

VARNUM KUHN NEW MEMBER CITY COUNCIL

Doughton Successor Picked Without Opposition by Dads Last Night

Complaint of Residents on Oxford Street Referred To Committees

Varnum E. Kuhn, 895 North Cottage street, owner of considerable property in Salem and proprietor of Kuhn's shoe repair shop on Court street, is the new member of the city council, representing the first ward, elected without opposition at Monday night's meeting.

Mr. Kuhn succeeds I. M. Doughton, who submitted his resignation, following the preceding meeting. The new member will be sworn in prior to the meeting two weeks hence.

Little business of importance came before the council Monday night. The complaints of Oxford street residents that drainage of the airport had increased the amount of water, flooding down upon their homes, were presented by Alderman E. A. Rhoten and referred to the airport and drainage committees and the city engineer.

Mr. Rhoten said the area in question had been flooded in wet periods, but that possibly the change in runoff due to the airport drainage had increased the amount of water flowing into this area.

Petition for the lowering of the drain in block 4, Willamette addition, and Walnut Park addition, was denied. Chairman Henry Vandevort of the sewer committee reporting that City Engineer Hugh Rogers had advised him relief could be given in a less expensive way.

Chairman W. H. Dancy of the bridge committee reported that the problem of the North Winter street bridge, behind which water has backed up and flooded adjacent property recently, was still being studied by the committee.

Stedhammer's Request
To Await Decision
The municipal engineer reported that the Stedhammer, director of the hand pump plant, had submitted a contract similar to the one entered into last year, calling for 18 contracts. Approval was withheld, pending a meeting of the committee.

Resolutions, accepting the engineering work of Cupper Simpson and Cooper on the sewer line south from Church and Mission to the city limits, with its laterals, and authorizing preparations of plans for a line serving the eastern portion of the city north of North Mill creek, were passed. The completed cost was \$47,700, it was reported.

An ordinance authorizing sale of \$59,482.72 worth of Bancroft bonds for street improvement was passed.

PROHIBITION FLEAYED BY SALEM'S MAYOR

BOSTON, Feb. 3.—(AP)—Mayor T. A. Lively of Salem, Ore., one of the biggest hop growers in North America, is convinced the American people are tired of prohibition and that the return of beer is inevitable. The mayor stopped off in Boston today on his way from Montreal and left here tonight for his home.

Colonel W. B. Bertram, a business associate of Salem, who is accompanying Mayor Lively, discussed the prohibition problem as freely as the mayor.

In an interview Mayor Lively said, "From my observations and knowledge of conditions throughout the country, I share the belief of thousands of other men of others that the American people are finally convinced that the prohibition act, which took away beer, was one of the biggest mistakes ever made.

"We are worse off now than before prohibition and cannot see any way out but for the return of beer under proper control."

Special Session Called to Form New Health Unit

Members of the present executive committee of the Marion county health unit and representatives of each contributing group will meet in special session at 6:30 o'clock Wednesday night at the Marion for the purpose of forming a permanent county health unit committee. Dr. Vernon A. Douglas, county health officer and director of the unit, announced yesterday.

Crop Specialists For Service Here Declared Likely

Local Banks and Canneries Are Mentioned as Possible Sponsors Along With United States Agriculture Department

SERVICES of two crop specialists representing the United States department of agriculture extension service in Marion county, without any cost whatever to the taxpayers, may be obtained according to a plan outlined at Monday's luncheon of the Salem chamber of commerce by Walter T. Stolz.

The department of agriculture will put up \$6500 for this purpose, provided that \$2000 is raised locally, Mr. Stolz said. His proposal was that the \$3000 be raised not by county taxation, but by the companies and individuals most interested, including the banks and canneries.

DANCY EFFICIENT IN MAYOR'S PLACE

City Council Transacts Its Business in Record Time Monday Evening

Whether Alderman W. H. Dancy, will or will not become a candidate for mayor is still uncertain but it's a practical certainty that if he does, most of the present aldermen will vote for him.

If for no other reason, they'd vote for him because it would give them more time to spend at home. Alderman Dancy presided Monday night in the absence of Mayor Livesley—and in something less than an hour the meeting was over.

"This fine that there wasn't any great volume of business to transact, but 'Mayor' Dancy hustled through the order of business at a record pace.

The meeting ended so soon that the aldermen didn't know what to do with themselves, and hung around the council chamber for half an hour longer so as not to go home too secretly early.

Incidentally the council discovered Monday night that while the elected mayor is out of town, there is no one who can legally take his place except as presiding officer of the council.

The city charter provides for filling the office of recorder temporarily, but not that of mayor. If important papers are to be signed or some other emergency arises requiring the action of the city's chief executive, a serious situation may arise.

It was suggested that a charter amendment might be submitted to the voters remedying this oversight.

CORONERS DISLIKE DEATH CERTIFICATE

Numerous Objections Raised To Forms Sent Out by Board Secretary

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 3.—(AP)—A group of county coroners will meet here tomorrow in the office of District Attorney Stanley Myers of Multnomah county to protest the recent death certificate distributed by Dr. Frederick D. Sticker, secretary of the state board of health.

The effect of the certificate, the coroners maintain, is to abolish their office, as under its provisions it would not be necessary for a physician to report a case of violent death. This, they declare, will lead to unlimited complications in the settling of insurance claims, compensation adjustments and other difficulties.

The revised death certificate does not provide a certificate for use by the coroners, they claim. In many cases of death, it is impossible for the coroner to determine the cause without autopsy.

Dr. Earl Smith, Multnomah county coroner, is leading the opposition to the new form of certificate. Dr. Frank Moore, pathologist at the University of Oregon Medical school, who conducts autopsies in this county, will also attend the meeting. Other coroners scheduled to appear are William Barnstetter, Eugene; Lloyd Rigdon, Salem; Glenn MacGregor, Medford, and W. B. Hughes, Astoria.

Dr. Stricker will also attend.

Dr. Steiner Not To Quit Position

Rumors of the impending resignation of Dr. E. E. Lee Steiner, superintendent of the Oregon state hospital for many years, appeared to be without foundation when an investigation was made here late Monday.

Dr. Steiner has been spending several weeks in the south, going there because of poor health, but in recent letter received by F. E. Kay, state treasurer and member of the state board of control, the hospital chief gave no indication that he was considering resigning.

The letter from Dr. Steiner stated that he was in Arizona, but expected to go to San Diego, California soon.

MANY PRESENT AT UNIVERSITY POLICE SCHOOL

Enrollment of Law Enforcement Officers Totals Nearly Hundred

Variety of Problems Taken Up by Experts for Benefit of Officials

With the promise that registration for the police school given by the Willamette university college of law would go beyond the expected number, Dean Roy R. Hewitt Monday pronounced everything as going smoothly as clockwork. Nearly 100 law enforcement officers from the states of Oregon and Washington attended the first classes in Walter hall yesterday, and a much larger number heard Governor Norblad and Dr. Frank A. Magruder, of Oregon State college, speak in the house of representatives chamber last night.

Monday morning William S. Levens, deputy attorney general for Oregon, opened the classes with the first of a series of lectures on "The Law Regulating Search and Seizure." Luke S. May, president of the northwest sheriffs and chiefs of police association, also opened a series on "Recognition, Preservation and Presentation of Criminal Evidence."

"Reactions of the Abnormal and Criminal Mind," was the subject of the first of Martin F. Ferrey's lectures, while Dean Frank M. Erickson spoke on "The Educated Criminal."

Local District Attorney Will Speak Today
The program for today includes continuations of the subjects begun by Mr. Levens, Mr. May and Mr. Ferrey, while John H. Carson, district attorney of Marion county, will speak on "The Law of Arrest."

Horace Thomas, executive news editor of the Oregonian, has been engaged to speak on the advantages and disadvantages of publicity at the evening session which will be held in the house of representatives chamber again because of the concert to be given in the auditorium this evening. All other evening classes will be in the university chapel and the public is invited to attend.

Changling Public
Attitude Stressed
Before officers of the law can do their work to the highest efficiency their public attitude in a number of respects must be changed and the officer must be permitted to meet cunning with cunning.

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REV. PAYNE QUILTS AS MINISTER HERE

Announcement of his resignation as pastor of the First Baptist church here was made at the Sunday morning service by Rev. Robert L. Payne. He asked that it be effective June 1, but said also that he would turn the pulpit over to his successor at any time the congregation might choose. He asked that his resignation be accepted unanimously, saying he does not care to split the church.

Procedure of resignation for the church calls that his intention to do so be announced again next Sunday and that on the Sunday following and immediately after the morning service, the congregation vote on the matter.

Payne, in submitting his resignation, referred to the split in the church occasioned by his election here two years ago, and said he believed that affairs worked for the best, as both churches have grown and are in fine condition.

Crime? Not While Police Plentiful

"Any crime?" The "graveyard shift" reporter propounded his usual question to Desk Sergeant Jack Cutler at the police station this morning.

"Who'd be so foolish as to commit a crime with a hundred extra officers in town?" was Cutler's reply.

COUNTERFEITERS REMOVED PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 3.— (AP)—Five alleged counterfeiters arrested here a week ago by city police and government secret service agents will be removed to San Francisco tomorrow. Deputy United States Marshal Joe Vogel-sang announced today.

New Bombing Riots Wreck Filipino Club

First and exclusive photo showing damage wrought by bomb which shattered facade of the Filipino club at Stockton, California, last week. The bombing marked a new outbreak of the anti-Filipino war in cities of northern California.

ALLOTMENT OF TONNAGE WILL BE NEXT ISSUE

Naval Disarmament Session At London to Take Up Problem Today

British Delegates Advance Counter Proposal to French Plan

By FRANK H. KING
Associated Press Staff Writer
LONDON, Feb. 3.—(AP)—The London naval conference tonight had prepared itself for tomorrow's attack on the cross-word puzzle of naval disarmament—the allotment of tons and guns to each of the five nations participating.

As cross-word puzzle fans surround themselves with dictionaries, so the naval delegates and experts have gathered their dossiers, memoranda and bundles of statistics to carry to St. James' palace and there start tilling in the great white spaces of the tonnage plan.

Each Nation's Total Tonnage Is Listed
Downward in the first column go the total naval tonnages for each nation. Crosswise go divisions of that total figure to be used in construction of each class of warships. It will be a difficult task and is expected to last many days—only a start will be made tomorrow.

For not only one tonnage puzzle is to be solved but at least two, the British delegation late today having circulated to American, French, Italian and Japanese delegations a counter-proposal to the French plan.

A British spokesman announced that the British plan was intended to widen the scope of discussions in a spirit of conciliation and agreement. The French delegates, after being informed of its details, accepted the proposal as such. They expressed the opinion that general disarmament discussions would be advanced thereby.

The Americans will have no suggestions to make, but it is assumed they have discussed the details with the British and the two delegations are not far apart on systems of limiting tonnage. Great Britain, the United States and Japan embrace the theory of limitation by various categories, while France and Italy favor limitation by total tonnage only.

HEART BALM SUIT IS LOST BY WOMAN

Mrs. Hutchinson Beaten in \$300,000 Alienation of Affections Action

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 3.—(AP)—Mrs. Mattie Dean Hutchinson, Chicago society woman, today lost her suit in superior court for \$300,000 damages from Mrs. Edith F. Taylor, whom she alleged alienated the affections of her husband, Samuel Sheffield Hutchinson, millionaire film distributor.

The jury of eight women and four men, who heard all three principals in the love triangle describe the past twenty years of their lives, deliberated 30 minutes after closing arguments were completed and returned a verdict of "judgment for the defendant."

Superior Judge Arthur Keech had charged the jury before closing arguments were begun, a reversal of the usual procedure to which the sides attempted.

Several of the women jurors wept during Mrs. Taylor's attorney's description of her clandestine affair with Hutchinson, which began in 1908 when she was a student at Valparaiso, Ind. Hutchinson, who took the stand near the end of the trial, declared his wife "did not care about me." He said as far as she was concerned he could do anything he liked as long as he "brought home money enough." He testified he preferred Mrs. Taylor because she was "thirty years younger, kinder, and admitted he was the father of Mrs. Taylor's 16 year old daughter, Jane, adding "and I'm proud of it."

Mrs. Hutchinson testified she still loved her husband.

Little Increase Seen at Schools

Although figures are incomplete, enrollment in the Salem school for the first day of the new semester showed no alarming increase, figures available last night indicated. In seven of the nine grade schools, 53 children entered school for the first time. The beginning classes reported were: Richmond, seven; Garfield, 11; Washington, two; McKinley, 11; Lincoln, six; Englewood, 12; Highland, four.

Gonzaga Whips Idaho

SPOKANE, Feb. 3.—(AP)—Gonzaga university defeated the University of Idaho 49 to 25 in a rough and tumble non-conference basketball game here tonight. The score at half time was 23 to 8 for Gonzaga.

Chief Justice Quits Position



William Howard Taft

HUGHES SUCCEEDS TAFI AS JUSTICE

Former Secretary of State To Be Chief Member of Supreme Court

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—(AP)—William Howard Taft resigned today as chief justice of the United States and President Hoover promptly nominated Charles Evans Hughes to succeed him.

Despite his falling health, the sudden voluntary ending of the public career of Mr. Taft with its span of 40 years, came as a public surprise, but little more so than did the selection of the former secretary of state as his successor.

The resignation of the only man to be both president and chief justice was presented to the president just before noon by a son, Robert A. Taft. He had brought it to Washington from Asheville, where Mr. Taft had been resting for three weeks after a recurrence of an old organic ailment.

Successor Chosen
As Soon as Possible
Accepting the resignation with reluctance, Mr. Hoover determined to name a successor as speedily as possible to avoid delay in handling the business of the court.

He located Mr. Hughes in New York by long distance telephone, offered him the post and there was a prompt acceptance.

The nomination immediately was prepared and transmitted to the senate, soon after 4 p. m., prompt confirmation is looked for with the expectation that Mr. Hughes will take his place as chief justice within the very near future.

From the moment of the announcement of the resignation of Mr. Taft until the nomination of Mr. Hughes was sent to the senate, the belief had been fairly general in both official and supreme court circles that Associate Justice Harlan Fiske Stone would be elevated to the highest judicial post in the country.

Excitement Over
Successor Prevented
By speedily filling the post, the chief executive cut short speculation as to Mr. Taft's probable successor. Hughes and Stone already were being mentioned prominently, as well as Former President Coolidge and Senator Borah of Idaho.

Appointment of Mr. Hughes as (Turn to Page 2, Please.)

Spirit Mediums' Work Attacked By Speaker Here

Exposing the tricks and devices of noted spirit mediums is the work of Prof. Leo Wilkins, who opened a series of meetings at the First congregational church Sunday night and will continue them tonight and Wednesday night at 7:30 o'clock.

Prof. Wilkins issues a challenge to any spiritualist to produce any apparently supernatural phenomenon, which he cannot duplicate and expose, as was done one time "spirit medium" but has become the successor to the late Houdini in the crusade against all claims to supernatural power or communication.

Among the tricks which he exposes are those of independent slate writing, the "trumpet medium," and famous seances of noted mediums.

Few Names To Appear In Coolidge Tabloid History

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Feb. 3.—Former President Coolidge's tabloid history for the Mt. Rushmore, S. C., memorial, is to be a limited one in historical reference as it will be sparring in words.

Eight events, considered the most epochal in the evolution of the colonies are listed for inscription. These were selected by the design committee of memorial commission, Gutzon Borglum, designer of the project, and one of the committee, said. The sculptor is spending the winter here.

The names of Washington and Lincoln may not appear in the engraved history; the names of Jefferson and Roosevelt likely will, while Mr. Coolidge's name is certain to be etched in the granite.

River Ice Claims 2 Big Ships

Hull of Steamer Lang Collapses Due to Pressure

Iraltta Goes to Bottom in Fifteen Feet of Water

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 3.—(AP)—Shifting river ice today claimed two vessels in the Willamette and Columbia rivers. The steamer N. R. Lang, locked in the Columbia near Vancouver, Wash., since January 16, was partially submerged when her hull collapsed under pressure of the shifting ice while the tug Iraltta sank at Hoquiam Transportation company's dock here.

The Lang, carrying a cargo of paper worth \$20,000, was bound from Camas, Wash., to this city when she became locked in the ice. All efforts since that time to remove her failed. Today the ice began to disintegrate and the Lang began to settle.

Her crew of six men walked ashore across the ice. It was not known tonight whether her cargo could be salvaged. Only her bow and superstructure could be seen above the shifting ice late today.

The Lang is owned by the Western transportation company of this city.

The Iraltta had been out of commission and in view of recent ice conditions had been carefully watched, but without warning early today began to settle. She rests in about 15 feet of water.

Preparations were being made tonight to raise the vessel and it was believed the work would be started tomorrow. Only her bow and superstructure could be seen above the shifting ice late today.

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TWO SALEM ROUTES WILL BE EXTENDED

Extensions to two Salem mail routes have been ordered by the federal postoffice department, according to word to the postmaster here. Added territory of a mile and two-tenths in the Jory district is ordered for route three served by Bryan McDonald. Five families will receive service as a result of the extension. This change was effective February 1.

An extension on rural route number six, effective February 16, will serve 12 families, most of whom are located in the Leg N. Childs addition at Four Corners on the penitentiary road, and which also includes the Durbin dairy ranch. The route is increased one and one-half miles through allowance of this petition. O. L. Fisher is carrier.

2 Salem Youths Die at Crossing

Two former Salem boys, Clarence Cooley and Louis Martin were killed in a train crossing accident near Earlhart, California, when the car in which they were driving was hit by the San Joaquin Flyer. A third member of the party was Lester Alcorn of Alhambra, California. Clarence Cooley formerly lived at 180 Owens street and was a student at McKinley junior high. Cooley's brother left Chemawa Sunday for Alhambra, California where the funeral will be held.

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