

# CITY DADS ASK THOROUGH QUIZ

## Long Investigation of Water Ownership Situation is To Be Effected

(Continued from Page 1.)  
Installation of the filtration plant, Aldermen Johnson and Rhoten did not give their reasons for voting "no."  
Whether the fear expressed by Mr. Dancy that the move toward municipal ownership, tentative though it is, will cause the company to delay awarding of a contract for the filtration plant, could not be stated by J. T. Deane, vice president of the water company, Monday night as this decision rests with higher officials of the company.  
Townsend Opposes Moving to Banks  
Stormy denunciation of the move to place a representative of each bank on the advisory committee to aid in making the investigation, was voiced by Alderman Townsend. He declared that the banks have shown their opposition to municipal ownership already, and predicted that they would block the movement and prevent a decision for two years more.

However, Alderman O'Hara, who framed the resolution, made no objection and voluntarily included mention of the advisory committee in the resolution when it was suggested by Alderman Furrine. The latter, in answer to Mr. Townsend's objections, explained that the banks, who are to be appointed by Mayor Livesley, will have no vote but will be invited by the public utilities committee, at its option, to advise the commission on financial matters in connection with the proposed purchase.  
Petition Against Proposal Is Read  
Prior to the discussion on the resolution, the petition bearing the names of more than 100 firms and business men, asking that no action toward municipal ownership be taken until the water company shall have completed its improvements and the public shall have been given a fair opportunity to judge of the service, was read.

Walter Keyes, attorney for the company who circulated the petition, supplemented it with a statement that only eight of the persons asked to sign it had refused, and that those eight "preferred to drink algae."  
Alderman O'Hara, after the introduction of the resolution, outlined his attitude in the matter, declaring it was generally conceded that sooner or later Salem must own its own water system, and that "nine out of ten citizens with whom you talk, take the view that there is nothing to be gained from postponing action in that direction."

# TARDIEU'S CABINET FORCED TO RESIGN

(Continued from Page 1.)  
At St. James' palace tonight, Prime Minister MacDonald, Secretary of State Stimson and Ex-Premier Wakatsuki sat in conference for three hours and went away convinced that the whole future course of negotiations will be influenced materially by the French attitude.  
As an indication how serious this influence may be, it was recalled that Mr. MacDonald throughout has stated that the British estimate of 50 cruisers was entirely dependent on the general success of the conference. The Anglo-American parity proposals will be affected, as well as the Japanese ratios with both powers.

**BEST SOUND IN TOWN**  
**CAPITOL**

Today and Wednesday  
All Talking Outdoor Western Drama  
As ALL TALKING MOVIE COMEDY WITH MUSIC

**ROMANCE OF RIO GRANDE**  
Warner Baxter  
An adaptation of the stirring novel, "Conquistador," by Katherine F. Gervoid

Also Vitaphone Acts  
Movietone News  
Universal News  
All Talking Comedy  
**STARTS THURS.**  
**IRENE BORDONI**  
in  
**"PARIS"**  
An All Color Comedy

# The Call Board..

By OLIVE M. DOAK

**BLSGH'S CAPITOL**  
State High and Church  
Today—"Romance of Rio Grande."  
Thursday—"Paris" with Irene Bordoni.  
**FOX ELGINORE**  
South High street between Ferry and State street  
Today—"Return of Sherlock Holmes."  
**HOLLYWOOD**  
North Capitol street, North Salem  
Today—"Hoot" Gibson in "Courtin' Wildcats."  
Wednesday—"All at Sea" with Karl Dane and George Arthur. Manhattan players.  
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Friday—"Buster Keaton in "Spite Marriage."  
**GRAND**  
North High between Court and State  
Today—"The Girl from Woolworth" with Alice Whitely.  
Wednesday—"Paris Bound" with Ann Harding.  
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Thursday—"Paris Bound" with Ann Harding. "Bozo" Singer and company on the stage.  
Friday—"Fast Life."  
Douglas Fairbanks, Jr.

An interesting local bit is that the picture now showing at the Bligh's Capitol, "Romance of the Rio Grande" is being sponsored by the local Boy Scouts organization. That means that when you buy a ticket of one of the khaki clad lads you are helping an organization that is doing a tremendous amount for the good of the boys of the city.  
There is another local interest in that picture. Miss Celeste Rush, who is one of the feature entertainers in the Fiesta which is pictured—she is the one who sits in the tree and sings and then dances with a treader—is a niece of Mrs. Ella C. Hathaway, local artist.  
Miss Rush started in at the age of 11 years giving dancing lessons and then returned to her home and teach the children of the town what she had learned. She kept at this and gave herself an education and enough money to come to Hollywood and now she is started at the age of not yet 20.

If you are looking for a real mystery don't overlook the Elsinore.  
The Grand had a gay little theatre party for the Woolworth staff Monday night at which time they saw "The Girl from Woolworth." That was a nice idea, and you can never tell what sort of an inspiration Alice White might give some one or more of them.

The Salem Heights Community club will be the extra feature at the Hollywood tonight as a part of the regular show in a home talent production which has gone over rather big with the audiences which have seen it. It is called "A Family Affair" and is an all-comedy picture with an "all-star cast of local stars" so they say. Hoot Gibson in "Courtin' Wildcats" is to help them out as the other main attraction.

The inconclusive character of the meeting tonight was a further indication that no new move could be made in London until the French political situation had crystallized.

# ELGINORE Tuesday Thru Friday

**THE RETURN OF SHERLOCK HOLMES**  
with CLIVE BROOK  
and an ALL STAR CAST  
Pals is Pals  
A Talking Comedy  
Jungle Fool  
A Cartoon  
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Modern methods and up-to-date crooks cannot baffle our old favorite. See him in action. Hear him talk. In the romantic mystery-thriller

**HOLLYWOOD**  
HOME OF 25C TALKIES  
Tonight Only — On the Screen  
Hoot Gibson in his All Talkie  
**"COURTIN' WILDCATS"**  
AND ON THE STAGE  
**Salem Heights Dramatic Club**  
Present  
**"A FAMILY AFFAIR"**  
A Comedy Drama in Three Acts  
Cast: Cleave Bartlett, Dr. D. D. Craig, Mrs. Gladys Washburn, Mrs. D. D. Craig, Earl E. Pruitt, and Mrs. Fred Burger  
2 1/2 Hours of Fun at Regular Prices  
Adults, 25c, Children 10c  
Stage Show commences 8:45 P. M.  
COMING WEDNESDAY  
"All at Sea", Starring Carl Dane and George K. Arthur

# BRIBERY CASE NOW EXPOSED

## Million Dollar Fund is Declared Utilized by Contractors' Firm

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The petition said that Chamberlain drew the large amount of money over a period of three years and added:  
"At least \$40,000 of the deposits of the U. S. A. company have been withdrawn within the last year on the order of Chamberlain and was used to purchase lavish presents for friends of his, the presents running from fancy and artistic silverware, to furniture and indoor golf nets, which cost \$1,000 each."  
Today's action, which will be argued tomorrow, was the second attempt made by prosecutors to seize the records of the U. S. A. company, the court holding against the state in a similar action last week. Reefforts made several weeks ago to secure possession of records of a local tax firm were futile. In the case of the tax concern, the state contended the firm had billed the sanitary district, and was paid, for things other than specified in the account. The investigation brought out that \$7,500 has been spent on a junket to Washington and New York by sanitary district trustees, the major portion of which went to defray the hotel bill for some furniture destroyed when the party grew boisterous.  
Indictments of several of the officials of the U. S. A. company, including Chamberlain, was announced by the United States district attorney's office recently in connection with an investigation of the officials' income tax payments.

# Chemeketas to Arrange Social Event Tonight

The first monthly social event of the Chemeketas club, local outdoor society, will be held tonight, beginning at 8 o'clock, at the Y. M. C. A., when a nature talk on some of the spring flowers and shrubs which are now appearing will be given by Elmer Grisebent, a member of the club.  
Students have been planning and light refreshments will follow the program, which has been arranged by the social committee. All who took pictures on the recent winter sports trip to Mt. Hood are urged to bring their snapshots for comparison. Anyone interested in the activities of the Chemeketas is invited to attend the event tonight.

# Domestic Wheat Market Steadier

Domestic wheat markets strengthened slightly during the week ending February 15, influenced by a more active inquiry from mills and a fairly steady movement of current offerings into consuming channels, according to the Weekly Grain Market Review of the United States bureau of agricultural economics. Feed grains held generally steady but demand was somewhat less active than during the previous week. Market offerings were fairly large and were easily equal to current trade requirements. The rye market strengthened with wheat, while flax maintained a steady tone, principally as a result of the very light marketings.  
While domestic wheat markets were steadier, the general situation remained rather weak, influenced principally by the slow European demand for foreign wheats. French farmers are reported still pressing their supplies upon the market, and prices of native wheats at Paris have declined about 10c per bushel since the first of January, being quoted February 14 at \$1.33 per bushel since the first of January, being quoted February 14 at \$1.32 per bushel.  
A weakening factor in the European market is the increased shipments of Russian wheat.

# McDowell Club Presents Attractive Recital Here For February's Program

By OLIVE M. DOAK

There are some recitals which one could well leave long before their completion and be the happier and more cheerful thereby, but such was not that which was presented as the February program of the Salem McDowell club Monday night with Jean Miller Rahm, soprano, Ethel Marie Law, soprano, William Wright, tenor, and Forrest Gaw, bass, singing as a quartet the glorious cycle of "In a Persian Garden" as arranged by Liza Lehman. The words of this cycle are the Fitzgerald translation of the "Rubaiyat" of Omar Khayyam.  
It is difficult to divide honors in this recital. The music itself is pulsing with the now wistful, now plaintive and again melancholy voice of Omar Khayyam, heightened now and then with flashes of joyous life and underlying all a philosophy that bridges hopelessness.  
The voices of the quartet members were beautifully fitted to the music. Each complimented the other with a perfection that was pure harmony. The balance, too, was so nicely adjusted that there appeared an ever present poise as the music swung from one solo number to another with ease and grace. There was no robbery of parts unless one should say that William Wright in spite of himself and his modesty did force a burst of applause from an audience that was doing its best to remain quiet and not disturb the beauty with clapping. This applause came with the singing of the tenor recitative "Ah, fill the cup!" and "Ah, moon of my delight!"  
The concluding quartet number "Alas! That Spring should vanish with the Rose" seemed to reach out and gather together all the rich qualities that had been appearing from time to time in the various solo and quartet numbers which went before.  
The happy lilting voice of Mrs.

of the business world.  
A bulletin was distributed in chapel with the request that it be read and sent to some other person who might be interested in the growth of the university along the lines of business training.  
The bulletin stated that there would now be offered over 40 semester hours of economics credit, which would serve as a background for a specialized business education. The purpose of the course is not to provide technical business training but to aid the student in securing the most rapid adaptation to the very complex affairs of the modern business world.  
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# EASTERN SEABOARD IS GRIPPED BY COLD

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—(AP)—After thermometers had dipped to as low as 41 degrees below zero, the severest cold spell of the winter in the North Atlantic States reached its climax today, and temperatures generally began to ascend in fulfillment of the weather man's promise of relief.  
Eastern Maine was an exception. There the cold continued unabated and the forecast was for even lower temperatures.  
A dozen or more deaths were attributed directly to or indirectly to the cold. A recluse was found frozen to death today in his hut in the wooded section of South Foxboro, Mass.; another man was found frozen to death in his unheated apartment in Providence, R. I., and ten other deaths in New England over the week end were ascribed to the weather.  
New low records were registered in many localities. In New York City, which was among the least affected spots in the cold area, the seven degree minimum this morning was only one degree above the record low for the date.  
The lowest reading reported, 41 below zero, was at Tupper Lake, N. Y., in the Adirondacks.  
A 50-mile gale that accompanied the cold wave caused extensive damage in the maritime provinces of Canada.

# Business Training Now Stressed in Economics Here

According to an announcement made Monday morning by Prof. W. C. Jones of the economics department of Willamette university there has been an enlargement in the economics curriculum to allow students to get a more practical training the principles  
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# Rabbit Group to Hold its Session In City Tonight

The Salem Rabbit and Small Stock association is to hold a meeting tonight, February 18, at the Y. M. C. A., at which time members of 4-H clubs specializing in rabbit work will be guests of the organization.  
Subjects to be talked tonight will include cooperative marketing, breeding and feeding of rabbits.  
The 4-H club will work in connection with the adult club in as many ways as possible.  
A similar meeting to the one tonight is to be held each month.

# Moral Liability Of City to Pay For Wound Eyed

Whether or not the city of Salem is morally liable for payment of the hospital bill of Clyde Williams, who was shot and wounded by a policeman while attempting to avoid arrest, will be determined by the ways and means committee and the police committee of the city council.  
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**GRAND THEATRE**  
LAST TIMES TONIGHT  
**Alice White**  
Talking Singing Dancing  
5 Times the Thrills  
10 Times the Romance  
**THE GIRL FROM WOOLWORTHS**

# COLORADO TO PLAY O. S. C. ON GRIDIRON

BOULDER, Colo., Feb. 17—(AP)—The University of Colorado has accepted an invitation to meet Oregon Aggies on the gridiron in 1931, Walter B. Franklin, graduate manager of the Colorado school, announced here tonight. No contract has yet been signed, however, Franklin said.

# Bids Called on Large Blocks of Bonds For City

A call for bids on \$70,000 worth of sewer bonds was authorized by the city council Monday night, the bids to be opened at the next meeting.  
It was stated by Percy A. Cupper of the engineering firm which has charge of designing the sewers, that while construction is in prospect to use up all of that amount, it will be possible to include the drainage project in the vicinity of Oxford street, proposed because of the diversion of a ditch from the airport into that area.  
City Engineer Hugh Rogers was instructed to make a survey of the drainage needs of that area.  
The council awarded a block of street improvement bonds in the amount of \$69,483.72 to Freeman, Smith and Camp on a bid of \$103.24.

# Low Fares

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY  
Another opportunity to save money on your trip over the holidays. Tickets at reduced rates are on sale February 21 and 22. You have until midnight February 25 to complete your trip. An example:

# Portland and Return

Special fares also to other Oregon points. Save time, enjoy the speed, safety and convenience of train travel. Phone or call on your local Southern Pacific agent for all travel information.

# Southern Pacific

City Ticket Office: 184 N. Liberty St., Phone 80

# \$80,000,000 in Special Taxes

# You Share in This Bill

The buyers of insurance in the United States indirectly but actually contribute a vast sum—approximately \$80,000,000 annually—through taxes additional to the regular taxes paid by insurance companies in common with other lines of industry. This money is a burden upon the premium of the policyholder, notwithstanding it is collected from the company.

The original purpose of special taxes upon insurance was to maintain state supervision of the business, but such supervision uses but four cents of each dollar, and the balance—about \$77,000,000—goes into the general funds of the states.

These special taxes of the state and the taxes which insurance companies pay in common with all other business concerns, and owners of property, as well as their substantial taxes to the Federal Government, are factors in the cost of fire insurance.

The Chamber of Commerce of the United States has adopted the following resolution:

"... Special State Taxes now levied on Policyholders through insurance companies should not be considered as a source of general revenue, but should be reduced to the total in each state which will adequately support such state's departmental supervision....."

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