

UTILITY BILLS NEARLY READY

Col. A. E. Clark Assists in
Drafting; Protection of
Public is aim

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of the federal power commission's procedure with a preliminary license given as applicant and convertible, within a year, into a permanent lease providing all the commission's requirements as to plans, finances and other vital factors in the development, have been met.

The commission would seek both to conserve the water power resources of Oregon for the people and to give investors a fair return on capital. Throughout the bill the phrase "fair return" is repeatedly used but the wording of the law is plainly one which shall prohibit any watering of stock or appreciation of values through manipulation of development or construction costs.

Amortization Plan To Feature Leases
Under all leases which the hydro-electric commission may issue, amortization of principal shall be provided for and any leases may be recaptured at any time by the state when the existing amortized value is met.

Colonel Clark, known as an outstanding attorney and a consistent proponent of strict utility regulation with the view of eliminating "loaded" operation charges and stock watering, indicated that the measures he had prepared for the governor were in no wise drawn to make investment in the state hydro-electric development unattractive to out-of-state capital. He said that under the existing development projects, not the public investor but the promoter inevitably received the financial reward from inflated values since the underwriting bond issues returns afforded the investor only a normal rate of interest. The program of the state hydro-electric commission, he pointed out, would in no wise interfere with such a return to the prudent investor.

While Clark and the governor were in conference, last minute details were being gone over on the long-pending grange power bill which will provide for the creation of large-unit power creation and distribution units. Members of the state grange group backing this enactment, including State Master Hulet, Dr. Albert Slaughter and Fred J. Toose, were active at the state capitol yesterday and indicated their bill would be ready to introduce as a companion measure to those of the governor.

More interested in conservation.
It appears very unlikely that Governor Meier is as much interested in the grange power bill, which would launch the state into public development and ownership of water power plants and distribution systems, as he is in the power conservation and regulation measures.

His known record as a business man, showing customary resentment to the intrusions of the state into business, together with his selection of Colonel Clark as his legal adviser on utility matters, were enough to indicate that the grange power bill was a tug boat in the wake of his ocean liner of wise conservation and sound regulation of utilities.

While Meier inherited the grange support and attention to it and limited approval in his inaugural address, both Meier and Clark are known personally to be somewhat skeptical of the ability of citizens generally to conduct the power business and with private business money and "without cost to the taxpayers".

With the introduction of the utility measures into the legislature, presumably through the appropriate committees and not through any single spokesman of the governor, the principal course for the legislative table will have been served. Days and weeks are expected to be consumed while the marked changes in the existing Oregon utility laws are chewed about, chewed and finally swallowed.

The methods of the governor and the type of talent he has given ear to, indicate he will attempt to carry out his election promises of rigid water-power conservation and utility regulation without creation of injudicious legislation opening loopholes for unwise public development and a collapse of the entire utility scheme.

In short, the Meier program, plausible enough to get votes and attractive enough to a veritable "people's program" will undergo even before submission to the legislature, a rigorous metamorphosis, which will transform the Joseph proposal into a carefully worked out, business-like policy, at once pleasing to the "hot polloi" and yet giving confidence to Oregon and out-of-state investors whose regard, Business Man Meier knows, is fully as necessary as the pleasing of a vast body politic, all too unfamiliar with the actual realities of business and too willing to follow illusive phantoms of something-for-nothing.

TRIES SUICIDE
BAKER, Ore., Jan. 14. — (AP) — Victor G. Greenleaf, Huntington, Ore., postmaster, attempted to commit suicide there today, officers said. Greenleaf allegedly shot himself in the head three times and was reported in a critical condition in a Weiser hospital.

WOMEN FIND MERCY IN HER COURT



Judge Theresa Meikle, San Francisco's first woman judge in charge of the women's department of the municipal court, spent her first day on the bench January 5. She proved that the quality of mercy is not strained. She failed to send one to jail for a minor offense. Judge Meikle was aided by Mrs. Edith Wilson, assistant district attorney. Above photo shows Mrs. Edith Wilson, left, and Judge Theresa Meikle, right.

CHARLES SPAULDING IS NAMED SENATOR

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administer the oaths was because the court was in session, was not known yesterday afternoon. Mrs. W. Carlton Smith's nomination was generally expected but the nomination of Mr. Spaulding, while not unexpected, was uncertain until his name was sent out from the executive chambers.

The nomination of Spaulding as senator by Governor Meier was taken to reveal the governor's attitude on the type of men desired in the legislature and also to show the strength or weakness of Senator Sam Brown with the legislature. It was generally known at the capitol that Senator Brown was in no sense an ardent Spaulding man and while not openly antagonistic, the senator had plainly indicated to the governor other men would fit his own fancy better as a successor to the late Senator Reynolds.

Chief among these was Chris Kowitz, Salem attorney. Throughout the morning yesterday, considerable opposition to Kowitz' appointment was laid before the governor whereas Spaulding for several days had been most favored by Meier. They have been business acquaintances for years and are known to have mutual respect for the record of each other. Meier indicated at the time of the appointment that he was pleased to have a business man of Spaulding's character as a senate member. A possible rupture due to the fact that Spaulding was a director of the ill-fated Northwestern Bank in Portland which developed some friction with the Meier interests, did not materialize.

Charles Archerd and R. J. Hendricks, both prominent men of Salem, were carefully considered by Governor Meier as was Dean Roy R. Hewitt of Willamette university, but Spaulding was said by those closest to the governor to be his unequivocal first choice for senate position.

The name "Spaulding Logging Company" is known all over the lower Willamette valley as one of the leading logging and lumbering enterprises. At its head for 34 years has been Charles K. Spaulding now appointed state senator for Marion county. This is the first public office which Mr. Spaulding has held during his long residence in Salem, his energies being devoted almost exclusively to his business and farming interests. Besides the logging company with plants at Salem, Newberg, McMinnville, Portland and logging camps in the coast range, Mr. Spaulding heads the pulp mill at Newberg.

First Followed Newspaper Field
Mr. Spaulding started in as a newspaper carrier in Portland on

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Cartoon Comedy and Review

SCOUT COUNCIL HOLDS MEETING

Enthusiasm for Work With
Boys is Keynote; Wide
Area Represented

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in scouting in this age of many sinister influences." New officers were installed by Prof. George Alden of Willamette university, as follows: W. L. Phillips, scout commissioner; Willard Wirtz, Salem, treasurer; J. M. Campbell, Dallas, vice-president; Dr. A. J. McCannell, Silverton, vice-president; Sam Laughlin, Salem, vice-president, and A. C. Haag, Salem, president. Committees Are Named

A. C. Haag announced standing chairman of committees as follows: Harry W. Scott, troop organization; Harry H. Belt, chairman court of honor; C. W. Paulus, finance; Dr. V. A. Douglas, health and safety; Merrill Ohling, civic service; F. E. Needham, educational and publicity; Rev. George S. Gifford, leadership and training; V. P. McNamara, rural; Douglas McKay, camping; George H. Alden, reading. All these are from Salem.

Additional members of the executive board show representation from Salem, Clatsop and outside towns, as follows:

Henry Crawford, chamber of commerce; W. H. Dancy, Rotary; J. H. Nicholson, Kiwanis; Newell Williams, Lions; Fred Wolf, school; E. M. Page, American Legion; Rev. C. E. Ward, ministerial association; Carl Gabrielson, Cherristas; Gardner Knapp, Ad club; Lee Unruh, printing; Frank Bellinger, labor union, all of Salem; R. W. Craven, Independence; F. E. Mordock, Monmouth; E. J. Bell, Stayton; V. D. Bain, Blaine; McGraw, Woodburn; George Best, Chomaw; J. R. Allgood and Dr. P. C. Crum, Dallas; A. H. O. Nelson, Silverton; A. A. Nicolson, Astoria; L. A. Ferguson, West Salem; A. S. Jensen, Monmouth; T. D. Pomeroy, Independence, and J. W. Mayo, Stayton.

Retail Credit Group to Hold Meeting Friday

The Salem Retail Credit association will meet for the regular luncheon meeting on Friday at the Argyle. At this time Roy Wassam will give the first of a series of short talks on the subject, "Explaining the Function of your Credit Reporting Bureau."

Later programs will include talks by various members representing different lines of business, according to Everett Dolsen, chairman of the program committee.

Membership in the association is open to all business men and women in Salem who are interested in the problems of credit, particularly in the retail field.

Aviator Claims Sort of Record

OKLAHOMA CITY, Jan. 14. — (AP) — Don Bridle, Oklahoma City aviator, believes he has achieved some kind of air record.

Mrs. Smith is a past matron of Chadwick chapter, No. 27, O. E. S. is a member of American Legion auxiliary post No. 9, is a member of the Salem MacDowell club and of St. Paul's Episcopal church where she has been soprano soloist for 17 years.

Mrs. Smith will be the sixth woman to take a post in the state legislature. She and Mrs. Dorothy McCullough Lee of Portland, will be the only women in the house this term.

She succeeds the late Dr. W. Carlton Smith, whose death in Portland in December followed a hurried operation. Dr. Smith had served in the legislature from Marion county in 1929.

Mrs. Smith, whose maiden name was Lotta C. Johnston, was born in Clare, Michigan, February 1885. She came to Oregon in 1918 with her parents who settled in Eugene. Here Mrs. Smith attended public school.

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By OLIVE M. DOAK

WARNER'S REASON
Today—Wheeler and Woolsey in "Hook, Line and Sinker."

HOLLYWOOD
Today—Norma Shearer in "Let Us Be Gay."
Friday—Gilbert Roland in "Men of the North."

THE GRAND
Today—E. Horton in "The Hotentot."
Friday—Irene Dunne, Ken Murray in "Leather-Neck."

WARNER'S CAPITOL
Today—John Wray and Betty Compson in "Csar of Broadway."
Friday—Gustav Diesel in "White Hell of Pits Pale."

"The Csar of Broadway" now being featured at Warner's Capitol is an interesting play, well photographed, and full of a dramatic tension not to be found in the average show.

The production is not a "soothing" one and should not be picked out for a "purple moment" of love, laughs, beautiful clothes, and rich surroundings. The story is that of the life of a man whose chosen profession is ruling people by one means or another and thus promoting his own interests as an underworld political boss.

One paper is his enemy and inadvertently this man becomes very intimate with a young reporter from this paper who is out to find the inside of the underworld plans. Disclosure comes, a love story is involved and dramatic episodes are plentiful.

The play is worth seeing just for the acting of John Wray, a practically unknown man on the screen. If he continues with the splendid work done in "The Csar of Broadway" he will become a personage of the screen.

The game of poker which made up a vital part of the picture, makes an unusually fine bit of acting as did the immediate incident following this game. Young John Harrow is also very fine in this picture.

14th Street to Get New Track; P. C. C. Willing

The public service commission yesterday granted the application of the Columbia county court, for permission to cross over the tracks of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railroad with a county road.

In another order the commission ordered the Union Railroad of Oregon to refund to the Union Flouring Mill company certain alleged excessive charges.

The commission granted the application of the City of Salem for permission to construct a spur track at grade at 14th street.

Bridle flew a plane 15 miles in exactly 1 1/4 hours, made seven forced landings and didn't scratch wing tip or fuselage.

SALEM HIGH QUOTA AT W. U. NOT FIXED

Supt George Hug was informed, upon query, by Dean Frank M. Erickson of Willamette university that the university has no intention of cutting down on Salem high students within reason, and that there will be no cold limit of 30 entrants this year.

The superintendent asked Dean Erickson for information on the subject after H. M. Tennant, Willamette registrar, had informed Principal Fred Wolf of the high school that the Salem quota to Willamette's freshman class next fall would be between 30 and 35 students.

Tennant also told Wolf that all applications to enter Willamette in the fall must be in the hands of the university before May 1. Dean Erickson, who is acting president in absence of Carl Gregg Doney, said that the school was making an attempt to have applications for entrance received earlier this year.

Wounds Tied up In Dish Towels After Accident

"His wounds were dressed and bound up with dish towels," says Henry B. Koehler, 991 2nd street in reporting accident Tuesday night in which William Meitof of Brooks was hurt.

Koehler was driving south on the highway near Hopmire, with Meitof walking along the road about four feet on the left. "When I was within 20 feet of him he jumped in front of the car and I struck him with the right fender," the report says. Koehler called a doctor and the wounds were dressed as described.

Adams Awarded \$100 in Court Case With Neer

In case of Adams vs. Neer, which has been on before Judge L. H. McMahon for more than two days, was finished last night, the jury returning a verdict which will net the plaintiff \$100. The jury was out about an hour and a half, the case going to them just at 5 o'clock.

In the verdict, Adams was given judgment of \$157.50, of which \$57.50 is due defendant from the plaintiff. This verdict leaves an even \$100 for the plaintiff. The case was over branch of agreement on a wood contract, both parties alleging that the other had not fulfilled the agreement.

Obituary

Emmons
William W. Emmons died at his home here Wednesday night, January 14, aged 68 years; husband of Sarah E.; father of Lucille of Lockport, Ill., Mrs. L. G. Mitchell of Vermillion, S. D., and Dr. Carl W. and Ralph W., both of Salem; son of Mrs. Margaret Emmons and brother of Emily Wright, both of Kingston, Ontario; grandfather of Margaret Jane Emmons of Salem. Funeral announcements later by W. T. Rigdon and Son.

GALLI-CURCI



Madame Amelita Galli-Curci, well-known opera and concert singer, pictured enjoying the cool waters at Miami Beach, Fla., recently. Madame Galli-Curci gave a concert at the Southern resort, which was attended by society folk now sojourning there.

Ford Memorial Group to Give Play Once More

The Epworth league of the Ford Memorial church, West Salem, will present its play, "He's My Pal," at Oak Point Friday, January 16. The play has been given in West Salem, Oak Grove and last Friday night before a full house at Evans Valley, near Silverton.

The leading roles are played by Curtis Ferguson, Charles Wright, Ruth Englehorn and Helen Gosner. A great deal of humor is injected by Harold Pepworth as Calvin McCay, a henpecked husband, who finally comes into his own with Bernice Wood as Mrs. Blossom McCay. Miss Margaret Hogg is directing the play.

WILL VIEW OFFERS OF SITE FOR HOME

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14. — (AP) — General G. H. Wood, representing veterans administrator Hines, will leave Dayton, Ohio, either tomorrow or Friday to hear the offers of Northwest states on sites for the \$2,000,000 soldiers home to be built in the northwest.

General Wood will represent the federal board of hospitalization. He is due to arrive at Seattle January 20. The next two days will be spent in Spokane and Walla Walla after which he will go to Portland, Roseburg and Ashland, Ore.

General Wood will go next to San Francisco to inspect sites for the veterans hospital to be built there, after which he will visit Los Angeles to inspect the national soldiers home.

Whipping Held Most Effective Firewater Cure

MUSKOGEE, Okla., Jan. 14. — (AP) — Said Federal Judge Robert L. Williams today to Richard Banks, Cherokee Indian, admitted possessor of intoxicating beverages:

"Indian bad man when he tries to be Indian and white man both. Usually Indian drinks fire water; white man make it. Indian gets in heap big trouble when he tries make it and drink it too. Good whipping do more good than anything. Looks like when woman got votes they'd have put in whipping posts so they could have their husbands whipped when they got mean. They passed up big chance."

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Jan. 14. — (AP) — Two men were killed and a third severely burned late today in an explosion of gas 900 feet below Wilkesbarre City in a vein of the Hillman Colliery company.

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Last Times Today

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