

COUNCIL VOTES FOR PURCHASE

Offers \$1,100,000 Amount For Water System; Move Approved

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tion was expressed more strongly than sentiment for its passage, proponents of the measure appearing to have caused before the council gathered and to have predetermined how each member would vote.

Better Than Long Fight In Court

Alderman Kowitz, upholding his resolution, said he thought the offer was a higher amount than the plant was worth but declared he felt the city would pay that much by the time it went through condemnation proceedings and these costs were added to the purchase price. In view of the existing necessity for a safe and adequate water supply this summer, the alderman declared some unusual measure was necessary. He held that the water company could not proceed to finish the filter plant, without the city's withdrawal of its appeal, since the charter amendment of May 15, 1930, provides for an appraisal and purchase of the company's investment basis August 30, 1930. Counsel for the water company has repeatedly said that investments after that time would be entirely ruled out by the city in event of condemnation proceedings, Kowitz averred.

Lead by Alderman Henry Vandevort, the "anti-resolutionists" including a group of protestants in the audience in the council gallery, took a variety of potshots at the resolution before the vote was taken.

"We're thwarting the will of the people," self-styled "Sheep Herder" Vandevort declared. "I'm willing to pay a flat price for the plant, probably a price more than it's worth but I'm only willing to do it in accord with the charter amendment. I may be dumb but I can't get it through my noodle how we can proceed except under the charter amendment."

Mayor Gregory entered the forenoon lists by reading from a letter written to him by E. C. Elliott, president of the Oregon Washington Water company. The mayor declared he thought the water company unfair in refusing to submit its own figures of appraisal as asked for in the mayor's own letter to the company.

Gregory called on J. C. Baar, engineer, for estimates on operation cost of the filter when completed. Baar, citing the water company executive's figures, placed the annual cost at \$23,750. He said if this cost had been added to the operating cost of the company, for the years, 1927, 1928 and 1929, the total available for interest would have been only \$27,000, \$24,500 and \$22,500 in those three years respectively.

Fred Williams and Newell Williams, both asked Baar several questions pertaining to operation of the water company and its filter.

William Shearer, appearing among the citizens as an opponent of the Kowitz resolution, asked the council "why it is so anxious to buy the old plant when it shows it is losing?"

James Preble, newspaperman, made two impromptu speeches, urging in the first the need of expediting the pending suit before the supreme court and suggesting that the Willamette river at Salem was an inadequate source of future supply because of the eventual use of the river for navigation.

Seas Resolution Against Public Will

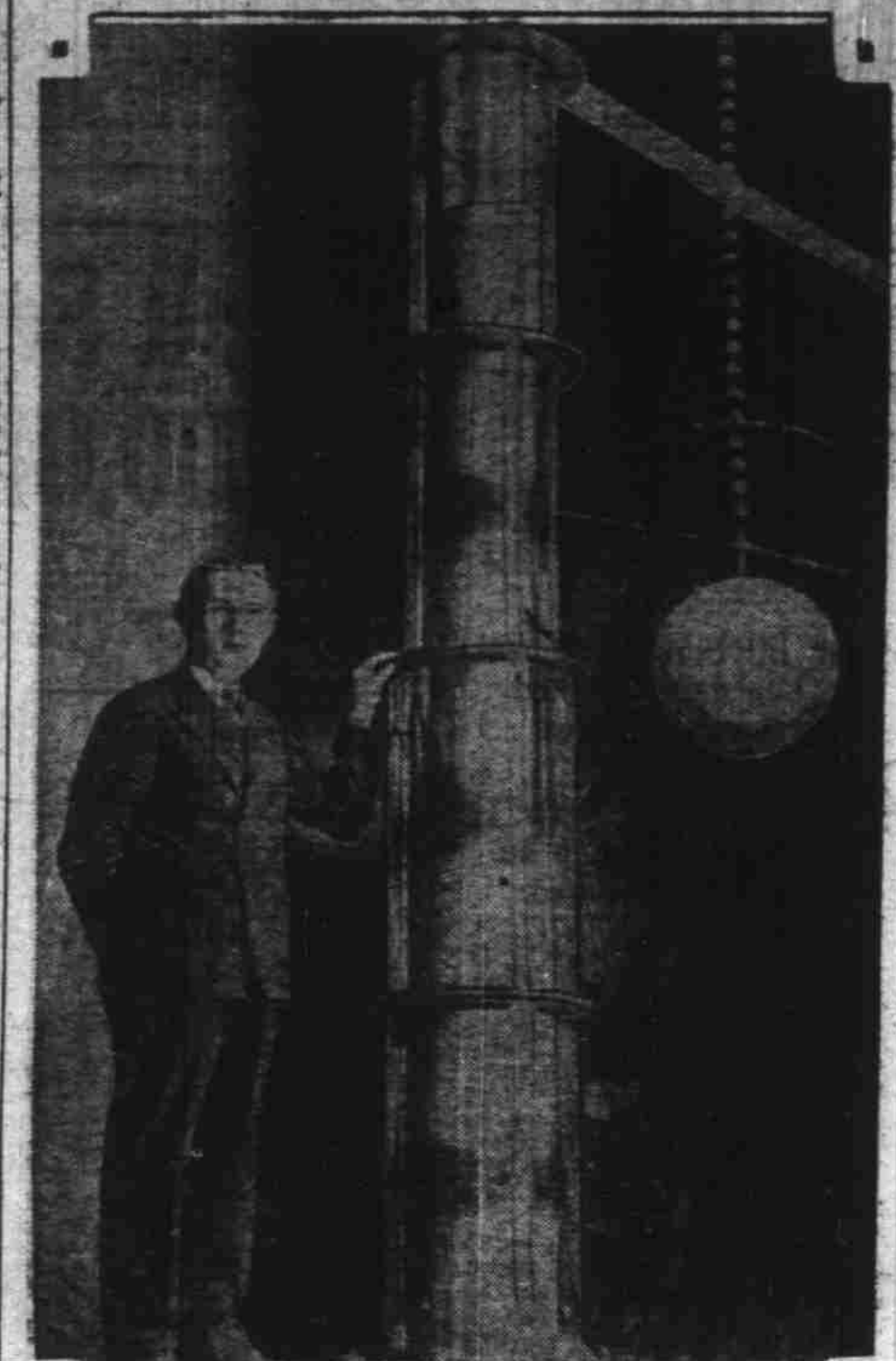
O. W. Emmons likened the Kowitz resolution to a "people be damned" policy and said the chance to condemn and buy at a fair price by agreeing to proffer \$1,100,000 to the water company and then to submit the matter to another vote. "If you submit the matter to the people on this basis, they'll vote it down," Emmons predicted.

H. R. Clark said he favored an entirely new plan and suggested that the water company, if it sold, would be "getting rid of a white elephant."

Rich Holman protested any offer from the council to the water company officials. He argued that the only authority vested in the alderman was to proceed under the charter amendment of May 15, 1930, now on appeal to the supreme court. Holman held that the matter of better water this summer was one to be worked out by the water company through the mandate it carries to furnish potable water as a part of its city franchise.

Alderman Dancy declared that the Kowitz resolution was a move to "expedite the will of the people." Mayor Gregory inquired

MILLION-VOLT X-RAY TUBE



Shoeted with nearly an inch of lead and hanging in a concrete block with walls half a foot thick, the new million-volt x-ray tube at the California Institute of Technology is now being pumped out under supervision of Prof. Charles C. Lauritzen, one of the great scientists in electricity of the institute. He is standing beside the tube.

if any cannerymen had any statement to make on the resolution but no one spoke.

Explaining his vote, Alderman O'Hara said he did not believe the resolution lay within the province of the council. He condemned the projected contract for purchase as a unilateral one, in which the council gave everything and the water company bound itself to do nothing.

JAMES W. MOTT TO BOSS CORPORATIONS

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nary, 1929, when he returned to Salem. He was first elected a member of the legislature from Clatsop county in 1922, and was re-elected in 1924 and 1926. He also served as city attorney of Astoria, and in 1928 was a republican candidate for congress against Willis C. Hawley, incumbent.

Anti-Property Tax Movement Aided

Upon his return to Salem he again engaged in the practice of law and has since had offices here. He was elected a member of the house of representatives from Marion county at the last general election. The outstanding legislation fathered by Mott during the recent session was a proposed constitutional amendment eliminating the property tax.

Mr. Mott was married to Ethel L. Walling in 1919, and has two daughters. He is a member of the American Legion, Kiwanis, Bika, Woodmen of the World, state bar association, Salem chamber of commerce and other civic and fraternal organizations.

Mr. McCallister, the retiring official, will go to Portland where he will serve as president of the Conservation corporation of America. Reports here last night indicated that Governor Meier would appoint at least two new members of the state industrial accident commission within the next few days.

WENDEL FORTUNE GOES TO CHARITY

NEW YORK, March 23—(AP)—The hundred million dollar Wendel fortune built on furs, polo and real estate—"buy but never sell real estate" was the Wendel motto—has been bequeathed almost in its entirety to charity.

BOWLES HOLDS UP UNDER FIRE

Keeps Firmly to Original Story of his Wife's Asserted Suicide

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listened abstractedly to conversation, hearing the words but not gathering their full meaning. He said he believed his wife had failed to understand when Miss Loucks told her she did not want to marry Bowles.

The defendant said he left his home for the last time October 20 after a disagreement with his wife about dinner. He testified he had commented on the food saying it was not as he liked it. His wife told him, he said, if the food was not to his liking he might go out and get some that was.

N. G. Willis, a defense witness who said he had known the Bowles family for about eight years, testified Mrs. Bowles' mental attitude had been unhappy for more than a year prior to her death. He said she had told him of a trip to Honolulu in 1928 where she climbed upon a promontory and contemplated jumping into the sea.

E. H. Dugan, Christmas card salesman, said he called at the Bowles home November 6 to sell some cards. When he returned to complete the transaction November 8, he testified, Mrs. Bowles seemed depressed and she told him she was not going to use any Christmas cards.

Teils of Previous Suicide Attempts

Mrs. H. B. Willis, who identified herself as probably Mrs. Bowles' best friend outside the family, testified Mrs. Bowles had visited at her home the night of November 10 and that she looked ill. She said they had talked about the future and Mrs. Bowles had remarked, "I expect you would be surprised if you knew how much I think of my future."

Mrs. Willis said Mrs. Bowles had talked about driving off a steep precipice on a Portland road and also had told of attempting to stab herself with a nail file.

Mrs. Bowles told her, the witness declared, that if someone had not stopped her she would have killed herself with the nail file.

FIRST LADY VOICES THANKS TO WOMEN

WASHINGTON, March 23—(AP)—The first lady of the land delivered over the air to the women of America the thanks of those who have aided by unemployment relief efforts.

"Eloquent I cannot be," said Mrs. Hoover, "but I do rejoice in passing on to you girls and women of America the word that what you have done for those who have suffered innocently this year is borne in every affectionate and understanding memory."

Mr. Hoover spoke into a National Broadcasting company's microphone placed in the president's study, once the workroom of President Lincoln. Her address was delivered under the auspices of the women's division of president's emergency committee for employment. It was her fourth radio speech since her husband came to the White House.

The broadcast was opened with delivery by two girl scouts to Mrs. Hoover, honorary president of that organization, of a report upon its work in helping alleviate unemployment.

CHILD COUGHS STOPPED QUICKLY WITH SAFELY WITHOUT SWALLOWING THOXINE

Capital Drug Store

The Call Board

By OLIVE M. DOAK

WARNER BROS. CAPITOL Today—John Gilbert - Louis Wolheim in "Gentleman's Fate."

Wednesday—John Mack Brown in "The Great Meadow."

Saturday—Bela Lugosi in "Fifty Million Frenchmen."

WARNER BROS. ELGINORE Today—John Mack Brown in "Dracula."

Thursday—Bebe Daniels in "My Past."

HOLLYWOOD Today—Clara Bow in "Her Wedding Night."

Wednesday—Jeannette MacDonald in "Monte Carlo."

Friday—John Gilbert in "Way for a Sailor."

GRAND Today—Spencer Tracy in "Up the River."

Wednesday—Lewis Stone and Dorothy Mackaill in "Of Mice and Men."

Friday—Louis Wolheim in "Danger Lights."

Gang pictures have gotten to be a bit less thrilling than a year ago but there is one at the Capitol theatre today which will be of interest to any screen fan. The picture is "Gentleman's Fate" and John Gilbert plays a role in it which no one who sees the picture will soon forget.

Gilbert was the cause of endless speculation after his first talking picture "One Glorious Night." His voice was bad, his acting stilted and all told, the picture was what is well termed a "flop." And now he comes back with an fine talking presentation as any actor could desire.

His face in "Gentleman's Fate" is unusually sensitively expressive. Many close-ups are used and the emotions which he portrays through the muscles of his face are strong and varied.

The plot is unusual. It is a gang picture, but it has one of the most human themes—the family tie, and it shows the terrific effect of training by a spectacular contrast between two brothers.

You will find the dialogue provokingly unreal at times.

GUESTS AT HAZEL GREEN HAZEL GREEN, March 23—Rev. J. G. Minton, Mrs. Minton and children, Elveta, Gerald, Daisy and Donald of Salem were guests at dinner of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. VanCleave, VanCleave's A. T. VanCleave and children, Marvin, Geneva and Daryl were additional guests.

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GRAND LAST TIMES TODAY

UP THE RIVER TOMORROW Lewis Stone and Dorothy Mackaill In "THE OFFICE WIFE"

CHANGE IS DUE IN COMMISSION

Hunter, Early and Lawrence To be new Members, Indicated now

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has stated that he is ready to answer the governor's call the moment it comes.

Apparently All Due for Discard

For a time it was thought that at least one member of the old board would be carried over, but it is now certain that Sam Laughlin, E. E. Bragg and W. E. Fitzgerald, all members of the board now, are slated for removal.

The appointment of an insurance commissioner to succeed Claude A. Lee of Eugene, incumbent, is also slated for this week. Gordon Baker, twice mayor of McMinnville and in the insurance business in that city, is known to have been called to the governor's office for a conference. The name of Edward R. Wolfe of Portland has also been mentioned in connection with the appointment.

The resignation this week of W. G. Ide as manager of the state chamber of commerce has been taken by close political observers as a harbinger of his forthcoming appointment to the new job of head of the state department of agriculture.

For years Ide has been a strong Meier man and has felt the latter's help constantly in financing and counselling in the work of the state chamber. Ide was an out-and-out Meier booster during the campaign. He was active last week in arranging the banquet meeting to be held here Friday night, March 27, when "The Next Step" for Oregon agricultural expansion will be considered.

It is to be noted that the governor has been prevailed on that various men who have been prominent in agricultural activities in the state are on the program. On the program is the phrase "This occasion has far-reaching significance" and some observers yesterday prognosticated that either just before or at the banquet the appointment of Mr. Ide as leader for the new state agricultural department would be announced.

Much of Ide's work in the state chamber has been to secure new settlers for Oregon lands. His efforts at bringing newcomers to Oregon was attacked several times at the last legislative session, a number of farmer-legislators contending Oregon already has sufficient population on the farms as long as the surplus of agricultural products continues.

INTERIOR OF HOTEL BURNS, TOTAL LOSS

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uncovered but the inside a mass of ruins. All the able-bodied men in Stayton turned out to assist the volunteer fire brigade; all use of water from city mains was cut off to give added pressure at the fire.

The first fire, which occurred a week ago, started during the night in the downstairs kitchen and before it was put out, damage had been done to the extent the insurance company allowed the Lesleys \$100. At the time of today's fire, workmen were putting the finishing touches on the part of the building damaged a week ago.

After today's fire Mr. and Mrs. Lesley moved into a furnished home which they own here. Several years ago they operated the hotel, had then leased it, and last fall again took over its management.

The Stayton hotel was built in 1872 by Jack Richardson and had since then served as a landmark as well as a hostelry.

TEACHERS HIRED HAZEL GREEN, March 23—Teachers for the coming year have been hired, Mrs. Edith McCoy Miller, principal; Miss Margaret Barquist, primary, both of Salem. Mrs. Miller is teaching intermediate at Middle Grove. Many regret the loss of the present teachers, Mrs. Flora Hedrick, who has taught two years and Miss Alma Stauffer, primary, three years.

VIKING SURVIVORS ARE NEARING LAND

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of two known dead, 26 missing and many injured.

While the rescue ships were making their best time toward St. John's airplanes were racing to obtain pictures of the disaster. One plane had hard luck.

Robert F. Fogg of Concord, N. H., arrived at Horse Island in White Bay, and cruised over the scene of the explosion while S. H. Wright, news cameraman, took pictures. Fogg essayed a landing on the ice and cracked up. Neither he nor Wright was injured.

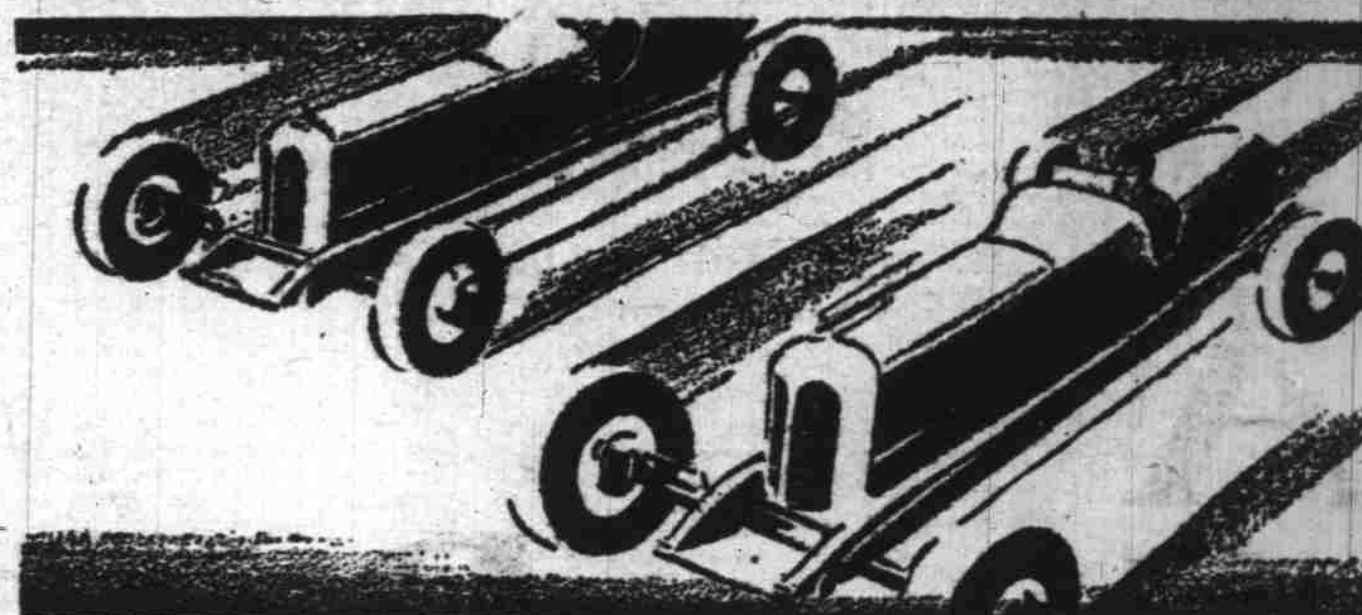
HOLLYWOOD

Home of 25c Talks LAST TIMES TODAY The "J" Girl Presents Another Comedy Success

CLARA BOW Her Wedding Night

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