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COUNCIL FLAYS DIRT DUMPING

Injunction to Be Sought to Prevent Slide Threatening Mill Stream

DANGER OF DAM IS SEEN

South High Street Fill Leads to Indignant Protest, Special Meeting Called for Today

Question of dirt fills in certain parts of the city came into up stage prominence Friday night at an informal meeting of the council.

F. N. Derby is said to be dumping dirt to fill in a part of his lot. But the dirt has slipped until it threatens to dam the Mill stream, according to W. S. Low, street commissioner, and Hugh Rogers, city engineer.

"I have ordered Derby to stop filling in the dirt," declared Low, "but my order has been of no avail."

"I'm on my own property. I dare you to."

Mayor J. B. Giesy instructed Low and Rogers to prepare written reports concerning the matter, and intimated that he will today sign a complaint ordering city attorney Fred Williams to swear out an injunction against Derby's filling in dirt.

By an agreement of some fourteen years ago the city promised to protect the property on the north side of the bridge for which it received the right to lay through that property a sewer.

Paul Johnson, Leona J. Johnson and Mrs. Minnie Graham sent a communication declaring that "irreparable" damage is being done their property because of the slide of Derby's dirt fill.

"The wall to hold the fill did not hold," declared Low. "The dirt toppled into the creek. Derby is still filling in the dirt. The fill is crawling into the creek until it is almost dammed."

"It is only a matter of a little while until the creek is entirely filled. Already it is so close that another high water will damage

WOODBURN MEET CALLED COUNTY COMMUNITY FEDERATION WILL CONFER

A meeting of the Marion County Community Federation will be held at Woodburn in the high school next Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, it was announced Friday.

Prof. F. E. Fagan, superintendent of Woodburn schools, will be one of the principal speakers of the evening. A program will be presented by the students of the high school. Reports from the heads of the committees will be read.

John P. Hunt, president of the Woodburn Community club, will make the welcoming address. Lloyd T. Reynolds, president of the federation, will respond.

Who's Who in Salem Public Schools

MERLE DIMICK, teacher of the second grade at Lincoln elementary school. Two years in Salem school system. Two years in Portland school system and two years in Honolulu, Hawaii, school system. Graduated from Oregon Normal school. Extension work at university of Oregon. Of value to pupils especially in imparting intimate glimpses of native life in Hawaii.

Looks Like One On George!

(The following poem appeared in the Open Forum of the Capital Journal on the evening of March 16. An "old subscriber" of The Statesman suggests that the first letter of each line be read, vertically, downward.)

To the Editor:

P apers that lack circulation— U rgentlly plead for permission T o give me an automobile— N atty, with noiseless transmission— A diamond set in a golden band, M oney, regular money and I f sufficient subscription I glean S hades of Monday! a washing machine; A ll this is fine, glorious, gay, N ow if they'd just print some news some day A nd maybe a decent ad or two, S ociety stuff that's a little new, S trikes me 'twould be better, how about you? —OLD SUBSCRIBER

OPEN HEARING ON RUM LAWS IS RECOMMENDED

CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY ON LIQUOR LAWS SLATED

Senator Walsh of Montana Opposes Plan; Wet Leaders Are Satisfied

WASHINGTON, March 19.—(By Associated Press.)—Open congressional hearings on the prohibition question moved a step nearer today with a decision by a senate judiciary subcommittee to recommend to the entire committee next Monday that such proceedings be ordered.

Under the program agreed upon over the protest of Senator Walsh, democrat, Montana, the wets and dries would be given six days each in which to present evidence and argument. Senator Walsh plans to carry his fight against public hearings to the entire committee. Senator Edge, republican, New Jersey and Bruce, democrat, Maryland, leaders of the wets, are satisfied with the program proposed, while Wayne B. Wheeler, general counsel for the Anti-Saloon league said the league was not opposed to a hearing, but would oppose at every step of the legislature to procure a measure that would weaken or repeal the national prohibition act.

The sub committee decided to

SEEK CHILD'S CUSTODY OREGON COURT DECISION FIGURES IN SEATTLE CASE

SEATTLE, March 19.—(By Associated Press.)—Jeanne Marie McCarty, two-year-old daughter of Narcisse Alley, professional dancer, and Ignatius McCarty, former chief of department of labor investigators on the Pacific coast, over whom the parents are waging a court fight for possession, was placed in the care of Mrs. Peter Bettinger today by superior Judge Hall. Mrs. Bettinger is the child's aunt by marriage.

The case was continued until Wednesday to permit McCarty to obtain a certified copy of a final decree given Miss Alley in Marion county, Oregon. The father announced that he expected to prove that Oregon courts had no jurisdiction over the child and that the interlocutory decree given him in a California county by which he was awarded custody of the baby was legitimate.

CRUELTY CASE IS ENDED MAN TRIED FOR BURNING DOG; JURY DISAGREES

LA GRANDE, Ore., March 19.—(By Associated Press.)—The jury which tried Jack Hilary on a charge of setting fire to a dog, was dismissed today after being deadlocked overnight. The prosecution said Hilary would be tried again next fall. Hilary was accused of pouring oil on the dog and igniting it, the burns resulting in the dog's death. The defense contended the dog caught fire as the result of an accident.

LAD KILLED BY FLAMES POURS KEROSENE IN STOVE, CLOTHING TAKES FIRE

MARSHFIELD, Ore., March 9.—(By Associated Press.)—Freddie Richard, 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Richard, residing near Bandon, died today from burns received while pouring kerosene on a fire late yesterday. His clothing caught fire and he ran into the open, a flaming torch. All his clothes were burned off his body. Two sisters were burned in attempting to rescue him.

JINX FOLLOWS WILKINS PARTY

Last of Three Airplanes Is Wrecked When Gear Buckles in Soft Earth

EXPEDITION IS HALTED

No Means of Transportation Now Available; Misfortunes Obstruct Path at All Points of Expedition

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, March 19.—(By Associated Press.)—The last of the three airplanes of Captain George H. Wilkins was wrecked here today when the landing gear of the Detroit, a three engine machine buckled, throwing the plane on its nose. An engine was thrown out of position and propellers bent.

The big ship which was being started on its first test flight had shot along the ground only about forty feet when the accident occurred. Captain Wilkins, who planned an air expedition to hunt for land in the Arctic region and a transpolar flight over the Arctic wastes from Point Barrow, Alaska to Spitzbergen originally started with two three-motor airplanes and one single engine machine.

One of the big planes was destroyed January 17 when fire wrecked an experimental laboratory at the Ford air post at Dearborn, a suburb of Detroit. The machine had just been completed. The parts of the other two were transported to Fairbanks via Seattle and assembled here. Yesterday the single engine

CASKET "VICTIM" SUES SAYS HE STRAINED HIMSELF LIFTING COFFIN

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 19.—(By Associated Press.)—Claiming he strained himself lifting a heavy casket while acting as a pallbearer at a funeral, Theodore W. Mertens, St. Louis, today filed suit against the Arthur J. Donnelly Undertaking company, asking \$5,000 damages. Mertens charged the company with negligence in failing to have an assistant to lighten the burden and in not having a front handle on the casket. He said he was one of two front pall bearers in carrying the body of Mrs. Mary Mahan from a church and that he strained when the man opposite him gave out and let loose of his side of the casket.

FUNERAL RITES SET FOR TODAY

Coolidge Services in Little Cemetery to Be Marked by Simplicity

HIGH TRIBUTE IS WON

Character of Life Brings Expressions of Respect From Leaders Throughout the Nation

PLYMOUTH, Vt., March 19.—(By Associated Press.)—Colonel John C. Coolidge, father of the president, will be buried Saturday in the little cemetery near this hamlet with simplicity, in keeping with his 80 years of life. Arrangements for the funeral were made today after the arrival here of the president, who had learned of his father's death while hastening to his bedside from Washington.

Services, brief and extremely simple, will be held at 2 p. m. in the Coolidge homestead. They will be conducted by the Rev. John White, of the nearby village of Sherburne, who will use the latest revision of the Episcopal burial office. There will be neither hymn singing nor eulogy. After the burial the president and Mrs. Coolidge expect to start

662 ACCIDENTS LISTED INDUSTRIAL MISHAPS IN WEEK MAKE HIGH TOTAL

There were a total of 662 industrial accidents in the state of Oregon during the week ending March 18, according to a report prepared here Friday by the state industrial accident commission. Of the accidents reported 548 were subject to the provisions of the workmen's compensation act, 113 were from firms and corporations that have rejected the law and one was from a public utility not subject to state protection.

HOOD RIVER HAS FREEZE ICE FORMS ON IRRIGATION DITCHES; SMUDGES OUT

HOOD RIVER, Ore., March 19.—(By Associated Press.)—With a maximum temperature of 31, thin ice formed on irrigation ditches and frost prevailed last night over mid-Columbia fruit sections. Growers, however, reported no damage. Many growers have smudges ready to be lighted if the temperature drops below the safety mark.

Council of Organizations Confers on Child Health

Eighteen Organizations Represented at Meet, Progress in Education for Hygiene Noted, Reports of Individual Accomplishments Submitted

At the meeting of the Salem Council of Organizations of the Marion county child health demonstration, held last evening at the Chamber of Commerce, 18 organizations in the city were represented and reports were made by a number of chairmen. Fred D. Thielsen, president of the council, presided.

Mrs. F. A. Elliott, chairman of the Health Center of the demonstration, reported that she had interested 60 women who had signed up for service, working from time to time at the demonstration headquarters on High street, just south of the high school building.

Mrs. John A. Carson, chairman of the nursing service committee, reported that she had been given the utmost cooperation by women in the nursing help for the demonstration; that she had appointed special committees from different districts in the city to cooperate with the three nurses from the demonstration who were giving their entire services in the health work among school children in Salem.

Mrs. E. E. Fisher, chairman of the loan closet, said that while every one visited had been most generous in giving supplies, yet a few more were needed. It was voted that in order that sufficient funds might be had to buy the necessary equipment for the loan closet, that each organization associated in the health work be asked to contribute \$2.

Dr. Stella Ford Warner, director of the medical service of the demonstration, presented statistics showing the work now being done among school children in Salem.

In the first grade of the public schools, Dr. Warner said fully 85 per cent of the children in Salem were found to be practically normal. The examination also disclosed the fact that with each grade up, the number of normal children decreased until in the fifth grade, only 57 per cent were entirely normal.

The chief cause in the decrease in physical fitness, Dr. Warner said, was due to decayed teeth, poor nutrition, abnormal nose, throat conditions and defective vision.

Salem now has three full time nurses, as a part of the work of the Marion county child health demonstration. During the year 1925 nursing visits numbering 1812 were made. The calls included care of the sick, control of communicable diseases, health supervision and instruction, and maternity nursing.

Miss Nevin O. Betz, staff associate of the American child health association, speaking on "Milk and Its Relation to Health," said that where there is more official inspection people have more confidence in milk, and as a result larger quantities of milk are consumed, all for the good of the community, and especially growing children.

There have been only two surveys of milk in this community, she said, which meant practically nothing, as these were merely a temporary record. To give assurance of absolute pure milk a community should provide for bacterial count each month. This county should have local control with state supervision.

Miss Betz told of Walla Walla and other cities in Washington that have milk inspectors on the job at all times. Dairymen cooperate with the inspectors. Miss Betz said, as confidence in the purity of milk always means larger consumption, and, of course, more business for the dairymen.

FIGHT IS EXPECTED WASHINGTON, March 19.—(By Associated Press.)—A bitter senate fight is shaping up over the Steck-Brookhart election contest.

Friday in Washington

Washington mourned the death of Colonel John C. Coolidge. The house held a memorial session for William Jennings Bryan.

Public hearings on prohibition modification were decided upon by a senate sub-committee.

Secretary Mellon outlined his views on the financing arrangements for the Boulder Canyon development project.

The Des Moines farm relief bill was attacked in the house by Representative Thatcher, republican, Kansas.

New York bankers were asked by the senate interstate commerce committee to explain Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul reorganization plans.

PAPER STRING PROCESS SEEN

Waste From Penitentiary Flax Plant in Demand by Eastern Parties

BY-PRODUCT OF VALUE

Addition of \$20,000 Machine May Mean Profit of Nearly \$400 Daily; Investigation Being Made

Eastern parties are looking to the Salem district for the flax waste that comes from the scutching plant, and this opens up a prospect that may be of immense value to the flax and linen industries that are being developed here.

Take the scutching plant at the penitentiary. When it is running full blast, it is turning out about two and a half tons of waste a day. That amount is likely to be increased this year, by enlarging the plant; putting in more machines—perhaps doubled.

Paper string can be made from this flax waste; a string that is now being made from cotton waste. It would be stronger and better, made from flax waste.

The flax waste at the penitentiary is now being burned under the steam boilers. It is saving \$20 to \$30 a day in fuel.

But it can be turned into this paper string, and sell for perhaps \$400 a day.

Quite a dream. Interesting to every one here.

There is another thing. This flax waste can be used in connection with kraft paper making, helping to turn out a very high grade and high priced ledger paper.

There are several products of flax now being turned out at the penitentiary, and more coming.

First, there is the flax seed. Then there is the ground seed for the drug trade, for poultices. Then the cleaned seed for the drug manufacturing trade, to go into medicines, also for planting.

Then there are the bolls, or hulls, after the seed is taken out. These are being used to feed manufacturers for making stock feed, mainly dairy cow feed. This will later be made up at the penitentiary, instead of selling the bolls to outsiders.

Then there is the long line fiber, and the spinning tow, and the upholstery tow.

But there is left the waste. The waste is the core of the flax straw; called the shive. It is on the inside of the straw. The fiber is on the outside. The pectin that adheres the fiber to the core or shive is eaten away by bacteria in rotting. Then, after drying, the rotted flax is "broken" with breakers. That is, the core is broken, so the scutchers can work it better and faster. Then the scutchers separate the fiber from the shives or cores—

And the cores are the waste, with, of course, many particles of fiber that are in the waste.

It is an interesting thing to know that, perhaps a very little way ahead, there will be such profitable use for this waste as is

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STREET CARS IN CRASH TWO MEN SERIOUSLY HURT IN PORTLAND COLLISION

PORTLAND, Or., March 12.—(By Associated Press.)—Two men were seriously injured and three other passengers were cut by flying glass in a rear-end collision between two street cars here tonight. H. E. Liebo was badly cut about the head and face and John M. Cunningham sustained serious body bruises. Both will recover, hospital attendants said.

According to the official report of the street car company, both cars, heavily loaded, were traveling east on the Sunby Side line when the accident occurred. The first car stopped to discharge passengers and the second crashed into the rear of the car ahead. Company officials ordered an investigation.

COAST SERVICE STARTS PACIFIC COAST AIR MAIL ROUTE INAUGURATED

PORTLAND, Or., March 19.—(By Associated Press.)—The Ryan M-1, one of a fleet of 19 airplanes which will carry mail between Seattle and Los Angeles, brought the first letter from Seattle to Portland today, making the flight in one hour and 35 minutes.

The letter was from Charles M. Perkins, Seattle postmaster, to J. M. Jones, head of the local post-office. Vera P. Gors, who received the air mail contract from the government, was a passenger on the Ryan M-1.

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