

HIGHWAY BOARD SWEPT CLEAN

BILL PROVIDES TEST CHANGES IN BUS ROUTES

Ordinance Allows Company
To try new Routing
For Sixty Days

Selecting Sewer Disposal
Plant Site Proposed;
Time Opportune

An ordinance was given first and second reading by the city council which will give the bus company 60 days to try out a new routing on some of its bus lines. The Chemeketa street loop will be reestablished. The State street run will be east on State to 19th, south to Trade, east on Trade to 21st, south to Lee, east on Lee to 25th, north to State and thence down State.

Another loop to be tried will be on the South Commercial street run which will turn east on Judson to High, north on High to Lincoln, west to Commercial and down Commercial. The ordinance will come up for final passage at the next meeting, and if adopted the bus company will try the new routes for 60 days and then final changes will be made.

Sites of Disposal
Plant is Considered

Selection of a site for a sewer disposal plant will be made at an early date by the members of the sewer committee and the city engineer. Alderman Kowitz brought the subject up, pointing out that money was supposed to be reserved from the sewer bond issue to buy a site, that now would be a favorable time for making a purchase, and that if the city waited until it was forced to install a disposal plant it might find property values very high. Alderman Dancy agreed to take time to make a thorough inspection.

The council meeting was sluggish and devoid of much news. Nothing was done on the water purchase matter. The question of possible combination of offices of street commissioner and city engineer was not brought up. It has been hanging fire since the death of the year. The council voted to give the West Salem bus line a parking place by Doc Lewis's drug store, but defeated an ordinance to unload or pick up passengers in the downtown area. Townsend changed his vote on this question so it may be reconsidered at the next meeting.

Numerous Small
Matters Discussed

Here are items of business before the council:
Received bids for supplies of fire hose, gravel, asphalt, and referred first to the fire committee and others to street committee.

Approved committee recommendation to award \$50 damages to Joe Roque account damages to property from Liberty bridge fall. Approved committee report recommending acceptance of Colgan proposal for acquiring strip to permit widening of drainage ditch at 14th and Waller.

Denied Salem public market a parking permit.

Received a petition signed by Hugh B. Poirer, Jr. and others asking suppression as nuisance sale of livestock at Woody auction house.

Mayor's Debate,
Privilege Denied

Held up sidewalk improvement orders pending report by city engineer on drainage question.
Filed copy of opinion of the city attorney to the effect that the mayor has no right to discuss pending questions from the chair, his privilege being limited to (Turn to page 2, col. 4)

No Action Upon Midnight Matinees Before Council

No action has been taken by the police committee of the city council on the question of prohibiting midnight matinees at theatres which has been under consideration in response to protests from parents. Manager James M. Carey of Warner Bros. theatres stated regarding the midnight shows at the Elsinore that he would cooperate with city authorities to suppress any improper conduct at the shows.

Father Thomas V. Keenan, of St. Vincent de Paul church, gave out the following interview on the question, insofar as his own views and those of his church are concerned:
"Personally, I see no reason for these midnight performances, but, of course, Salem is no longer in the country town class and the customs prevailing in other cities will naturally be adopted here. We all abhor freak towns and blue laws communities, and

Accidental Shotgun Discharge is Fatal; Carl Berndt Victim

Local Young man Killed When Weapon
Catches While He is Crossing Fence While
On Hunting Jaunt; Brother Witness

ACCIDENTAL discharge of a shotgun claimed the life of Carl Berndt, 27, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Berndt of this city, late Monday afternoon. Carl and his brother, Oscar, had been out hunting on the river road near Belcrest Memorial Park. Carl had just started to climb over a fence after crossing a potato patch, when the gun went off, the shot striking him just below the heart and killing him instantly. His brother who was following about one hundred feet to the rear heard the discharge and looked up in time to see Carl fall on one side of the fence and the gun on the other. He thought at the time that the fall had been occasioned by the kick of the gun.

No inquest will be held. The body was taken to Rigdon's mortuary where funeral arrangements will be made later.

Surviving are his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. William Berndt of this city; brothers, Oscar, William and Paul Berndt of Salem; sisters, Clara Judd of Corvallis, Florence and Mary Berndt of Salem.

Because of the catastrophe, the minstrel show to have been held at the Liberty community hall tonight by the Woodmen of the World has been indefinitely postponed. Mr. and Mrs. Berndt are pioneers of the Liberty district. Carl has been employed for a number of years on the Bruce Cunningham farm there.

DEATH CAR DRIVER TO FACE CHARGES

Starker Declared to Have
Been Drinking; Girl's
Funeral Wednesday

J. A. Starker, 21, of Brooks, driver of the automobile in which Frances Monner, 20, 729 North Liberty street, was killed late Saturday yesterday was charged with manslaughter, in an information filed by District Attorney John C. Carson. Starker, in Salem General hospital suffering from injuries suffered in the crash, late Saturday was reported in good condition with recovery practically certain.

Bail for Starker has been set at \$1000, and warrant issued for his arrest as soon as he is able to leave the hospital. The complaint for the state was signed by George Edwards, city traffic officer. The information alleges that Starker was under the influence of liquor, and that he was driving the automobile in a reckless manner. Two witnesses told the police that the Starker car was traveling at a speed of 60 miles an hour. Frances and Agnes Monner, her (Turn to page 2, col. 4)

Pick Dr. Prime New President Of Traps Club

Dr. Glenn E. Prime last night was elected president of the Salem Trapsnappers club at a meeting held at the chamber of commerce. Bert McKay was elected vice president; Clarence Baum, secretary, and Carl Bahlburg, treasurer.

The state telegraphic shoot will start on Sunday, March 6, it was announced. In conjunction with this event, the local club will stage a ham and bacon shoot.

SNOW FALLS AFTER ONE BEAUTIFUL DAY

Clearing Weather Forecast
Today; Portland Gets
Wintry Weather

Snowy streets Monday morning came as a shock to Salem people who had yet the vision of the brilliant sunshine of Sunday in mind. But snow there was and the nearer Portland a traveler got, the more snow there was. At least an inch of snow covered Portland and 10 o'clock Monday morning, but with evening most of it was gone and as for Salem there was only a "smattering."

Weather bureau reports from the airport flying forecast indicate improved conditions during Tuesday night and the Portland weather bureau forecast gave hope for a fair day with rather low temperature for Tuesday.

The temperature at 9 o'clock Monday night stood at 32 degrees. Sunday was a day such as February frequently gives. It was perfectly clear, in contrast to many weeks of cloudy, rainy weather. The mountain ranges stood out sharp, the great peaks, from Siskiyou to Mt. Rainier, standing clear and were visible to those who traveled the length of the valley. The Cascade range below the high peaks is also covered with snow on the tops of the ridges and reaching down the flanks. In the mountains, as seen from the valley, than for many years.

The coast range too shows much snow on the higher altitudes.

Monday brought cloudy weather again, though the chill north wind continued until late afternoon.

VICTIM OF KIDNAP PLOT FOUND SAFE

CLEVELAND, Feb. 16.—(Tuesday)—(AP)—Mysteriously kidnapped last Thursday, Harry H. Blagden, wealthy sportsman of Lake Placid, N. Y., was located early today, unharmed, at the home of a friend, Claude J. Peck, in Cleveland.

Blagden's friends here said he obtained his freedom about midnight by overpowering one of his kidnapers.

During his absence from Lake Placid, friends and relatives there had feared Blagden had been slain. A letter in his writing, appraised at \$1,000 ransom but when a brother took the money to the appointed place, the kidnapers failed to appear.

Russia Planning Manchuria Move Tokyo Informed

TOKYO, Feb. 16.—(Tuesday)—(AP)—Concern was expressed in official quarters at a report reaching the foreign office today from an undisclosed European capital that Soviet Russia was contemplating measures to protect Soviet lives and property in Manchuria.

Japanese authorities, however, professed to disbelieve the report and to scout the possibility of a Russo-Japanese clash in north Manchuria.

Body Found on Reedville Farm

HILLSBORO, Ore., Feb. 15.—(AP)—The body of an unidentified man, about 65 years old, was found on the C. H. Thompson farm between Scholls and Reedville Sunday afternoon.

Coroner Fred Sewell, after an investigation, said the man had been dead about six weeks. He did not reveal the probable cause of death.

JAPANESE HAVE READY ANSWER FOR PROTESTS

Say American and British
Troops Also Landed in
International Area

Answer Cunningham Claim;
No Advice of Apology
Received by U. S.

TOKYO, Feb. 16.—(Tuesday)—(AP)—The foreign office today instructed Consul General Mural at Shanghai to say, in reply to American and British protests against Japan's landing troops, in the international settlement, that Great Britain and the United States also landed troops there and are maintaining them, so there is no reason why Japan should not do likewise.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—(AP)—Great Britain and the United States today continued their united efforts to avert a catastrophe in the international settlement at Shanghai. Japan's refusal to accept the use of the settlement by the Japanese as a military base for attacks on the Chinese.

Consul General Cunningham advised the state department of a protest both he and the British consul general made against the landing of Japanese troops February 14 within the international settlement.

This action was in accordance with general state department instructions to consular officers in China.

The state department has not yet been advised by Consul General Cunningham of the apology press dispatches announced by the Japanese consul general in Shanghai made for an attack by Japanese civilians upon Arthur Ringwalt, American vice consul, and Mrs. L. Young, an American citizen of Chinese blood.

SCARLET FEVER IS REPORTED IN CITY

The first 1932 case of scarlet fever in Salem was reported by the county health department yesterday. Patsy, 12-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lee, 735 Stewart street, was pronounced suffering with the disease. On account of the illness, she had not attended her classes at Parish junior high school since last Thursday. The case is a mild one.

Danger of other children contracting the disease is slight, said Dr. Vernon A. Douglas, county health officer. The only two persons who actually were in contact with the patient were members of the family.

Republicans to Discuss Coming Race Saturday

County Chairman J. C. Perry expects to issue a call for a meeting of the county central committee of the republican party for next Saturday afternoon at 1:30 at the court house.

Nineteen Escape As Yacht Burns

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 15.—(AP)—A dispatch from Santa Rosalia, Lower California, tonight said that 19 American survivors of the burned yacht Almee were brought there by motor boat from Puerto Escondido where the yacht burned February 12.

Late Sports

FLINT, Mich., Feb. 15.—(AP)—Jack Dempsey knocked out a man a minute in a short-lived exhibition here tonight, dropping George Kobler, Chicago, and Pat McLaughlin, Waukegan, Wis., in just a little more than two minutes. The bouts were scheduled for two rounds each.

Protests Acts Of Japan Force



EDWIN S. CUNNINGHAM

SHANGHAI QUIET AS JAPAN HOLDS BACK

Apparently Awaiting More
Troops and Guns; big
Attack Expected

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SHANGHAI, Feb. 16.—(Tuesday)—Japan withheld her big drive today, apparently determined to wait for still more guns and troops in order that there might be no repetition of the bitter experience at Chapel, where outnumbered Japanese bluejackets were repulsed by a suddenly bellicose Chinese army.

Fifty thousand Chinese soldiers have been concentrated in the trench lines and fortifications in Shanghai and at Woosung. Latest official estimates put the Japanese strength at 25,000 with additional men already on the way. Tokyo reported still more units might be dispatched in view of the threat that the Chinese will refuse to give in until they are overwhelmed.

During the last 24 hours there has been just enough activity by the Japanese guns to keep the Chinese aware that there was an enemy army in the field. At dusk Monday heavy artillery blazed away against the Chinese lines at Chapel. A weak response came from Trench Mortar batteries. After an hour or so the tumult subsided.

Shanghai resounded to the tramp of marching men all day Monday as Japanese units were moved off to Chapel and Woosung fronts. Other outfits were landed from troopships and sent to Japanese cotton mills, factories and warehouses which have been taken over as concentration points.

Regulation For Contractors is Congress Topic

Public regulation of the general contracting business was discussed last night by Salem contractors and members of the building congress board of directors at the chamber of commerce. In answer to the question, "Will legislation remedy existing abuses?" the general opinion was that in addition there should be a complete display of manufactured products of the two counties.

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Shorter Hours Given Approval By Contractors

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 15.—(AP)—Application of the six-hour day or the eight hour day with rotation of labor to Portland building projects was approved today by the Building Construction Employers' association and the engineering construction division of the associated general contractors.

SPAULDING OUT BUT PROUD OF SUPPORT GIVEN

Shows File of Letters to
Prove Public Back of
Economy Efforts

Governor Supported all of
His Moves, Declaration
Of Ousted Official

"The people of Oregon apparently approved of my economy program," said Charles K. Spaulding Monday night after learning that Governor Meier had removed him along with the two other members of the highway commission. As proof of his claim, Spaulding pointed to a letter file which he said contained more than two thousand endorsements received from taxpayers and business men representing all sections of the state.

"These letters indicate what the people of Oregon thought of my economy program," Spaulding continued, adding that he was not ashamed of anything he had done while on the commission.

Spaulding declared that there had never been any dissension between himself and Governor Meier, and that the latter repeatedly had approved of his program to reduce the costs of operating the state highway department.

Business Methods

"My sole object in accepting the appointment of state highway commissioner was to place the affairs of the state highway commission on a business basis," Spaulding said. He made it plain that he was not disgruntled, and that he would continue to advocate business principles in the conduct of state government.

"The program I have outlined while a member of the state highway commission will bear fruit," Spaulding said.

"The first authentic information I received indicating that there was to be a change in the personnel of the highway commission came last Saturday, when (Turn to page 2, col. 1)

OREGON PRODUCTS BANQUET PLANNED

At a meeting held at the chamber of commerce Monday evening a committee from the Women's Greater Oregon association and the chamber of commerce, tentative plans were made for the holding of a dinner and exhibits of Oregon products grown and manufactured in Marion and Polk counties.

It was agreed that in order to call attention to products grown and made in the Salem district, a dinner should be served featuring home grown products and that in addition there should be a complete display of manufactured products of the two counties.

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Opinions of Coaches on New Football Rules Vary

At least two of the several changes in football rules announced by the national rules committee will work toward elimination of injuries, in the opinion of Roy S. Keene, head coach at Willamette university. One is the requirement for soft covering over hard leather or other unyielding material used in head, shoulder and knee guards; the other is the liberalizing of the substitution rule, which will encourage removing players to permit them to rest.

While not denying that the rule forbidding striking with hands or arms by defense players in the line would prevent injuries if enforced, Keene fears that it will be almost impossible to enforce it, at least until some clarifying is done and perhaps not then. It may, he indicated, cause a change in line defense tactics, the line-men driving through more than in the past and leaving the task of stopping the runner more to the secondary.

Is Named Upon Highway Board



LESLIE M. SCOTT

W. U. BOARD FACES LAW SCHOOL ISSUE

Future of Department may
Be Determined Today,
Portland Meeting

The board of trustees of Willamette university will meet in Portland today for the semi-annual business session.

In addition to the regular routine business, there may possibly be a report from a committee appointed to investigate the Willamette law school. Social life of the students may also come in for consideration, though little attention has been given to modernizing it lately.

The committee appointed to investigate the field of the Willamette law school in the northwest consists of Judge Rand, and Walter Keyes of Salem and Judge Carey, Roy Shields, A. R. Watzke and E. E. McNaughton of Portland. The committee may have its report ready for the meeting today.

This committee was appointed as an outside group which had no close connections with the university and which would bring in an impartial report as to the best course to follow concerning the law school.

Some have interpreted this investigation as an effort to abolish the law school completely. However, this view is held chiefly by students and is not shared by Dean Roy R. Hewitt, head of the law school.

Hewitt states, "I believe there is not the slightest chance of it being discontinued." There are now 35 students in the law school which is serving its 49th year as a law seminary. Hewitt believes the report of the committee may speed up the standardization of the school.

At the present time Willamette university forbids its students to hold dances and discourages dancing by its students. There has been no indication that the board will make any change in this rule, even though the rule is being increasingly disregarded.

Fire at Capitol Is False Alarm

An array of fire fighting equipment was rushed to the state capitol building at 6:35 o'clock last evening in answer to an alarm sent in by a passing motorist who had seen smoke apparently billowing from the eaves of the structure. Firemen discovered that the smoke was coming only from the smokestack and settling down over the building.

The new "dead ball" rule, he believes, will stop some "piling up" but may also reduce the "drive" of the ball carrier.

The new kickoff rule will do away with mass play, Keene says, and he thinks it may do some good even though the kickoff wedge was one of his pet plays. The wedge has caused some injuries to players unwisely diving into it instead of under it, though he remembers few such cases.

Keene has not, in fact, had much fault to find with football as a "too rough" game. While some players have been hurt enough to keep them out of the game for a few weeks, he recalls only three broken bones suffered by players under his care, in 11 years of coaching.

PORTLAND, Feb. 15.—(AP)—Conflicting opinions about the revision of football rules as announced today by the national (Turn to page 2, col. 1)

ENTIRE CHANGE OF PERSONNEL IS ANNOUNCED

Leslie Scott of Portland,
Washburne of Eugene,
Aldrich Selected

Ainsworth and Hanley Quit
and Spaulding Forced
Off Commission

PORTLAND, Feb. 15.—(AP)—Governor Julius L. Meier tonight announced the appointment of an entirely new state highway commission.

The new commissioners are Leslie M. Scott of Portland, Carl G. Washburne of Eugene and E. B. Aldrich of Bend. They succeed J. C. Ainsworth of Portland, William Hanley of Burns and Charles K. Spaulding of Salem.

A meeting of the new commissioners will be held in Salem Wednesday at which it is expected organization will be effected.

Ainsworth and Hanley submitted their resignations to Governor Meier following the chief executive's recent return from Washington, where he appeared in the interest of Columbia river development. Spaulding was removed by the governor.

Spaulding Criticism
Irritates Other Members

Hanley and Ainsworth had long been dissatisfied with Spaulding's activities, termed by Hanley a "program of rows and confusion." Spaulding in recent months issued several statements in which he expressed harsh criticism of the manner in which the highway commission conducted its affairs.

Governor Meier was understood to have proposed reorganization of the commission with Ainsworth and Hanley as two of the members but the two commissioners would not consider it.

The new commissioners come from the three congressional districts in the state.

Two Connected
With Newspapers

Washburne, a prominent Eugene merchant, comes from the first district. Aldrich, from the second district, is editor and publisher of the Pendleton East-Oregonian. Scott is a well-known Portland business man, and president of the Oregon taxpayers' association and conservation league. He represents the third district.

All the new commissioners have accepted their appointments, it was understood here. None of the three had any formal statement to make tonight.

"These men," said Governor Meier, "are known throughout the state and their high standing as citizens and successful business men give assurance that the affairs of the state highway commission will be administered with the highest ability and the greatest efficiency and economy."

Here With Meier

"The appointments are effective at once. Formal commissions will be issued Tuesday and I shall meet with them at Salem on Wednesday at which time they will probably organize."

"It is a source of regret that Commissioner Ainsworth, Hanley and Spaulding were not able to work together. They are all outstanding men whose honesty of purpose and high civic ideals no one will question. But our splendid highway system and its maintenance on an efficient and economical basis are above and far more important to the people of the state than are individuals or personal disagreements."

EUGENE, Ore., Feb. 15.—(AP)—Carl Washburne, Eugene merchant who was appointed by Governor Meier to the new Oregon state highway commission today, said at his home here he knew nothing of the appointment and did not care to make a statement.

"I have heard only rumors," he said. "I prefer to say nothing about it till I have received more information."

Washburne's appointment came as a surprise here; no hint that he might be named had been heard.

DISPUTE UNSETTLED
KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Feb. 15.—(AP)—Arthur Lawrence and A. F. Hunter, state industrial accident commissioners, left here tonight without reaching a definite decision in the fee dispute between the commission and two local hospitals.

COSTELLO STRICKEN
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 15.—(AP)—Maurice Costello, matinee idol of years ago, father of Helene and Dolores Costello, film stars, was stricken by cerebral hemorrhage today and is pronounced in a critical condition at the California hospital.