



REFERENDUM LIGHT COMPANY'S RETORT

Public May Vote On Competing Grant.

PETITIONS ARE CIRCULATED

Joker Seen in Call for Special Council Meeting.

THREE COUNCILMEN BITTER

Maguire, Daly and Clyde Outspoken in Favor of "Straphangers' Ordinance" and Will Be Supported by the Mayor.

Two moves calculated to give the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company relief from the effects of adverse city legislation of the past few weeks were initiated yesterday.

In the absence of B. S. Josselyn, president of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, who is at Pendleton, no official statement could be secured last night regarding the circulating of the referendum petitions.

Between 29 and 30 men bearing copies of the referendum petition were sent throughout the business district yesterday morning with the intention of securing 5000 signatures.

Maguire on Defensive.

At the same time a petition calling for a special meeting of the City Council, signed by 10 of the 13 members now in the city, appeared in City Auditor Barbur's office.

Counter Move Is Planned.

Before the rescinding ordinance can become a law, the passage of the legislative act can be stayed for two weeks by the objections of one Councilman.

Maguire Backers Outspoken.

Mr. Clyde goes so far as to declare that all Councilmen who vote to rescind the ordinance should be made the subject of a recall vote.

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ASTOR ATTENTIVE TO LAURA WEBB

YOUNG PEOPLE SMILINGLY ADMIT THEY'RE FRIENDS.

Business Career Looms for Vincent, Who Will Go to His Work Regularly in Future.

NEW YORK, Sept. 27.—(Special.)—"For years I shall lead the life of a business man," said Vincent Astor, when he arrived from Europe aboard the Mauretania today.

It was said aboard the vessel that he had been attentive to Miss Laura Webb on the voyage.

Astor denied the recent story that he will join the English Life Guards for a term of military service.

'MOONSHINE' PLANT FOUND

Revenue Officer Destroys Still Discovered in Woods Near Albany.

ALBANY, Or., Sept. 27.—(Special.)—A still, which was discovered within half a mile of Albany a few days ago by Officer Catlin, of this city, was destroyed by Herman Shellenberger, a United States revenue officer from Portland, today.

The still was in heavy timber across the Willamette River from this city and about 500 yards north of the Corvallis & Eastern Railroad bridge.

Officers have no lead to the owner. Catlin encountered it while searching through the timber for hobo camps in an effort to find a criminal wanted in another city.

ROUND-UP RIDERS MARRY

Auto Violates Speed Laws to Make Couple Happy at Walla Walla.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Sept. 27.—(Special.)—Violating speed laws, an automobile from Pendleton at noon today brought the Round-Up riders to the town of Rev. C. O. Kimball.

Hardly had the words been said when they jumped into the machine again and tore down the street, headed for Pendleton, 50 miles away, where both were scheduled to ride this afternoon.

The couple were Roy De Hart and Miss Lillian Deshon, of Benge, Adams County, Washington. The marriage license issued in Oregon has residence clause, so they came here.

BOY SHOTS HIS BROTHER

Imnaha Park Lad, While Hunting, Is Victim of Accident.

ENTERPRISE, Or., Sept. 27.—(Special.)—Chester Estes, the 11-year-old son of James Estes, of Imnaha Park, probably was fatally shot by a younger brother while the boys were out hunting last Sunday, Chester and his father were brought to Joseph in an automobile by Dr. J. H. Thompson.

TREE MISSES PRINCESS

Canadian Pacific Secretary Steps Backward Just in Time.

NANAIMO, B. C., Sept. 27.—During the reception to the Governor-General, the Duke of Connaught, here today, an evergreen tree, which formed part of the decorations in front of the Court-house, toppled over.

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HEDGES CHOSEN TO RUN IN NEW YORK

Saratoga Convention Makes Nomination.

WADSWORTH IS RUNNING MATE

Six Candidates Placed in Nomination at Outset.

SCHURMAN NOT MENTIONED

Candidate for Governor, Distinguished as Witty Orator, Has Seen Service Under Roosevelt and Refused Proffered Place.

NEW YORK, Sept. 27.—The Republican state convention today on the third ballot nominated Job E. Hedges for Governor of New York. Mr. Hedges has been distinguished in the past for the unflinching good humor of his oratory in many campaigns.

Wadsworth for Lieutenant-Governor.

The convention named James W. Wadsworth, Jr., for Lieutenant-Governor without opposition.

Scattered votes were cast for State Senator Harvey S. Hinman, of Binghamton, and Egbert Woodbury, of Jamestown.

Candidate Is 50 Years Old.

Mr. Hedges is 50 years old, and a lawyer, first a graduate of Princeton and then of the law school of Columbia University.

As Deputy Attorney-General of New York when Roosevelt was Governor he took out of the hands of District Attorney Gardiner the prosecution of many men charged with election frauds.

This action caused a wide-spread sensation, as Mr. Hedges was a Republican while Mr. Gardiner was prominent.

SICKLES' LETTER TO WOMAN PRINTED

SON DECLARES GENERAL HAD "AFFINITY" FOR YEARS.

One Happy Vision of Old Man's Life, "Without Blemish or Fault," Described in Missive.

NEW YORK, Sept. 27.—(Special.)—Stanton Sickles today made public another love letter from his father, Major-General Daniel E. Sickles, to the mysterious "woman prominent in society," with whom he is alleged to have had an affair from 1878 to 1897.

The letter is alleged by the son to have been written by his father to the woman in question while Mrs. Sickles was in Madrid in 1897.

Young Sickles declares that the attachment between his father and the woman continued 18 years and that it had been broken in 1896.

While Margaret St. Clair, chorus girl at Frits' Theater, accused of attempting to murder Mrs. E. C. Dickes by putting arsenic in her medicine, was held by Justice Olson yesterday to answer to the grand jury under bond of \$5000, Dickes, the injured woman's young husband, piano player at the same theater and confessed associate of the woman, was required to give sureties in the sum of \$10,000 for his appearance.

UNITED STATES BLAMED

Australians Protest at Sending of Criminals to Country.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., Sept. 27.—Following the recent condemnation from the bench of the United States of the practice of sending criminals to Australia, the residents of this city are blaming the United States Government for what the newspapers are calling "Sydney's crime wave."

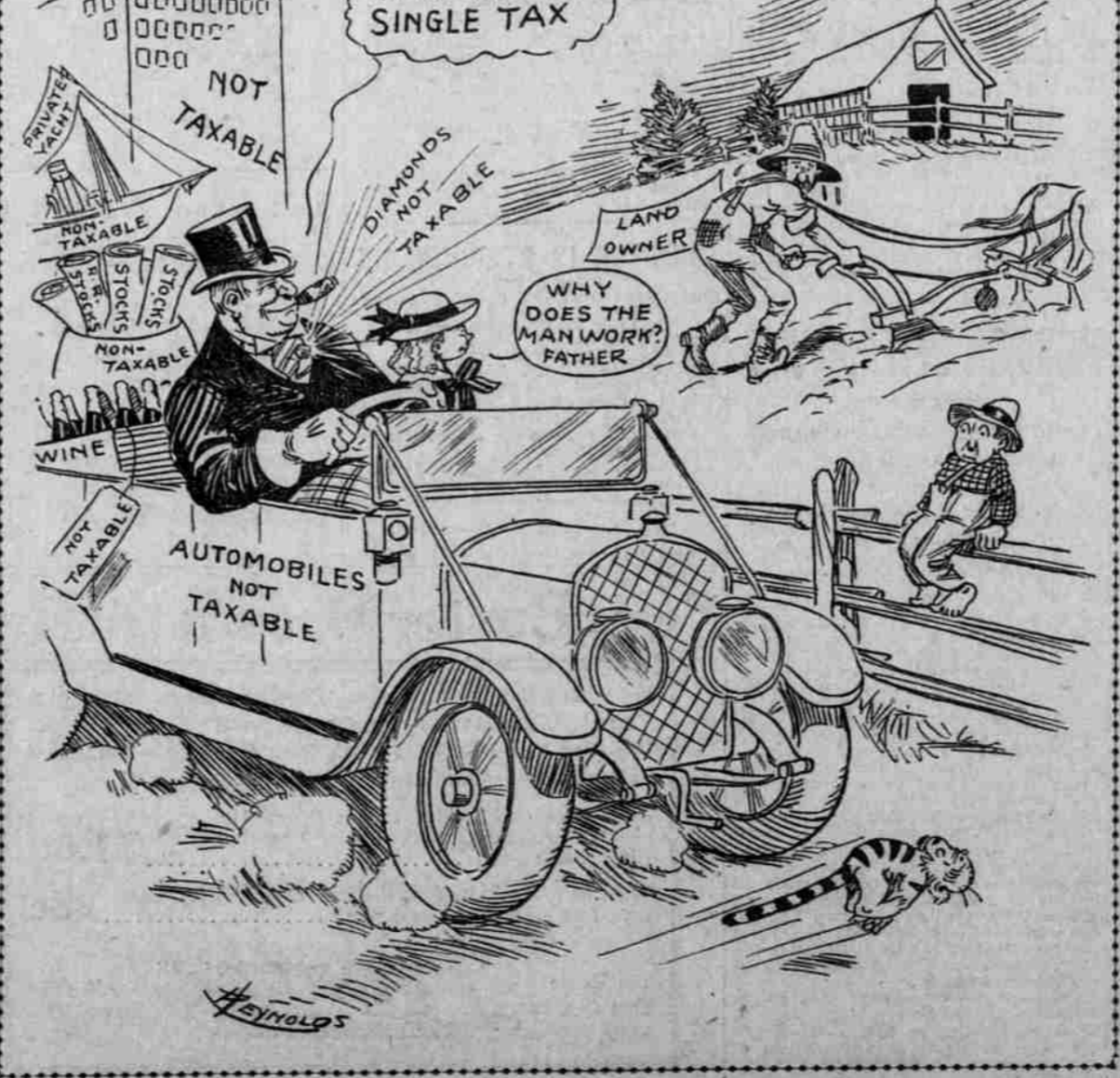
SWINDLE IS INVESTIGATED

Victims Are Asked to Pay to Prove Heirship to Church Lands.

DENVER, Sept. 27.—Special United States District Attorney Drake, of New York, is in Denver investigating the operations of New York swindlers said to have freed Colorado residents out of thousands of dollars.

GET BUSY, YOU LANDOWNER.

HE PAYS ALL THE TAXES, NOW THAT WE HAVE SINGLE TAX.



WAR MOVE SEEN IN REPAIRS TO LINER

ENGLAND PREPARING FOR HOSTILITIES IS IMPRESSION.

White Star Officials Say Putting Battleship Stern on Olympic Is to Protect Propellers.

NEW YORK, Sept. 27.—(Special.)—The liner Olympic, which leaves here tomorrow for Southampton, will not appear in New York harbor again until 1913 is well under way.

The battleship stern is to be built upon the liner and a new inner hull constructed for her.

Millant ones declared that the reconstruction merely is the first step in a complete conversion of England's merchant marine for war purposes.

BOARDER OF OLD PROTESTS

Bricks 4000 Years of Age Bear Complaint of Food.

CHICAGO, Sept. 27.—(Special.)—That there is nothing new under the sun was shown today when Professor F. G. Eblin translated the writings from some bricks taken from Babylon.

Among other things, there is a love letter from a youth to his best girl, and it does not vary much from the present-day missive.

Another inscription deals with the causes of toothache and prescribes a cure. The Babylonians attributed the toothache to a worm.

Wife Pleads for Husband.

"Your ball, young man," continued the court, "will be \$10,000. The Circuit Court can turn you loose if it wants to, but I won't."

WATERSON IS BETTER

Editor's Condition for Time Regarded as Serious.

SCULPTOR WEDS SINGER

T. Waldo Storey, Quietly Divorced, Now Husband of Bessie Abbott.

NEW YORK, Sept. 27.—(Special.)—T. Waldo Storey, the sculptor, admitted tonight that he had married Miss Bessie Abbott, the prima donna of "Robin Hood." He refused to say where the marriage took place or who officiated.

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\$8,100,000 Issue for Port Improvement O. K'd by Court.

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DISTANT PORT MAY PROTECT BROTHERS

McNicholas Pair Flee, Think Authorities.

SOUTH AMERICA MAY BE GOAL

Promoters Who Face Charges "Tipped," Is Belief.

THREE SUBPENAS SERVED

Trio From Portland Go Back to Testify—James Given Credit for "Brains" in Alleged J. Rufus Wallingford Operations.

James and R. F. McNicholas, of this city, wanted by the Federal authorities at Cleveland, O., for alleged fraudulent use of the mails in promoting worthless mining properties in Oregon and Idaho, are believed by the authorities to be well on their way to South America or other distant port.

Conflicting Statements Have Been Made by Frank McNicholas, brother of the men whose arrest is desired, and Mrs. James McNicholas, both of this city, as to the whereabouts of James.

The brother informed the authorities that James was in Montreal, Canada, while the wife declared he had gone to Central America to look after some "mining operations" for a group of London capitalists.

Among those served with subpoenas yesterday were: L. B. Millers, of Glen Dale, a distant relative of the McNicholas brothers and secretary of one of the companies they organized and promoted; R. E. Butler, at one time employed as superintendent by the brothers, but now a member of the Portland police force, and John Nestor, who was at one time employed by the two "operators."

Wallingford Role Played.

"From the investigation that has been made and on which the arrests are sought," said Mr. Clement last night, "the two brothers operated cleverly. James furnished the brains of the combination and by putting up a good front and generally assuming the leading role, succeeded in securing the necessary funds for the operation."

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