

CROSSING SIGNAL AT UNION AND CAPITAL ORDERED ERECTED

As a compromise over the long agitated demands of the city of Salem for a safety device at the Union-Capital average crossing of the Southern Pacific railroad the Oregon public service commission in an order issued Thursday afternoon designates the crossing as a "stop" crossing and orders the immediate installation of a "stop" sign one-third of the cost to be paid by the city of Salem and the remainder by the Southern Pacific company.

The crossing has long been regarded as a hazardous one by the Salem City council and several months ago an application was made for the installation of a wig-wag safety device which was denied by the state commission in an order in which the city authorities were scored for their failure to enforce traffic laws to which the commission laid the blame for the accidents occurring at this crossing. Following the refusal of the commission to comply with the request of the city council there was considerable talk of a mandamus proceeding to compel compliance with the demand for the safety device but no action was taken.

Must Be Illuminated. The "stop" sign which is to be installed under the order will be placed in the center of the street on either side of the railroad and will be kept illuminated at night so that it will be conspicuously displayed at all times. This type of sign, members of the state commission point out is regarded as much more effective than a wig-wag sign which would of necessity be placed at the side of the highway where it could hardly be noticeable, and lacks the objectionable features of a warning bell to which residents in the neighborhood of the crossing took exception.

In the order it is pointed out that inasmuch as Capital avenue is now a part of the Pacific Highway and daily use by numbers of tourists who are not familiar with the crossing a warning sign of this type has become necessary.

In another order issued by the commission today the application of the A. Ruper company, successors to the Falls City Canning company at Falls City, for permission to construct an industry spur track to its canning plant is also granted.

Portland Petition Denied. The application of the City of Portland for the extension of the Portland street railway system from its present terminus in St. Johns to the public docks, a distance of approximately a mile, is denied in another order handed down by the commission. The denial of this application is based upon a stipulation entered in to between the city of Portland and the Portland Railway, Light and Power company. In this stipulation the necessity for such an extension as is asked for is admitted but the lack of sufficient patronage to justify the investment entailed in such an extension is also admitted. The street railway company, however, agrees to operate at actual cost such an extension if the commission of public docks will construct the extension.

BANK CONDITIONS GOOD New York, Feb. 28.—The actual condition on clearing house banks and trust companies for the week (five days) shows that they held \$25,192,500 reserves in excess of legal requirements. This is an increase of \$27,121,240 from last week.

L. W. W. CONVICTED Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Feb. 28.—A jury today returned a verdict of guilty against Henry Tonn, Chicago I. W. W. organizer. Tonn was indicted for criminal conspiracy and syndicalism and pressed themselves in favor of it, and used.

Uric Acid in Meat Brings Rheumatism Says a little Salts in water may save you from dread attack

Rheumatism is easier to avoid than to cure, states a well known authority. We are advised to dress warmly; keep the feet dry; avoid exposure; eat less meat, but drink plenty of good water.

Rheumatism is a direct result of eating too much meat and other rich foods that produce uric acid which is absorbed into the blood. It is the function of the kidneys to filter this acid from the blood and cast it out in the urine; the pores of the skin are also a means of freeing the blood of this impurity. In damp and chilly cold weather the skin pores are closed, thus forcing the kidneys to do double work they become weak and sluggish and fail to eliminate the uric acid which keeps accumulating and circulating through the system, eventually settling in the joints and muscles causing stiffness, soreness and pain called rheumatism.

At the first twinge of rheumatism get from any pharmacy about four ounces of Jad Salts; put a tablespoonful in a glass of water and drink before breakfast each morning for a week. This is said to eliminate uric acid by stimulating the kidneys to normal action, thus ridding the blood of these impurities.

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CONCERNING MUSIC

By C. A. DAVIDSON (Director of Music for Salem Schools)

Last Wednesday evening Yours Truly and a few of the high school band boys motored to Portland to hear the Symphony Concert and Sophie Braslau, the contralto, to say they had a good time would be putting it mildly, for Wayne Allen, Kenneth Perry, Delmer De Sarte, Earl Yarnell and Kenneth Aspinwall are all good fellows, and the music was good, and so a good time was inevitable.

The orchestra did itself and its conductor credit in spite of the five or six vacant chairs which showed the effects of the flu. There were some 54 men, and enough soloists were among them to provide adequate leadership in each section, and some artistic climaxes were reached. It is refreshing to see a conductor, of Carl Denton's type, just plain everyday American, who doesn't grandstand, but who has his players at his finger tips and gets results just the same. And it might be said of the orchestra too, that individually and as a whole, it was elastic and responsive.

The opening number was Mendelssohn's Scotch Symphony, and the oboe did its part in bringing out a Scotch effect. This work not so frequently heard on the western coast, was artistically interpreted and rendered. In fact the other three numbers were also rendered with a more or less delicate hand, the idea seemingly being, not to achieve big climaxes or dynamic contrasts so much as good tone work and blending. In this connection special mention should be made of the work of the string section in the prelude to Lohengrin.

As a soloist with the orchestra, Sophie Braslau sustained her reputation as "The Galli-Curci of contraltos." Her voice is strong and flexible and she did some good tone coloring, especially in the group of three Russian songs by Moussorgsky. This composer was a sort of musical iconoclast who thought of song as tone-painting and who abrogated all laws of form and style. To hear any Russian songs on a program is rare indeed, but to Miss Braslau belongs the honor of introducing the interesting work of this particular electric genius.

This was the second concert the band boys have attended—the other being that of the Portland Apollo Club a few weeks ago. No doubt when the highway is completed, they and many other music lovers from Salem will glide up to the Rose City quite often. In the meantime let us pleasantly anticipate the day when Salem will have enough paper mills and loganberry canneries to justify the big artists coming to visit us.

Squibs The National Association of Music Merchants has pledged \$250,000 toward a fund for a national conservatory of music. This they plan to raise by adding 25 cents to the price of every instrument they sell during the year. Rachmaninoff, the composer of the well known prelude in C sharp minor, has taken up his residence in New York. A recent elaborate composition of his founded on Edgar Allan Poe's poem, "The Bells," was played with great success by himself at the piano with the Boston Symphony.

The illustrative lecture which was to have been given at the Salem Public Library last Wednesday evening on the subject of Indian and Negro music, has been postponed. We hope, however, it has not been "tabled indefinitely." The subject is one in which many are interested and no doubt many musicians and music lovers, both children and grown-ups will wish to hear it.

The Music Industries Board of Commerce of New York City plans to start a nation-wide campaign for the appreciation of music. This is timely. Everyone is coming to realize that there is more to music than spending four years on a few piano solos or a few songs. One great service musicians can do their fellow-beings is unselfishly to help them to know what the composer had in mind. The very excellent, well-written and dependable music weekly "Musical America," may now be found on the shelves of the Salem Public Library. It is very interesting—even the pictures are interesting. Galli-Curci, known the country over through her Victrola records, and in a class by herself when speaking of sopranos, is billed for Portland the latter part of April.

WORK UPON SANTIAM BRIDGE DEPENDS ON BIDS TO BE RECEIVED

Construction work upon a new steel span of 40 feet long over the Santiam river between Mehama and Lyons in Marion and Linn counties respectively, will be started early this spring if satisfactory bids on the structure are entered at the March meeting of the state highway commission. The new span will replace the old wood and steel bridge now in use at this crossing, the approaches to the present structure being utilized in connection with the new span which is to be built according to plans of the state highway commission.

Bids on an even dozen overhead crossings, viaducts and bridges are called for by the state highway commission for consideration at the meeting of the commission March 23, in a notice to contractors being forwarded by the department today. The others included in the list being as follows:

Wasco county—One crossing over the O.-W. R. R. & N. Co., tracks at Big Eddy, one crossing over the O.-W. R. R. & N. Co., tracks near Dillon and one reinforced concrete viaduct near Seufert.

Crook county—One bridge over Bear creek, one over Dry creek and four over Crooke driver.

Malheur county—One bridge over creek, and one over Canyon creek.

Bryan's Name Is Withdrawn From North Dakota List

Bismarck, N. D., Feb. 27.—A petition to place the name of William Jennings Bryan on the ballot as candidate for presidential endorsement by North Dakota democrats at the March primary was withdrawn today at the request of Mr. Bryan.

"If you desire to pledge delegates to Bryan democracy, I have no objection, but I must not be entered as a candidate," said Bryan, in a telegram to John H. Bloom of Devils Lake, a democratic leader, who filed the Bryan petition.

Bryan's withdrawal left only one

Y. M. C. A. Gives Big Sum To Legion Men

A gift of more than \$500,000 from the national war work council of the Young Men's Christian association has been accepted by the national executive committee of the American Legion, according to an announcement received at the local "Y" Friday. The money is the surplus left in the Young Men's Christian association treasury after remittance by the American and French governments of transportation charges for supplies during the war.

There are no restrictions as to its use by the Legion, although the suggestion was made in the letter offering the gift, that it be used for the benefit of disabled former service men or for the work of the ex-service men on behalf of the country.

Washington, Feb. 27.—After Bernard M. Baruch gives further testimony today relating to the government's policy of building nitrate plants for war purposes the house war investigating committee expects to begin preparation of its report. Mr. Baruch, who, as chairman of the

war industries board, virtually dictated the policy, recently told the committee how vast sums were set aside for construction of plants at Muscle Shoals and elsewhere in the hope of making this country independent of Chicago producers.

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