

Local News Briefs

Damage Action On — Trial of M. D. Mayfield vs. Ira Jorgenson and O. D. Bower started in circuit court department yesterday before Judge L. G. Lewelling, while in Lewelling's department Judge McMahon was sitting on case of Thomas Kelleher vs. Fred M. Mills, a foreclosure action. Mayfield is suing Jorgenson and Bower for \$2895 damages for alleged conversion of a truck. Bower, as sheriff, held the truck on a lien, which lien was later declared no good. Mayfield is attempting to hold Bower as an individual party responsible. The case is an old one, original complaint being filed in 1926.

Measles Lead Van — Measles led the van in new communicable disease cases reported in Marion county last week, according to the state department of health bulletin. Of these there were 118 cases reported, an increase of 88 over the previous week. Other disease cases were: Influenza 13, a decrease of eight; pneumonia five, tuberculosis three and chickenpox two.

Goods Eats Cafe, 184 N. Liberty, under new management. H. E. Jenkins.

Accidents Listed — The following automobile accidents were reported by police yesterday: Minnie Card of Portland and an unidentified motorist; A. O. Hunt, of Portland, and Frank Beal, of Aumsville, at State and Winter streets; L. S. Cross, 818 North Winter, and a driver named Tallman, at Chemeketa and 14th streets, serious damages or injuries were reported.

Kiwanis Ladies' Sight — The Salem Kiwanis club will be host at a ladies' night dinner tonight at 8:45 o'clock in the Masonic temple, the dinner for wives of members and a number of out-of-town guests being followed by seven acts of vaudeville and two hours of dancing. A 10-piece orchestra will play at the dinner hour. Visitors from Dallas, McMinnville and Tillamook are expected.

16" O. F. mill block, large load, \$4.25 off car. Good dry wood reasonable. Fred E. Wells.

Imper Avoids Jail — William Joe Imper, arrested early this month on a charge of operating an automobile with improper license plates, was fined \$12.50 in justice court and his commitment to the county jail ordered when he did not pay. Upon his arrival at the sheriff's office, however, he furnished the \$12.50 and gained his release.

Hair out 25c. Givens Barber shop.

Alleged Forger Caught — Herbert Wright, alias J. W. Wright and J. W. Allen, pleaded not guilty when he was arraigned in justice court yesterday on a charge of uttering a forged instrument. Judge Miller B. Hayden postponed setting date for the man's trial. In default of \$750 bail, Wright was locked in county jail.

Watson Lions Speaker — Lions club members will hear Ralph Watson, political writer for the Oregon Journal, as the speaker for their luncheon at the Marion hotel today noon. The "Three Mantles" will provide the music. Members of the trio are Claude L. Brown, saxophone; Leo Eyles, clarinet; and Bill Brazee, piano. Wanted, used furn. Tel. 5110.

Witness in Case — Charles A. Goodwin of the corporation commissioner's department, has returned from Montana where he appeared as a government witness in the trial of Frank Keller, Jr. and others in the Baldwin radio promotion deal. The principals were sentenced to five years in prison.

Back from Chicago — Grover Hillman of the Cleary-Hillman company, has returned from a trip to Chicago where he was lining up sales on canned fruit for the 1933 season. He reports Chicago as suffering seriously at present from the prolonged depression.

Turkey dinner 1st M. E. church Thurs. 6:30 p.m., 35c. Come.

Coons Case Continued — The municipal court case of Max Coons, 1310 North Summer street, who is charged with reckless driving, was continued yesterday for 30 days. City police arrested Coons here February 7.

Principals Meet — Principals of all the grade schools in the city met at McKinley school yesterday, where inspection of each room was made. Meetings are held in rotation at the different schools, the last being held at Englewood.

Recovering from Operation — L. P. Aldrich, cashier of Ladd and Bush bank, who underwent an operation at the Salem hospital last week, is reported as doing nicely, and will be away from his desk for another week.

Steiner Going South — Dr. R. E. Lee Steiner, superintendent of the Oregon state hospital, will leave here today on a trip to California where he will visit the Palm Springs hospital.

Check Vagrancy Charged — City police yesterday arrested Cordelia Howard on a charge of check vagrancy, according to records at headquarters.

Visitor Here — Tom Curran of the San Francisco office of United Press, stopped in Salem Wednesday.

Coming Events

Feb. 24—Salem high vs. Astoria, basketball.
February 24-25—Marion county Sunday school convention at First Presbyterian church.
Mar. 9—Concert of Salem Philharmonic orchestra.
March 15-18—State high school basketball tournament.

SCHOOL UNIT BILL PASSED BY HOUSE

Calls for County Vote on Scheme in June 1934; Economy is Claimed

Major among the comparatively few bills which made their way through the house yesterday was the county unit measure sponsored by Representative Stockdale in the debate on the house floor. Considered a controversial matter, the bill received little house opposition going through with 58 members voting aye and only two no.

The bill provides for a vote in all non-county unit areas in the state in June, 1934, on the advisability of a county unit there. Counties which adopt the plan by a majority vote will thereafter operate under the county unit; those voting the plan down will continue under the present system.

Salient features of the bill include a redistricting of all school areas where there are less than 1000 school census children in the district, into one unit for a county school system. Operations of the system is left to a board of five elected from five areas in the county, the board in turn selecting the county school superintendent.

The Stockdale bill provides that all districts shall have their property and debts evaluated before entering the county unit and future taxes should be credited or debited in ratio to the amount of the district's assets or liabilities.

Stockdale supported the bill vigorously as an economy measure, as a means of securing better schools and as an inevitable development in the improvement of rural education.

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FILIPINO BILL IS CLASSED AS BLUNDER

Prof. W. D. Smith Warns of "Dynamite" in Orient, Will Make History

The passage of the Philippines independence act over President Hoover's veto was a blunder of the first magnitude. We will regret that action.

"There is dynamite in the orient and it is just about to go off. When it goes off you and I may be showered with the debris."

"What happens in the next few months may make history. The whites may be blown out of Asia."

These are quotations from the stirring address given by Prof. Warren D. Smith of the University of Oregon before the Salem Rotary club yesterday noon, dealing with the situation in the orient with respect to the United States.

Prof. Smith spoke from first-hand information because he was in government service in the islands for 13 years.

Expressing himself as sympathetic with the Filipino point of view and their aspirations for independence, he nevertheless felt that the duty of the United States was to remain in the orient. He proposed letting the natives govern the northern islands and the United States retain control of Mindanao whose population is unfriendly to the Filipinos. The importance of the Philippines is said from their coal and resources which are extensive, the fact that they lie athwart one of the great trade routes of the world—the road past Singapore. The United States has accomplished a great deal with the islands; the Filipinos are showing signs of civilization in the far east and should not for reasons of political expediency withdraw.

"In Japan the liberals are struggling now to be heard. We must be patient and tolerant with Japan," he concluded.

FRATERNIS TO HEAR TALK ON ARTILLERY

Capt. Clarence Collins, of the coast artillery army reserves, will speak to Fraternis club members tonight on the problems of that division of service not generally known to the layman. The meeting will be held at The Spa at 6:30 o'clock.

From wide experiences in the service, Capt. Collins is considered well qualified to explain it. Overseas he was a first lieutenant, heavy artillery, 31st brigade, attended the French artillery school in Paris, and saw active service in the New Argonne sector. After the war, he became captain of the coast artillery unit at Albany and later was promoted to the rank of major.

Capt. Collins has just moved to Salem with his family and become affiliated with the firm of Sears & Tucker.

There will be a meeting of the Oregon branch of the International Baby Chick association in the chamber of commerce rooms here Friday at 1:15 p. m. Several addresses will be given on various topics, one from a federal loan man, one from a representative of the express company pertaining to shipping chicks by truck, and one from a representative of the post office department.

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