

Local News Briefs

Speech Class Scheduled—The 1931 Y. M. C. A. public speaking classes will begin on Monday night, October 19 with Professor W. A. Dahlberg of the public speaking department of Oregon State college as the instructor. Because admitting women to the class proved successful last year, the first time this was done, it has been decided to include them again this season. Members of the Y forum will assist in recruiting members for the class, this fall.

Seeks Divorce—Lucille Howard yesterday brought suit for divorce from John Howard in district court here. She claims he has served an eight months' jail sentence in Portland for rape and was sentenced to a year in the state penitentiary and then paroled on the charge of forgery. The couple was married October 3, 1929. Howard's arrest on the rape charge followed within a few hours. She asks that her maiden name of Lucille Wyatt be restored to her.

Disease Originates Elsewhere—The case of typhoid fever which broke out recently in Lane county and was reported to have come from a hop yard near Independence was "contracted" in Marion county and not in Marion county, Dr. V. A. Douglas, county health officer, was informed by the Lane county health officer yesterday. Dr. Douglas had requested the information in order to ascertain if inspection in the Marion county yards had been inadequate.

Grass Burns—Despite the recent rains, fire broke out in a patch of grass at Capitol and Belmont streets about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Firemen soon extinguished it. Only minor damage was done yesterday morning when a fire started from an oil stove in the machine shop of W. P. Baker, 1630 Lee street. Baker is living in the shop which is rebuilding his residence which burned about a year ago.

Economy Sale, Ladies, M. E. church, Fri. and Sat. 171 E. Commercial.

Answer Filed—The night was foggy and the driver of the car was unacquainted with Salem streets. Consequently he ran past a stop sign and collided with the plaintiff's car. Such is the answer filed yesterday in circuit court here by John J. Ransom and Justin A. Ransom, defendants in an action previously brought by John H. Saere through his guardian ad litem, J. S. Saere.

Forum Organized—A Sunday evening forum for young people above high school age and attending Williams university was organized by the First Methodist church this week. The first meeting will be held Sunday night at 6:30 o'clock, when "Is the Golden Rule Practical" will be discussed. All interested young people are invited.

Will Organize—A meeting will be held in the auditorium of Leslie junior high school this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock to organize for the year's work. Aiding in the organization will be Mrs. Elizabeth Galaher, Margaret Freeman and Minnie Shrodes.

Non-Support Charged—Preston Hale was brought up from Marshfield Wednesday on a non-support charge and entered a plea of not guilty in justice court Thursday. Unable to furnish bail he spent the night in jail waiting for a preliminary hearing which is set for 2 o'clock today.

Not Guilty Pleaded—W. A. Hahn, charged with passing a check with not sufficient funds in the bank to cover it, pleaded not guilty at the preliminary hearing and his case was set to be heard Friday at 3 o'clock. Bail of \$500 was not raised by Hahn and he was held in jail.

Title Cleared—A decree quieting title on certain real property in this county was handed down yesterday in circuit court in behalf of F. G. Heber and Bertha Heber. Defendants included the unknown heirs of William M. Davis, et al.

Want \$2500 Judgment—Suit to obtain a judgment for \$2500 together with a first mortgage lien on real property to secure a loan was filed yesterday in circuit court here. S. R. Kennedy and Cora V. Kennedy are plaintiffs and the Mortgage Investment company is the defendant.

Set for Friday—Sam Steinbock was charged by A. J. Anderson with assault and battery to which Steinbock pleaded not guilty in justice court and his case will come up for hearing today at 10 o'clock.

Lone Permit Issued—One permit was issued by the city building inspector yesterday.

Births
Abc—To Mr. and Mrs. Kurazo Abe, route 9, a boy, Kazumi, born October 1.

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To Attend Meet—Henry R. Crawford, president of the Salem chamber of commerce, and C. E. Wilson, manager, are planning to attend a meeting of the Willamette River Improvement association which is to be held Wednesday, October 14, at Corvallis. Men representing communities above this city on the river are expected to attend. Eugene has taken the lead in urging canalization of the Willamette river and Senator Charles L. McNary has indicated his willingness to push the matter before congress.

Many Music Students—A large number of students are taking music courses at Willamette this year. The number of those in the music school has increased over last year. However most of those taking music are also studying liberal arts at the same time and consequently the music students are more numerous than earlier reports indicated, says Professor Marshall.

Dr. Steed to Speak—Dr. J. Lyman Steed, superintendent of the Oregon State School for the Deaf, will address the Lions club at its meeting next Thursday noon. It was announced at yesterday's luncheon. Entertainment will be given by pupils of the deaf school.

Russ Smith, Center and Church, for tire bargains.
Estate Appraised—Laura E. Brook, deceased, left an estate of \$562.50 consisting entirely of cash in a local bank, appraisers reported yesterday to the probate court here. Appraisers were John Heltzel, Roy Nelson and Betty Renne.

Violinist Pleases Lions—Delbert Jensen, young Salem violinist, entertained members of the Lions club yesterday with two solos. Emory Hobson accompanied him at the piano.

Mrs. Baker Dies—Word was received here last night of the death of Minnie J. Baker, wife of J. Wayne Baker. Mrs. Baker passed away at Detroit, Mich., on Wednesday, October 7.

Want Mortgage Foreclosed—Suit to foreclose a mortgage for \$2000 was filed yesterday in circuit court by John Folke and Anna Folke, Theodore C. Amend, et al, being named defendants.
Case Set Over—Jake Singer, who is being held for a non-support charge had his case set over to 10 o'clock Friday in justice court Thursday.

AUTO CRASH CAUSE OF SERIOUS INJURY

Mrs. George Smith, 2380 Fairground road, was severely injured yesterday afternoon when she was thrown from the touring car in which she and her husband were riding, as it was struck at Liberty and Court streets by a light coupe driven by Leslie V. Wellman of Portland. First aid was given the injured woman by an attendant in the Woolpert and Hunt drug store. Mr. Smith was painfully jolted by the impact.

Mr. Wellman was arrested for failing to give the right of way. By George Edwards, city traffic officer who investigated the accident. He was cited to appear in municipal court this morning. Officer Edwards reported that the Smith car was well into the intersection when it was struck by Wellman's machine. In his report of the accident, Wellman claims he had the right of way.

Repairs to the Portland man's automobile will cost \$27. Damage done to Mr. Smith's touring car consisted chiefly of bent axles.

Other motor vehicle accidents reported yesterday were: Miss R. Fairbanks, Salem, and Miss Gladys Tipton, Patton apartments, on Chemeketa between Liberty and Commercial; S. A. Harris, Broome, and an unidentified driver, between Front and State streets.

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SCHOOL TRANSPORT SETTLEMENT NEAR

Stayton and Nearby Rivals Confer Over Question Of bus Territory

The school transportation controversy which has existed between Stayton high school and the high schools of Turner, Aumsville and Jefferson was one step nearer the courts or settlement yesterday when word from lawyers here confirmed a rumor earlier in the week that a conference between representatives of both sides had been held for part of the week.

At the present time Stayton's side in the dispute is being briefed by B. F. Mulkey of Portland and George Duncan of Stayton, while James Heltzel is outlining the argument for Turner, Aumsville and Jefferson. When the lawyers have probed the entire transportation matter decision will be made either to take the matter into courts, to arbitrate the issue or for one side or the other in the dispute to relinquish its present contention.

The gist of the controversy arises over the fact that 18 pupils now going to Stayton high school come from territory allotted to Turner, Aumsville and Jefferson high schools at a meeting of the county board last June. These schools contend Stayton is without rights to these pupils and will sue for territory allotted to Turner, Aumsville and Jefferson. When the lawyers have probed the entire transportation matter decision will be made either to take the matter into courts, to arbitrate the issue or for one side or the other in the dispute to relinquish its present contention.

While the boundary board apparently lacks power to demand that Stayton now cease hauling the pupils, the 1931 law giving the board power to designate transportation lines declares that "no school violating the provisions of this act shall receive any funds from the tuition fund." Should the board next June, when it proposes tuition and transportation funds apply this prerogative, it might penalize Stayton high school to the extent of \$3250, or \$150 for the 55 pupils being hauled to the school from Marion county areas. Of the \$150 annual charge, \$40 is for transportation and approximately \$110 for tuition. On the other hand, if the boundary board disallowed only transportation and tuition claims for pupils in the area allotted to the other three schools a loss of \$150 a pupil for 18 students would be incurred, or a total of \$2700.

While the boundary board under the 1931 law has clear power to designate routes for transportation, Attorney General Van Winkle held in an opinion sent C. A. Howard, state superintendent of public instruction, September 18, "The power of regulation is not an arbitrary power to be exercised at the pleasure of the boards, but is a power to be used at will by the boundary boards, but is a power to be used with discretion, tending either to approve or deny a proposed route, depending upon its reasonableness or justice in connection with all existing facts and circumstances."

The contention of the Stayton school board, headed by Grant Murphy, chairman, lies in the fact that the boundary board consisting of the county court and the county school superintendent, did not give the Stayton school board a fair hearing before allocating the 1931-32 transportation routes. The Stayton board was given the route it is now utilizing by the boundary board in 1929. The former board claims it bought buses and transported pupils with them for two years and then had its route cut down and re-routed between Jefferson, Turner and Aumsville when the Stayton group had done the pioneering work and borne the initial expense which was greater than the return.

Among the 18 pupils involved by the controversy, loyalty apparently is with Stayton, a number of the pupils having declared they would continue to go to that school even if the route now being used by Stayton was held up by court injunction. In that case the pupils under the law could be transported by Stayton provided they made their own way to the Stayton route which had been allowed by the boundary board in

Under the Dome . . .

Occurrences and Gossip at the center of Oregon's state government

HAD the delegations to the state highway meeting yesterday been provided with shovels they would have been able to build the shortcut from Portland to the sea. At least this was the opinion of Ray Conway of the Oregon Motor association. The delegations urging this highway have attended about every session of the commission held the past six months. What a lot of time could have been put on roads.

Well, the new commission got under way in short order, and the selection of J. C. Almsworth as chairman proved a good choice. Not only did he make a good chairman but he bore all the marks of an excellent commissioner. He sat through the meeting very attentively and consumed very little time with talk. The commission did accomplish a lot for a first one for a new member.

Russian atmosphere seemed to pervade the highway meeting. Along came Senator W. F. Woodward, that courteous solon from Multnomah county, and presented a five-year financing plan for highway work. Hardly had his soviet-like proposal been presented when Commissioner Spaulding countered with a five-project expenditure plan.

Almsworth started off with a handicap yesterday. This week

June, 1931. In that case the Stayton board could make claim for transportation and the boundary board would be compelled to pay it, the law providing that a pupil may take whatever route he chooses providing he makes his own way to that route.

Representatives of some of the districts, interviewed in Salem yesterday, indicated they were anxious to avoid a lawsuit if possible, because of the cost and the resultant hard feeling between the schools.

JOB HEADQUARTERS WILL BE ENLARGED

Plans are being made for providing more room for the employment office which is conducted under the administration of the Y. M. C. A. and operated as a free service by the Y. M. C. A. manager of the office, Sim Phillips, has a small ground floor office on Chemeketa street. It is not anticipated that these quarters will be satisfactory during the coming winter, so second floor quarters will be provided in the same building at the corner of Commercial and Chemeketa streets. The room will be much larger and will permit the men waiting for calls to go to work to sit in a warm room and not have to stand out in the street. Then next spring the office will be moved downstairs again.

The county will consolidate its employment work with the regular employment bureau so there will be no duplication of effort or expense. Mr. Phillips will receive sufficient secretarial help to care for the additional work. The employment office operates without charging any fees to men and women seeking work nor to those hiring labor. The Y. M. C. A. manages the office and provides part of the expense. The major portion is supplied by government units which cooperate to maintain the free employment bureau for Salem.

At the meeting of the Y. M. C. A. board yesterday noon the employment committee was instructed to make the necessary arrangements with the county and the owners of the building.

PARIS TO SELL
SCIO, Oct. 8.—F. B. Paris will have a public sale at his farm, the former N. B. Moses place, five miles southwest of Scio on Saturday, October 9, when horses, cattle and other property will be offered.

STATE POLICE WAR ON DRUNK DRIVERS

Many Arrest on This Count Made Since July Says Captain H. Niles

The drunken driver is going to be driven from the highways by the newly organized state police force, Captain Harry Niles of Portland, assistant superintendent, told members of Lions club at their noon luncheon yesterday. More arrests of all kinds were made by the new department during the first month of its service than had or before been made in a single month by the old agencies, he announced. With the state police system in operation only two months, 11 criminals have been sent to the state penitentiary.

As soon as the state's criminal investigation bureau is properly equipped, the poorest man will have at his service the best of scientific criminal investigation, such as, formerly was available only to the wealthy man, according to Captain Niles. Last week the bureau received 25,000 special men fingerprints and photographs.

"The governor, as the executive officer of the state, needs a means of enforcing laws," Captain Niles said. "The militia organization cannot be a police organization. Four years at least are required to educate a police officer. The state police will not interfere with the city police, but rather will assist them. Charles Pray, the superintendent of the state department, is rated as one of the best investigating officers in the United States."

Although fingerprinting is the most certain means of identifying criminals, its service is obscured to the public by the fact that 95 per cent of the cases of fingerprint identification result in the lawbreakers' pleading guilty, Captain Niles in substance told the Lions, and continued: "Fin-

HIGH SCHOOL HEADS WILL GATHER HERE

A large percentage of the 227 members of the Oregon High School Principals' association are expected to come to Salem next Friday for the third annual conference of the organization. The conference will be held in the hall of representatives at the statehouse on Friday and Saturday.

SCHEDULE ANNUAL Y. M. C. A. MEETING

The annual meeting of the Y. M. C. A. will be held Wednesday evening, October 14 at the Y. M. C. A. building. Directors for the coming year will be chosen and the meeting will mark the launching of the annual membership drive of the Y which continues from October 15 to 23rd.

At the board meeting yesterday, the last for the fiscal year, the report showed that the Y had operated on a successful financial basis the past year, with a balance of \$240 left at the end of the year. However the board was not able to retire old indebtedness as it had hoped for.

This year's campaign will be conducted to bring 300 new members into the organization as well as to sign up the old members. At the meeting next Wednesday evening the campaign workers will attend and get instructions for the campaign. C. F. Coykendall of New York will be the principal speaker, also Merle Scott, secretary at Eugene.



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