

TUXEDO TRACT BALLOT MAY 19

Purchase of Property for
South Salem School to
Come Before Voters

PETITION IS PRESENTED

Taxpayers of Section Said to Be
United Following Disastrous
Results of Former Chance
at Polls

Taxpayers of Salem on May 19 will once more have the opportunity to say whether or not they are willing to have \$120,000 of bonds to be transferred from the Lincoln school district for the purchase of a new school site and the erection of a school unit thereon. A special election, to be held just 2 days before the May primary election, was called last night by the Salem school board after Dr. J. O. Matthias, president of the South Salem parent-teachers association, had presented a petition bearing over 150 signatures of taxpayers asking for the election. Only ten signatures are required to bring about such an election. School directors expressed the hope last night that the taxpayers will realize this time that by voting yes they do not vote for more bonds, but merely vote for the transference of bonds already issued.

It was contended by Dr. Matthias, and by some members of the board, that the defeat of the measure at the last special election was due largely to the fact that many of the taxpayers, reading the measure on the ballot, thought they were voting on the question of authorizing more bonds.

Residents of South Salem declare that they are behind the coming election solidly. There was some split in their own camp last time, several of them being put out that the school board had curtailed the site from three tracts to two tracts. As all are now agreed that the two tracts will make the most practical site obtainable promoters of the project are confident that the solid vote of South Salem will go in favor of the measure.

Although the original plan was that the measure should go on the ballot in the special directors' election June 21, it was found necessary to hold the election at the time now set in order to be within the bounds of the option on the Geiser tract, the high of the two tracts comprising the proposed site.

Should the measure carry, the South Salem school site will be made up of the Bernhardt tract, known as Tuxedo Park, and the Geiser tract, adjacent to it. The cost of the complete site would be \$19,250. The remaining \$100,750 will be used to construct the school building unit and to furnish it.

To make sure the taxpayers will not again be misled by the wording of the ballot, delegates from South Salem will address the various civic clubs of the city and explain the project to the members. A lax checking of the voters has doubtless been the cause of considerable illegal voting, according to Dr. Matthias. He said that some women have voted thinking they had the right because their husbands were taxpayers. He brought out that each individual

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Tuesday In Washington

The house passed a bill to create prohibition bureau in the treasury.

The Haugen-Tincher and Curtis-Aswell farm relief bills were reported to the house.

Senate ratified debt agreements with Latvia, Estonia and Rumania; commission in recess.

Senator McNary urged President Coolidge to fill the northwest vacancy on the shipping board.

President Coolidge asked congress for supplemental funds for the Coolidge dam and Columbia basin projects.

Commissioner Costigan criticized Chairman Marvin and Commissioner Burgess at the senate tariff hearings.

Mystery of "Wobble" of Earth's Axis Is Solved

Cause of Variation of Latitude of Globe Declared Due to
Tides of Pacific Ocean; Discovery Is Said Most
Important in Last Century

SAN FRANCISCO, April 27.—(By Associated Press.)—Captain Thomas J. J. See, U. S. Navy mathematician and government astronomer at Mare Island, near here, announced today that he had discovered the cause of variation of latitude or the periodic "wobble" of the earth's axis.

Professor See said he had demonstrated mathematically that the phenomena of the polar motion or the shift of the earth's axis in the globe, which have interested scientists for many years, are due to the tides in the Pacific ocean. This

MASQUERADE TO OPEN MAY DAY FESTIVITIES

COSTUMES OF LAST YEAR ARE
NOT TO BE REVIVED

Coronation Exercises Set for 2
O'clock, Program Features
Gaiety

As a feature of the Willamette May Day festivities, to be held this Friday and Saturday, a masquerade party will be staged Friday evening. It was originally planned to hold a canoe race, but opposition was met on the grounds that such an event might be frowned upon at Willamette.

An endeavor was made to secure the gymnasium for the masquerade, but permission was denied by Dean Frank M. Erickson, who based his refusal on the assumption that the playing floor might be roughed up. In lieu of a better place, the halls of Eaton hall will be utilized for the affair. It is understood that no dancing will take place at the masquerade.

Coronation exercises will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Directly after will follow the customary May Day dances. The senior girls will have charge of the dancing this year. It is understood that such "artistic expressions in costumes" as drew warm fire from a Salem resident last year will not be in evidence, more retiring costumes being used instead.

A May Morning breakfast will be held Saturday morning from 6:30 until 9:30 o'clock. This will be followed with a tennis tournament in which Pacific university will compete with the opposition.

In the afternoon an interclass track meet will take the place of the customary intercollegiate baseball game. Shortage of cash in the athletic fund has curtailed varsity baseball this spring.

"The Goose Hangs High," junior class play, will be presented Saturday night in the high school auditorium. It has been the custom to hold the junior class play in a local theatre, but the theatre will not be available this year. The chapel at Willamette is considered too inconvenient for stage purposes.

NIGHT CLUBS ATTACKED

MAYOR WALKER TAKES RAP
AT 7 O'CLOCK CLOSING

NEW YORK, April 27.—(By Associated Press.)—The Night club, which closes at 7 o'clock in the morning, was commended by Mayor Walker today in a speech before the Cheese club at the National Vandeville Artists' clubhouse.

"I am a real friend of the theatrical profession and of clean decent amusement," he said, "but there is an hour in the morning when clean and legitimate amusement ends and orgy takes its place. I think it is fair that I express my belief that much of this is due to visitors who come to New York, have their fling, and then return home to denounce our city on the basis of their own conduct."

He said New York was no proper place for a night club "which turns its patrons into our streets at 7 a. m., clad in evening clothes and flaming wraps, into the very teeth of decent working men and women on their way to their daily tasks."

OREGON TEAM TO PLAY

U. OF O. TO MEET WASHINGTON FRIDAY AND SAT.

EUGENE, April 27.—(By Associated Press.)—The University of Oregon baseball squad will leave here for Seattle Thursday to meet the University of Washington team Friday and Saturday in the first intercollegiate games of the western section of the northwest conference, it was announced today. The Oregon squad will be crippled by the absence of Fred Harrison, pitcher, who has been declared ineligible for intercollegiate play.

WOULD REVISE DRY MEASURE

Administration Bill Proposing
Drastic Change Is
Passed by House

NEW BUREAU IS SOUGHT

Creation of Bureau of Prohibition
Recommended Under Measure;
Block Plan to
Legalize Beer

WASHINGTON, April 27.—(By Associated Press.)—By a vote of 196 to 4 the house today passed an administration bill proposing drastic revision of the dry law enforcement machinery in the treasury, including the creation of a bureau of prohibition.

The measure, which now goes to the senate, was approved after an amendment by Representative La Guardia, progressive socialist, New York, to legalize the sale of 2.75 per cent beer, had been thrown out on a point of order.

The four votes against the bill were cast by Representatives Auf Der Heide, New Jersey, and Black, Cullen and Somers, New York, all democrats.

The proposal weathered nearly a dozen amendments and was passed as reported by the ways and means committee, to which it was sent by

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SKUNKS OFFER PROBLEM CITY AUTHORITIES ASK TO OFFER NO SOLUTION

SIoux FALLS, S. D., April 27. (A.P.)—A family of skunks living under their garage and within a few feet of his bedroom is making life miserable for Charles S. Hills, residing on the outskirts of town, and though he appealed to city authorities today they could offer no help.

Hills said he cannot sleep at night unless he wears a gas mask. April is closed season on skunks, it is against the law to discharge firearms within the city limits, and he cannot legally trap them.

Hills appealed to the humane society but it declared the matter out of its jurisdiction.

The city health department told Hills it did not believe skunks a menace to the public health; the city attorney declared he could find no law the skunks had broken, and the municipal judge asserted the matter did not come under his authority.

AIR PROBED IN WILKINS QUEST

Five Radio Men Keep Ears
Strained for Ether Mes-
sage From Explorer

RECEPTION IS DIFFICULT

Radio Communication Is Critical;
Detroiters Takes Air in Test
Flight After Forced
Return

NEW YORK, April 27.—(By Associated Press.)—Five radio men sitting at five different sets kept vigil tonight at the Detroit-Arctic expeditions' Fairbanks base, said North American newspaper Alliance dispatches, as they waited for word from the fate of Captain George H. Wilkins, and pilot Ben Boland, missing for 12 days.

Radio communication with the overland party which is musing along the Arctic coast to Point Barrow, Captain Wilkins' objective when he headed off 12 days ago, has been growing increasingly difficult for several weeks.

At a critical point in a communication from the overland party on Sunday night, when the "important message" was received, the reception broke down completely, leaving the personnel at the base in suspense. Since then every method of coaxing known to radio has been tried in vain.

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, April 27. (By Associated Press.)—The airplane Detroit, which yesterday turned back after traveling 100 miles toward the Arctic ocean in search of Captain George H. Wilkins and Lieutenant Carl B. Eielson, went up in a test flight here today. Crossing of the Brooks range by the Detroit was held impossible yesterday. One of the three engines went dead and a compass did not work correctly.

Wilkins, leader of an expedition in search of land in the Arctic ocean and Eielson, his aviator, have not been reported since their plane, the Alaskan, was seen April 15, 115 miles east of Point Barrow, Alaska, and over the edge of the ocean.

NEWS DEAN DIES

SAN JOSE, Cal., April 27.—(A.P.)—Alex P. Murgotten, dean of California newspaper writers, and prominent pioneer, died at his home here tonight aged 80.

Wanted: An Answer, Bad! Where Can Dump Be Put?

Ballyhoo Halted, Present Site Functions Well, as High-Powered Critics Seek in Vain to Find Solution of Self-Created Problem

Plans to abandon the present city dump—which have been allowed to run wild, leaving intelligent thought on the subject far behind—were held up for the first time yesterday, while those responsible for one false start sought to do two things:

To explain away the impression that officials had deliberately planned to force a dump on Salem Heights;

To figure out, on April 27, what should have been figured out six weeks ago; where, in common justice, the new city dump could be placed, in case it should be moved.

Those most prominent in the controversy appeared openly in the light of seeking a solution to the problem of their own creation.

Having thought the matter capable of solution by merely leaving it to private interests, they now conclude a city-owned dump is probably wisest after all.

That proposal is being handled delicately, however, in that the same group now thinks that an incinerator and disposal plant would be most practical.

Estimates of the cost of such a plant range from \$40,000 to \$60,000, which probably would not be voted in the near future in as much as the people on May 21 are to be asked for money for bridges, for fire equipment, for city zones.

Meanwhile the present city dump continues in use, and those who planned to abandon it at once by the simple passing of a resolution begin to check up on earlier ideas, in search of some way out of the dilemma represented by no funds, and no community public-spirited enough to voluntarily extend an invitation for a dump to be deposited in its midst.

Having advertised Salem as the home of a dump described as more unsanitary and more infested than any city dump in any civilized community could be, this same group now discover that the libelous city dump is probably the best place to deposit the city's garbage, at least until a better place can be found, a better place not having been found in the weeks during which the old dump has been subjected to high-powered criticism.

Members of the committee in charge, who are honest, sincere men, seem to have discovered one thing as a result of the recent controversy: that the city's business can be conducted better by city officials than by newspaper sensationalists, thereby bringing public pressure to bear upon committee men of keeping with the legitimate pressure of the undistorted facts.

Careful observers of city problems recall that the endeavor to perfect garbage disposal methods has received careful attention by several administrations. The last has been no exception. Long before sensational stories appeared in the press, committees of competent men were working on the problem.

Facts as outlined were these. The present dump is not a wholesale blot on the landscape; rats may be there, coming principally from the adjacent Fair Grounds. The dump was neither unsanitary, nor unsightly, having been covered with fresh dirt following deposits of refuse.

The dump had gradually filled a hollow, bringing the level of the ground to that of the adjoining fields. Within a period of some nine months, it was estimated, the remainder of the hole would be filled. There was still nothing alarming in that, save that additional deposits would raise the level of the ground above that of adjoining fields.

To prevent this members of the city administration began a careful investigation of the situation, endeavoring to find a logical place for the opening of a new dump. At this juncture, an attempt was made to stampede the change, with the result that having created the impression that the old dump was an unspeakable place, critics are now at a loss to find a spot available for the refuse, and are back at the point of departure, using the old city dump, and finding no one's aesthetic sensibilities overly shocked as the result.

Against an apparent stone wall

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MOON JEWELERS TO OPEN

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
FILED FOR NEW FIRM

Articles of incorporation were filed here Tuesday by Moon's Jewelers, Inc., who are to operate a store in Salem. No indication was given as to when the store will open.

The new store has a capital stock of \$40,000, with 100 shares at \$40 each. The incorporators are Claude C. Moon and Alvin E. Moon, both of Salem, and Claude H. Giles of Marshfield.

HEAT RECORDS ARE SMASHED

Tuesday Is Hottest April Day
in History of Salem
Weather Bureau

MERCURY STANDS AT 91

Yesterday Warmest Day in Salem
Since August 8, 1925; Other
Valley Points Witness
Summer

The official thermometer of the Salem weather observation bureau here registered 91 degrees in the shade along the banks of the Willamette river Tuesday, recording the hottest day Salem has witnessed since August 8, 1925, when a like temperature was registered, and the hottest April day in the history of the weather bureau here. The station first started taking readings in 1892. The minimum temperature for Tuesday was 49 degrees.

Wilson park, the mecca of heat-stricken Salemites, was crowded during the hot hours of the afternoon and well into the evening. In the offices, Salem literally discarded its coat and in the more private sanctuaries, shirt sleeves were rolled and collars and ties stuffed into coat pockets. Water coolers were taken from storage, and the accumulation of dust was washed out of the ample jugs. Only the fact that but few straw hats appeared on the streets gave any semblance of truth to the statement that Salem is enjoying spring and not a rather torrid summer.

In April, 1925, the thermometer reached its highest point when it touched 81 degrees, ten degrees short of yesterday's record. In May, the high point was 87 degrees. June carried the record for the year 1925, when 100 degrees was registered. During July, 94 was the high mark, with 97 in August, and 90 in September.

Little prospect for immediate relief is seen. The weather forecast for Oregon denotes "increasing warmth."

PORTLAND, April 27.—(By Associated Press.)—Portland today experienced the hottest April day ever recorded here, when the temperature rose to 93 degrees. Slight relief from the heat wave is expected tomorrow.

Other state points also reported record breaking readings, with the mercury reaching 96 at Roseburg.

BEND, April 27.—(By Associated Press.)—The temperature touched 85 degrees this afternoon which lacked two degrees of the maximum for the month. Last night was one of the warmest of the season, the minimum temperature during the night being 40 degrees, while prospects were that it would be equally warm tonight.

ASTORIA, April 27.—(By Associated Press.)—The mercury column climbed to 82 degrees shortly after noon today according to report of weather observer A.

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BALM SUIT IS SETTLED

MARRIES, \$18,000 ACTION SETTLED FOR \$1.25

MITCHELL, S. D., April 27.—(By Associated Press.)—George Besancon settled an \$18,000 breach of promise suit brought by Miss Dorothy Webb "for \$1.25 initial expense," court records today showed. They were married last week.

WHO LOST SIX COWS?

FOUND IN A BUNCH, THEY ANXIOUSLY WAIT OWNER

Have you lost six full-grown cows recently? Within the last week or so?

Someone has, evidently without knowing it. At any rate, six cows have been found—in a bunch. They are now in the keeping of Mary Gregoire, near West Woodburn. They came to her place six days ago and since that time have made themselves at home.

The list of found cows includes the following: One Holstein; four 2 year-old Holsteins; and one 2-year-old gray cow.

The Gregoire farm is one and one-half miles north of St. Louis, and west of West Woodburn.

