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PRICE FIVE CENTS

OPPOSE SHORT PARKING HOURS

Petitions Bearing 278 Signatures Let Merchants Block Change

HEAR BOTH SIDES LATER

Rights of Shoppers Carries Weight—Entire Question Held Up for Further Investigation

Attempts to cut parking limits in the restricted downtown area from two to one hour were suspended abruptly at last night's council meeting when petitions bearing the names of 278 business men and firms were placed in the balance with Alderman Purvine's demand that "rights of 20,000 citizens who have to shop in the downtown district" be considered with the result that action was postponed for two weeks pending further investigation.

A petition bearing signatures of Ladd & Bush bank and 277 other firms protesting against the proposed change was directly responsible for the postponement. This petition was brought up before the council previous to the discussion of the ordinance and read to the members.

When the proposed ordinance was read, Alderman W. W. Dancy immediately moved that the further discussion on the matter be indefinitely postponed. His motion as seconded by Alderman C. O.strom.

Dancy said the petition was the reason for his stand as he believed the merchants should be given a hearing on the matter. He declared the petition showed clearly that the merchants of Salem are nearly all against shorter hours.

Alderman S. E. Purvine opposed the indefinite postponement, saying that the rights of the 20,000 citizens of Salem who had to shop in the downtown district should be considered before that of a small number of merchants. He said that merchants were not concerned at the difficulty people have in finding parking space, as the business cannot go elsewhere and they get it anyway.

Hardly a city or village exists which allows over an hour's parking, according to Mr. Purvine, and many of them allow only half an hour.

When Mr. Purvine had finished his talk, Mr. Dancy said that he also considered the two hour period too long, and in fact he even considered the one hour period too long, but that his motive in trying to postpone the discussion was merely to allow the merchants a hearing and give them a chance to present arguments in favor of their stand.

The motion was amended to read that the postponement be only for two weeks until the next council meeting, and passed.

COMPLETE THEATRE DEAL

JENSEN & VON HERBERG INTEREST IS TRANSFERRED

PORTLAND, Or., Aug. 2.—(By Associated Press.)—Following three days of negotiations the final papers were signed tonight consummating a deal between the Jensen & Von Herbergs, owners of a chain of theatres in Oregon, Washington and Montana, and the Northern American Theatres Inc., whereby the latter organization obtains control of 38 motion picture houses in this district.

Acquisition of the northwest theatres brings the number of motion picture houses operated by American Theatres, Inc., to 170, all west of the Mississippi river, and all operated independently of producing affiliations. The deal is said to have involved over \$5,000,000.

In addition the North American Theatres, Inc., have expended about \$7,500,000 in the building of the new Broadway theatre in Portland, the Fifth Avenue theatre in Seattle and a new theatre in Bellingham, Wash.

VETERINARIANS MEET

VICTORIA, B. C., Aug. 2.—(By Associated Press.)—Discussion of bovine tuberculosis opened a convention of the Northwest Veterinarians' association, which opened here today. Nearly 100 persons from Oregon, Washington and British Columbia attended.



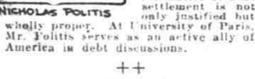
NEW YORK.—There should be a law to cover the matter of sympathy for a friend of S. W. F. Draper, President of the New York Transfer company, when Mr. Draper told the sad, sad story of—well, listen. A few years ago people were sensible; they wore clothes and plenty of them.



so that when they went away, even for a week-end, trunks were needed. That meant business for the transfer companies. But now—woman's wardrobe can be carried in a vanity case and men wear golf clothes to everything but funerals. The transfer business has fallen off a third. Trunk smashers, softly, "Please, please, they stand in pitiful little groups weeping 'Give us more trunks to smash.' It's a just a downright shame, that's all."

SOME COMFORT

NEW YORK.—Nicholas Politis, Minister Plenipotentiary from Greece to France, is in America for the summer. During his stay he is to lecture at Columbia University on international relations and is expected to appear at least once before the Institute of Political Science at Williams town, Mr. Politis, with his knowledge of international relations, believes that America stands on the matter of debt settlement is not only justified but wholly proper. At University of Paris, Mr. Politis serves as an active ally of America in debt discussions.



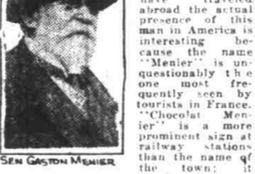
LONDON.—It is a simple one wonders it's never been thought of before. C. G. Ammon, Tory member of Parliament, proposes that every locomotive, man, woman and otherwise—be equipped with a gas mask. A fairly devastating idea, this, London's famous fogs may now be endured in some measure of comfort. Well, well, the world do move.



P. S. Beg your pardon, Mr. Ammon isn't worried about the fogs. He thinks there's going to be another war. Oh—hum.

NOT A PLACE

NEW YORK.—There arrived here recently the French "Chester" Menier. He is to spend the summer on property at the Gulf of St. Lawrence, but to Americans who have traveled abroad the actual presence of this man in America is interesting because the name "Menier" is unquestionably the one most frequently seen by tourists in France.



"Chester" Menier is a more prominent sign at railway stations than the name of the town; it hurls at you from every possible boarding; it's more prominently to be found than any American name or product, and it's seldom amplified with copy. And so Menier has come to America; the Chocolate King come to the land of confection. America is relieved to know that Menier is not a town.

CHORUS GIRL ARRESTED

ATTEMPTS SUICIDE, KILLS GIRL WHO SAVED HER

MOUNT HOLY, N. J., Aug. 2.—Betty Queen, chorus girl, who gave her address as Macon, Ga., was held without bail today for the grand jury on a charge of having shot and killed Margaret Craig of Des Moines, Iowa, an actress known on the stage as Pearl McSherry.

The shooting occurred Sunday night in a summer cottage occupied by the girls and by Dorine O'Connor, of Centralia, Ill., another actress.

Last night, according to the girl's story, Miss Craig and Miss O'Connor went bathing and when they returned they found a note signed "Gip," the nick-name of Miss Queen, indicating she intended to kill herself. Rushing into another room, Miss Craig saw Miss Queen pointing a shot gun at herself and trying to pull the trigger. Miss Craig tried to take the gun away from her and in the struggle the weapon went off killing Miss Craig.

LEWIS WINS ON FOUL

TULSA, Okla., Aug. 2.—(By Associated Press.)—Ed "strangler" Lewis won his match with Joe Malcewicz tonight when Malcewicz was disqualified on a foul after winning the first fall. Lewis was tossed out of the ring by Malcewicz and the referee ruled the throw deliberate.

SWITCH BURNS; LIGHTS GO OUT

City Faces Dusk Without Electricity Following Double Accident

FAST WORK CUTS DELAY

"Main Bus" of Local Power Plant Blows Out at 5:50; Service Restored After Hour and a Half

While residents, restaurant and hotel managers began searching for candles last evening, officials of station H, local power plant of the PEP company, made hasty repairs to again hook up electric service following the simultaneous burning out of the main switches in the downtown station and an 11,000 volt wire at Commercial and D streets, carrying current for the entire north section of the city, as far out as Chemsawa.

Lights went out at 5:50 o'clock, followed by low water pressure in many sections of the city, when five electrically driven water pumps lost their power. Lights came on at 7:08, just as dusk, marking the longest break in service since 1924.

Portions of the "main bus," or switches, insulated to carry 10,000 volts and loaded only with 2400 volts, suddenly burned, pieces of copper approximately three inches wide and nearly half an inch thick being melted in the heat and flames which enveloped the switches. Prompt action of

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GOVERNMENT IS LIABLE

\$37,000 DAMAGES IS AWARDED OWNERS OF VESSELS

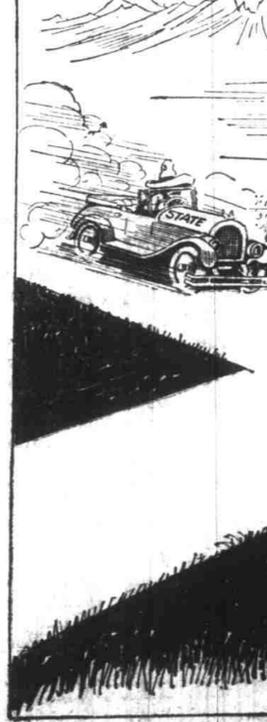
PORTLAND, Or., Aug. 2.—(By Associated Press.)—The United States government, as owner of the shipping board vessel West Nomentum, which rammed the fishing schooner Nemasha in a dense fog off the mouth of the Columbia river June 25, 1925 and caused the drowning of two fishermen must pay \$37,500 damages, according to a decision made in federal court today by Judge Bean.

Following the custom of fishing vessels the Nemasha stayed outside the bar, awaiting daylight and kept only sufficiently under way to stay near the Columbia River light ship. The collision occurred about 200 feet off the light ship, it was said.

LAND MEETING CALLED

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—(By Associated Press.)—The dispute between Washington and Oregon over possession of Sand Island in the Columbia river, will be aired before the senate public lands subcommittee August 20, at the island.

AT THE CROSS ROADS



OVERTIME PAVING BILL IS BACKED BY THREAT

NINE HOUR DAY, AT REQUEST OF CREW, IS CAUSE

State Labor Commissioner Informs Walter Low \$500 Must Be Paid

Whether or not Salem will pay double time to its paving crew for overtime work done by the crew since July 4 will be decided by the city attorney and the street improvement committee, according to a motion passed in the city council meeting last night.

The action comes as a result of a complaint filed with the state labor commissioner by members of the paving crew. The crew has been working nine hours each day since July 4, on its own request, and getting straight time for it.

The nine hour day idea was instituted following increased efforts in order to secure a Fourth of July holiday, according to Walter Low, street commissioner. He says he had no idea he was breaking the law in granting the men's request to continue, the system and was surprised when called to account by the labor commissioner.

Identity of the men who filed the complaint is not known by Mr. Low.

The matter was brought before the council in the report of Fred Williams, city attorney, who said the city of Salem is not liable to criminal prosecution for working the men overtime, but that it was liable in the civil courts for the double time payment, which amounts to more than \$500.

Criminal action can be instituted against Mr. Low, however, unless the \$500 is paid, and it may carry with it a sentence of from one to five years in the county jail.

CLOUDBURST HITS YUMA

ARIZONA SUFFERS EXTENSIVE DAMAGE FROM RAJNS

YUMA, Ariz., Aug. 2.—(By Associated Press.)—Yuma and the Yuma Valley suffered extensive damage tonight when a cloudburst descended on this region. Lightning struck the electric light and power plant, plunging the city into darkness.

One death was reported as due indirectly to the storm. A Alvarado was electrocuted as he touched an electric switch button in his partly flooded home. A total of 1.44 inches of rain fell in an hour.

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LADY ASTOR AIRS VIEWS ON PERTINENT QUESTIONS

TYPICAL ENGLISH AND AMERICAN GIRLS "HORRIBLE"

100 Per Cent American Is Declared To Be "Rather Awful Creature"

BOSTON, Aug. 2.—(By Associated Press.)—Lady Nancy Astor M. P., today escorted her daughter, Hon. Phyllis Astor, 17, and her three youngest sons on a sight seeing tour of Boston and Harvard university, as her first step in showing them America. The Astors arrived from England today.

"The typical English girl and the typical American girl are equally horrible," the quick spoken Virginian, who became the first woman member of the English parliament, declared.

"Your 100 per cent American is a rather awful creature. I want my girl to be as every mother does, that fine type of womanhood who is above national prejudices."

Lady Astor was positive in her conviction that prohibition is here to stay in America.

Termining it a step toward moral attainment she answered objections with reference to the growth of savings deposits and general prosperity.

"If young girls are misbehaving, it is the fault of their mothers and not of prohibition," she said. "When I was a girl in Virginia, there were cocktails about, but we did not drink them. Our father saw to that. It is no new situation and there is no reason why the girl of today should be more tempted. Really I can't understand it. There were eight of us, and I have six children myself. Catch my daughter doing it."

Lady Astor asserted that General Andrews had the support of every right minded Britisher in seeking cooperation in the prevention of liquor smuggling. Prohibition, however, had not yet become an issue in England, and at present the coal crisis overshadowed everything else, she said.

TRACY CLAIM RENEWED

SEEKS \$100 AS RESULT OF INJURY BY FALLING

The \$100 damage claim of Mrs. Ray L. Tracy, which was rejected at the city council meeting two weeks ago, was brought up again last night by a letter from Mrs. Tracy in which she expressed surprise at rejection and stated reasons for considering her claim just.

After discussion, the claim was referred to the ways and means committee and the city attorney for further consideration.

Mrs. Tracy was injured in an accident in April after alighting from a car and while crossing the parking strip. She fell into a trench which had been dug by city employees and received injuries which kept her in the hospital for two or three weeks.

TRUCE PLAN IS NOT ACCEPTED

President Calles of Mexico Rejects Church Plan for Plebiscite

6 ARE KILLED IN RIOTS

Mexican Religious Controversy Results in Outbreaks, Many Injured; Negotiations Under Way

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 2.—(By Associated Press.)—President Calles has rejected the proposal for a truce in the religious controversy made by the Mexican episcopate.

In a statement to the Associated Press, the president says: "This executive has already made known its opinion regarding the religious situation. Replying to the episcopate statement, I will say that the federal government will only limit itself to act with the required energy to enforce the laws of this country."

Although President Calles has rejected the truce offer of the episcopate, which was made in a statement to the Associated Press yesterday, gestures for peace are still under way.

Tentative steps, it is learned authoritatively, are being taken which are expected to result in informal personal negotiations between Attorney General Ortega and a high dignitary of the Mexican episcopate whereby a settlement of the religious situation may be reached.

Overtures are understood to have been made from a prominent layman, who is close to the episcopate and also persona non grata with President Calles, to attempt as intermediary to bring about an exchange of views in a conciliatory spirit.

NOGALES, Ariz., Aug. 2.—(By AP.)—The Nogales Herald's Mexico City correspondent says that six persons were killed and more than 100 injured during demonstrations in Mexico yesterday when the new religious regulations were put into effect.

The Herald's informant, telegraphing from Mexico City, said that the toll was incomplete, only the most important demonstrations of the nation having been

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BANK BANDIT IS KILLED

MINKER FATALLY WOUNDED IN ATTEMPTING HOLDUP

METALINE FALLS, Wash., Aug. 2.—(By Associated Press.)—Ed Hall an employee of a mining company of this town, was shot and instantly killed today after he had made an effort to rob the Metaline Falls State & Savings Bank.

Waiting outside until the bank president, Mrs. J. R. Neland left for lunch, Hall ordered O. E. Havens, the cashier, who was alone, to raise his hands. Instead, he dropped behind the counter and started to crawl to his living quarters in the rear, shouting in the meantime to his wife, seated in the rear door.

Mrs. Havens spread the alarm and E. O. Dressel ran from his room with a rifle, meeting Hall at the front door of the bank. They exchanged shots and at Dressel's second shot, Hall fell. The bank contained an unusually large amount of money, in anticipation of requests for cashing checks for forest fire fighters.

SEN. CUMMINS IS BURIED

SIMPLE SERVICES MARK INTERMENT OF SENATOR

DES MOINES, Aug. 2.—(By Associated Press.)—With simple rites, Iowa today paid final tribute to Senator Albert B. Cummins, and laid him to rest in Woodland cemetery. The nation and state joined in honoring him in brief ceremonies at his home in which he was eulogized as one of the state's greatest sons, who had served both Iowa and the nation with distinction.

A number of his colleagues in the senate and house, political leaders of the state and friends of the senator in private life attended the services, conducted by Rev. Charles S. Medbury, pastor of the Universal Church of Christ. A vocal solo, "Abide With Me," and Mr. Medbury's brief eulogy comprised the services.

Mexican Executive



Plutarco Calles, president of Mexico, is the storm center about whom the virtual "war" of the administration and the Catholics is waging. His anti-Catholic legislation is at the root of the conflict.

PUBLIC MARKET GROUPS WILL MEET WEDNESDAY

EXPERIENCE OF EUGENE AND PORTLAND SCHEDULED

Producers and Consumers to Give Opinions at Committee Hearing

Culminating the investigation conducted for weeks on the establishment of a public market in Salem, farmers, consumers and others interested in the undertaking are expected to gather tomorrow night at the Chamber of Commerce at 8 o'clock to discuss all underlying problems, consider possible locations and profit from the experience of Eugene, whose public market most nearly corresponds in size and management to the market that would be established here.

Problems met, and solved in Eugene will be discussed by market master Ayres, and Eugene Chadwick, secretary of the Eugene chamber of commerce, while experience in Portland will also be presented according to the program now scheduled.

In order that definite results may be achieved at the meeting here, those attending were yesterday asked to reach conclusions on the following points, that Mayor John B. Giesey's committee, headed by Watson Townsend, may bring concrete proposals before the city council at its next meeting:

- 1. Shall the market be open throughout the year, or merely during designated months?
2. Shall the market be open every day and, if so, shall definite opening and closing hour be set?
3. Shall the market be open only to growers of food, or shall others be allowed to sell?
4. Shall definite suggestions as to location of the market be made to the committee, or shall that body be asked to name the site on its own judgment.

Good attendance is expected at the meeting tomorrow, farmers from many sections of the valley having already endorsed the market project.

EXECUTIVE THREE YEARS

PRES. COOLIDGE OBSERVES THIRD ANNIVERSARY

PAUL SMITH'S N. Y., Aug. 2.—(By Associated Press.)—Three years as chief executive of the republic were completed by President Coolidge tonight.

It was in the early hours of August 3, 1923, that Mr. Coolidge took the oath of office by the dim light of a lamp in the Plymouth, Vt. farm house before his father, a justice of the peace, soon after the sudden death of President Harding.

No word of comment was made by him today, however, on the anniversary. Government business occupied him as it does daily in the mountains.

The Rev. William F. McDowell, Methodist Episcopal bishop, of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. McDowell were luncheon guests of the President and Mrs. Coolidge at the White Pine Camp this noon. They are spending several weeks at Lake Place and their visit was described as merely social.

Other visitors are to be received tomorrow, including Harvey Firestone Jr. He is to report to the president at the executive offices on the rubber production possibilities in the Philippines as he has seen them in a recent business tour of the east.

CITY PLANNING GROUP CHOSEN

Mayor Appoints Seven Members to Continue Task of Salem Zoning

WORK IS WELL OUTLINED

Committee Will Investigate Possible Well Water Supply for City; Illustration Shows Value

The seven members of the new zoning and planning commission to replace one that resigned more than a month ago, were named by Mayor John B. Giesey at the regular meeting of the city council last night. The members are H. S. Swart, James Nicholson, C. E. Albin, L. P. Campbell, A. L. Headrick, Karl G. Becke and W. H. Lancy.

Only one of these men, Mr. Lancy, is a member of the city council. The new commission will have plenty of work before it from the start, as several matters which have come before the council since the resignation of the old commission have been held up pending appointment of the new one.

The last commission resigned when citizens of Salem failed to vote funds which it considered necessary to carry out its program.

A special committee was appointed to investigate the matter of digging wells east of the city to furnish part of its water supply. This was suggested by Alderman Carl Engstrom, and supported by Alderman J. E. Galloway. A plentiful supply of good water underlies this district, according to Mr. Engstrom, and would meet demands of a large part of the city.

A well at the state hospital, which supplies more than the institution demands, was cited by Mr. Engstrom as one instance of a successful venture of this kind. He told of other wells in the vicinity of Salem which also furnished a continuous stream of water.

Three recommendations of the committee on ordinances were adopted. Those included a report on a bill calling for the accepting of a deed of land for a permanent right of way for a sewer from Thomas and Mary Keller. The committee recommended that it pass. It also recommended the passing of bills calling for the establishment of the sidewalk line on Liberty street between Columbia and the city limits, and another to amend the ordinance on parking and standing of vehicles.

The committee on sewers reported that the city engineer be requested to survey the district in Rosedale to determine drainage possibilities and costs there. This matter was brought up at the last council meeting by Thomas Kay of the Oregon Lumber Mills in an effort to obtain paved streets leading to the mill. The committee's report was adopted.

A petition for a storm sewer on Liberty street between State and

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1 HURT, CARS TAKE DITCH

AGNES JAMES INJURED IN ACCIDENT ON SUNDAY

Agnes James received a broken leg and injuries about the head when the car in which she was riding was forced into the ditch near Canby and turned over. The accident occurred Sunday, the car being driven by J. R. De Spain of Salem.

According to De Spain, the car which struck him was on the wrong side of the road and hit his front fender. His car slewed around into the ditch and turned over. The other car also ran into the ditch.

Four men were riding in the other car. They gave De Spain their names and then disappeared on foot. Police officials here suspect that they had stolen the car, as it had no license plates.

TEN PAY PARKING FINES

DOUBLE AND TIME PARKING ORDINANCES ENFORCED

A determined war on overtime and double parkers, staged by the police officers over the week-end, netted 10 arrests. All of them appeared in police court and paid \$1 each. Those who paid the \$1 fines were James Heitzel, Jr., A. W. Jones, B. Crane, J. Ide, Gertrude Cherrington, Jack Kearney, P. J. Polinski, Ernest Eufor, Clay Larkins and H. J. Groves.