

## Capitol Must be Speeded, PWA Warning

### Santiam Water Okehed

#### Source Never Condemned Is Official Word

#### Chlorination Only Issue Raised Says Stricker Answering Inquiry

#### Quality Would Be Good, Assurance; Records of Case Revealed

The state health department has never condemned the North Santiam river as a water supply but only recommended that it be chlorinated, Dr. Frederick D. Stricker, state health officer, yesterday wrote in answer to an inquiry from the Salem water commission through its consulting engineer, R. E. Koon.

The inquiry followed publication of a signed statement from J. B. Grier, Stayton city recorder, to the effect that the state board of health had condemned the North Santiam water for that city.

"There is no reason why the city of Salem should not use the North Santiam river water should it decide to do so," Dr. Stricker added.

"Chlorination is properly controlled, no objectionable tastes will be noticed and the water will be effectively sterilized," Dr. Stricker wrote to the Stayton officials. This letter followed an inspection of the Stayton water supply by the state sanitary engineer and former Health Officer Payton of Marion county.

Before he undertook definite study of the feasibility of the North Santiam as a water supply for Salem last December Engineer Koon investigated its state of purity through the state health department, he declared yesterday.

Chlorination Almost Universal, Declared

Chlorination of large municipal water supplies is virtually universal, according to Manager Cuyler Van Pelt of the Salem water department. All noticeable traces of chlorine would be removed from the water here by the proposed filtration plant before it reached the city mains, he contends.

The following is the text of the letter which Dr. Stricker addressed to Stayton officials November 8, 1928:

"Mayor and Council  
Stayton, Oregon  
Gentlemen:

"Our engineer reports that on October 31, he made an inspection of the city water supply with Mr. Payton of the Marion county health unit.

"The city has been two years in drilling a well on the edge of the power flume from which it now takes its water. Drilling can progress no faster than funds from water revenues are available. It may be another two years before the well can be completed and in the meantime the people will continue to drink contaminated water. It is not known

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### New Frigid Wave Reported on Way

CHICAGO, Feb. 20.—(AP)—A fresh cold wave threatened tonight to end the comparatively temperate interlude in the plains states.

It was expected to strike tomorrow and Saturday. Midwestern readings ranged up through the twenties during the day. Some points revelled in the most clement weather in several weeks. But abnormal cold, measured by a -34 minimum at Havre, Mont., enveloped the northwest.

Concern over ice perils mounted. Officials prepared to dynamite a St. Joseph river gorge described as the worst on record.

Government engineers abandoned hopes of breaking high ice fields along the upper Ohio with explosives. Boats and docks were damaged at Evansville, Ind., by a slight movement of a 90-mile gorge.

While more favorable conditions aided rescue expeditions speeding fuel and food to isolated towns, coal prices in the east St. Louis mining area were hiked another ten cents a ton.

#### Treating Only Issue Raised, Says Stricker

The following is an exact copy of a letter Dr. Frederick D. Stricker, state health officer, yesterday addressed to the Salem water department regarding the purity of the North Santiam river, proposed as a source of water supply for this city:

"In response to Mr. Koon's request by phone to Mr. Green we are enclosing a copy of a letter addressed to the Mayor and City Council of Stayton under date of November 8, 1928, pertaining to the use of North Santiam river water by the city of Stayton. You will note that this water supply has never been condemned except for the fact that it needed chlorination, as would any surface streams of this sort. There is no reason why the city of Salem should not use the North Santiam river water should it decide to do so.

"Very truly yours,  
Frederick D. Stricker,  
"State Health Officer."

### Will Draft Bonds Schedule Tonight

#### Designated Officials to Meet; Earnings Are Ample, Indicated

First meeting of city officials to draw up a schedule of interest and principal payments that would permit safe issuance of a \$1,150,000 block of Salem water bonds to finance the North Santiam supply system will be held at the water department offices at 7:30 o'clock tonight, before the regular water commission session.

The city council Monday night delegated this task to the ways and means committee, the mayor and the city attorney with the assistance of the water commission. Tonight's meeting was called by Alderman David O'Hara, chairman of the ways and means committee, whose other members are Alderman Merrill D. Ohling and Walter Fuhrer.

A tentative bond schedule compiled yesterday shows total annual principal and interest payments on the old \$1,100,000 and the proposed \$1,150,000 water bond issue would not for ten years exceed the present annual net profit of the water system of

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### Cook Renews His North Pole Claim

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—(AP)—Dr. Frederick A. Cook's reiteration of his claim he was the first to discover the North Pole was in the hands of the president of the American Geographic society tonight and will be presented to the next meeting of the council in April.

Cook, who first went to the Arctic in 1886 as surgeon to the initial expedition of Lieut. Robert W. Peary, claimed that, accompanied only by two Eskimos, he had reached the pole a year before Peary reached it April 6, 1909.

Cook, in his letter to Redmond, asked that his name be cleared of charges he faked his discovery "before I die."

His polar discovery claims, he said, have been verified by other explorers—were in fact, verified by Peary's own reports.

### Redferd Discovery Story Denied by Flier Williams

GEORGETOWN, British Guiana, Feb. 20.—(AP)—Another unsupported tale of the finding of Paul Redferd, long-lost aviator, in the jungles of Brazil, brought action by two governments and a denial by one of the purported rescuers today.

Williams, who has been making flights into the interior, denied the story saying: "I do not know Harred and he most certainly did not accompany me on my recent search."

State Department Asks Investigation

(The state department at Washington cabled instructions to the American consul at Port of Spain, Trinidad, to investigate

### Stayton Group Eyes Possible Results There

#### Chamber Fears Supplies for Power in Peril; Rights are Cited

#### Gardner Plan Supported; Adjudication May Be Necessary, Held

STAYTON, Feb. 20.—Decision to investigate the matter of water rights on the main North Santiam river, to determine whether Stayton's interests are being endangered by Salem's selection of this stream as a source for its municipal water supply, was reached by the board of directors of the Stayton chamber of commerce at a meeting last night.

A. D. Gardner, sr., who is in charge of the two ditches taking water for power purposes from the North Santiam, known here as the Stayton and Salem ditches, has claimed that rights which he holds and on which he has contracts to deliver water to various users for power purposes, cover all of the water which flows in the main North Santiam in the low water season.

Gardner Plan Has Merits, Declared

Members of the chamber of commerce board of directors held informally they believed the alternative plan proposed by Gardner was the better one.

### Pension Plan Put Up to Van Winkle

#### Gondy Proposals Scanned Before Being Sent to Federal Officials

A detailed plan for securing of pension moneys from the federal government was laid before Attorney General Van Winkle yesterday by Elmer Gondy, state relief administrator. The plan, quite extended and involved, was to receive the careful consideration of the attorney general for at least a week, it was stated yesterday, before it will be passed on, with a legal opinion, to Governor Martin for his consideration.

If the plan meets with the approval of the attorney general and the governor, it will be sent to Washington, D. C., to see if federal funds cannot there be secured to match the moneys Oregon proposes for pensions.

Regular Session's Act Is Followed

The law under which federal funds would be requested would be the one enacted by the regular 1935 legislative session. This law, prior to the amendments made by the special session, provided for an appropriation of \$1,000,000.

### Rain at Idanha Makes Sunday Sport Dubious

Rain at Idanha yesterday softened the snow and made the planned excursion Sunday inadvisable, Santiam Ski club members announced last night. No further plans for an excursion can be made until there is a certainty of satisfactory snow conditions in the new winter sports area.

### Refuses to Leave Team, So Freezes

GRANDVIEW, Man., Feb. 20.—(AP)—Rather than desert his horses imprisoned in a snowdrift a mile from his home, Frank Heber died beside his team, victim of cold an exhaustion attempting to extricate them.

Heber and his team were marooned in a deep drift 18 miles south of here. The closed cab in which he was driving overturned and he was forced to punch his way through the top.

Searchers today found the partly frozen body of the 57-year-old farmer. His coat covered one of the animals and tracks in the snow bore mute testimony to the battle he waged to free them before he fell exhausted.

### Dairy Bombing At Olympia Is Deep Mystery

#### Police Have Good Clues But Won't Tell Them; Not Labor Trouble

#### Loss Heavy But no Grave Injuries; Two Blasts Rock Whole Region

OLYMPIA, Feb. 20.—(AP)—Police Chief John M. Walker said late today the explosions which imperiled the lives of five persons, destroyed one dairy plant and badly wrecked another was "more involved" than he at first believed. Damage was estimated in the neighborhood of \$35,000.

Chief Walker said he expected some "important developments" by tomorrow, but could give out no details at this time.

Two explosions, the first of a minor nature, wrecked the dairy, in the heart of the business section, early today and a third blast wrecked much of the equipment and damaged other machinery and furnishings in the Olympia milk producers association plant.

All windows were broken in the association's plant and 450 panes of glass in the Olympia Knitting mills, just across an alley, were smashed.

Women Are Warned

By Longshoreman

Frank Andrews, a longshoreman, who heard the first blast in the dairy, warned two women living in a brick apartment over the rear of the dairy and they left the building before the second explosion. Flying glass caused a severe cut on Andrews' hand.

Mrs. William Appleyard, one of the fleeing tenants, escaped injury as did her companion, whose name had not been learned.

Kurt Kohler and Robert Mahn, employees in a bakery near the dairy, heard the first explosion and went to investigate. Finding nothing unusual, they were returning to their work when the second blast occurred. They were badly shaken.

Officials at first were inclined to blame labor troubles, or dissatisfied farmers of the association for the explosions, but late today police were working on another angle which they would not disclose.

C. C. Mohler, manager of the dairy, said he had no further information.

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### Cold Departs But Roads Still Slick

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 20.—(AP)—Extreme cold deserted Oregon today, leaving in its wake intermittent sleet, icy highways and prospects for rain.

Portland's temperature rose two degrees above freezing for the second successive day. Minimum was 29.

Sleet put a glazed surface on the Columbia River highway, resulted in numerous accidents on the Pacific and West Side Pacific routes and all but halted traffic in some cities.

A blinding snow-storm raged over the mid-Columbia area late today.

All parts of the state shared in the rise in temperatures. The southwest portion continued to enjoy balmy spring weather. No near-zero readings were recorded.

### Three Flights Down, Is Decree For Inebriation

Luke Ferguson, arrested by city police last night on a charge of being drunk, was locked behind bars just three floors below his own bunk. He had been staying at Hotel de Minto, transient station on the third floor of the city hall, police said.

### SPARKS FLY NEAR ORIENT POWDER KEG



While hope is held that a mixed commission appointed by the government of Koki Hirota (top center), foreign minister of Japan, and Joseph Stalin (bottom center), Russian dictator, will solve difficulties arising out of clashes between sovietized Mongolian troops and those of Kang Teh (left), Manchoukuo emperor. Japanese-Manchoukuo troops like those shown above are being marched into the trouble zone in large numbers and the situation is regarded as grave.

### Alf Nelson Named Silvertown Justice Succeeds Alfred Who Goes to Heppner; Appointee Prominent Lawyer

Alf O. Nelson, Silvertown lawyer and real estate dealer, was named justice of the peace for that district yesterday by Governor Charles H. Martin. He succeeds Frank Alfred, attorney, whose resignation was filed yesterday. Alfred is moving to Heppner where he will engage in the practice of law.

Mr. Nelson came to Oregon 12 years ago, settling at Silvertown, where he has since engaged in the practice of law. He had been prosecuting attorney for Dunn county, North Dakota, from 1912 to 1913, and for 10 years, prior to removal here, had been attorney for Dunn Center, N. D. For five years he was on the legal staff of the Northern Pacific railroad and for a time was an attorney for the federal land bank in North Dakota.

Mr. Nelson a democrat, is married and has four children.

SILVERTOWN, Feb. 20.—Alf O. Nelson, Silvertown attorney who (Turn to Page 13, Col. 8)

### Forensic Tournery Is On At Linfield

MEMPHISVILLE, Ore., Feb. 20.—(AP)—Representatives from 16 colleges and universities began competition here tonight in the sixth annual invitational forensic tournament at Linfield college.

Schools in Oregon, Washington, California and Idaho entered the contests. Officials said recent storms prevented arrivals of the forensic teams from the University of Montana.

Results of the opening rounds are to be announced following the semi-finals tomorrow night.

The tournament is divided into three divisions—debate, oratory and extemporaneous speaking—with men's and women's contests in each.

### S. F. Aid Against Blockade Sought

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 20.—(AP)—Portland asked San Francisco today to join in condemnatory resolutions against the Los Angeles transient blockade.

The Oregon city's council heard a resolution this week describing the blockade as "unheard of and atrocious" and deploring it as "unconstitutional deprivation of the right of life, liberty and pursuit of happiness." Action will be taken on the resolution there February 26.

### Russia Turns Down Border Survey Offer

MOSCOW, Feb. 20.—(AP)—The government newspaper Izvestia asserted today that Russia has rejected Japanese suggestions for the establishment of a mixed commission to re-establish the frontier between Russia and Manchoukuo.

The Izvestia statement was an official announcement. It stated that Japanese suggestions that frontiers in question be surveyed were unnecessary, asserting that the boundaries were clearly fixed by the treaties of Peiping and Mukden.

### Union Wins Point, Wagner Law Case

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 20.—(AP)—Harry M. Kenin, trial examiner in Oregon's first case under the Wagner labor act, announced a decision in favor of the textile union tonight.

The examiner recommended the Oregon Worsted company "cease and desist interfering" with employees, re-employ the union president, Sidney Girard, and pay his wages at the rate of \$14.60 a week since the day of his discharge, November 21, 1935.

Kenin upheld the textile union's contention that the Oregon Worsted company is engaged in interstate commerce, that it showed favoritism "in its treatment of members of the Employers' Mutual council and that it discharged Girard for the 'sole reason' that he 'joined and assisted' the union in its activities at the plant.

### Fourth New Dwelling of Month Shown in Permit

The fourth permit this month for erection of a house in Salem was issued by the city building department yesterday to A. H. Nowels. This house, 1 1/2 stories high and costing \$2750, will be built at 555 Rose street by H. C. Hummel.

Residential construction to date this month totals \$12,350.

### Governor Out of Capitol Planning Leaves Entire Question to Commission He Asserts; Denies "Blocking"

Governor Martin will not turn a hand to interfere with the deliberations of the state capitol commission, he announced emphatically yesterday.

Where the capitol will be placed, whether Willson park will be accepted and if so, whether a portion of the capitol will occupy park space—these are questions for the state capitol commission to determine, the governor stated. Taking No Hand in Commission's Work

"The matter is entirely out of my hands," the governor declared. "It is erroneous to report that I am taking any part in the deliberations of the commission. The legislature apparently wanted the old site used and the expenditures limited to \$2,500,000. The commission, however, has the law and must follow it as best it knows how."

Reports had been current that the governor was blocking the acceptance of any portion of Willson park after the board of control had frowned on the idea of \$2000 additional upkeep expense each year if the park was acquired by the state.

Governor Martin said the reports were false. He especially does not want another special session of the legislature, he declared.

### Concrete Pouring For High School Is Begun; Cover to Avert Freeze

First cement, gravel and sand rolled through the mixers yesterday on the new senior high school building project as the warmer weather permitted the contractors to start pouring concrete. Mixing operations, for footings were halted before 3 p. m., however, to allow workmen to cover the fresh concrete to protect it from freezing last night.

Excavation is about one-third finished on the grade school site and workmen have begun the hand digging necessary for footings there.

#### The Weather

Rain today and Saturday, somewhat higher temperatures; Max. Temp. Thursday 38, Min. 31, river 1.6 feet, rain .05 inch, wind west.

### Threat Comes U.S. Fund May Be Withdrawn

#### Banfield Condemns Blind Haste; Architectural Fee Percentage Set

#### Holding Out Emergency Share Talked; Martin Favors Taking Park

CAPITOL COMMISSION MEETING OUTLINE

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 20.—(AP)—The state capitol commission today:

Received a warning from PWA that work on the state-house must be speeded.

Set the architectural fee at 6 per cent of the cost.

Provided that five architectural "runners-up" in the nation-wide contest for plans would receive \$1,500 each.

Decided to ask that plans be submitted on a \$2,300,000 structure so that \$300,000 would remain for emergencies.

Received word from Governor Charles Martin that he favored adding a portion of Willson park to the site.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 20.—(AP)—A letter from public works headquarters in Washington today warned the Oregon state capitol commission that "it will be necessary to rescind the allotment" for Oregon's proposed \$2,500,000 statehouse "unless the applicant shows proper evidence that the project will be expedited."

C. C. Hockley, state PWA administrator, presented the letter. It was from Harrold Hockett, assistant PWA chief, and commented that "the money allocated for the capitol project under the works relief program was for the purpose of relieving unemployment this year."

The information, given to the capitol commission here, brought a comment from T. H. Banfield, commission member, that "I for one am going over plans thoroughly to see what we are building for a capitol. I don't think we can do it in less than nine months."

Hockley replied that "my ideas are three months under yours" and declared "we don't want Washington to keep on writing this kind of letters. He said he was 'not trying to beat you down one minute on the time you need,' however.

Six Prizes Hung Up In Plans Contest

The architectural contest, which Hockett's letter said he understood to be completed by February 1, will offer six prizes, the commission decided today. First award will be the contract for the capitol. By a vote of 5 to 3 the commission set 6 per cent of the gross cost as the fee. The minority sought to set the scale at 5 per cent.

The next five awards will consist of \$1,500 each.

The commission also ruled that if an out-state architect wins the contract he must share 2 per cent of the fee with an associate Oregon architect, but that if an Oregon man is declared the winner he is entitled to the entire 6 per cent.

A suggestion by Carl F. Gould of Seattle, architectural adviser, that an additional 1 1/2 per cent (based on the cost of electrical, lighting and heating) be paid the winning architect to cover costs of engineering assistance was denied.

Emergency, Policy

The commission decided to ask architects to figure on a \$2,200,000 structure in order that \$300,000 would be available to meet

### Limit on Farm Aid Spending Decreed

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—(AP)—Imposition of a \$500,000,000 limit on annual spending under the administration's farm bill was voted today by the house, but even as leaders pressed toward final passage by tomorrow night the agricultural problem was revived again in the senate.

The limit to spending, previously voted by the senate, was virtually the only major amendment passed by the house after general debate was ended late in the day and the consideration of amendments deferred until tomorrow.

In the senate, meanwhile, Capper of Kansas, a supporter of Governor Alf M. Landon of Kansas for the republican presidential nomination, introduced a tariff equalization bill. It was intended, he told the senate, as an addition to, rather than a substitute for, the soil conservation subsidy bill already passed by that branch.

### Mrs. E. Luepton Winner in Round Table Recipe Event

By JESSIE STERLE

Winners in the nut bread recipe contest were finally decided as follows: First prize of \$1 in cash to Mrs. E. Luepton, Rick-reall route 1; two second prizes of 50 cents each to Anne DeWitt, 249 South Cottage street, and to Mrs. Arthur O. Hunt, 720 McGill-christ. All awards may be obtained by calling at The Statesman office.

Next week the topic is equalized foods, any variety. This takes in vegetables of all sorts, fish and other ingredients which adapt themselves to this method of cookery. Please send only one

recipe. The contest ends Thursday noon, February 27.

Prize winners this week follow:

**Bran Nut Bread**

2 cups flour  
4 teaspoons baking powder  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
3/4 cup nut meats  
1 egg  
1/2 cup honey  
1 1/2 cups milk  
2 tablespoons shortening, melted  
1/2 teaspoon mace  
1 cup bran  
1 cup chopped dried fruits  
Sift and measure flour. Sift again with baking powder, salt and mace. Add bran and chopped

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