

Local News Briefs

Claims Negligence—Negligence on the part of Merle Barlem, plaintiff, is asserted by the Switzer Hart Co., defendant, in the latter's answer filed yesterday in circuit court in which Barlem's suit for damages is referred to. The accident for which Barlem has asked large specific and general damages was on the dredge, Black Prince, working in the Willamette river north of Salem on May 10, 1934. The defendant asserts that plaintiff let out cable, used to warp the dredge into the channel, too rapidly and thus caused the accident.

Resume Meetings—The Sunday afternoon Christian Fellowship meetings formerly held at the House of Prayer and temporarily suspended on account of camp meetings, will be resumed beginning Sunday, July 22, and from now on be held at the First Church of the Nazarene, Center and 13th. The Sunday service will start at 2:45. Subject: "Incentives to prayer and intercession." A. J. Smith is in charge.

Crawfords, Carmels, ready. Townsend orchard.

Erickson to Conduct Service—Rev. P. W. Erickson, pastor of the American Lutheran church, will offer a sermon entitled "Does the Church Compliment the State?" at the open air services in Willson park, Sunday afternoon at 8:30. Oliver Glenn will present a trumpet solo, and the Gideon quartet will sing. Music will also be furnished by the gospel team of the Los Angeles Bible school.

Tilbury in City—Gilbert Tilbury, for many years Ford dealer in McMinnville, was in Salem yesterday on business. The prune, walnut and dairy outlook in Yamhill county is good, he reported, although Hessian fly has played havoc with the wheat yield there. Tilbury said his own business was greatly improved over a year ago. He said the NKA code for auto dealers is working well.

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Garner's Answer, Reply—Ora E. Garner and William M. Garner, plaintiff and defendant in a recently filed divorce case, filed a reply and an answer yesterday in circuit court here. The pleadings deal with the title of each party to personal property in a downtown barber shop. Claim to the property is each by each litigant.

Beer Stamps Fewer—Fewer beer tax stamps are being sold by the recorder's office, it was announced here yesterday. Mark Poulsen attributes the decline to lessened sale of beer here, saying the police department is making a regular check to see that all beer sold locally is properly stamped.

Dr. R. H. Kurall will be in my office while I am attending the national meeting of the American Dental association in Saint Paul. David Bennett Hill, Dentist.

Bond Notices Out—The city recorder's office yesterday was sending out notices of a city bond sale which is to be held August 6. An issue of \$22,000 in bonds for improvement bonds, is to be sold to the highest bidder. The bonds bear six per cent interest and are due serially over the next ten years. The bonds are expected to sell for more than par.

Case Appealed—The case of Robert L. Laughlin against Perry W. Walbridge is being appealed to the state supreme court, preliminary papers being filed there this week. Plaintiff secured a \$15,000 verdict in circuit court here against Walbridge on charges of the latter alienating the affections of Mrs. Laughlin.

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To Attend Case School—Mrs. Helen Lamb of the local Red Cross and relief offices will be in Portland next week to attend the school for case supervisors. The school is conducted by the state relief agency, the Red Cross and the University of Oregon.

Pays \$5 Fine—William A. Anderson, 421 1/2 Commercial street, Portland, arrested at 1:30 a. m. Friday by local police, paid a fine of \$5 yesterday when brought into recorder's court here. He was charged with reckless driving.

Wilson Estate In—The estate of the late Sarah J. Wilson was admitted to probate here yesterday. Real estate has an estimated value of \$3500; the value of the personal property has not been determined.

Jail Empty—For the first time in many weeks, the Salem city jail yesterday was without an occupant. One drunk arrest spent the night there Friday but was released yesterday morning.

Final Account In—Final account in the estate of the late Clarence Smith was filed in probate court here yesterday. Josephine Smith was administratrix.

Coming Events

- July 22—Catholic day at Champeog.
- July 24—Municipal band concert, Willson park, 8 p. m.
- July 29—Michigan state picnic, Salem municipal auto camp grounds.
- July 30—Oregon Fox and Fur Farmers association at Liberty school grounds.
- July 31—Marion county W. C. T. U. picnic, Marion Square.
- August 4—James Mott addresses Salem Arts League, chamber of commerce.
- August 5—Picnic for all former Ohio residents at Hager's grove.
- August 5—Annual Orchard Heights picnic at Luther Stout farm, Mehama.

Eugeneans Here—N. T. Stoddard, assistant general manager of the Eugene Trail pageant, and Jack Magladry, chairman of the parade committee, met here yesterday noon with members of the Cherrian Council of Nobles, and were assured by King Bing George L. Arbuckle of the Cherrians that a Cherrian unit will march in the parade of progress at Eugene July 25. Cherrians are to meet at the Ouburn hotel in Eugene at 11 a. m. the morning of the parade. Time for the parade has been changed to 11:30 o'clock.

Injury Fatal—Only one fatality was reported during the past week to the industrial accident commission. That was the death of C. C. Knutson, Portland logger. Workmen injured totalled 566.

Permit Granted—Hilda Pederson, 1106 North 4th street, city, was granted a permit yesterday at the city hall to re-roof the residence where she resides at an estimated cost of \$40.

Due Back Monday—Thomas L. Williams, internal revenue agent with quarters in the postoffice building, is slated to return to duty Monday after a short leave.

Jennison Leaves—E. V. Jennison, who has been visiting relatives and friends in this section, left Thursday night for Palo Alto, Calif.

Begins Vacation—Elbert L. Powell, clerk in the money order department at the postoffice, begins his annual vacation period today.

Idelman Estate In—The estate of the late C. Z. Idelman was admitted to probate here yesterday and Lloyd D. Idelman was named administrator.

SETTLES ACCOUNT TO WOODBURN BANK

Settlement of two notes totalling \$10,500 due the Bank of Woodburn by C. J. Espy was agreed upon in circuit court here this week.

Under the arrangement, approved by the state banking department, Espy turns over 32 shares of the Estate company's stock to the bank, turns over his house in Woodburn which is subject to a \$2350 mortgage and turns over a lot in Portland.

The court order shows that Espy, who was cashier of the First National Bank of Woodburn until February 1, 1932, when the bank was merged with the Bank of Woodburn, lost all of the half-ownership of that bank since no value was given to the stock in the consolidation.

He then put up the \$10,500 of his own notes to take out additional questioned assets in the old First National. In the court order, it is pointed out that Espy personally received no funds from the \$10,500 in notes.

The Espy estate owns various realty and its shares are owned by the various heirs.

Postoffice Will Redeem Air Stamp

Redemption at full value of all eight-cent air mail stamps, provided they are presented at the postoffice before August 15, is allowed in an order received by Postmaster H. R. Crawford from the federal department.

Air mail postage was reduced from eight cents to six cents July 1, but at that time no provision was made for redemption of the stamps issued on the former rate. A number of holders of quantities of the stamps have sought an exchange, but nothing could be done as the federal department had made no ruling.

Now the old stamps may be turned in at full value for the six-cent air mail stamps for stamped envelopes. After August 15, postage value only will be allowed.

Get Statistics On Reemployment

Statistics for the national reemployment work in this district, including five counties, will be compiled through the local office, with Miss Lois Barker in charge. The district figures will be compiled from three daily reports from each office in Benton, Marion, Lincoln and Polk counties, and will be established from the first of the present month.

H. A. Ketterman, state statistician of the national reemployment office, was here yesterday to acquaint Miss Barker with her new duties. The district statistician has been employed in the local office for some months, and will handle the new work in addition to the regular routine here.

PLAN PICNIC

The V. F. W. post and auxiliary No. 461 will hold a picnic in the Silverton park Monday night at 6:30. Members will enjoy a basket lunch, and coffee will be served.

Obituary

Gibson
At the home on route 8, William G. Gibson passed away at the age of 85, Friday, July 20. Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. V. Boyd, Rt. 8, Mrs. Clara Troxel of Centralia, Wash., Mrs. Mattie Williams of Long Beach, Calif., and Mrs. Gertrude Brown of Astoria; one son, C. E. Gibson, of Sheridan. Funeral services will be held from the chapel of the Salem Mortuary, 545 North Capitol street, Sunday, July 22, at 2:30 p. m., Rev. Schlerman officiating.

NEED FILTER PLANT TO IMPROVE WATER

State Health Officer Says Salem Water Safe; Treatment Works Poor

Water delivered Salem residents by the Oregon-Washington Water Service corporation has "consistently been found safe for domestic purposes," Frederick D. Stricker, state health officer, yesterday informed Charles M. Thomas, utilities commissioner, who immediately made the letter from Stricker public. The health officer added: "Times of unpleasant tasting water are apt to recur until the present inadequate treatment works are replaced with a modern plant."

The letter followed a recent inspection of the water company's plant here, made at Thomas' request after new complaints against the quality of the local water had been made with him. Dr. Stricker's letter continues:

"Our sanitary engineer was in Salem Thursday morning and inspected the water works of the Oregon-Washington Water Service corporation. He found that the storage reservoir was being cleaned preparatory to again being placed into service, the infiltration beds on Minto's Island were being reconditioned and that the distribution system had been thoroughly flushed out. Apparently the disagreeable taste present in the water for a number of days previous to this inspection had been largely eliminated. A check on the chlorine dosage at both Minto's Island and on the mainland showed that sufficient chlorine was being applied to render the water safe for use.

"The Willamette river at this time is low and the weather of late has been warm; this combination of conditions no doubt promoted an excessive growth of algae in the river water. Most of this organic material has been removed by the filtration beds but all of the offending substance cannot be removed without a modern purification plant. Chlorine will often combine with organic substances to produce offensive tastes even though the water may be bacterially safe for us. This may have happened at Salem. At present our laboratory is analyzing three samples from the Salem drinking water. As soon as the analyses are complete, we will advise you of the bacterial condition of the water.

"In conclusion it may be said that if a modern water purification plant were constructed to treat the Willamette river water at Salem, a safe and palatable water could be produced at all times."

GOVERNMENT BUYS DROUGHT CATTLE

WASHINGTON, July 20.—(AP)—Purchase of more than 1,150,000 cattle in emergency drought counties of 16 western states up to July 19 was announced today by the farm administration.

Orders received \$3,305,000, of which \$2,097,914 represented benefit payments and \$3,812,391 was purchase payments.

The cattle were purchased from 89,113 farms and represented 32.8 per cent of the \$3,515,902 head on these farms.

They were turned over to the federal relief administration to be processed for the needy.

The number of cattle purchased by states included: Idaho 514 and Oregon 66.

More Complaint on Doug Fairbanks

LONDON, July 20.—(AP)—New charges of misconduct during recent months were made today against Douglas Fairbanks, Sr., and Lady Sylvia Ashley on behalf of Lord Ashley, who is suing for a divorce from his former chorus girl wife.

The allegations were made that the famous motion picture actor and Lady Ashley, who now are in Monte Carlo, continued misconduct at "various places and various dates," which are cited, since Fairbanks was first named as correspondent in the case on February 17.

Fairbanks and Lady Ashley will be served, Lord Ashley's attorneys said, but "it will probably take several days." Arrangements for the service are to be made through their attorneys.

17-Year-Old Girl Killed by Bullet

WASHINGTON, July 20.—(AP)—Miss Louise Dudley Breckenridge, 17-year-old daughter of Colonel Henry Breckenridge, assistant secretary of war under President Wilson, was killed accidentally today by a shot through the heart from her .22 calibre rifle.

The girl's mother found her lying beside a fence near a farm home in Battery park, a Washington suburb. Mrs. Breckenridge instituted a search after her daughter had been gone two hours. She went out target shooting, and it was conjectured the rifle discharged after she slipped in climbing the fence.

Probe Death



Investigation into the mysterious death of pretty Marion Mills, former beauty queen at the University of Oklahoma, has been launched by authorities at Norman, Okla., following the testimony of Mrs. Hazel Brown, fraternity house cook, that the girl died in Mrs. Brown's home as a result of taking frequent doses of a "quack" medicine in an attempt to avoid motherhood. Neal Myers, pharmacy student at the university, shown above with Miss Mills, is being sought for questioning by police.

STATE MUST HAVE FUNDS FOR GUARD

When the state emergency board meets here Tuesday it will have a new and sizeable item on its agenda—appropriation for the emergency duty of the national guard in Portland.

How large that item will be depends upon the time the guard stays in Portland. Officials estimate that the daily cost will be \$200. None of the men called draft less than \$1 a day, to which maintenance costs and transportation charges to and from camp will be added.

The guard's budget was held down at the 1933 legislative session and no funds are available for emergency use, guardsmen say.

All staff officers were in Portland yesterday, leaving only a skeleton force at the offices in this city.

Sacred Concert Will Be Farewell Of Prof. Davidson

A sacred concert will be presented by the First Christian church choir Sunday night at 8 o'clock with the event marking the farewell appearance of the director, Prof. Loren D. Davidson, who leaves shortly for Baton Rouge, La. Lois Plummer is organist, and officers of the choir are: Nell Fleming, president; Audrey LaDuke, secretary-treasurer; Bill Judson, librarian.

The concert numbers for Sunday night are:

- Prayer of Thanksgiving.....Kremer
- The Heavens Resound.....Beethoven
- Unfold Ye Portals.....Gounod
- Holy Art Thou.....Handel
- Remember Now Thy Creator.....
- Rock, Hark My Soul.....Adams
- Heavenly My Father.....Teasdale
- Ladies' Trio.....
- Faith, Hope and Love.....Shelley
- The King of Love My Shepherd Is.....Shelley
- Art Thou Weary.....Broome
- Still, Still With Thee.....Footes
- Nearer My God To Thee.....Wilton
- Hallelujah Chorus.....Handel

Agent Called Out With State Troops

Harry L. Riches, Marion county agent, is away from his office in the post office building for an indefinite stay—pending outcome of the longshoremen strike in Portland. Riches is captain of the Silverton company of the national guard, which was summoned Thursday afternoon for mobilization at Camp Withycombe, 10 miles from Portland.

In event it is necessary for him to be away from the office for more than a few days, the assistant Polk county agent will likely be called in to aid here.

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BUILDING DEBT IS GREATLY REDUCED

Very satisfactory progress in paying off the debt incurred when the state office building was constructed here in 1929 is being made by the state treasurer, according to figures made available at his office yesterday.

After the July payment of \$15,000 had been made, the net debt against the building stood at \$153,953. Of the \$511,137 originally spent for the building, \$357,209 had been repaid.

The last legislature reduced the semi-annual payments of principal and interest from \$60,000 to \$30,000. Even on this lowered scale, treasury officials foresee the liquidation of the debt in slightly more than five additional years.

The building is being entirely financed through rentals from the various departments using the new building and other state capital office quarters. These rentals last year aggregated \$52,000. Funds for the building were advanced from the industrial accident commission's reserve funds and are being repaid to that fund with five per cent interest.

TAX COLLECTOR PLANS NEW DEAL

L. E. Neet, in charge of tax collection at the courthouse, is making a thorough study of improved methods in tax collection and accounting with the view of making decided betterments in the system which has been in use here for several decades.

Neet has found that the present system is cumbersome. As many as six books must be used, for example, in entering the payment of taxes for the year of 1933. Posting is difficult and expensive. Turnovers are less speedy than is desirable considering that the majority of districts are paying six per cent on stamped warrants and that each day's delay in getting tax funds causes additional costs.

Neet's idea is to have a ledger sheet for each tax account where the cumulative charges and credits to the account could be placed.

He would have a posting machine to record tax payments. Receipts would be issued on a machine which would automatically record a posting memorandum. A general ledger of taxes receivable could be kept so a daily check could be made on taxes due but unpaid.

Neet is making the study this summer as tax collections recently have been extremely light.

Compile Data on Criminal Cases

A tabulation of all data dealing with criminal cases before the circuit court in this county during 1933 is in progress at the county clerk's office. The compilation of this data will be made for the department of commerce in Washington, bureau of the census, which will compile its findings from each state, for the benefit and use of the department of justice. Data will be obtained on the number of criminal arraignments on the sentences received, of the paroles, of the fines imposed and collected and of the costs to the county and state of the prosecutions.

The federal government expects to use the data in its "war" on crime.

18 Laborers Get Jobs on Warehouse

The national reemployment office yesterday afternoon assigned 18 laborers to work on the new Larmer warehouse. The men will be divided into two shifts, the first shift to report to work Monday morning. A similar number of men will be put on from the union labor office, it is understood.

A few men were sent out yesterday to wood cutting and farm jobs. Wood cutters get on an average of a dollar a cord, though on the white fir jobs peeler have averaged \$1.50 a cord. However, jobs in the white fir are no longer on the list, as the trees are too dry for peeling.

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Wife Stands by "Wizard" Ponzi



Breaking into tears as the futile fight ended, Mrs. Rose Ponzi, wife of Charles Ponzi, international financial "wizard," is pictured standing by her husband in the office of Gov. Joseph Ely of Massachusetts in Boston where Ponzi sought a full pardon for his conviction on a gigantic speculation scheme, for which he served a prison term. Denied the pardon, Ponzi was seized by U. S. immigration authorities and held pending deportation to Italy.

Government Aid Again Promised To W. U. Students

Federal relief funds are again to be available for Willamette university students in 1934-1935. Acting President Frank M. Erickson announced yesterday. In the coming year, the government will increase the percentage of students aided from 10 to 12 per cent of the total enrollment. No students can obtain more than \$20 a month federal aid and all funds must be paid out for useful work. The university administration will direct the work projects.

Dr. Erickson yesterday expressed pleasure over the news of the federal funds and said they would be very helpful in keeping worthy students in school. Half of the aid funds received must go to new students.

One Board Takes Offered Contract

The Scotts Mills high school district yesterday accepted a tuition contract with the Marion county board of education for the non-high school districts for the 1934-1935 school year. This is the first district thus far to accept the contracts; the other 11 high schools in the county have the contracts under consideration.

The county board at its last meeting decided to proffer contracts which did not allow depreciation as an item of cost. Interest on delinquent tuition payments, however, will be awarded. A number of districts are holding back on contracts until their school boards meet.

FINES TO COUNTIES

Fines imposed for violation of the motor transportation act will go to the county where they are assessed and collected, and not to the state treasurer, Attorney General Van Winkle ruled in an opinion yesterday requested by the state treasurer. The attorney general held that since no disposition of such fines collected was provided in the motor transportation act, the money would be disposed of under the general law which reads "fines and forfeitures not specifically granted or otherwise appropriated by law, when recovered, shall be paid into the treasury of the proper county."

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DEATHS FEWER IN FIRST HALF-YEAR

Marion county has checked up 449 cases of communicable diseases for the first six months of this year, or only about a third of the cases reported in the same period last year, according to the half year report of the county department of health. Deaths from communicable diseases so far this year have been 20.

All deaths in the county from January 1 to July 1 were 311, which figure was bettered about one-third by the 431 births which occurred. Of the 311 deaths, 172 were male and 139 female; of the births, 226 were male and 205 female. Of the babies, 174 were born in hospitals, 169 in Salem residences and 239 in rural homes. Twelve infants died under a year old and 19 infant deaths were under one month. Heart disease led the general list of death causes, with 74 deaths due to this; next was cancer, with 40.

Communicable disease cases reported for the six-month period are divided as follows: Typhoid 3, paratyphoid 1, measles 11, scarlet fever 27, whooping cough 128, diphtheria 2, influenza 56, amoebiasis 1, erysipelas 1, encephalitis lethargica 2, tuberculosis 19, venereal 63, malaria 1, chickenpox 72, German measles 7, mumps 1, bronchial pneumonia 27, pneumonia 37.

For the same period last year, the disease reports were swelled by 781 cases of measles and 211 cases of influenza.

LIQUIDATE BONDS FOR CLOSED BANKS

Steady liquidation of bonds held by the state banking department for the accounts of the many state banks in liquidation, was reported at the statehouse yesterday. Strength in the municipal bond market the last six months has enabled the department to sell, at favorable prices, almost its entire holdings in municipalities. Bonds which two years ago were quoted at 70 per cent of par with few buyers, now command 95 cents on the dollar plus accrued interest.

The growth of idle bank deposits together with increases in private funds due to federal refinancing of farm and home mortgages is reported to have greatly strengthened the municipal market, along with the steady pace many Oregon cities have maintained in liquidating their outstanding obligations.

The bulk of the bonds still held by the banking department are of foreign countries or of domestic industries. Concerns whose obligations are in default or whose securities there is no listing.

NAMES CONFUSED For Bridge Creek

John H. Callahan, manager of Belcrest Memorial park with downtown offices in the First National Bank building, is still at the same job, in the same place. There has been some confusion over recent announcements that J. R. Callahan, formerly of the corporation commission here, had gone to Portland to open a law office. Similarity of names led some to mistake Callahan for the Belcrest manager, Callahan.

Named were Horace Wells and Frank Slattery. Margarette Johnston was appointed clerk.

Last year the Bridge Creek district, which is east of Silverton in the hills, prepared to hold school and hired a teacher. In the fall no pupils reported to the school. The teacher reported for duty for a number of weeks and then made a compromise on her contract with the district.

This fall, Mrs. Fulkerson reported, there will be school since a number of families with children now reside in the district.

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