

MEIER ILLNESS BEING WATCHED

More Serious Than at First Admitted; Expected to Resume Work Soon

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questionable act undoubtedly promptly found its way to Mrs. Pierce's ears.

It must be assumed that Mrs. Pierce is out for Landers' scalp from motives of revenge, animosity or malice. She has frequently expressed her absolute sincerity in the view that Monmouth Normal school, the largest and oldest training school for teachers in the state, deserved the very best administration. Mrs. Pierce has stated that the question is not whether or not President Landers is a good man and fairly able president—the question to her is whether he is the best or near to the best man that the school could obtain.

Undoubtedly Starr, however suave and debonnaire he may appear in public meeting, resents the intrusion of this neophyte member on the higher education board. Monmouth Normal has been Starr's pet. Familiar with the situation through early residence in Polk county where he first taught school and later became county school superintendent, Starr has dearly loved to keep Monmouth under his own thumb. Through his cooperation, the Valslet training school nestled high up in the mountains in the domains of the Cobbs-Mitchell Lumber Co. was established.

Starr, be it known, is an officer in this company and it is one of numerous lumber concerns which Starr represents as legal council and tax advisor.

Starr also has been "in" on various political uprisings which have been put down at Monmouth. Good authority has it that the flapping of the black wing which saw Thomas Gentle removed as training school head a few years ago, outwardly was Landers' doing but actually was the order of Starr.

Starr, in higher education, is a direct creation of the late Patterson administration for which he was a Warwick. He will be recalled that the senate turned down his appointment by Governor Patterson one stormy night in 1929. But the governor, with Starr closeted with him, was adamant that "Little Ike" be honored with a nine-year term. The senate, induced by promises which only a governor can make, reversed its earlier decision and gave the nine-year term on the board to Starr.

Today the political strength of Starr has waned. It is known he is not a Meier man. He did not support him in the election. He fought ardently for the full budget for higher education in the 1931 legislature and protested vigorously against the \$500,000 veto made by the governor. The board of education has not been nearly as prompt to put into effect the economies in operation outlined by the governor and the recent survey as Mr. Meier thinks possible.

Starr in Tickleish Political Position

In short, Mr. Starr is in the tickleish position of holding power and office given him by another administration while the existing administration is not his own. This political situation all-ways is fraught with danger. That Governor Meier sensed it was indicated to this writer months ago when the governor commented that "he already had three members of the board and could get three more."

If Mr. Meier should be insistent that the Monmouth situation as developed in the hearing warranted a change in presidents, and if Mr. Starr should be equally as insistent that it didn't and that the board's prerogatives were being interfered with, the situation is fraught with news possibilities. All is not quiet, either, behind the scenes of the highway commission. Here we have the situation of two strong-minded, able men not getting along any too well together. We refer to Chairman H. B. Van Duzer and Mr. Meier's own Senator Charles K. Spaulding. Because both men are able, virile and dynamic and because of the important positions publicly and privately occupied by each this conflict between the actors is highly interesting and at times amusing. It is carried on publicly with such sang froid one must have a background on the situation to appreciate its hidden humor.

Spaulding came to the commission with the fixation that Mr. Van Duzer had been too long been the entire show. Now if this was not the case it appeared so. Year after year Van Duzer was chairman. He presided at the meetings, of course, and usually did most of the talking. Able as was Robert W. Sawyer of Bend his influence was most felt in conference while C. E. "Pop" Gates of Medford, always regarded as a political appointment to repay Gates for not opposing Patterson in 1926, was content to be decidedly the third man in importance on the commission, taking his payment in the great glory brought to any Jackson county citizen who could hold so high and important a position as state highway commissioner.

Chairman Election

To Cause of Bitter

Now comes Mr. Spaulding, Meier appointee, to the place of power, backed by the Governor's choice, leader for years in numerous industries, a man given to decided opinions and perfect willingness to express them.

USES AIR TO KEEP UP INTEREST



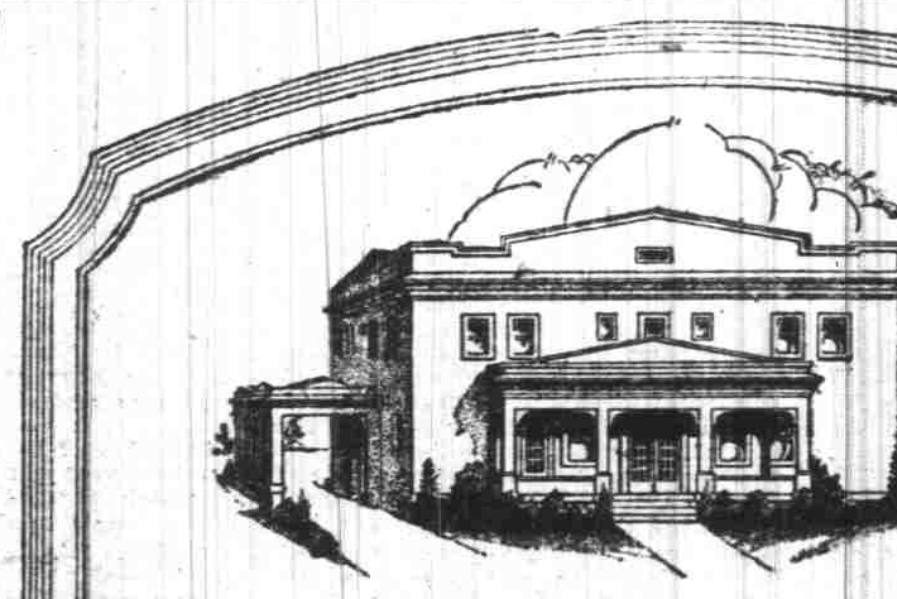
SEN. HIRAM BINGHAM OFF FOR GOLF BY AUTOGYRO WITH PILOT JIM RAY

Rangy Senator Hiram Bingham of Connecticut practices the doctrine that if his colleagues wish to keep their constituents informed of their personality via the use of what has been sometimes termed "hot air," or more politely, oratory, that's all right with him. But as for this six-foot-one Yankee colon, he prefers a different kind of air—the kind traversed by airplanes. Senator Bingham, who learned to fly when he was 42, and commanded the largest U. S. aviation instruction center in France during the war, believes in using the most up-to-date methods in keeping himself before his public. And one of these is aviation. He may be pictured flying from the Capitol to a golf links in an autogyro or "standing up" with a prominent air official when the knot is tied or any number of other adventures allied with flying. He's not only an aviation enthusiast, but he's using it to good advantage politically.

pers buzzed with rumors that Van Duzer was going to resign.

But Meier was importuned everywhere for Van Duzer's retention. The potent Oregon Journal, B. F. Irvine, editor, said Mr. Van Duzer simply must stay on. Whether Lynch went to the block to appease Van Duzer and to restore harmony, no one definitely knows. Perhaps "Bill" Hanley was appointed simply because he had done good work for Meier in November and the governor had made an unfortunate promise to him. In any event, before Hanley took office he was "Van Duzered," that is, his attitude was ascertained to be decidedly more friendly to views of Van Duzer than those supposed to have been held by Lynch. Be it said in fairness to the Redmond merchant that he probably was the victim of circumstances, being incidentally lead into an agreement with Spaulding which made him appear a collaborator with Spaulding against the Portlander.

Spaulding has any number of things to find fault with in highway affairs. The number of engineers grates on him. The payment of engineers seems exorbitant to a man who has been accustomed to getting all the mill workers he wanted at \$2.50 to \$3.20 a day. Such outlays as those made on the McKenzie river project—"engineering projects"—seem to Spaulding vicious waste of public funds. Roy A. Klein, state highway engineer, has too long held the ear of the commission, in Spaulding's opinion. Klein is persona non grata to Spaulding and the latter never loses an opportunity to show it, but so strongly entrenched is Klein with Van Duzer and so much more specific knowledge in his concerning highway matters, the engineer has been able to keep his position by keeping his mouth closed and letting Spaulding's thrusts go unanswered.



Announcing the Association of WALTER C. KENWORTHY With the Salem Mortuary

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MRS. OHLING HURT IN AUTO SMASHUP

Mrs. Merrill Ohling, 2065 South High street, received minor bruises yesterday afternoon when an auto driven by her husband was struck by one operated by B. D. Bedee, 1835 South Church street, at the intersection of Trade and High streets. Neither car was greatly damaged.

In his report to the police, Ohling states that as he was driving north on High street, Bedee drove east on Trade street from behind a southbound Oregon Electric train and struck Ohling's machine on the left rear fender and wheel. Ohling alleges that Bedee failed to give the right of way, came from behind the train without proper caution, and was driving on the wrong side of the street.

No report by Bedee was on file at police headquarters.

Gym Work at Y. M. Starts Fall Season

The pendulum of physical department activities at the Y. M. C. A., which went through the center position during the summer, will start on the right of this week, when many of the classes and special sports will get under way. As a result of the unusually great interest shown in swimming this summer, classes in the "Y" tank will be given special stress in the fall and winter athletic program, according to Robert R. Boardman, physical director.

Business men's classes will begin tomorrow. A large enrollment is expected. The classes will be held regularly thereafter at 5:30 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Wrestling, a sport of increasing prominence at the "Y," will again be directed by Don Hendrie, northwest amateur and Washington State college champion. The opening of the high and of Willamette university will bring back a number of wrestlers who worked out in the association classes last year.

Women's work at the "Y" is scheduled to start on Wednesday, September 23. Whether the classes which have heretofore been held on Thursday will be changed to Friday will be decided by the time the women's activities are begun. Morning classes will start at 9 instead of at 9:15 o'clock. All women participating in the classes at the Y. M. C. A. are required to have a health examination. Blank certificates for the physician's report may be obtained at the association offices.

The Black Dragons, lifesaving corps, who have been active throughout the summer, will continue their work this fall and winter. They are expected to stage a number of exhibitions and was Spaulding, Meier appointee, raising commission "whoopie," which to Van Duzer, Meier carry-over and the dean on the commission, was distressing.

How long can the open and secret conflict continue? Will Hanley come over from the east to smooth ruffled commission feathers? Can Spaulding secure sweeping cuts in higher-up salaries? Will at least one engineer—whom rumor has it is L. P. Campbell—walk the plank at Spaulding's request? In short, when the highway play goes on from month to month, what will be the permanent cast and how much lack of harmony will the actors possess as they cut their capers before the public? Time will tell.

VICTIM



Pretty Catherine Cronin, twenty-year-old stenographer, went on her last party in New York's Greenwich Village. She was found strangled in an apartment maintained by John Hartigan, petty gangster, for whom the police are searching.

assist as volunteer swimming instructors. The lifesaving tests will be given every Friday evening from 7:30 to 9 o'clock. Enrollment in swimming classes at the Y. M. C. A. during the summer has been the largest in the history of the local association. The popular church basketball league will be organized again this season, as soon as the teams get together.

KENWORTHY JOINS SALEM MORTUARY

Walter C. Kenworthy has moved from Portland to Salem to become associated with P. F. Kilian as manager of the Salem Mortuary, 545 North Capitol. Mr. Kilian continues active in the business as president of the company. The mortuary just a few months ago moved into its new home, specially designed and constructed by it. Mrs. Kenworthy will also be employed in the business.

Walter C. Kenworthy has been a mortician for 35 years in this state, most of the time residing in Portland. He came to that city in 1909 from California. He was with Holman and Sons for several years and later with J. P. Finley and Sons for three years. From 1914 to 1929 he conducted his own establishment at Portland. He has been a figure in civic life in Portland; a member of the Sellwood Mason lodge, Al Kader Shrine, City View I. O. O. F., of which he is past noble grand, and of the Portland Canton of Patriarchs Militant where he has been a member of the staff.

Brooks to Play Japanese Stars

BROOKS, Sept. 12.—The Portland Japanese All-Stars will try to even up the count with the Brooks baseball team here Sunday. Brooks won the first game 6 to 5 in 13 innings.

Small Wolf and Charles Batchelor will be Brooks' starting battery with Peter Deguire in reserve for pitching duty. Ralph Mason will be the umpire.

MORTICIAN



WALTER C. KENWORTHY

Automobile grade crossing fatalities in the United States were reduced from 2485 in 1929 to 2020 in 1930—18.5 per cent.

SIX ARRESTED ON SPEEDING CHARGE

Either auto speeders were unusually numerous yesterday, or George Edwards, city traffic officer, was making a special drive to catch offenders. At any rate, during the day, he arrested six motorists for violation of traffic laws.

Kenneth Sheridan, route 5 went to municipal court on a charge of speeding and reckless driving, and was fined \$10.

Four other alleged speeders were arrested: Alvin J. Anderson, 865 Marion street; Hilda Mary Hohnstein, Portland; Jean A. Reimold, route 1, and Vera Wirth, route 4, who was also charged with not having a driver's license.

Earle V. Potter, 2990 Court street, was arrested on a charge of failing to stop.

C. Rambo, Portland motorist who was arrested here recently on a charge of speeding, was fined five dollars yesterday by Municipal Judge Poulson.

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