lands, was placed at $6,100,272, yesterday, when the first report to the state board of control was completed, following four months' survey.

Value of Capitol and supreme court building was placed at $842,878, of Oregon State School for the Deaf at $214,618 while investment in properties of the state board of fair directors was estimated at $467,893. The State Institute for Feeble Minded was listed at $768,976, while the property of the Oregon State Hospital, exclusive of land was set at $1,063,807.

All state properties, exclusive of lands, were valued at $15,228,294 by those taking the survey, the first time that valuations of state properties have ever been compiled.

The Oregon Agricultural college, with a valuation of $3,658,309 tops the list of state activities with relation to financial investment. The university of Oregon is second with a valuation of $2,163,802. Other investments exceeding more than $1,000,000 are represented in the Oregon state hospital at Salem and the Eastern Oregon State hospital at Pendleton. The valuation of the Oregon state hospital was fixed at $1,620,373 and the Eastern Oregon state hospital at $1,063,807. The capitol and supreme court buildings in Salem were valued at $842,878. The penitentiary property was valued at $688,950.

Following is a list of the various state activities and properties, not including lands, and the valuations as reported to the state

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PICK AUXILIARY HEADS

MRS. HELEN GREGG HEADS LEGION POST 9 GROUP

Officers of the American Legion auxiliary, Capital post No. 9, were last night elected as follows:

President, Mrs. Helen Gregg; first vice president, Mrs. L. C. Demarest; second vice president, Mrs. King Bartlett; secretary, Mrs. Robert Budrow; treasurer, Mrs. B. A. Victor; sergeant-at-arms; Mrs. Miles McKey; members of executive committee, Mrs. George Griffith, Mrs. Allen Cleveland, Mrs. Stanley Ostrander; chaplain, Mrs. Nettie Jirak; historian, Mrs. Bolton Hamble.

The Legion auxiliary is spending a busy pre-Christmas preparing packages of candy and cigarettes for scores of Oregon ex-service men in veterans' hospitals in various parts of the United States. Much attention is also being given to the making of Christmas cheer for Salem families, in need of aid. During the past week the organization has sent many bundles of magazines to veterans in hospital No. 77 Portland.

The Salem auxiliary reports many new members, the total membership now nearing the 100 mark.

ASTORIA HIT BY DELUGE

4.96 INCHES FALL IN SIXTY HOURS; ROADS BLOCKED

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 21.—Four and ninety-six hundredths inches of rain falling here in the last 60 hoursb locked the three main highways leading out of the city, caused a slide which blocked one of the city's streets; blocked and overflowed sewers in numerous districts, and indirectly resulted in the death of one woman. The United States weather observatory at North Head reported 3.26 inches of rain in the 24hour period between 5 p. m. Sunday morning until 5 a. m. this morning, a record for that period in the 25 years of the station's existence there.

The lower Columbia, Nehalem, and Roosevelt highways were blocked by mud slides and debris deposited by the high waters. The lower Columbia highway was cleared this morning and the Roosevelt highway will be cleared tonight, but it will be eight to ten days before county engineers can bridge over a large fill which was washed out on the Nehalem highway, about 15 miles from this city.

Mrs. Rudolph Basil of the Lewis & Clark district was instantly killed late Sunday night when a car driven by her husband shot off the Olney road near this city and went down a steep embankment. Basil sustained several broken ribs. He claimed he was blinded by the driving rain and failed to see a curve in the road.