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PRICE FIVE CENTS

PROPOSE PLAN FOR PURCHASE OF CITY DUMP

Committees of Fair Board and Council Will Meet in Near Future

MAXWELL PLEA TABLED

Absence of Proponents Causes Acceptance of Delay; State Street Bridge Bids Held up for Change

Prospects that the state fair board will purchase Salem's soon-to-be-extinct city dump, were seen last night when Henry R. Crawford, chairman of a fair board committee appointed for the purpose of negotiating a possible purchase appeared before the city council and asked that it authorize a similar committee.

W. H. Dancy, acting mayor, on instruction from the council appointed the members of the sewer committee, E. B. Grabenhorst, Harry M. Hawkins and B. B. Herrick.

Zone Matter Tabled

The petition of Charles Maxwell for a zone change which will permit him to operate his barbecue establishment on North Capitol street, suffered another delay when upon motion of Alderman George Wenderoth it was laid on the table. Supporters of Mr. Maxwell's request acceded to the delay for the reason, they said later, that two of the councilmen who have previously voted with them, were absent.

Bids were to have been opened on construction of the State street bridge, but this was not done, as the council decided it wanted the street kept open through construction of half of the bridge at a time, as was done in the case of the South Commercial street bridge, instead of all at once as was specified in the call for bids.

Vacation Requested

The council heard a petition from the school board for the vacation of parts of B and 13th streets running between portions of the school property in the vicinity of the Parrish building and the high school athletic field. The school district will open up a new street north of this property of the streets now platted are vacated as is desired. It was explained by Guy Smith, attorney for the school board. The petition must wait 30 days before final action.

Plans for two new bridges not (Continued on page 4)

BLINDING LIGHTS SNIKPOH DRAMA

ACCIDENT CAUSES BAN ON DISTANT PICNIC TRIPS

Four High School Theatians Suffer Minor Injuries in Head On Crash

Members of Salkpoh, dramatic society at the senior high school, held their annual picnic at Neskowin on the Tillamook beaches Sunday. All went well, even to the initiation of the new Salkpohs, until the return trip when fate dealt a shabby hand which is scheduled to put a stop to future "distance" good times for the amateur players as well as other high school bodies.

Fate took the form of an automobile head-on collision between Grande Ronde and Willamina in which four girls and a youth were the cast. "Blinding Lights" might have been the title, were the dramatists performing before the footlights, for too bright lights caused the pile up and car ride into an inconvenient ditch. Although Margaret Drager was rendered unconscious for 30 minutes, none of the students was injured beyond severe bruises and jolts. Others starting in the performance were Virginia Slison, Lorraine Kinser, Juanita Powell and the age and only male, Keene Wain.

The car was rescued from the ditch yesterday morning by Ivan Kefoury, the owner, who might have been in the accident had not he and two other boys stayed at Neskowin to nurse a burned out bearing in Homer Smith's machine.

Faculty advisors on the trip were Miss Adah Ross and Miss Lella Johnson. Henceforth, the ban of girls' must place her approval upon similar trips. City Superintendent George W. Hug decreed yesterday.

LIONS' MEETING TO BE BEST YET

STUNT NIGHT PROGRAM OPEN TO PUBLIC, ANNOUNCED

Visitors to be Kept Busy; Ray Riley and Carl Crossan Speakers

The Lions' state convention, which will be held in Salem Friday and Saturday, will be the best Lions' gathering ever held in this state, according to the determination of members of the local club expressed at Monday's chamber of commerce luncheon.

The idea is to give the visitors more to do than they can possibly get done in the two days of the convention, it was explained by J. E. Fitzgerald, chairman of the general committee. He outlined the program as it appeared in Sunday's Statesman, adding that the "stunt night" program at the armory Friday evening is open to the public. The lower floor is reserved for Lions and their ladies, but the balcony will be open to the general public.

The convention speakers will include Ray Riley, prominent Lion official of California, who will speak at the regular Lions' luncheon Friday noon, and Carl Crossan, of Seattle who will be on the banquet program Saturday night. Justice George Rossman will be toastmaster at the banquet.

After the Lions had introduced themselves by "roaring" in their customary manner, President Merrill D. Ohling introduced John Orr, who told some inside secrets on how the convention was secured for Salem.

Frank Neer, former Lions' district governor, described the activities of Lions clubs in Oregon, and Harry W. Scott, past president of the local den, told of the Lions' activities in Salem, mentioning particularly work with the Boy Scouts, assisting the Girl Reserves to build a cabin at their camp, the flower garden contest for junior high school pupils, and the Easter egg hunt held last month.

C. A. Swope told of the value which the convention will have for Salem, mentioning both the monetary profit which local business will reap from the presence here of between 500 to 700 visitors and the prestige, advertising and good will accrue to Salem through entertaining these visitors.

SOLONS INVITED SPEAK

Will Address C. of C. Monday; McAllister Beats Paulson

The four men who will represent Marion county in the lower house of the state legislature next winter, are being invited to address the Salem Chamber of Commerce next Monday noon. It was announced last night.

This formal introduction of the legislators to the business men of Salem is a biennial event, and it is expected that all of the four republican nominees, whose election in November is taken for granted.

These men, according to the official tabulation of votes released by County Clerk U. G. Boyer Monday, are Romeo Gouley, Frank W. Settemier, Dr. W. Carlton Smith and Lee McAllister.

Total vote for the candidates as listed following the official canvass was announced as follows: Gouley 3758, Settemier 3733, Smith 3531, McAllister 3273, Mark A. Paulson 3243, W. A. Weddle 2985, Carl E. Nelson 2967, U. S. Page 2839, Otto J. Wilma 2444 and A. & Moore 2267.

HAIL STORM FATAL TO 3

Terrific Gale Also Injures Many Others in Texas

LAREDO, Texas, May 21.—(AP)—Three persons were killed and probably fifty were injured when a 70 mile an hour wind storm swept Laredo and Webb county late today, doing property damage amounting to several thousand dollars.

Valentin Villa Lobo, 14, was killed when caught in a truck field by the hail, and Sebastian Salinas and Ronald Rodriguez, cowboys, were killed when a house was blown down ten miles south of here.

Villa Lobo's mother was seriously injured by the hail as she worked with him in the field. G. A. Brewer, foreman of the truck farm, was also injured.

THANKS FOR SUPPORT

George Rossman, High Man For Supreme Court, Pleas

George Rossman, who headed the ticket for justice of the state supreme court at the primary election Monday issued a statement in which he thanked the voters for the manner in which they rallied to his support.

Justice Rossman polled approximately 10,000 more votes than Justice Rand, who finished second in the contest.

TAX REDUCTION BILL PUT OVER DESPITE FIGHT

More Than Two Hundred Million Cut Provided For by Enactment

SURPASS FIRST FIGURE

Both Senate and House Approve Slice in Levy Exceeding Amount Specified by Coolidge and Mellon

WASHINGTON, May 21.—(AP)—The tax reduction bill was passed tonight by the senate without a record vote. The measure provides for a total slash of \$295,000,000 in the burden of the taxpayers.

In a desperate last minute drive republicans succeeded in eliminating from the bill the only important provision won by the democrats during the long tax contest—the proposal for a graduated scale of lower rates on corporations with incomes of \$15,000 and less.

This action was won on a tie vote after two roll calls, with Vice President Dawes deciding the issue. The elimination of the graduated scale provision clipped \$24,000,000 from the total reduction provided by the measure, thus bringing the tax cut within range of the \$200,000,000 limitation set by President Coolidge and Secretary Mellon.

Chairman Smoot of the senate finance committee in charge of the bill immediately asked that the senate seek a conference with the house, which voted a \$290,000,000 reduction and his request was acceded to. Several days at least are expected to be consumed in the effort to obtain a compromise between the senate and house.

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BUILDING ACTIVITY GAIN

Salem One of Three in State; Leads Outside of Portland

Salem was one of only three of the larger cities in Oregon to show an increase in building for April over the same month a year ago, according to the S. W. Straus & Co. survey. Salem reported \$260,518 in building permits for the month, as compared to \$245,750 for April of 1927.

La Grande and Marshfield were the other cities reporting increases. Salem also ranked first outside of Portland, in building totals for April. Eugene was third with \$102,200.

LABOR NOMINEE DROWNS AT BEND

SOCIALIST CANDIDATE FOR U. S. PRESIDENT DIES HERO

Frank T. Johns Carried Down Treacherous Deschutes River While Rescuing Boy

BEND, Ore., May 21.—(AP)—The Deschutes river—an ice cold stream—today gave up the body of Frank T. Johns, socialist-labor nominee for president, who yesterday gave his life in a futile attempt to save from drowning a ten year old Bend boy. The Portland labor and political leader went to his death when treacherous currents pulled him into the swift running channel of the mountain stream. The boy he was trying to save died with him.

Johns but two weeks ago received word that the socialist-labor party in convention in New York had selected him as standard bearer of the party and had nominated him for the president of the United States.

Yesterday he appeared here in his first address of his campaign. From the speakers' stand he heard cries that a boy was drowning in the river. He jumped from the stand and, removing only his coat, dived into the nearby river. His clothes and the icy cross-currents hampered him. He reached the boy, Jack Rhodes, but could not hold him above the surface. In one last frantic effort he gave the boy a mighty shove toward shore and himself was swirled off into the current. The boy sank soon and Johns, too, disappeared below the water.

Young Rhodes' body was recovered last night. It was not until today that grapples located the body of the labor leader. He is survived by his widow and two daughters here; by his mother, Mrs. F. Agnes Johns, Los Angeles, and a sister, Martha Johns, and brother, Paul Johns, who also reside in Los Angeles. Another sister, Nellie Johns, is a senior at the University of Oregon.

CHAMPEOG SKETCH AIDS

Senator Receives Historical Matter Prepared by D'Arcy

Judge Peter H. D'Arcy, Monday received a telegram from Senator McNary that he had received Judge D'Arcy's historic sketch of Champeog, for use in furthering the campaign for a memorial building at Champeog to cost approximately \$300,000.

Senator McNary said the sketch which he characterized as "splendid," would prove valuable to the library committee which has the proposal for a memorial building under consideration. A bill authorizing an appropriation of \$300,000 for the proposed structure already has been introduced in congress by Senator McNary.

Judge D'Arcy prepared the historic sketch of Champeog at the request of Senator McNary.

M. E. MEET FLAYS MILITARY DRILL

ALL COMPULSORY TRAINING IN SCHOOLS OPPOSED

General Conference Also Takes Vigorous Action Protecting Naval Expansion

KANSAS CITY, May 21.—(AP)—Strong opposition to compulsory military training in colleges and universities, and to all military training in high schools, was registered here today by the quadrennial general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church.

The conference recently vigorously protested further appropriations by congress for extending naval cruiser building past next year. Action today followed one of the most heated debates of the conference in which advocates of preparedness pointed out that the Methodist church was opposing an established government policy which requires that military training be given at land grant educational institutions.

"If that be so, let us recall that the United States government is not the master, but the servant of the people," thundered Dr. Daniel L. Marsh, president of the Boston university and chairman of the committee on state of the church. Mr. Marsh closed the debate with a stirring denunciation of "militarism" in the United States as "unchristian."

Only about 50 of the 865 delegates voted against the resolution, which also voiced opposition "to the advertising of military training camps by government postmarks on mail, the distribution of which in this and foreign countries tends to create a wrong impression regarding the attitude of the United States toward the spirit of universal peace."

Professor Howard E. Simpson of Grand Forks, N. D., declared military training in schools did not make students militaristic, and that people who believed it did misunderstood American youth.

The conference compromised on the modernist-fundamentalist issue which had previously been referred to consideration when it adopted today without discussion a resolution calling on preachers.

ATTEND GRAIN HEARING

Public Service Commission Leaves For Seattle

Members of the public service commission left here last night for Seattle where they will attend the so-called grain rate hearing to be conducted by representatives of the interstate commerce commission. The commission was accompanied by W. P. Ellis, attorney, and A. F. Harvey, rate expert.

The hearing will be conducted under the Hoch-Smith resolution and affects grain rates in all parts of the United States.

A similar investigation will be conducted in Portland at the conclusion of the Seattle hearing.

ALL HOPE GONE AS 138 MINERS YET ENTOMBED

Work of Digging into Wrecked Shaft Goes Forward Despite Deaths

ONLY THIRTEEN ESCAPE

Sixty Bodies Already on Hand Including one Worker Who Passed Away After Being Rushed to Hospital

MATHER, Pa., May 21.—(AP)—Mather was a "village of lost hope," tonight as the possibility that any of the 138 miners entombed in the blast-wrecked Mather mine were still alive grew more and more remote. Two hundred and eleven men were in the mine when the explosion occurred last Saturday, 13 escaped and tonight the known death toll stood at 60, the latter figure embracing 59 bodies taken from the pit and one worker, who succumbed in a hospital.

While nearly every one in the little mining settlement believed the imprisoned miners were dead, rescue workers held a slender thread of hope that some might have braved themselves beyond the reach of the death stealing gases generated by the explosion.

Fresh air was being constantly pumped into the workings and air locks were constructed by the rescue squads as they advanced to the inner depths of the underground tunnels.

Bodies Removed
Twenty bodies were taken from the mine today, and a number were mutilated, indicating the force of the blast was heavy in at least certain sections of the workings.

Practically all the bodies recovered thus far were those of members of the day shift, caught leaving the mine after their tour of duty.

The night crew, known to have numbered considerably more than 100 miners, was working some 4,000 feet farther back from the point where the bodies were found today, according to the miners who escaped.

Late today state troopers and national guardsmen from Waynesburg forced the crowd on the surface to retreat a half mile from the shaft, and at the same time all rescue men were ordered from the mine by rescue leaders.

Earlier the United States bureau of mines announced a fire had been discovered in an air shaft between the rescue squads and the entombed men. Later it was said the flames had been extinguished with chemicals.

TAYLOR TRIAL LENGTHY

State's Case Not Completed in First Day of Hearing

The first day of the trial of Fred Taylor, colored, charged with robbing the George Waters tobacco warehouse here on February 17, ended yesterday afternoon with the state still putting on its evidence against Taylor.

Weaving its web of evidence about the defendant, the state put on a number of witnesses whose testimony tended to show that part of the contents of the warehouse which disappeared at the time of its burglary early in the morning of February 17, was found in Taylor's possession as he speeded through McMinnville that same morning.

Taylor was represented by Attorneys Joe Minton and Ben Forbes, former secretary of the state public service commission. District Attorney John Carson and Deputy Lyle J. Page represented the state.

J. MYERS DUE THURSDAY

No Luncheon Club Meetings Today or Wednesday, Announced

"Battleships on the Willamette, or Still Water from Salem to the Falls," will be the striking title of the talk which Jefferson Myers, member of the United States shipping board, will deliver at the Marion hotel Thursday noon, at a joint luncheon of the Kiwanis and Rotary clubs and the Salem Realty board.

The Kiwanis and Rotary clubs will not hold luncheons on their regular meeting days. The Lions will hold their regular luncheon in connection with the state convention, but they have also been invited to attend the Thursday luncheon.

HUGE DAM BREAK EXPECTED SOON

12,000 PEOPLE IN UTAH VALLEY SEEK HIGHLANDS

Two Towns and Rich Agricultural District to be Swept by Tremendous Flood

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, May 21.—(AP)—Despite frantic efforts of hundreds of volunteer workmen to prevent a break, the Scofield dam, 130 miles south of here broke within 2 hours, according to a special dispatch to the Salt Lake Tribune at 11 o'clock tonight.

Should the structure crumble, 60,000 acre feet of water will sweep up on Castle Gate, Helper and Price, the chief towns in the path of the threatened disaster. Early today the more than 12,000 residents of the district menaced were warned and tonight were reported seeking high lands.

Four hundred men were battling a 90 foot leak across the bottom of the dam which threatened destruction since this morning.

The town of Castle Gate is in the gravest danger in case of a break as it is located only about 25 miles below the dam.

Working frantically with the aid of flares and bonfires the volunteers under instructions from engineers, erected a temporary dam of bags of sand and bales of hay. Water had begun to flow over the temporary structure and seepage caused it to slump towards the inside.

A trainload of 200 men from Price, 31 miles from the dam, was expected to arrive to aid in the work.

The level of the water impounded behind the huge dike was being gradually lowered and those in charge of the work stated that the danger was practically over.

The break in the dam was discovered last evening and within two hours carloads of sand and sand bags started arriving and volunteers for reinforcement of the structure swarmed from all parts of the surrounding country.

RENT STEINER BUILDING

State Calls for Bids on Two Construction Jobs June 2

Bids for basement construction of the new state tuberculosis hospital at The Dalles will be opened June 2, according to announcement made by the state board of control Monday. Plans for the basement have been completed. The general building plan probably will be ready by July 1.

The board of control on June 2 also will open bids for the construction of the nurses' home at the state hospital in Salem. Excavation operations for this structure already have been completed.

The new state tuberculosis hospital will cost approximately \$100,000. This appropriation was carried in a bill authorizing the new institution.

The nurses' home will care for 150 persons and will release approximately \$0 beds in the main hospital.

The board of control Monday entered into a contract with Dr. R. E. Lee Steiner and D. B. Jarman, both of Salem, for lease to the state of a building to be erected by Jarman and Steiner on private property adjoining the state supreme court structure. The building will be occupied by the state printing office and the state motor vehicle department.

AUTO HITS PEDESTRIAN

Mrs. John Laue, Route 7, Suffers Painful Injuries

Mrs. John Laue, route 7, Salem, suffered a deep gash over her left eye and a severely injured right leg and ankle last night when she was hit by an automobile at 655 North 15th street in her attempt to cross the street. She was struck by the oncoming machine just as she stepped off the curb and as yet it is not known who was at fault.

The driver's name was not reported, although he stopped and helped the injured lady off the street.

She was immediately rushed to the Deaconess hospital where her wounds were dressed, and will be able to return to her home in a few days. She declared that she did not see the machine until it was too late.

LIFE TERM FOR HOPKINS

Eastern Oregon Murderer Sentenced by Circuit Judge

LA GRANDE, Ore., May 21.—(AP)—Bert Hopkins, convicted by a circuit court jury at Enterprise of shooting to death of E. Ferdinand Sunday near Flora last winter, was sentenced today by Judge Fee to life in the state penitentiary.

POISON FUMES KILL 11; MANY MORE INJURED

Over 100 Citizens of Hamburg, Germany, Taken to City Hospitals

LEAK IN PHOSGENE TANK

Steady Rain Gives Promise of Some Relief From Tragic Situation; Grievous War Scenes Reenacted

HAMBURG, Germany, May 21.—(AP)—A wispy, fog-like cloud of phosgene, one of the most deadly of war gases, which crept through the streets of Hamburg last night and today was dissipated by rain and wind after it had killed 11 persons and caused more than 200 others to be sent to hospitals. Physicians were confident of saving these patients but their fate will be uncertain for more than a week.

The gas drove some 350 families from their homes but tonight all danger was regarded as ended and the authorities permitted them to return.

There are 93 sufferers from phosgene poisoning in hospitals at Hamburg, about 100 others at Wilhelmsburg and 30 at Hamburg.

Damage Terrific
As fitful breezes which preceded the rain washed the gas aimlessly to and fro, human, animal and plant life succumbed. Men, women and children fell unconscious; cattle dropped in the field; chickens, ducks, cats and dogs died gaspingly, and trees, crops and growing grass shriveled.

People did not at first realize the dread menace that was overwhelming them but when they comprehended they haphazardly seized portable belongings and fled for their lives. Ambulances hurried through the streets all night, recalling to the elders the terrible cholera year of 1892.

HAMBURG, May 21.—(AP)—A wispy fog-like cloud of death—crept silently through the streets of Hamburg last night and today, killed eleven persons and sent more than a hundred others to hospitals to await not improbable death themselves.

This phosgene, one of the most powerful of the war's poison gases, escaped from a tank in which warm weather had forced a leak. The tank contained eight cubic

COOLIDGE'S VETO FOR McNARY BILL

EQUALIZATION FEE STILL BONE OF CONTENTION

President Confers With Leaders of Farm Relief Legislation Yesterday

WASHINGTON, May 21.—(AP)—Preparing another veto of the McNary-Haugen farm relief bill, President Coolidge is ready to ask for passage of the measure without the controversial equalization fee before the summer recess is taken.

This desire of the president to get through the farm bill without the equalization fee is believed to have prompted him to summon to the White House today Senator McNary, republican, Oregon, and Representative Haugen, republican, Iowa, co-authors of the legislation which has been sent to him for the second time in as many years.

There seems to be no doubt among members of congress that Mr. Coolidge is writing another veto of the bill and principally on account of the equalization fee provision by which it proposes to raise funds with which to market surplus crops. Attorney General Sargent has ruled this unconstitutional.

While Senator Brookhart, republican, of Iowa, urged the president today to permit the bill to become law without his signature in order that the supreme court might rule on the constitutionality of the equalization fee, close advisers of the chief executive believe he is determined to write a veto and get it to the capitol by tomorrow in the hope of having action at this session on the bill without the equalization fee.

Declining to admit they face defeat, Senator McNary and Representative Haugen likewise were doubtful of the course they will



A gift for every mile he flew to Paris—and then some—makes Col. Charles A. Lindbergh the possessor of 4,700 trophies on the first anniversary of his flight. Among the presents are two precious silver spheres, a loving cup from The London Daily Mail, a master's cloak and hat from Mexico, and medals by the score—including the Congressional Medal of Honor and the decoration of his native town, Little Falls, Minn.