

Water Issues Coming Up at Council Meet

Two Separate Efforts to
Solidify Sentiment
Are Reported

Commission Decision as
Final Word is Aim of
Unnamed Group

Water worries and municipal
managers overshadow all other
business facing the city council
at its next to the last regular ses-
sion of the year, at 8:30 o'clock
Monday night. The dozen alder-
men who could be reached yester-
day and Friday, almost to a man
professed inability to remember
any other matter likely to be up
for their consideration at this
meeting.

The one prediction that could
be drawn from councilmanic com-
ments was that adjournment Mon-
day night would find the water
question still just a question in
spite of apparently two separate
movements that developed yester-
day afternoon to solidify suffi-
cient backing from the council to
guarantee that a recommendation
by the water commission as to
source of supply would be accept-
ed.

Want Backing For
Commission Choice

A group of "citizens"—no other
description of the conferees
could be gleaned—met yesterday
afternoon and sought to initiate
a move to secure the pledges of
city councilmen—a majority—
to back an anticipated water com-
mission choice of the Willamette
river supply. But the conference
appeared to meet with little suc-
cess.

There was also a reliable re-
port that water commission sources
similarly were seeking support
for whatever recommendation the
oversiders of the new city water
department might determine upon.

But two schools of thought
seemed predominant among the
aldermen. One was that choice of
the supply was designated by
charter amendment and remains
the responsibility of the council.
Alderman Walter Fuhrer, who re-
fused to vote for Alderman David
O'Hara's and H. H. Olinger's
special water committee report
Friday night, was expecting to come
in Monday night with a minority
report. He thinks the selection
of a permanent supply is the coun-
cil's baby.

Further Study of
Prospects Wanted

The other school counseled
slow bell, wait and investigate.
Some of its pupils felt insufficient
information was at hand to make
a decision; others wanted to vote
for the Little North fork of the
Santiam river but, it appeared,
felt the time not ripe for such a
decision.

The issue will be raised by the
special committee's report, that
when the water commission has
recommended a source of supply
the council shall sell \$150,000
worth of water bonds and turn
this sum with \$30,000 now on
hand over to the commission for
improvement of the distribution
system. O'Hara estimated the cost
(Turn to Page 4, Col. 4)

Relief Promised Mill City People

ALBANY, Ore., Nov. 30.—(AP)—
Mrs. Naomi Stanard, executive
secretary of the Linn county re-
lief committee, said today aid will
be given to at least a portion of
the Mill City residents left desti-
tute by the closing of a mill there.
A petition for aid, signed by
150 persons, was presented to the
county court by a Mill City dele-
gation earlier this week. The peti-
tion stressed that the need for
relief was increased through no
fault of the petitioners. A spokes-
man said the group "was ashamed"
to ask for relief and did not
do so until all resources were ex-
hausted.

Mrs. Stanard said the state re-
lief committee's recent bulletin
was interpreted as opening the
way for aid which previously had
been declared impossible due to
WPA regulations.

Stolen Car Slate Here Cleaned up

City police watched November
close last night with their stolen
automobile slate clean. Chief
Frank A. Minto announced. Six-
teen automobiles were stolen here
during the month. That many
were recovered. The recovered
autos had a blue book value of
\$3942.

A single automobile, reported
missing last winter, remains on
the stolen car list here.
Another automobile was stolen
here last night, apparently by joy-
riders, and recovered by police an
hour and a quarter later. M. J.
Stewart reported it stolen from
his address, 645 Ferry street. It
was found abandoned at Commer-
cial and Kearney streets.

Pants Pocket Bandit Leaves Part of Coat At Indian Hill Farm

C. C. Cannon Almost Stops Him; One More Call
Made After Tussle With Edwards Saturday
Morning; Two Descriptions Tally

THE U. S. army reserves and Hugo, W. H. McClain's
bloodhound, notwithstanding, the "pants pocket" burg-
lar who invaded the A. J. Edwards home, 1180 Waller
street, early yesterday morning and engaged in a "tussle"
with Cecil Edwards, escaped, and made one other foray
before calling it a night.

Salem Force Gets Police School Bid

Hoover, Chief of G-Men,
Sends Invitation to
Department Head

The Salem police department
yesterday received an invitation
from the chief of the G-men, J.
Edgar Hoover, to send one repre-
sentative to a police training
school the federal bureau of in-
vestigation will conduct at Wash-
ington, D. C., for three months
beginning January 6. Hoover's
airmail letter stated that the first
such school, held last summer,
produced results that were "found
so beneficial I have directed that
a new session... begin Monday,
January 6, 1936."

Chief of Police Frank A. Min-
to said he greatly desired to send
one of his officers to this school
and would request the city council
Monday night to appropriate the
expenses of the trip and the stay
in the national capital, which he
estimated at about \$250. The bu-
reau of investigation will provide
all equipment, instruction and
supplies, including firearms and
(Turn to Page 4, Col. 3)

Slaying in Hotel Confessed, Claim

Frank LaBelle of Jewell
Held for Murder of
Woman, Portland

PORTLAND, Nov. 30.—(AP)—Cap-
tain of Detectives John J. Keegan
said tonight Frank LaBelle of
Jewell, Ore., admitted slaying
Mrs. Myrtle A. Service, 40, in the
Belmont hotel here today.
LaBelle was arrested at the
home of his son, Pete LaBelle of
Portland, four hours after Mrs.
Service's body was found.
Keegan said the man told him
he intended to commit suicide at
his son's residence but that his
gun was taken away from him
there. The captain also said Pete
LaBelle called at the hotel when
he learned from his father there
that the arrest of the elder LaBelle
followed after the son had ascer-
tained what had happened.
Body is Discovered
By Bellboy

Keegan said LaBelle and Mrs.
Service registered at the hotel
Thursday under the names of
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rol of Ta-
coma, Wash. When "Rol" was
seen to leave the hotel today,
a bell-boy was sent to the room
and found Mrs. Service's body,
a bullet through the neck.
LaBelle, a barber, said he had
(Turn to Page 4, Col. 3)

Counterfeit Dollars In Circulation, Word

Warning that counterfeit "sil-
ver" dollars are afloat in Salem's
channels of trade was issued last
night after one of the bogus coins
was exhibited at the city police
station. One coin shown there
was a fair reproduction of the
silver dollar but its weight, in-
stead, and its smoothness, belied
its apparent value.

Forest Department Shakeup Believed First of Several

Appointment of John W. Fer-
guson, jr., of Portland to the po-
sition of state forester, was an-
nounced unexpectedly yesterday
morning by the state forestry
board following a conference of
several hours in the offices of
Governor Charles H. Martin. Fer-
guson took the place of Lynn F.
Cronmiller who had been state
forester from 1930 when he was
named to succeed F. A. Elliott
who died.

The board retained Cronmiller
in the position of head of the new
forest extension department of the
state. The aim of this division is
to improve methods of reforesta-
tion in Oregon and to conserve ex-
isting forests.

The board announced no reas-
on for the change. It was gen-
erally thought that Ferguson, a
democrat, had been elevated to
his new position in line with an
increasing demand by members of
the governor's party for addition-

City officers were called by C.
C. Cannon, who lives at Indian
Hill farm, on the road to Fair-
view home, to announce that a
burglar, apparently the same one,
had also escaped from his home
but not before Cannon had torn
away a piece of his coat and a
glove. Cannon's description of
the invader virtually tallied with
that given by Edwards.
The burglar would have found
Cannon dashing out of the house
and after him if Cannon had only
had his shoes on, the latter said.
But the gravel was not inviting to
bare feet, he was reported to
have remarked.
No loot was obtained at either
house.
Young Edwards, who is a first
(Turn to Page 4, Col. 1)

"De Minto" Hotel Will Be Reopened

Community Service Votes
To Give Funds on Hand
For This Project

Reopening of the Hotel DeMin-
to hotel through the cooperation
of the Community Service organ-
ization was determined upon
yesterday by Police Chief Frank
Minto after Harry Levy, repre-
senting the Service board, had
ascertained that a majority of the
board's members favor using a
small balance on hand to provide
sufficient funds to supply the mi-
nimum needs of the hotel. A num-
ber of local merchants are ex-
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food and meat supplies which they
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and he thought there were suf-
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will donate.
Levy said he thought there was
no more important place Com-
munity Service could use the
money this winter than in the re-
vival of the DeMinto hotel.
The topic embraces all kinds of
stuffed peppers, no matter what
filling is used. The more unique
the recipe, the better chance it
has of winning one of the three
cash prizes. Judges will be se-
lected to feature the orchestra-
tion of the stuffed peppers and
more recipes for stuffing peppers
and send them to the food edi-
tor of The Statesman before noon
Thursday. Prize winners will be
announced Friday morning.
Muffin recipes follow:

Honey Bread Muffins
4 tablespoons shortening
1 egg
1/2 cup honey
1/2 cup milk
1 cup whole wheat flour
1 cup white flour
2 cups bran
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 cup chopped dates
Cream shortening and honey
and add the egg, beaten light.
Sift together three times the dry
ingredients, add these to the first
mixture alternately with the sour
(Turn to Page 4, Col. 4)

Building at Low Ebb in November

Last month lacked by but one
previous year setting an all-time
low record for November build-
ing operations here, a check of
records kept by E. C. Bushnell,
building inspector, revealed last
night. The 40 permits issued dur-
ing the month had a total value
of \$3390.

The low record November came
in 1932 when permit values
amounted to \$5685 with 49 per-
mits granted.
Both new construction and re-
pair jobs hit a low ebb last
month. The largest new project
started was a \$600 house, for
W. B. Hardy at 1915 Berry
street. The other eight permits
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needed funds with which to go af-
ter it.

Arrest Bellegarde
Rex Bellegarde was arrested
by city police last night on a
charge of disorderly conduct.
Further explanation was refused
at police headquarters.

Work Offered To All Oregon Men on Relief

More Assigned Jobs Than
Are Eligible; 1438
in This County

Those Refusing Found in
Most Cases to Be on
Private Jobs

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 30.—(AP)
E. J. Griffith, state works pro-
gress administrator, said tonight
jobs had been offered to every
able-bodied person who was on re-
lief in Oregon as of November 1.
The announcement followed yester-
day's proclamation that direct
relief will cease as of December 1.
Direct relief, however, will be
continued in proven emergency
cases despite the ultimatum, relief
headquarters said, although not
to employables who have no valid
reason for declining jobs.

Griffith's statement follows:
"The state organization was
given a quota of 21,200 persons to
put to work. This was based on
the number of employable persons
on the relief roll as of last May.
During the last ten days, the
works progress administration has
requisitioned 25,864 persons and
of that number 20,859 were ac-
tually assigned to work. To date
35,000 have responded to the as-
signments and are now employed
in various parts of the state."

Those Refusing Have
Private Employment
"The reports from a large per-
centage of those who did not take
advantage of the call to go to
work indicates that virtually one-
third of the state's quota of 21-
200 is now employed in private
industry. The remaining 15,000
who are now working on works
progress administration projects
represent the total number of cer-
tified able-bodied persons in this
state and, as a result of their em-
ployment on work projects the
(Turn to Page 10, Col. 1)

Stuffed Peppers Topic for Recipe

All Varieties Eligible in
Round Table Contest;
Judged Thursday

Stuffed peppers are great fa-
vorites both with luncheon and din-
ner hostesses and something un-
usually along the cook line will be
welcome at the Round Table.
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Stolen Car Story Is Reported False

John Prigg, 22, who walked in-
to the Salem police station early
yesterday morning and announced
his automobile had been stolen
west of Snoqualmie pass in Wash-
ington, was in police custody, en-
route to Spokane, Wash., where he
faces charges in Portland and Se-
attle of issuing worthless checks.
Investigations directed by po-
lice radio revealed, state police
reported last night, that Prigg,
who says his home is Aliquippa,
Pa., first traded a used automobile
for a new one at Embridge, Pa.,
and left without completing the
payments. He was said then to
have driven into New Mexico
where he worked briefly for the
Indian service and then traveled
to Spokane, Wash., where he
served a ten-day jail sentence af-
ter running up a hotel bill he
could not pay for. There, police
said, the automobile was taken
from him and he continued west-
ward by the hitch-hiking route.
He was wanted in both Seattle
and Portland on the check charges.

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Sino-Japanese Clash Impends As Result of Autonomy Move

France's Firm Stand Reduces War Prospect

II Duce Changes Tune at
Indication Nations to
Stick Together

Preparations Furthered;
Ethiopia Claims Its
Forces Win Fight

(By the Associated Press)
Italy, center of a European cri-
sis, adopted further steps Satur-
day to strengthen her already-
elaborate defenses.

The cabinet, in a lengthy ses-
sion, ground out 88 defense, eco-
nomic and financial decrees.
Membership in the supreme
council of defense was increased;
an appropriation was made to de-
velop oil production in Albania;
men under 32 were ordered to
join the national shooting society;
and another session was called for
Tuesday.

In London, authoritative quar-
ters said Europe tension, princi-
pally between Britain and Italy,
had lessened.

Mussolini Changes
Tune, London View

Premier Mussolini, these sources
said, has "changed his tune."
They asserted Premier Laval of
France has warned Rome against
any unprovoked aggression
against the British fleet in the
Mediterranean, pointing out that
Paris would side with the British.
Ethiopian leaders were repre-
sented to feel that further collective
action by the league to end the
war should be supported.

A league committee will meet
this week to consider the applica-
tion of an oil embargo upon
Italy. Well-informed but unoffi-
cial sources in Rome have said
such a sanction would lead to a
European war.

Fighting continued in Africa.
The Ethiopian government said
tribesmen east of Mount Mussa
All surprised an Italian column,
killing 183 of them, with 20
Ethiopian soldiers already
Rear Guard Attacks
Fall Say Fascists

Fascist officers in northern
Ethiopia said the tribesmen have
made numerous rear guard at-
tacks, only to be repulsed. Strong
Ethiopian forces were said to be
approaching the Italian lines.
Emperor Haile Selassie arrived
at Dessie to establish a general
military headquarters. To his
cheering subjects, he said:
"If necessary, I will go further,
joining the warriors in the trench-
es."

Concert Receives Publicity on Air

The Philharmonic orchestra tra-
concert of next Friday night re-
ceived wide publicity over the
northwest in a broadcast over
KGW when the Safeway stores de-
voted part of their hour as a Sa-
lem night feature the orchestra-
tion. Miss Barbara Pittcock, the
soprano soloist, sang one number;
Mrs. Mary Talmadge Headrick
played a violin solo and Secondo
Scarci played a clarinet solo. They
were accompanied by Miss Ruth
Beard.

Taking part in the dialogue of
the "circus court of the air" were
Senator Douglas McKay, Repre-
sentative Hannah Martin, Record-
er Warren Jones, George Solter-
beck, E. A. Brown and C. A.
Sprague. A number of Salem
people attended the broadcast
which was held in the Neighbors
of Woodcraft hall.

Hendricks Favors Further Drilling

Alderman Paul R. Hendricks
came out yesterday in favor of
further drilling of test wells be-
fore underground water is given
up as a permanent source of sup-
ply for the city.

"I would like to see the com-
mission try a well by the gravel
pit where the driller (N. C. Jaan-
sen) said there was 'all the water
fore the world'," Hendricks said.
"If it isn't there, then go to the
mountains for it."

Janssen recently declared at a
meeting with several councilmen
at the Marion hotel that he was
confident he could produce a
well supply delivering more than
10,000,000 gallons of water daily
from a site a short distance north
of the city. Within a day or two
later the water commission dis-
charged him and announced its
well-seeking activities were over.

Fear for Fate of Ellsworth and Party Grows as No Word Comes



Apprehension increased as to the fate of Lincoln Ellsworth, polar ex-
plorer, when no word was heard from him on his airplane dash
over Heard Land, from the expedition's base in Antarctica to the
Bay of Whales, after he reached a point 400 miles into the absolute
unknown where his wireless on the Polar Star failed.

Contract Tourney Nearing Its Close

Competition Close, Many
Players Still Have
Chance at Prize

With only two rounds of the
Elks-Statesman bridge tourna-
ment remaining, play will be re-
sumed Monday night at 8 o'clock
at the Elks' temple for the sev-
enth session of the prize winning
play.
Play has been close and inter-
esting all the way through the
tournament and with the award-
ing of the final prizes soon to
come, some brilliant playing is an-
ticipated by those in charge of the
tournament. Leading teams are
so closely grouped that it is im-
possible to predict the winner of
the grand prize, George Ketchum,
manager of the tournament said.
The nine high north and south
teams for the six sessions already
played are Homer Smith and
George Henderson, Walter Cline
and Harry Wiedmer, Mr. and Mrs.
Don Madison, Mr. and Mrs. Ol-
iver Huston, Mr. and Mrs. Mox-
ley. (Turn to Page 10, Col. 3)

Infantile Paralysis at Bend Causes Closing of Schools for One Week

BEND, Ore., Nov. 30.—(AP)—The
Bend school board ordered the
city's educational institutions
closed for a week today after Dr.
C. A. Fowler, health officer, re-
ported that Bob Kribbe, 10, was
ill with infantile paralysis.

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Nov. 30.—
(AP)—Dr. B. G. Bailey, city health
officer, diagnosed the illness of
Mary Wilkinson, 24, as infantile
paralysis today. The case was the
first listed in Josephine county
since last year.

Silverton to Falls Highway Is One of Projects Awarded

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 30.—(AP)—
The state highway commission
awarded highway, bridge and rail-
road undercrossing contracts to-
talling \$770,145 today.

Contracts for another group of
projects calling for an expenditure
of \$224,139.50 were held up pend-
ing final approval of the commis-
sion's engineers.

The largest program—the con-
struction of an undercrossing be-
neath the Southern Pacific tracks
nine miles south of Ashland on the
Bend highway—went to Berk
Brothers, Portland, on a bid of
\$158,765.

Secondary Highway
Maintenance Approved
In addition to awarding con-
tracts, the commission approved
a 1936 secondary highway system
maintenance budget of \$535,000,
a special maintenance budget of
\$175,000 and voted final approval
to the information department's
budget of \$50,000. A budget of
\$2,040,000 for the 1936 state pri-

The Weather
Cloudy or foggy today
and Monday, no change in
temperature; Max. Temp.
Saturday 38, Min. 33, river
1.6 feet, northerly winds.

Agitators for Change Active In China Now

Come Out Openly in New
Propaganda Drive For
"Self Government"

Tientsin Expects Influx
of Nipponese Troops;
"Orders" Received

PEIPING, Dec. 1.—(Sunday)—
(AP)—Autonomy agitators boldly
proclaimed their cause in the
streets of Peiping without police
interference today as fears of a
possible clash between Chinese
and Japanese in northern Honan
province were reported from
Kailang.

Evidence of increasing unrest
in North China caused the belief
in informed circles, viewing re-
newed Japanese military activity
at China's great wall, that a crisis
was near in the tense situation
arising from the autonomy move-
ment.

Leaders of the movement shook
off their cloak of secrecy in this
city, and handbills and posters
urging the people to demand
"self-government" were widely
circulated.

Authoritative sources, mean-
while, continued to insist there
was not the "slightest evidence"
of a popular desire for autonomy.
Uneasiness was reported in
northern Honan province as ru-
mors spread that the area might
become a theater of war in the
event Japanese forces moved into
North China to give assistance to
the autonomy movement.

TIENTSIN, China, Dec. 1.—
(Sunday)—(AP)—Municipal and gov-
ernment officials rushed prepara-
tions today for an expected in-
flux of Japanese troops.

Authoritative sources said Jap-
anese officers had called upon
Tientsin government officials and
ordered the evacuation of the
mint, agricultural station and a
flour mill for use of troops. The
quarters were estimated of a ca-
pacity sufficient for three divi-
sions.

Japanese troops continued to
mass at Shanhai-kuan, at the great
wall, awaiting orders to move into
North China. Trains were held
ready.

The establishment of aerial ba-
ses was being rushed in the vicin-
ity of Tientsin which observers
say will likely be the main Jap-
anese military bases if the Tokyo
government orders support of
North China autonomy plans.

Peek May Attack Tariff, Then Quit

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—(AP)—
Authoritative sources predicted
today that George N. Peek, ad-
ministrator of foreign trade ad-
viser, would resign soon after mak-
ing a "super-critical" report on
the possible effects of the Cana-
dian-American reciprocal trade
agreement.

These authorities would not be
quoted by name, but said they had
talked with Peek and felt sure
he would sever all connections
with the Roosevelt regime after
giving his report to President
Roosevelt, who requested it.
"I won't discuss that one way
or the other," was Peek's own
comment when the reported res-
ignation. He is president of two
export-import banks as well
as trade advisor.

Peek did say, however, that he
was reducing his report to "sim-
ple language" and it would be
ready for submission on the Presi-
dent's return from his northern
vacation.

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SEALS 3c**

**20 Shopping Days
til Christmas**