

\$115,750 FOR FLOOD CONTROL ON WILLAMETTE

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advised the government wished to know in three or four days as to whether a local agency could be organized to meet government requirements on the work, and said if this could not be done consideration was being given as alternative work to the river near the Ralph Williams farm or the J. E. Smith place near Horseshoe lake. However, he said the most immediate need was where the greatest damage was being done and was threatened was at the Dittmars Bend.

The delegation stated it had called on Senator Douglas McKay, who advised that under the flood control bill or the last legislature the county court could be made sponsor of these projects and avoid the necessity of having a large number of local agencies set up. It was pointed out under the flood control work which is in sight that without this legislation a whole flock of small local agencies would be required to sponsor the various projects that will come on from time to time.

The letter to the Dittmars showed the government requirements imposed on the local agency will be to furnish the necessary right of way for the work; agree to hold the government free from all damages and also agree to care for maintenance and operation of the work after completion. It was this maintenance and operation clause which caused the county court to pause before proceeding to take on sponsorship for the present project. Court members asked the delegation to get from the army engineers a definite statement as to just what would be expected. And also suggested that they see State Engineer Stricklin as to what steps would be necessary to create a local agency for this particular project to expedite the matter as asked by the army engineers.

M. B. Lucas and Mrs. Dittmars told the court that the river had done damage the past two or three years at Dittmars bend. On the Dittmars place it had ripped out large acreages, destroyed the river bottom lands and a fine picnic ground there and threatened to take trees, pastures and fields. Lucas, who is operating the old Imhah place, said over 100 acres had been washed away from the place.

The government plans to smooth off the banks, slope them, and put in heavy rock riprap to put the river in leash at this bend, where it breaks forth into a fury during flood stages. The Dittmars bend, the letter showed, is between 15 and 16.5 miles below Salem or between 68.4 and 69 miles above the mouth of the Willamette.

In connection with fears expressed by court members as to maintenance costs on the ripraping the situation on the Shelton ditch was cited where the same kind of ripraping was done near the old Turner road, but the ditch waters at flood stage cut back behind the rock ripraping and also cut into the road. They feared possibility if they agreed to take on maintenance of the completed project on the Willamette they might be called on to make extensive and expensive repairs there.

"We're glad to sponsor this project if it can be done without expense to the taxpayers of the county," said Judge Siegmund.

Young Corbett Hits Fistic Trail Again

San Francisco, March 13 (AP)—Young Corbett, one-time welterweight champion from Fresno, Cal., was back on the fistic high road today with Gus Lesnevich, Hackensack, N. J., middleweight, his first victim on another comeback campaign.

Corbett won by a technical knock-out here last night when in the fifth round of a ten-round match he opened a profusely bleeding gash above Lesnevich's eye. Referee Toby Irwin halted hostilities.

The 31-year-old Fresno southpaw outboxed his younger opponent and threw more punches. Corbett weighed 159 pounds and Lesnevich 183.

Mormon Leader



PRESTON NIBLEY
Preston Nibley, president of Northwestern States mission, will be in Salem to hold a conference at the local Mormon church, Chremeketa and Cottage streets, Sunday at 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Nibley has spent some time in Europe as a missionary and has been active in civic and state affairs.

Luminaries in San Carlo Galaxy of Opera Stars



Coming to the Paramount Theatre in Portland for five nights beginning March 17. Upper left to right, Blanca Saroya who sings in "Il Trovatore" on Thursday, March 18, and "La Boheme" on Sunday, March 21; Aroldo Lindi, who sings "Manrico" in "Il Trovatore" and "Samson" in "Samson and Delilah" on Saturday night, March 20; Lucille Meulst, who sings "Gilda" in "Rigoletto" on Friday night, March 19; lower, left to right: Carlo Peroni, conductor of all San Carlo Opera performances, and Hini Koyke, diminutive Japanese prima donna, who sings the title role in "Madame Butterfly" on Saturday afternoon, March 21. Tickets on sale at the J. K. Gill Company bookstore at 5th and Stark Streets in Portland.

LITHIA SPRINGS HOTEL AT ASHLAND SOLD

Medford, Ore., March 13 (AP)—The Lithia Springs hotel in Ashland Friday became the property of Walter H. Leverette, Medford financier and realtor, in a transaction with the Title & Trust company of Portland, it was announced today. The amount involved was not divulged. The hotel originally cost \$300,000. The Title & Trust company helped in the original financing of the hotel.

The deal was the largest real estate transaction in the Rogue river valley, in several years. Leverette said the hotel would be used extensively in the development of recreational advantages of southern Oregon.

A. L. Grutze of Portland, represented the trust company in the transaction.

The hotel is a nine story modern class A concrete buildings, located in the heart of the Ashland business district.

At the Library

Spring fever and an itching foot are abetted by the Salem Public Library's list for the week ending March 13, which includes several fine travel books, including Johnson's "Westward" - bound in the Schooner "Tankee," Bloomer's "The Dangerous Sea," Wilson's "Silver Stampede," and two of Rockwell Kent's illustrated travelogues.

The selected list for the week is as follows:

FICTION
Brand, Harry Jack: Cor. G. Man; Edmunds, The Big Barn; Joseph, The King of Thunder Valley; Kelland, Spotlight; Mann, Rustlers' Round-up; Rhode, Mendon's First Case; Richter, The Sea of Grass; Seltzer, Silver Spurs; Sinclair, The Dry Rider Game; Stout, The League of Frigheated Men; Val, Drunken, And Then You Wish; Williams, The Clue of the Rising Moon; Winther, Moritasse Your Heart.

GOVERNMENT AND EDUCATION
Law, Plan Your Own Security; San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, Law and Order in San Francisco; Barstow, Coast Guard; The Bureau; National Education Association, Addresses and Proceedings, Vol. 74; Schreibeis, Pioneer Education in the Pacific Northwest, 1793-1927.

SCIENCE AND USEFUL ARTS
Achilles, The World Calendar; Stober, Automobiles, 1901-1936, as reflected in manufacturers' advertisements; Automobile Manufacturers Association, Inc., Automobile Page and Pictures; National Safety Council, Inc., Accident Facts, 1931; Hansen's Laboratory, Inc., How to Make Cheese.

FINE ARTS
Even, Composites of Yesterday; Wilson, A Garden in the House.

SPORTS
Kieran - The story of the Olympic Games.

LITERATURE
Lorenson, "I'm Looking for a Book;" Munich, Old Favorites from the McGuffey Readers; Minnich, William Holmes McGuffey and his Readers.

TRAVEL AND DESCRIPTION
Johnson and Johnson, Westward Bound in the Schooner; Strickland, Adventures in Error; Bloomer, The Dangerous Sea; Canada, Canadian Travel Bureau, Canoe Trip in Canada; Canada, Canadian Travel Bureau, Sport Fishing in Canada; Cuba, Cuban National Tourist Commission, Cuba; Wilson, Silver Stampede; Kent, Wilderness; Kent, Yosemite Southward from the Straits of Magellan.

1929. Gains in various geographical areas were shown as follows: 15 to 22 percent; east, 16 to 25 percent; middlewest, 15 to 20 percent; northwest, 15 to 18 percent; Pacific coast states, 9 to 16 percent.

It was pointed out in the survey showing those figures that the maritime strike had much to do with the small business gain made for the period over 1929.

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PITTMAN FOR UNCONDITIONAL LARGER COURT

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the opposition to the president's bill. The Pittman suggestion was advanced as the judicial committee took a week-end recess in the hearings on the court bill. Senator Wheeler (D. Mont.), will open opposition testimony Monday.

Pittman, discussing his proposal, said: "I have no desire to induce the present judges to retire. In fact I would like to have the new members of the court have the benefit of the arguments and opinions of the present justices."

He noted that he had sounded out Attorney General Cummings on his idea during the hearings this week and that the cabinet officer had no objection.

"The court ought to be increased to at least 15 members," the senator said. "There are three reasons:

"First, it would bring into the court new blood - men who are mentally fresh and not bound by and confused by prior precedents they may have established themselves."

"Second, it would relieve a psychological situation that exists in the court by reason of long disputes based on differences of opinion as to policies. While it might not change every decision, it undoubtedly would change some."

"Third, it is evident from the facts presented by the attorney general that nine members can not possibly read all the briefs and records submitted to the court, and these should be read even where the court refuses to hear cases."

Pittman said an amendment limiting the number of justices to 15 would "remove the fear that succeeding administrations would continue to enlarge the court."

The first week's hearings, Pittman said, had shown there was no "inconsistency" between the pre-

Sewage Bill Vetoed by Governor Martin on Grounds of Unfairness

Controversy over the effects of the measure which would prohibit municipalities from discharging any deleterious substances into streams ended last night when Governor Martin vetoed the proposal because it was "discriminatory."

The original bill as introduced by Senator Byron G. Carney of Clackamas would have created a sanitary commission with authority to enforce the provisions prohibiting any person, industrial firm or municipality from dumping waste into rivers or lakes.

In his veto message Governor Martin said the substitute bill, senate bill 414, was introduced in the senate during the closing hours of the session and rushed through without having that careful consideration that should be afforded to an important subject.

"This bill does not cover the discharge of sewage and industrial waste or any other noxious or deleterious substances by any person, corporation or association other than a municipality," Governor Martin said. "It is therefore discriminatory."

"This bill would place upon the cities and towns a very heavy burden for construction of necessary plants in order to carry out the provisions of the act."

"The cost of a complete and comprehensive sewage disposal plant for the city of Portland has been estimated at from \$15,000,000 to \$18,000,000. This is far in excess of the entire cost or proper disposal of waste from all the industries tributary to the Willamette river watershed."

den's bill and a constitutional amendment.

"There is no issue between them, which leaves the senate at liberty to pursue both processes," he declared.

Such a joint procedure was proposed to the senate yesterday by Senator Norris (Ind., Neb.)

WITCH SCARE IS BASIS OF FILM DRAMA

The weirdest outbreak of popular hysteria in colonial times, the famous witchcraft scare of 1692, which rocked the American colonies and was responsible for the execution of over a score of women before it passed on, is the background for Frank Lloyd's latest production, "Maid of Salem," a romance with Claudette Colbert and Fred MacMurray, which begins today at the Elmore theatre.

Mrs. Colbert plays the role of a Puritan maiden who is accused of being a witch because she is seen with a tall, dark stranger, and because she was observed dancing by herself. Upon this testimony, provided by hysterical women and children with over-wrought imaginations, she is convicted and sentenced to die. The fact that the tall, dark stranger is handsome Fred MacMurray, who plays the role of a fugitive Virginia cavalier, hiding near Salem, means nothing. Unable to produce him in the flesh, the court rules that the stranger is the devil himself.

She is saved in a breath-taking climax when MacMurray appears. His appearance also serves to awaken the fear-stricken populace to the folly of the witch-hunts and the scare dies as suddenly and as mysteriously as it began.

Supporting the popular romantic couple is an elaborate cast which includes Harvey Stephens, Louise Dresser, Bennie Bartlett, Gale Sondergaard, E. E. Clive, Bonita Granville, Virginia Weidler, Rosita Butler, Beulah Bondi, Edwards Ellis, Frank M. Cook and a score of others.

Money in rich top soil instead of depending upon fertilizer alone for a beautiful lawn. The same things hold true for golf courses, football fields and other athletic sites where games are played upon turf.

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