Should Detroit and Idanha Wed.or Go Their Separate Ways; Incorporation Controversy Is Heating Up Canyons of the North Santiam

By Wendell Webb

up

beneath it.

Managing Editor, The Statesman IDANHA, Ore., Nov. 26 - The tree-clad canyons of the North Santiam are echoing to more than tion election solely for that comone kind of dynamite these days. munity, for December 9 - four to be mayor?" One kind is blasting out roads days prior to the one Vickers fosfor the great Detroit dam 10 miles tered. downstream from here.

mile wilderness should be wedded should be held if any. into an incorporated city. The communities are Detroit and Idanha. (Combined population estimated in the canyon and hear what's Opinions Divided all the way from 1,000 to 1,500).

Question Not Simple

But the question isn't that simple, either. In fact, Idanha now seeks to incorprate all by itself.

The noise from the arguments is thundering far beyond the green walls of the canyon country. It will find echo in circuit court Monday in Salem where Judge Rex his new hight club here: Kimmell must decide whether Idanha can so act. If it can, Idanhans will vote December 9. If it can't, they'll vote anyway on December 13, along with Detroiters, as ago."

to whether there should be joint incorporation.

To untangle the complex situation means untangling a genial, that way?" graying, middle-aged chap named Edison E. Vickers, extensive prop- troit down and besides it's a queserty owner in both communities tion of having two little towns and in between, justice of the that don't amount to much or one espouser of plans to make the funds."

North Santiam the common man's Cites Utility Problems

Coney Island. Untangling Vickers is no small

Incoporation Opposed Vickers, according to Vickers

and a lot of other people, two place. years ago wanted to incorporate "We could get state funds, and Idanha where he maintains his besides I believe this area is going home. But he han into oppositionplaces as a resort area for the Then, from some source of incommon man. And we are faced spiration now lost in time, was with a water and power problem born the thought to incorporate that - say, now!" both places into one. After all, lots of Detroit will be many feet underground when the lake forms behind the huge dam in a year or two, and the remainder of the picturesque town might not be large Idanha, was about as unstable as enough to become a city by it-

self. electric charges of \$60 a month for It was a polished idea. But voters of the two towns polished cooking; comparative figures init off with a 206 to 99 "no" vote dicating power rates were three O. W. Humphreys and son Robert, a few weeks ago and incorporation times those for West Salem. went poof. Vickers didn't go poof, And, finally, we were offered a however. He found out where most chance to see a biochemist's report of his opponents lived and merely

they didn't want Idanha chopped houses and I don't need any more loans. If that land were incorpor-So-o-o. Idanhans in favor of ated, my taxes would go up like keeping on as Idanhans got the

anyone else's, wouldn't they?" county court to set an incorpora-"Well, what about you wanting "Hell, I've been going to resign

as justice of the peace, let alone Hendrickson. Vickers, no man to dodge a take on anything else like that. I

The other is figuring in the con-troversy as to whether two com-Judge Kimmell will get himself I might be at that, after all this Polk County Judge munities and in intervening four- in the mess about which election fussing. But not now, of course." Returns from Meeting "O.K., we'll pass that. But why

That's all there is to the story is there so much opposition to the unless a body wants to listen a bot incorporation?"

"I'll tell you. They didn't want a session of the Highway 99 asso- GERVAIS PLAY SET Some Contradictions Who stirred it all up? Vickers, and he's proud of it, But he also something. And that's the reason week. contradicts himself a bit, as do they don't want to incorporate of both factions.

they are afraid somebody would For instance, here's an exact do something." quotation from a conversation with "They," it appeared, included Vickers as we sat in a booth at most of the lumber interests in Idanha, and what "they" were "Mr. Vickers, what do you think "afraid" of appeared to mean city about Idanha incorporating alone," taxes, the loss of control over pub-"Why, that's the most practical, lic utilities, and Vickers.

of course. I wanted that two years The one-time Willamina business man is a storm center in the "Then why not join in that move canyon right now. He has friends instead of pressing for the Detroit-

who say he is a badly-needed spur Idanha incorporation. if you feel o badly - needed development. Many others say he's a thorn in "Well, I don't want to let Dethe side of orderly progress. Whichever he is, the odds today seemed against him linking two peace for the entire canyon, and bigger one that could get state ends of a town with four miles of trees. But the vote isn't in yet.

After assuring Mr. Vickers we Victor Point

were not suggesting anything at all -- in fact, that we weren't even **Residents Host** sure about anything ourselves we asked what prompted his interest in incorporation in the first

Fo Californians

Statesman News Service VICTOR POINT - Mr. and Mrs.

John Walker (Dorothy Lang) of Crescent City, Calif., were guests Things were starting to echo all of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. ight. Before we could say Thomas L. Lang over the Thanksgiving A. Edison, we were shown charts week end. Additional dinner indicating power, provided by a guests on Thursday were Mr. and private firm in both Detroit and Mrs. C. C. Jones. Thanksgiving Day dinner guests

the French cabinet; bills showing at the J. C. Krenz home were electric charges of \$60 a month for a restaurant which used gas for John M. Doerfler, of Salem, Guy and E. J. Krenz, of Silverton.

Mr. and Mrs. Eric L. Fisher and family and Mrs. Fisher's mother,

Willamina Group Hot Lunch **Compiles Report** Program Set At Roberts **On VFW Building**

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The VFW building fund committee of the Civic club met Mon-

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ROBERTS-Mothers club of Roday to begin composing its re- berts school will start their hot port on the Memorial building lunch program Monday. Hot lunfund. The report will be sent to ches will be served on Tuesdays the General Federation of Wom- and Thursdays and the remaining an's clubs contest. The contest is to days hot soup will be prepared by

determine the clubs which have the teachers as a supplement to accomplished the most toward the students own lunch. civic improvement in the past At the last meeting of the Moyear. Attending were Mrs. Roy thers club, members planned to

Durham, Mrs. George King, Mrs. make all costumes of the children J. L. Newton and Mrs. Rurik for the Chistmas play. Additionfor the Christmas play. Addition-al equipment for the needs of the

school will be purchased including sheets and pillow cases for the First Aid cot which was donated recently by the club.

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Next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Carl Heyden, DALLAS - County Judge C. F. December 16, at 1:30. (Jack) Hayes has returned from

to incorporate Idanha because they ciation in southern Oregon and GERVAIS-The junior class of were afraid somebody would do northern California early this the Gervais high school will present a three-act comedy play en-

First meeting of the three-day titled "Grandad Steps Out," at the some of the more fervent members Detroit and Idanha - just because conclave was scheduled Monday high school auditorium on Friday at a point just beyond the Cali- night, December 2 at 8 p. m. Adfornia border and subsequent dyse Lane, dramatic teacher, is Portland with Mr. and Mrs. Or-meetings were due at Yreka, Calif., directing the cast.

She survives as do three child- his profession in Worland and ALBANY - Funeral services ren, Mrs. Neil Shepard of Tan- Laramie, Wyo., until 1925, at which for Silvey Oscar Goodman, 64, gent, and June Rosetta Goodman time he returned to McMinnville, killed in front of his home Wed- and Lenora Goodman both of Al- living here until his death. nesday by a car, will be held bany. Surviving also is a sister from the Fisher Funeral Home Mrs. Rena Carroll of Harrisburg, at 11 a.m. Monday, November and a grandson, Tommie Shepard 28. Burial will be in the Al- of Tangent. Goodman, who was cemetery. Goodman was totally blind and hard of hearing, ford started across the highway to his born at Harrisburg June 17, 1885, barn located across the road to ell. He married Anna Peterson at and had lived in Harrisburg, Brownsville. Eastern Oregon, as do the evening milking, when the Butte, Mont., on February 24, well as in Lane county. The past accident occurred. His father, the 1900. late Charles W. Goodman, was

killed at almost the same spot Anna; two sons, Curtis of San Die-Rosedale Family Visiting on Jan. 28, 1938. He also was go, and William of McMinnville; In Eastern Oregon

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ROSEDALE-Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Cammack and family and his mother, Mrs. Mary Cammack, pent Thanksgiving with the Albert Cammacks near Vale. They Saturday for Dr. W. O. Powell. plan to go on to Greenleaf, Idaho, to visit Mrs. Cammacks relations before returning.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cole and the age of 80. Committal was at sons spent Thanksgiving day in Mt. Crest Abbey, Salem.

starting across the highway, and stepped from behind a parked car and trailer, directly in front of Paul G. Warren of Salem; a brother, Arthur of Dover Plains, N. Y., and two sisters, Angle A. an oncoming car. Dr. W. O. Powell Belk of Boise, Idaho and Mrs. Mat-McMINNVILLE, Nov. 26-(Spetie Hadley, Seattle. cial)-Funeral services were held at the McMinnville Funeral home

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of Chiropractic in Portland, hold-

He continued the practice of

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Born Jan. 9, 1869 in Mason, Ef-

fingham county, Ill., he was the

son of Cornelia Wintringer Pow-

He is survived by his wife,

judge from 1935 to 1941.

pioneer Oregon chiropractic physician and former Yamhill county judge, who died here Thursday at

The Statesman, Salem, Oregon, Sunday, Nov. 127/ 1949-17

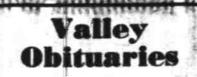
10 years he had lived near Al- in McMinnville from 1904 to 1909

Dr. Powell took his degree in chiropractic in 1904 and practiced

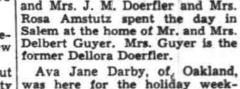
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bany where he was engaged in at which time he assumed the dairying. He was a member of presidency of the Pacific College the Christian church. In Albany on Aug. 3, 1922, ing the post for seven years. Goodman married Katie Cochell.

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