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## IT'S WASH DAY IN FIRE DEPARTMENT COUNCIL WILL RUB OUT DIRTY LINEN COMMITTEE SUPPLIES SOAP CHIEF FURNISHES THE LINE AND THE FIRE BOYS THE LINEN

The Council Committee Appointed to Investigate the Troubles and Tribulations of the Fire Department Will Report Facts as They Find Them, But Will Make No Suggestions as to the Remedy—The Department Has Rendered Fine Service, and the General Public Hopes the Family Quarrel Will Be Settled Amicably.

"We can release one man and calm the whole business. Pugh is hot-headed and has not a very good disposition, but he is a fireman, and there isn't a ladder or escape he won't go up," is the declaration of Jack Darr, in his testimony before the committee investigating the trouble of the East Salem fire station.

Darr is the chief of the city's fire department, and by reason of this his opinion would ordinarily have weight enough to be endorsed by the council, but it is safe to predict that it will not, and that when his testimony, together with that of other firemen, is presented to that body tonight it will precipitate a row.

The investigating committee this forenoon had not formulated a report. Beyond submitting the testimony taken to the council, it will probably make no report, not desiring to assume the responsibility of the trouble, by making any recommendations as to what line of action is to be taken, but leaving that to the judgment of the council as a whole.

**What Charges Were.**  
The charges preferred against Captain Pugh, of the East Salem fire station were that he was over-bearing, domineering, ill-tempered and unreliable. They were submitted to the council in the way of a petition, asking for an investigation, and it was signed by the firemen of the station. It was asserted that the subject had been taken up with the fire and water committee and with Chief Darr, but without securing any relief.

**Plenty of Trouble.**  
The troubles of the fire boys, according to the testimony, seems to have commenced when Andy McFarland assumed the position of driver of the engine. The firemen charge that Pugh, to make room for a brother-in-law, began making it unbearable for McFarland and that an ill-feeling sprang up between the two. It became the subject of a good old-fashioned quarrel one day among the boys, in which a great deal of warm language was used, and Pugh, upon that occasion, is alleged to have said that he was not desiring to make room for his brother-in-law, and had only knocked McFarland any more than any of the other boys. That

## PICTURES OF OREGON SCENERY

OREGON'S MOST TALENTED ARTIST WILL PUT ON CANVAS SOME OF THE COAST'S MAJESTIC VIEWS.

A special to the Oregonian Saturday: To place on canvas paintings of picturesque and rugged bits of Oregon coast scenery, George L. Schreiber, art instructor in the Salem schools, will leave Salem Sunday night with Col. E. Hofer to pass a month along the Pacific shore. They will take with them plenty of large canvases.

Four large pictures are especially desired. These will be paintings of Cape Perpetua, the point farthest west on the coast; Cape Foulweather, Yaquina Head and Cascade Head. The canvases, when brought back, will be placed on exhibition in Portland.

Mr. Schreiber and Mr. Hofer plan to make their headquarters at Newport, and will go from there to the various capes. At each one they intend to make a long stay.

George L. Schreiber is an artist of note. He studied in Paris for four years, and in Rome for two years. He has gained wide reputation for his panorama reproductions, one in particular the Johnstown flood, having been displayed in Chicago for several months.

aroused the ire of Lou Brotherton, one of the firemen, and from then on he became an active enemy of Pugh. If he was not that before, as Darr claims.

**A Few Bottles of Whiskey.**  
From that time the storm began to brew, and it broke out in a fury on the night of the Cherry Fair, when some one sent a bottle of whiskey to the fire station to quench the thirst of the fire boys. All of the firemen according to the testimony, seem to have taken a drink from the bottle. There is also evidence to show that from time to time other bottles of whiskey have come to the fire station, and that the liquid that cheers was freely imbibed in. Pugh, himself, says that he knows that as many as eight bottles have been taken to the station and drunk by the boys.

The bottle on the night of the Cherry Fair seems to have created the most trouble, and around it there hangs a mass of testimony. Chief Darr received a communication that evening—no one seems to know from whom—that McFarland was drunk.

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## DOUBLE DECK BRIDGE OVER WILLAMETTE

MATTER BEING DISCUSSED THIS AFTERNOON BY OFFICIALS OF CITY AND OF POLK AND MARION COUNTIES AND THE RAILROAD.

For the purpose of determining whether the board of county commissioners of this county and Polk, and the council of this city desire to co-operate with the Salem, Falls City & Western Railroad in building a double deck bridge across the Willamette river a meeting is being held at the Board of Trade rooms this afternoon.

The Salem, Falls City & Western Railroad company several months ago was granted a franchise in the city for the purpose of entering it to build a depot. Since then the delay in beginning construction work on it has been due to the inability of the company to secure a permit from the war department to build the bridge across the river. This permit now has been granted and the company is ready to proceed with the construction of the bridge.

When the franchise was granted to the company by the city, its officials were approached by members of the council and the board of county commissioners and asked if they would consider building a double deck bridge, provided that the county and the city would stand its share of the cost. The officials promised then to consider the proposition as soon as the war department granted the permit, and they carried out that promise Saturday afternoon when it advised those interested that they were now ready to consider the matter and asked for a meeting.

## THOUSANDS OF FISH KILLED BY AMMONIA

Pullman, Wash., July 31.—A gang of workmen, employed by the city health department, are today removing tons of dead fish from the Palouse river that were killed by ammonia, which poured into the stream as a result of a broken pipe in a local ice plant.

When the chemical first mixed with the waters, the fish were seen jumping wildly into the air. A few hours later thousands of them were found dead in pools below the plant.

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## The Kaiser Is Home.

Berlin, July 31.—Emperor William returned today to Berlin, after a vacation cruise of several days in northern waters, which was cut short by the acute crisis over the Moroccan situation.

## The Oregon to Lead.

San Francisco, July 31.—In support of the movement to have the battleship Oregon lead the warships through the Panama canal, Henry T. Scott, director of the Panam-Pacific exposition, today sent the following telegram to Secretary of War Meyer:

"Nothing would so emphasize the completion of the canal as the battleship Oregon leading all the navies through it. She made the memorable trip to join in saving the nation, and the builders, of which I had the honor to be one, and the nation at large, were proud of her achievements, and think she deserves the place of vantage in 1915."

## HIS THOUGHTS RAN IN THE SAME GROOVE

Chicago, July 31.—Declaring that the women of his congregation think more of their legs than of their souls, and that after paying \$5 for a pair of silk stockings, they make up for their extravagance by dropping pennies in the collection box, Rev. C. H. Heywood, the youngest ordained minister in Illinois, today quit the pastorate of the Wentworth avenue Baptist church.

Heywood's resignation was offered because his salary of \$1000 a year would not permit him to wed the lady for love of whom he will hunt for a more profitable job.

## SO MANY AUTO LICENSES CANNOT ISSUE THEM

While more than 3,000 automobile licenses have been issued by Secretary of State Olcott, there still remain many more to be issued—so many that he will not be able with his department working over time to issue them by the time the law goes into effect, and he is issuing cards of acknowledgment saying that applications have been made and that the fees accompany them. While the exhibition of these applications will not save any one not having a license when the law goes into effect from an arrest from a technical point of view, it is not likely that any officer whom they are exhibited will make an arrest.

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Sacramento, Cal., July 31.—The most sensational attack ever started on the state printing office and methods of doing business is begun in a report today to Governor Johnson by the state board of control in which it is charged that the state printing department, in conjunction with certain favored supply concerns, is engaged in a "scheme to mulet the state of \$90,850.92 for the benefit of certain business firms which have been closely identified with the state printing office for years and have profited enormously as a result of vicious and illegal methods" in the conduct of that department.

The report is on several claims of the Zellerbach Paper company, the H. S. Crocker company, the E. J. Shattuck company and George D. Graham.

"The object of the scheme," the report continues, "of which these claims are a part, the board of control desires to inform you, is to load up the state printing office with supplies which will last for a period of five to six years.

The price which the printer is attempting to pay for these supplies is outrageously high and the state will be defrauded of many thousand dollars if the parties are allowed to consummate the deal."

The report to Governor Johnson, covering some 35 typewritten pages, goes into detail into the business of the state printing office during the last eight years, the incumbency of W. W. Shannon.

The specific recommendation of the body is that the governor, as president of the state text book committee, refuse to approve the claims of these companies for this last batch of supplies, which will overload the department with materials.

## WILL ASK COLQUITT TO QUIT THE CHURCH

Houston, Tex., July 31.—Because of his opposition to the effort to make Texas a prohibition state, Governor Colquitt, it was announced today, will be asked to resign from the Methodist church. Leading members of that body declare the governor's aid to the liquor interests is incompatible with his retaining membership in the church.

## HE ENJOINED FORMATION OF A COMBINE

Lansing, Mich., July 31.—Circuit Judge West today temporarily enjoined the formation of the proposed copper combination of Michigan, involving the consolidation of mines worth \$32,000,000. He held that the proposed combination is forbidden by the laws of Michigan.

Eleven companies are involved in the proposed deal, including the Calumet and Hecla mines.

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