

Local News Briefs

Wants Claim Held Up—A. J. Wheaton, defendant in a divorce suit recently brought against him by Inez Wheaton, yesterday petitioned the court here to have the claim for attorney's fees and court costs held up until the case was heard on its merits. Wheaton claims he is unable to provide any money for such an expense since all his income is being spent to maintain the two children of the Wheatons for whom he has been making a home. Wheaton claims his wife deserted him.

Wants Property Freed—F. M. Morley, defendant in a suit recently brought against him by Otto K. Pauley, yesterday filed a petition in circuit court here asking that certain farm property attached by the sheriff for the benefit of the plaintiff, be released. Morley claims the use of the property is essential if he is to put in his spring crops. He asserts the value of the property is about \$400.

Hosiery mending, Howard Corset Shop.

Wanted used furniture, Ph. 6414.

History Authority Visits—T. C. Elliott of Walla Walla stopped in Salem Saturday returning from a trip to California. He called on A. N. Bush with whom he has maintained a friendship since college days at Amherst. Mr. Elliott is in the mortgage loan business and is a leading authority on northwest history and a member of the board of the Oregon Historical society.

Tune in KSLM, 1370 Kc., at 2:30 today, First Evangelical Church program. W. T. Rigidon Co.

Marshall, Soloist—Prof. Cameron Marshall, director of the School of Music, Willamette university, will appear as guest soloist in sacred concert with the choir of the First Baptist church, McMinnville, tonight. Mr. Marshall will sing two groups of three numbers each. He will be accompanied by Miss Clara Wright.

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Want Rights Settled—Leonard G. Fiske sought an injunction in court yesterday against Patrick Burns, R. A. Looney and A. C. Burk, seeking to have the respective rights of the first two defendants in an action involving \$238 adjudicated before a sheriff's sale set for March 18 is held.

Grand Jury Coming—The Marion county grand jury is scheduled to return to its work here tomorrow. It has been investigating for several days an escape from the county jail a month ago. Sheriff A. C. Burk is scheduled to appear before the jury some day during the week.

Pay ins. prems. monthly, like rent, Homer H. Smith, over Miller's.

Burns Reports Mishap—Ivan Dale Burns, 1135 South 12th street, reported to city police yesterday his automobile had been involved in an accident on State street in front of the Capitol theatre. Name of the driver of the other car involved was not given.

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Suit Set for Monday—Trial of the case of Burright against Woodburn, involving a claim for auto damages, will be held before Judge L. H. McMahan here tomorrow.

Estate Valued—The estate of the late Ludwig Roller contains assets of \$533 according to an appraisal filed yesterday in probate court. Joseph B. Felton is serving as administrator of the estate.

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ORDINANCE TO KILL OLD ONES PLANNED

Repeal of Dead Issues on City Books Proposed; Up Monday Night

Moving to clear the city's legal forest of dead timber, the city council Monday night is expected to start on its way an ordinance to repeal a large number of old measures which are either out of line with the times or superseded by newer ordinances. It also may take its first step to refund its Bancroft improvement bonds with new, lower-interest issues.

Among the ordinances to be repealed are those forbidding swimming in the city limits in bathing suits that do not reach at least from the neck to the knees; regulating the location of certain businesses; requiring the cutting of thistles; licensing public utilities and, possibly, restrictions on street car traffic. The thistle, utilities and business ordinances have been succeeded by later or general laws.

If the necessary ordinance can be drawn up in time, a bill calling for the sale of \$170,000 worth of improvement bonds will be introduced and probably passed with the emergency clause, since two of the issues to be paid off must be redeemed April 15 and another May 1. Later bond sales may be attempted to retire issues whose interest-paying dates are May 15 and July 1, respectively.

"We expect these new bonds will sell as good as the last issue," City Attorney Chris Kowitz predicted, referring to the \$53,869.97 worth of "rebonding" bonds sold by the city last month at 13 cents above \$100 par and bearing only 3 1/2 per cent interest. Outstanding Bancroft bonds now draw 5 per cent.

Although the city will save large sums through refunding its improvement bonds at lower interest rates, these savings probably will not be passed on to the property owners who are paying 6 per cent on their assessments. The difference between bond and assessment interest rates may be retained by the city to make up losses through foreclosure.

Inability of the city attorney's office to complete the coordinating of the proposed general traffic code with amendments made to state laws last week probably will prevent that measure's being introduced Monday night, Kowitz said. It is sponsored by Alderman Cuyler VanPatten.

An ordinance aimed at vegetable and fruits stands, forbidding the washing and cleaning of vegetables on the sidewalks and streets, will be introduced Monday night. Another ordinance to be proposed would make minor amendments to the hot air heating code passed last month.

DISPOSAL CONTRACT DUE SOON IS REPLY

The public works administration is grinding out its work as rapidly as possible and Salem's sewage plant loan agreement should arrive soon, C. C. Hockley, PWA engineer for Oregon, has advised Mayor V. E. Kuhn by letter in reply to Kuhn's written inquiry and a similar question put in person at Portland Thursday by Alderman Cuyler VanPatten, chairman of the special committee on the disposal project.

"Nineteen allotments have been made since the first of the year and to date we have received loan and grant covering ten of these, the first of these being received February 19, and the last March 4," Hockley wrote. "The agreements are being prepared and sent out as rapidly as they can be prepared at Washington. We expect yours will be sent soon but we can not name any definite date. We have wired Washington that it advise us as definitely as possible at this time. We will notify you when we receive a reply. We regret that we can not give you a more definite reply at this time."

Kuhn said he would communicate further with Hockley in the hope of speeding preparations to build the proposed \$360,000 plant and sewerage additions.

Income Tax Paid Early This Year

Income tax receipts in Oregon are running as much as 50 per cent ahead in volume of money paid to the returns of a corresponding date last year, the state tax commission reported yesterday. The commissioners would not state whether this indicated materially improved business had brought up taxes for 1934, pointing out that no such conclusions could be reached until the bulk of the returns were in. April 1 is the final date for the payment of state income taxes. The same rates and exemptions are in effect this year as in 1934.

Vehicle License Gains Reported

Motor vehicle registrations increased five and one-half per cent in Oregon the first two months of 1935 over 1934, a report issued yesterday by the motor vehicle division of the secretary of state's office. The increase in fees amounted to seven per cent. The total number of vehicles licensed is 225,074, compared to 222,343 a year ago. Fees increased to \$1,559,634 from a total of \$1,455,239 a year ago.

Sweet Shop is Given Complete Renovation

SUBILITY, March 16.—The Sublimity confectionery is this week being completely refitted inside. The walls are being papered and the woodwork painted.

Rev. Father Serosky, a former pastor here but now at Beaver-ton, is reported quite ill.

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TAXING OF POWER LINES IS OPPOSED

Might Injure Security of Loan Says Ickes; Too Late for Solons

Taxation by the state and its subdivisions of any state owned transmission and distribution power lines "might detract from the security for any loan," made by PWA to assist a state power district in Oregon, Harold Ickes, PWA administrator, advised Governor Martin in a telegram received here yesterday.

Ickes wired in answer to a question put to him by Representatives Olen, Hesch and Harrison, who sought to know if placing of additional power lines on tax rolls "will injure prospects of securing CWA funds for loans to Oregon to build transmission lines."

The federal administrator refused to give a categorical answer to the inquiry. He added: Estimated net receipts and revenues of rural electric lines might be decreased by reason of tax levies. Of course, the question of tax exemption in a matter of state policy. My only purpose is to submit for your consideration fact that credit of state is not pledged for the bonds of any utility district authority but are payable solely from revenues.

When the senate got the bill it drew a new measure, Senate Bill 404, and included in that bill a provision that any power district created by the state must bear its ratable share of state and subdivision taxes. Senator Burke tried unsuccessfully to get this clause stricken from the bill. With the tax-clause in the measure, there was little senate opposition, many senators feeling it would be impossible for the state-owned utility to pay taxes and at the same time pay the interest and principal on the entire costs of constructing the project.

Olen, Hesch and Harrison, rather than await Ickes' answer, concurred in the senate bill when the latter came back to the house. The measure is still before the governor for approval or veto.

Ashenbrenner Is Arrested; Must Serve Out Fine

Rearrested by city police yesterday, Joseph Ashenbrenner, who lives near Salem, was sent to the city jail to serve out a \$10 fine for being drunk while he had promised to pay February 16, Municipal Judge Jones reported. Unless he can pay the fine he will be kept in jail five days.

Judge Jones sent police after Ashenbrenner, declaring "These fellows are going to fine out they can't run out on this court when it gives them a little leeway."

Kuhn and Kowitz Going to Session

Mayor V. E. Kuhn and City Attorney Chris J. Kowitz will take part in the program of the 10th annual session of the League of Oregon Cities to be held at the University of Oregon March 25 and 26 in conjunction with the annual Commonwealth conference. All city officials have been invited to attend.

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EXTENDING REBATE TIME HELD ILLEGAL

Offering of rebates to taxpayers after the due date set by law is not permissible, the state tax commission said yesterday.

Inquiry was made following announcement here that rebates would be offered by Marion county until March 20. Sheriff A. C. Burk, who made the announcement Friday that rebates would be continued for a short time, said he had made the announcement to accommodate a few taxpayers who had called him earlier in the week and had said they would be delayed a few days getting to Salem to make their tax settlements.

Burk said payments had dropped off very heavily yesterday due to the fact that Friday was the last day in which rebates were allowed under the Oregon statute on the last three-quarters of the 1935 tax payments.

Complete Audit Made in 1914 to Aid Present One

A month's time may be saved in making the complete audit of the city's records, now in progress, as the result of the discovery of an audit made in 1914. It was revealed yesterday by Alderman W. D. Evans, chairman of the council's special audit committee. This audit, completed December 31, 1914, by Crandall & Roberts, Portland certified public accountants, will be used as a starting point for the new audit if it is found to contain all the necessary data regarding city liens.

J. B. Protzman, to whom the present auditing contract was awarded by the council, is working daily with his assistants checking over the books of the city. For lack of other quarters, he is working in the council chamber.

PARKING LIMIT TO BE ENFORCED NOW

Mr. Motorist, watch those time parking signs tomorrow. Mayor V. E. Kuhn yesterday reiterated his announcement that beginning Monday city police would "start checking cars and checking them consistently and methodically." Earlier tagging for overtime parking was withheld because of the large number of visitors here for the legislative session.

Speaking for himself and the council police committee, the mayor said:

"It is not our intent to work particular hardship on anyone. We are only anxious to enforce the law for the best interests of everyone concerned. We'd like to see cooperation on the part of the public but it has proven in the past that half-way measures are inadequate and it now becomes necessary to enforce the law as it is written."

The administration has further determined "to follow up these tags and recommend that where tagged motorists fail to appear in municipal court they be assessed extra cost for collection of fines," the mayor added.

Municipal Judge Jones said he was holding a large number of traffic tags and would hold them a reasonable time longer but thereafter would turn them over to police for collection of fines and add collection costs.

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