

FIRE PROBLEM THRESHED OUT

Mack Pumper Final Choice After Three Ballots Upon six Bids

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for buying the Seagrave pumper for \$11,500. Other bids were one for \$11,000 by the Peter Pirsch company, \$11,095 by the Howe Fire Apparatus company and \$13,500 by the Gehrens-Fox Fire Engine company.

Alderman Hal Patton started the discussion going by a protest against rising fire protection costs in Salem. "I'm afraid we have gone hog wild on these various stations; we have one for every 6000 people," declared the alderman. "I wonder if we can't transfer some equipment now we have, from the main stations to those in the outlying districts."

"Patton amuses me," retorted Alderman Henry Vandevort. "At the budget meeting last winter he stood firm for the budget asked by the fire department; now he proposes cutting it down when he was one of the 'dirty eight' which voted it."

"Dancy objects," said Alderman Dancy, chairman of the fire department committee, objected to a decision on the fire pumper last night but was outvoted by the council. When the committee reported the bids back, it recommended the council make the final decision by ballot. The "new truck" will be used in the South Salem fire station.

While a resolution to borrow \$20,000 for maintenance of the fire department from the special two-mill fund was passed, the matter came in for pointed criticism from several councilmen.

The resolution to divert the funds was voted upon after an opinion written by City Attorney Trindle held that salaries of firemen could not be paid out of the special two-mill levy.

Alderman Dancy said it had been "generally understood" at the time citizens voted the two-mill levy that funds were to go not only for building and equipping the new stations but also for maintaining them after their completion.

"City Attorney Williams told us then that the 'two-mill' fire stations could be interpreted to mean to carry them on after their erection," said Dancy.

Serious Problem

"Of insurance seen," said the alderman continued. "We must either provide for maintaining these stations or close them. That means higher insurance rates; we'll pay the money in higher premiums whereas now we pay it in firemen's wages and keep the money in the city," Dancy said he had his "suspicions" where criticism of the use of the two-mill fund for maintenance came from.

"State 'em," interjected Vandevort.

Mayor Gregory entered the verbal fray by announcing that he had asked the city attorney to give an opinion on the legality of the fund's transfer. "I don't want to be party to transferring any funds illegally," said the mayor.

"I don't see why you should get hot about this, Mr. Dancy," added Vandevort. "You don't like people to take exception to you. This is a free country, I like to prod you. That's the spice of the council."

Alderman O'Hara cited the state constitution, declaring its provision made the \$20,000 transfer illegal. When the vote was taken the "yes" prevailed, a number of councilmen not voting. City Attorney Trindle said that provision must be made in the 1932 budget for return of the borrowed funds to the special two-mill fire equipment fund.

W. B. A. Holds Annual Meeting

PORTLAND, Ore., April 20.—(AP)—The annual state conference of the women's benefit association opened here today with more than 250 delegates registered.

Mrs. Bena West Miller, of Michigan, founder and supreme president of the association, is a guest.

STRIKES and SPARES

City League W. L. Pct.

Elks Club 20 10 .667
Bake Rite 19 11 .633
Wil Val Trans. 15 12 .555
Capital Bldg. 14 13 .518
McKay Chevrolet 10 17 .370
Winter Garden 6 21 .222

As northwest tournament time looms, City league bowling is becoming a hot battle for first place, with Elks now at the top but close pressed by the Bake Rites. Keenest interest, however, is not so much in the league fight as in the strength the teams can be expected to show when the big tourney opens Friday on the Recreation alleys in Portland.

Schedule of play for Salem teams follows: Saturday, April 25, 7 p. m., Elks club; Saturday, 11 p. m., McKay Chevrolet and Bake Rite; Monday, April 27, Senator Food Shop and Winter Garden Lunch; Thursday, April 30, 7 p. m., Flesner Electric company. Doubles and singles players will roll the day after their respective teams compete.

Kuntola and Hall are leading City league bowling with average of 199. Following them are: Victor 194, Hemenway 192, Poulin 192, Kay 191, Van Patton 191, Steinbock 190, Lalar 188, Monson 187, Mohr 186, Elliott 185 and Page 184.

HIGHLIGHTS IN LIFE OF ALFONSO XIII

The abdication of Alfonso XIII of Spain adds another to the seven major countries where crowns have been swept aside by the advance of republics in the past twenty-one years, with various forms of government set up in place of monarchies. The others are Russia, Germany, Austria-Hungary, China, Portugal, Greece and Turkey. A King from his birth, May 17, 1886, Alfonso enjoyed a long reign but not a happy one. He was born six months after the death of his father, Alfonso XII, and automatically became head of the House of Bourbon-Spain.



RECENT PORTRAIT OF ALFONSO

His mother, the beloved Queen Maria Christina, was appointed Regent and ruled the country as sovereign until Alfonso became sixteen years of age, when, according to Spanish constitutional law, he reached his majority and came into his full kingship. His early childhood was marked with extreme frailty which at times was a source of anxiety to his Queen mother, and the members of the Spanish government, who, naturally desired a sound healthy ruler. But with increasing age, the young King grew in strength until at the time he had reached fourteen he was hale and hearty.



ALFONSO XIII - QUEEN MARIE AND ALFONSO, AGE 4

His education in the meantime was not neglected. At his studies he showed an apt pupil, proving early mastery of French, English, German, and military routine. His school-boy days are marked by stories of many pranks, which, interpreted, portrayed the young King as a very human boy, taking a youth's delight in noting the confusion of nobles and dignitaries of his kingdom. Most of his outbursts of eccentricity had their common object. They were, in one form or another, rebellion against the formality of court life and a protest against the dignity which stifled his boyish desires.



AT AGE OF 8.

FURNITURE QUINT LOSES TO WOMEN

In Statesman bowling league last night, Day and Niles, the women's team, trimmed the H. L. Stiff outfit three games in a row and in total pins score finished 223 up.

At Niles and Hemenway rolled for individual game honors, each with a 189. Sharkey scored high series, 553.

The Day and Niles team plan to enter the women's tournament at Portland when the northwest play is held there beginning Saturday. The local quint is hopeful of bringing back some "bacon."

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H. L. STIFF FURNITURE CO.

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The Elks bowlers clashed with the Bake Rite aggregation at Winter Garden in a special match last night with the result the Elks finished 77 pins ahead. In game score each team won one, lost one, and tied one.

The opening canto featured a pretty 1902 score netted by the Elks. Ed Pratt took high series with 650 and Doc Hussey high game, 245.

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