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PRICE FIVE CENTS

TO ASK STATE DRAINAGE AID

Reduction of Floods Said to Necessitate Cleaner Stream Channels.

DISCUSSION TURNS WARM

Committee Will be Named to Reconstitute Labor in Work of Cleaning Out Mill Creek

Best way of solving the drainage problem confronting residents in the southeastern part of this city is to clean out all the creeks and ditches that carry the water to the Willamette river, it was brought out last night at the meeting of those interested, at Richmond school.

T. B. Kay, chairman of the drainage board, was present and acted as chairman of the meeting. Frank Durbin, another member of the board, was also present.

"Perhaps the main expenditure would be that of keeping the channels clear," stated Percy Cupper, prominent local engineer.

"The Mill stream and similar streams drain the low lands. So it is natural that they empty the water by more direct route than the streams farther south that empty the drainage from the highlands into the Willamette.

"Drainage will make the land here more valuable. Without doubt, it is good land, but hard to sell because of the inconvenience floods cause frequently."

Those gathered at the meeting were mostly farmers dwelling just southeast of the city limits. Their sentiment was against drainage of the district. They held that their property would be assessed too high, with no benefits for themselves.

Mr. Kay and others argued that the city of Salem should clear those parts of the creeks and ditches within the corporate limits of the city before asking the farmers to clear them above the city limits.

Mayor Giesy, who was present as a representative of the city, declared that no flood has ever originated within the city limits. Floods pouring into the city have always been due to confection of water coming from southeast of the city.

Floods are caused not by melting of snow, as most people believe, T. B. Kay stated, but by sudden and heavy rains. Mr. Kay declared it is his belief that a few dollars assessed each acre could relieve the situation.

Although private companies drawing on the power of the mill stream pay the cost of bringing the water down, the state uses the water with absolutely no cost to itself, Mr. Kay declared. He suggested that the state might furnish labor from the state penitentiary to clear the mill creek and other streams of willows and rubbish in return for the power used. Mr. Kay was instructed by the gathering to appoint a committee of three to present the matter to the governor. Members of the committee are to be announced later.

Petitions for and against starting action on the drainage problem were presented at the meeting last night. Owners representing 2500 acres of land, and against action and owners representing only 1120 acres were for it.

While no action was taken at the meeting last night, discussion was hot. The discussion lasted better than two hours.

OPponents HOLD PEACE

ENEMIES OF COMPENSATION ACT NOT AT MEETING

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 19.—(By Associated Press.)—Interests which have fought the workmen's compensation act before the people and in the legislature since 1913, failed to appear here today before the legislative committee which is conducting a survey. All witnesses at the hearing were friendly to the law; wanted no radical changes and suggested minor amendments, largely of an administrative character.

Fuss Between 7 Salems Recalled in New Letter

"If This Isn't Priceless Publicity, I Don't Know What Is." Writes Rev. Elvin, Who Wrote Note Requesting Others Renounce Name

"If this isn't priceless publicity for Salem, Oregon, I do not know what publicity is." That sentence is picked from the body of a letter from Rev. James Elvin, Helena, Montana, sent to The Statesman, yesterday. With the enlistment of support from Tom Kay, receipt of this letter marks the developments in plans, being formulated, to finance the transcontinental debate, whereby Salem, Massachusetts and Salem, Oregon, are to meet in May. Extracts from the letter follow:

LITTLE MINING-CAMP TO REST IN RUINS OF SLIDE

NO EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO REBUILD SAP GULCH

Death List Now Stands at 39. Result of Avalanche of Snow and Ice

BINGHAM, Utah, Feb. 19.—(By Associated Press.)—Sap Gulch will not be rebuilt. The settlement destroyed by the two mile snow slide of Wednesday will continue only as a memory.

When nature removes the tons and tons of snow precipitated upon the little cluster of miners' homes and boarding houses, nothing but the scars will remain and only nature will blot them out. The identified dead list stands at 39 with one man missing.

But in another elevation of the Highland Boy mining district a modern camp will rise as soon as building materials can be brought in over the narrow snow filled roads.

Up in Frisco Gulch, less than half a mile from the point where it converges with Sap Gulch there is a flat several acres in area. Here Frank A. Wardlaw announced tonight the company plans to erect bungalows and bunk houses. It is also proposed to build several bungalows across the road from the office building. These will be the only structures that will have even a view of Sap Gulch and its horrible example.

This construction work will represent an outlay of approximately \$30,000, Mr. Wardlaw said.

Mrs. J. Y. McDonald "Mother" to most of the miner boys of the camp, will reopen her boarding house, she said tonight. She will lease one of the buildings which the company is to build.

DEATH HELD ACCIDENTAL

DRY AGENT NOT TO BE HELD TO ACCOUNT FOR SHOT

BEND, Ore., Feb. 19.—(By Associated Press.)—A coroner's jury in Prineville, after deliberating less than half an hour today, decided that Vayle Taylor, alleged moonshiner who was killed in a raid yesterday, came to his death as the result of an accidental shot fired by C. C. McBride, state prohibition officer. McBride and the two men who accompanied him on the raid, A. F. Marriot and Fern Dowell, were fully exonerated by the jury. Taylor was killed while attempting to hold the state officers behind the locked door of a dugout which held ten barrels of mash. Testimony at the inquest revealed it was when McBride and Marriot broke down the door with their feet and shoulders that the pistol held by McBride was discharged accidentally, the bullet killing Taylor.

BOTULISM KILLS FIVE

POISONOUS FOOD IS BELIEVED RESPONSIBLE FOR DEATHS

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 19.—(By Associated Press.)—Five recent deaths in the Russian and Armenian quarter here were attributed today by Health Commissioner George Parrish to botulism poisoning caused by poisonous food sold in grocery stores of the neighborhood.

As a result, cleanup of all stores in the district is being made.

With one store already closed and three men arrested its owner, J. Klumbinik, He is held under \$1000 bail, pending trial for exhibiting for sale poisonous foods and maintaining unsanitary premises. Other arrests are forecast.

OLMSTEAD CASE ENDED

LIQUOR CONSPIRACY CASE JURY ORDERED LOOKED UP

SEATTLE, Feb. 20.—(By Associated Press.)—Federal Judge Jeremiah Netter ordered the Olmstead liquor conspiracy jury locked up for the night shortly after midnight, when the jurymen reported they had been unable to reach a verdict. The case went to the jury at 8:30 tonight.

NAVAL EXPERTS TAKE INTEREST

Battle of Wits Takes Shape as New English Cruiser Awaits Water

LIMITATIONS ARE MADE

Sacrifice in Gun Power, Speed, Protection or Cruising Radius Necessary to Our Weight

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—(By Associated Press.)—A battle of wits among naval experts is under way with the launching in England this week of the 10,000 ton cruiser Suffolk, first of the Washington treaty cruisers to take the water.

The treaty limited the ships to 10,000 tons displacement and guns not larger than 8-inch caliber. Within these limitations, naval experts have been working ever since the treaty was framed to combine gun power, speed, protection and cruising radius in a way to make the most effective fighting craft possible. Details of developments have not been published by any country. The treaty shifted naval competition from mass to quality, and the unofficial glimpses that have been given of how the struggle is progressing indicate a wide variation in views among the naval experts as to what factor should be stressed, due in part to the geographical situation of each country and the chief mission its navy must fulfill.

In general, these unofficial reports (Continued on page 5)

AUTO TITLE LAW IS HIT

REPEAL OF THE CERTIFICATE MEASURE TO BE SOUGHT

PORTLAND, Or., Feb. 19.—Repeal of the automobile certificate of title law, passed at the last session of the legislature, will be sought through an initiative bill launched here today.

The action was taken by the Oregon Automotive conference, a group of representatives of all accredited automobile associations in the state. Failure of the certificate of title law to accomplish the beneficial results claimed for it upon its enactment, creation of endless red tape in obtaining and plunging of automobile transfers into a chaotic state were the reasons advanced by the association for its decision.

WILKINS PARTY HAS REVERSAL

Heavy Sleds, Loaded With Supplies, Give Trouble on Arduous Journey

GO 50 MILES IN 9 DAYS

Trouble With Snow Motors Fails to Depress Leader; Monoplanes to Be Used In Dash Northward

MENANA, Alaska, Feb. 19.—(By Associated Press.)—Word was received here today that the Wilkins trans-polar expedition supply party on a 700 mile journey to Point Barrow gained eight miles yesterday.

The loaded sleds of supplies being drawn by snow motors were reported constantly breaking down. The end of two of the sleds were torn out and it was predicted that the carriers can't hold up under their heavy loads, much longer.

TWO KILLED IN WRECK

BOISE MEN DIE WHEN AUTO GOES OVER BANK

BAKER, Or., Feb. 19.—(By Associated Press.)—Ernest Pulliam of Boise, Idaho, and Herbert Mock of Ohio were killed today when the automobile in which they and two companions were riding went over a grade on the Old Oregon Trail near Unity station about 20 miles southeast of Baker. Bradley Boston and Charles Smith were injured. They were brought to a hospital. Smith and Boston also were Boise men. They were not seriously hurt.

14 Starving Seamen Are Rescued in Mid-Pacific

Nine of Japanese Crew Missing; Men Forced to Eat Rats Caught by Ship's Cat and Finally to Devour Cat Itself; Reports Are Meagre

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 19.—(By Associated Press.)—Fourteen starving survivors of the little Japanese freight steamer Daishin Maru No. 3, fuelless and storm tossed, were rescued yesterday by the Standard Transportation tanker Java Arrow in mid-Pacific after they had been forced to eat all the rats that the ship's cat could capture and then the cat itself to keep life in their emaciated bodies. Nineteen of the Daishin crew are missing.

CONFIDENCE KEYNOTE IN CONTEST SUCCESS

PACE MAKERS FIND CANDIDATES CLOSE BEHIND

Diamond Ring Will Be Awarded Next Saturday Night at 8 o'Clock

By Auto Contest Editor.

With the more aggressive candidates closely bunched and the candidates with lower scores but a little behind the pace makers, the participants in the Oregon Statesman's \$3,000 "Everybody Wins Something" campaign are preparing for a "whirlwind" finish. Candidates in the race for the big cars have reached the turn, maneuvered themselves into position for the final go and from now on to the close of the big vote period, 8:30 o'clock Saturday night, February 27, will be battling for supremacy under whip and spur.

Eight thirty o'clock Saturday night, February 27, is positively your last chance to enter subscriptions for big vote and secure the maximum number of votes allowed for each subscription.

Never again after this time will it be possible to get the full voting power on subscriptions. This is fair warning. If you entertain any desire whatever of being declared the winner of one of these splendid motor cars—to be awarded in just a few weeks, do not fail to turn in every available subscription to your account before the closing of the first period.

Not to do so simply means that you will have to increase your efforts during the remainder of the race to make up for lost ground. A few long term subscriptions NOW may be the very ones needed to "clinch" the biggest of prizes; they could hardly help but win one of the larger awards.

The crucial test is now at hand. If you ever intend to do anything big in this race, do it now. Instead of being second, third, fourth, fifth or further down on the list, get up at the top and stay there. Now is the time to make reasonably certain of the prizes you most desire.

Remember, 288,000 votes are allowed on every five-year subscription these last few days, while when the second period starts they take a big decrease. And after the close of the "second period," there is still another big decrease in the number of votes given for such subscriptions.

These are the days to get busy—the work you do this big vote period counts and piles up votes mighty quickly.

The only thing that will keep you from winning is you yourself.

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DIES WHEN CAR SINKS

MOTOR PLUNGES INTO RIVER FROM DECK OF FERRY

WENATCHEE, Wash., Feb. 19.—(By Associated Press.)—Eugene Elliott, 39, was drowned and a woman companion saved herself by swimming ashore when Elliott's sedan plunged into the Columbia river from the Orondo ferry near here tonight.

The arrest of Frank Hollingsworth on a charge of possession of liquor was made soon after the accident by Sheriff Bert McManus. Elliott and Miss Betty Hamilton were in the machine when it plunged into 12 feet of water. Elliott was unable to get out of the machine but Miss Hamilton escaped through a window and swam ashore. Sheriff McManus said Hollingsworth was with them until the car reached the ferry. Investigation of the accident resulted in arrest of Hollingsworth on the liquor charge.

Elliott's body was recovered

AGREE ON TAX CUT MEASURES

Reduction of \$318,000,000 Will Be Made This Year, Legislators Say

ADMINISTRATION AGREES

Bill, Although Fifty Million in Excess of Treasury Recommendation, Is Said Within Limit

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—(By Associated Press.)—Tax reduction amounting to \$318,000,000 this year and \$348,000,000 thereafter was agreed upon today by senate and house conferees on the revenue bill. This compromise, which must be ratified by both branches of congress before the bill becomes law, represents an increase of about \$50,000,000 over the total written into the bill by the house, but is \$75,000,000 less than voted by the senate. It was described as acceptable to the administration as within the limits the treasury can afford.

House conferees forced the restoration to the bill, with some modifications, of taxes on inheritances, automobile passenger cars, admissions and dues, which the senate had voted to repeal.

Senate conferees on the other hand obtained greater reduction in some of the surtax rates than were voted by the house.

The compromise measure will be placed before the house for ratification Monday or Tuesday. If approved, it will be taken to the senate the following day and upon its approval there, it will be sent to the White House for the signature of President Coolidge, which is expected to make it law in ample time for it to become effective before first income tax installments are due, March 15.

While considerable dissatisfaction was apparent on both sides as a result of the inheritance tax compromise, which involves allowance of a retroactive cut in this tax, leaders expected immediate ratification.

The conference agreement on the points in dispute follows:

Restoration of the modified inheritance tax rates voted by the house, including the provision allowing 80 per cent credit on account of state inheritance tax payments.

Retroactive cut in the inheritance tax, whereby the increased rates, voted in 1924, would be eliminated in favor of the lower rates in the 1921 act.

Allowance of the increased reductions in the surtax rates applying on incomes between \$25,000 and \$100,000 as voted by the senate. This involves a saving

OLD BOWS ARE ROSINED

FIDDLERS CONTEST TO BE A FEATURE IN EUGENE

EUGENE, Or., Feb. 19.—(By Associated Press.)—The champion old-time fiddler of Oregon will be declared here Saturday night when 25 white whiskered and wrinkled vieaged old-timers draw their bows.

The contest is being staged in connection with an old-time dance in aid of the children's farm home at Corvallis. Governor Walter M. Pierce will arrive in the morning to witness the spectacle.

Featuring the contest will be a dancing act in the quadrille, composed entirely of former cowboys and cowgirls of Montana, Wyoming and eastern Oregon. The armory has been thrown open for the event.

Henry Ford wired regrets at being unable to attend.

Who's Who

Salem Public Schools

BEULAH SCOTT

Beulah Scott, teacher of primary grade at Garfield elementary school. First year in Salem. Seven years teaching experience. Taught in Wenatchee, Wash. and Ogden, Utah. Graduate of Michigan state normal school. Student of preparation, has opportunity to join another school system next year at one-third increase in salary.



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