

LOCALS

John Verdeck, a bookkeeper employed at the local office of the Portland General Electric company, believes that he has been the victim of a practical joker. Saturday night Verdeck called on a young woman of the city. When she came for him to depart he found that his car which he had parked at the curb was missing. He reported the theft to the police. After spending a sleepless night pondering over the theft he arose tired and weary Sunday morning. He strolled out to his garage and there was his car, parked in the usual place.

SPRECKLES' FORMER WIFE CRASH VICTIM

Seattle (AP)—Mrs. Edith Huntington Wakefield Spreckles Kendrick, wealthy Seattle woman, and divorced wife of John D. Spreckles, Jr., son of the pioneer California capitalist, was killed in an automobile accident on Whidby island Saturday. Mrs. Kendrick was riding with her husband on a week-end vacation trip when the car plunged over an embankment.

The body of Theodore Byrd was being held at a local mortuary Monday pending the receipt of word from relatives. Byrd's former wife is said to be living at Portland, N. D., but up to a late hour Monday no answer to a telegram sent her had been received. Byrd committed suicide Friday by shooting himself while lying on a bed in a local hotel room. A brother and father of Byrd, supposed to be living in Texas, have not been reached.

Mrs. Frank V. Brown returned Saturday night from Honolulu, T. H., where she had been visiting her son and daughter-in-law and small grandchild since last fall. Mr. Brown is assistant manager of the SpA.

A reorganization of the Clatsop newspaper staff at the high school will be effected this week following a journalism test Tuesday. The staff will be weeded of all members not handling a copy promptly or turning in their assignments, according to Clara Lyons, editor.

Judge Peter H. D'Arcy and his sister, Miss Theresa D'Arcy, attended the banquet honoring the anniversary of Oregon's statehood, headed by the Sons and Daughters of Oregon. The banquet was held at the Midway hotel in Portland Saturday night. Judge D'Arcy was one of the speakers of the evening. He reported that the banquet was the finest in the history of these annual affairs, of which he has not missed one. Approximately 400 were in attendance.

After their cars had bumped into each other along the highway near Aurora Sunday night, D. L. Anderson, driver of one and Mrs. H. Huntington, of Aurora, driver of the other, proceeded to square off and do battle, according to a story told in justice court Monday by two state traffic officers who came upon the pair shortly afterwards. After having been claved in the face by his feminine assailant, Anderson let loose of a haymaker which flatted Mrs. Huntington on her back. She came back strong, however, with a club. The pair after spending the night in the city jail were taken into justice court where a charge of drunk and disorderly conduct was placed against Anderson, while Mrs. Huntington was charged with disturbing the peace.

Return on an execution in the case of Henry Nutman against Paul Weiss shows property valued sold to the plaintiff for \$548.33.

Carl W. Fleming, an employe of a local typewriter concern, was arrested by sheriff's office deputies Monday forenoon on request of Del Norte, Cal., authorities, charged with the murder of a woman, Fleming by California officers, according to a letter received by Sheriff Bower.

An unidentified young man was struck by a motorcycle driven by Buck Weydler at State and Commercial streets, Monday forenoon. The pedestrian was uninjured, Weydler says in his report to the police. Weydler claims the person struck after starting across the street changed his mind and darted back.

CONSERVATION OF WILD LIFE HELD NECESSITY

The Pennsylvania state system of conservation of wild life, timber and recreational sections which has proven such a benefit to the citizens of that district, was put forth as a pattern for Oregon by James G. Hammond of Connecticut, national field representative for the Isaac Walton League of America, in an address to the chamber of commerce Monday noon.

"Thousands of persons in the east, shut in and stifled by the increasing number of industries, are looking toward the west for their recreation," the speaker stated. "It is none too early to work out a program for the conservation of those things which attract the east to your state. Timber and wild life have a habit of disappearing, seemingly overnight."

Lovers of the outdoor life in Pennsylvania when they realized the wild life of the state was threatened with extinction took stock and worked out a program of conservation, Hammond stated. Evidence of its success was pointed out by Hammond who stated that among the kill of last year were included 600 deer, 6500 turkeys, 22,000 deer, a million squirrels and three million rabbits. This was just the overflow, too, from the 168 sanctuaries the state has erected," the speaker added.

Hammond told of the work of the Isaac Walton league in New England states in cleaning up streams. The fish life of the streams of New England was virtually destroyed through the action of dyes poured into the waters by factories, he stated. He pointed out as an example as what might be done in remedying the situation the spending of \$30,000 in the construction of a filtering plant in connection with a New England industry.

Hammond, a native born Oregonian, having lived in the Waldo Isles on an island in New England. He left Connecticut about 1900 and returned to Oregon in 1905. He is accompanied on the trip by his wife and mother. Hammond will speak to the Rotarians next Wednesday noon.

MAJOR POWER BILLS DELAY ADJOURNMENT

and appropriating all of the funds of these departments, is also indicative of further delay.

Monday the senate had the first of the big power bills on its calendar, but there was some doubt that it would reach that order of business before night. The measure is that creating a three-man power commission to supervise and administer a drastic code for the development of hydro-electric projects in the state.

Introduced January 22 the bill has been the center of a quiet battle in the senate committee on railroads and inland waterways. "The bill is in the governor's 'kitchen cabinet' ever since. Branded and admitted by its sponsors to be in direct conflict in many respects with the federal water power act, the bill has been subjected to extensive amendment and has been the topic of repeated conferences between the governor's advisers and the presentative of the private hydro-electric utilities.

CUT EXPENSES TO CUT TAXES STATES SMITH

A delegation from the Ankeny court appeared before the county court Monday morning and urged that a lower assessed valuation be placed on their land, declaring that in some instances the land is valued on the assessment rolls at a higher value than they can sell it for. They stated that there is one tract of land of 204 acres in that section which is advertised for sale at \$30 an acre and the valuation on the roll is placed at \$35 an acre.

GAS COW BILL CAUSES ROW

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LIQUOR PARTY ENDS IN SLAYING MAN BILL DEFEATED

The Dalles, Ore. (AP)—George McCleskey, 76, Monday faced a possible murder charge as a result of a shooting affray that resulted in the death of Joe Tracey, 42, at the former's home here Sunday.

Waters of Silver Creek above the series of falls are withheld from further appropriation under provisions of another bill approved. The movement is looking toward federal designation as a natural park site, according to Representative Mott, who fathered the bill.

EXCESS ON FREIGHT PAID BY MOTORISTS

Salem motorists continue to pay gasoline companies a profit on transportation charges from Portland to this city, according to R. W. Niles, of Day and Niles, Monday, in discussing the shading of prices on gas here during the past few days.

BE MADE A SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

The third of the major power bills, the enacting amendment to carry out the grant power district amendment, remains buried in a cloud of secrecy in the senate committee, with some of its original advocates clamoring for its amendment to divide the state into two or three large districts for the development of power and its sale to small districts for distribution. There is no indication of when the bill will come down from the committee and reach the floor.

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New York Stocks (Closing Quotations)

Table listing various New York stocks and their closing prices, including Air Reduction, Alcoa, American Can, etc.

HOUSE VOTES ON VETERANS' LOAN BILL

house was operating under suspension of rules. In bringing the bill before the house Monday in the form disappeared by the treasury, Speaker Longworth broke with the administration for the first time during the Hoover regime.

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Representatives Treadway of Massachusetts, Ramsayer of Iowa, and Chindblom of Illinois, other committee members who voted against it also opposed its passage. Representative Ford, republican, New Jersey, a strong administration follower, joined in the opposition.

UNIFORM FISH LAWS AGREED ON AT CONFERENCE

Committee of the Oregon and the Washington legislatures, meeting jointly in Portland Saturday to consider legislation affecting fishing in waters over which the two states have concurrent jurisdiction, failed to agree on any act for the definition of gear. It was agreed, however, that if either state wishes to adopt a law on the subject it may do so without affecting the other state.

It was further agreed to recommend that the gear question, along with other matters that may arise, be referred to an interim committee from the two states which would be instructed to report to the 1933 session. This committee would comprise the Washington supervisor of fisheries, the chairman of the Oregon fish commission, two senators and three representatives from each state.

Other recommendations in the report are: That all laws pertaining to commercial fishing in the waters and streams over which the states have concurrent jurisdiction shall remain unchanged; That the Columbia river be open to angling at all times; That there be a license fee of \$5 for the commercial fishing of smelt in the respective states and a tax of one-half cent a pound on all commercially caught smelt.

That there be a tax of one-half cent a pound on every species of ocean-caught salmon, striped bass, sturgeon, excepting chum and dog salmon.

That the state adopt legislation to prohibit the sale within the states of any troll-caught salmon under 20 inches in length.

That at this time there be no adoption of any act providing for any change in the dead line now existing on the upper Columbia river.

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BEALL REELECTED BY EPWORTH LEAGUE

Corvallis, Ore. (AP)—Hayes Beall of Salem was re-elected president of the Salem district convention of the Epworth league, including most of the Willamette valley, at the closing of the three-day session here Sunday. More than 170 attended.

Other officers are: Gesson Gray, president; Margaret W. Dally; Dorothy Alwood and Howard Lehnert, Corvallis, all departmental vice presidents; Dorra Kloppings, Salem, secretary; Wesley Warren, Salem, treasurer; Lucile Barker, McMinnville, superintendent of junior department; Mrs. Esther Elshardt, Dundee, superintendent of the department; Margaret Donaldson, Woodburn, editor.

Final account of Edna Reeves, sister of Freddie and Eldon Wintermantel, recently, has been approved in probate.

James P. Stapleton Monday was named by Governor Meier as a judge in department six, district four, circuit court, of Multnomah county, succeeding Judge William H. Evans. Judge Evans has received a federal appointment.

John P. Robins, graduate of Willamette university and now studying at Stanford university for his master's degree, has been elected to the national scholastic honor society, Phi Epsilon Kappa, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Robins of Salem.

OBITUARY

WILLIAM HETRICK
Hazel Green—Word was received Saturday of the death of William Hetrick, 76, of the Hazel Green, Pa. of this community. Mr. Hetrick is survived by his wife and four children. He was born in Hazel Green, Pa. on a farm near Anny, but his health caused him to remove to Hazel Green, Pa. where he resided until the arrival of his daughters, from Canada. Mrs. Knubbe was spending the winter in Hazel Green, Pa. when she received notice of her father's death and was received.

DR. F. J. LAIRD
Kingwood—Mrs. Robert Hall of the Terrace, died of a heart ailment of her brother in Portland, Saturday. Dr. Frederick John Laird had been ill all winter with heart trouble and other complications, and Mr. and Mrs. Hall have been making frequent visits to their home in Hazel Green, Pa. Dr. Laird was born in Hazel Green, Pa. and was a member of the Presbyterian church in Portland until after the funeral.

\$191,777 FOREST FUNDS DISTRIBUTED

Portland (AP)—School and road funds of Oregon counties containing national forest lands will be enriched by \$191,772.64 as a result of forest operations during 1930. C. J. Buck, regional forester, has announced. That sum is Oregon's share of national forest receipts.

Oregon ranked second in returns. California was first with \$406,877.02 and Washington third with \$199,441.10.

When Harold Jackson, who is installed as Lord Mayor of Sheffield, England, recently, he stipulated that no alcoholic drinks be permitted at the inaugural luncheon.

A Special Communication of Salem Lodge No. 4, A. F. and A. M. will be held Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. Feb. 17, 1931, to conduct the funeral services of Bro. Daniel J. Fry, Br. Church services at the Congregational church, 2 p.m. Graveside services by Salem Lodge No. 4, A. F. and A. M. by order of the W. M. J. D. Berwick, Sec'y, 40.

PEARE ELECTED TO HEAD OPTOMETRISTS

Portland, Ore. (AP)—Dr. William M. Peare, La Grande, Ore., was chosen president of the Oregon Optometric association at the closing of their convention here Saturday night.

Other officers chosen were Dr. O. O. Anderson, Jr., Corvallis, vice-president; Dr. H. Carpenter Staples, Portland, secretary, and Dr. A. R. Miller, McMinnville, and Dr. Carl Wanner, Portland, directors.

The case of G. E. Mayfield against E. C. Stewart, scheduled to be tried in Judge McMahan's court Monday before a jury, was settled and the case dismissed without trial.

Belcrest Memorial Park. A Park Cemetery with perpetual care. Just ten minutes from the heart of town.

TO SEE BETTER SEE US. YOUR EYES SHOULD BE EXAMINED IF YOU HAVE FREQUENT HEAD-ACHES. IF YOU WEAR READ FINE PRINT OR THREAD A NEEDLE. IF YOU ARE NERVOUS AND IRRITABLE. CONSULT US NOW. THOMPSON GLUTCH.