

SUIT STARTS TO OUST COMMISSIONER

Claims That Reedsport Man
is Not Entitled to the
Position He Holds.

ADVICE IS IGNORED

Death of C. E. Ricker Results in
Misunderstanding Between the
Port of Umpqua Board
of Commissioners.

An action was filed today in the circuit court by the state of Oregon, on the petition of Fred Weatherly, against C. E. Ricker, of Reedsport, to oust the latter from the position of commissioner of the Port of Umpqua, into which it is claimed that Johnson has unlawfully intruded. The situation appears to be that upon the death of Mr. C. E. Ricker, who was a member of the board of commissioners of the Port of Umpqua and president of the Port, there were left only four members of the board, namely, Fred Weatherly, who was vice-president; F. P. Wells, Warren Reed and J. B. Browne. Mr. Reed and Mr. Browne undertook to elect Mr. Johnson a member of the Port to succeed Mr. Ricker, and also to make him president of the Port. Messrs. Weatherly and Wells were not in favor of Mr. Johnson and did not vote for him. On behalf of Mr. Johnson, it is claimed that Weatherly, by reason of being vice-president, lost his vote, and therefore that Johnson received a majority of the votes of those entitled to vote. It is understood that the matter was submitted to attorneys at Roseburg, including District Attorney Nomer, and the parties were advised that Mr. Weatherly had not lost his vote but that there was a tie of the board and therefore Mr. Johnson was not elected. For some reason, it is claimed, Messrs. Reed, Browne and Johnson are endeavoring to override the local advice which they have received from Roseburg, and Mr. Johnson is assuming to exercise the powers and duties of a commissioner and president of the Port. The action at law referred to has been brought to oust him from that position. The complaint is signed by District Attorney Nomer, Jos. H. Hughes of Gardiner, and B. L. Eddy as attorneys.

Little Dancer Creates Sensation

Miss Maud Lombard, physical education director for the Heinline-Moore conservatory of music, returned to this city yesterday from Eugene, where she had been invited to dance at a social affair given by the university students. Returning with her were Miss Norma Neely, of Portland, cousin to Miss Lombard, who will visit with her here for some time, and little Miss Mildred Stanger, of this city. Mildred Stanger is a small dancer of some fame, having danced on several public occasions here, her first appearance being at the crowning of the carnival queen at the carnival last year. She accompanied Miss Lombard to Eugene for the purpose of giving a solo dance at a formal ball given by the Sigma Delta Phi's at the Hotel Osburn in Eugene. The little dancer was an instant success, it being necessary for her to give several dances before the students were satisfied. She danced in a dark room with a spotlight playing upon her, and under a shower of silver confetti. She also danced before the physical education classes and instructors at the university, creating a sensation by her finished performance.

Annual Cleanup Starts Today

To judge from appearances today, Roseburg is a very dirty, untidy and unkempt city. Piled higher and higher along the main streets are boxes, barrels and boxes filled with overflowing tin cans, bottles, rubbish and accumulation of all sorts which has been cleaned up from the back yards, basements and out of the way places in order that Roseburg may be a cleaner, better looking and more sanitary city. The annual spring cleanup is on and from the way everyone is taking hold this

cleanup is going to be one of the biggest the city has known. The street cleaning department started out this morning with several extra wagons to cart away the rubbish piled out by citizens. On account of the large amount of work to be done the progress was slow and it will probably take the entire week to cover the entire city. Residents should remember that all rubbish must be placed in sacks, boxes or other containers and must be placed at the curb line on the parking.

Dr. Coffman Dies In Los Angeles

Dr. F. R. Coffman, for many years a resident of Roseburg, dropped dead of heart failure at Los Angeles Wednesday, according to a message received today by his cousin, Mrs. W. H. Fisher. Dr. Coffman has been residing at Denver, and Wednesday went to Los Angeles to join his wife, who had been visiting there. He arrived at 6 o'clock, and at 11 o'clock died suddenly. He had suffered on attack of pneumonia poisoning about three weeks before and had not fully recovered. Mr. and Mrs. Coffman had expected to spend about a month in Los Angeles and had then intended to come to Roseburg to visit Mrs. Fisher and then go on to attend the Shrine convention in Portland in June. Mrs. Fisher visited at the Coffman home in Denver on her way east last fall. Mr. Coffman was well known in this city, having resided here for several years. He leaves a wife, and son, Max, who was born in this city.

First Casualty On Roberts Mt.

The Roberts mountain "jinx" seems to have started the season early this year, and as on all years previous will probably be working overtime on its usual list of fatalities and accidents. What is perhaps the first casualty among the vanguard of early tourists occurred early Sunday morning when the Overland car belonging to C. J. Dunn, of Pasco, Washington, overturned when coming up the southern side of the mountain. Mr. Dunn had stopped to inspect the carburetor, which had been giving trouble, when the car began to back down the hill. He immediately jumped in and applied the foot brake, which broke and refused to hold. He then steered into the bank at the side of the road, the impact turning the car completely over. Mr. and Mrs. Dunn were the only occupants and were not injured. A message was sent to the Studebaker-Overland garage and a service car was sent to their assistance, bringing the car to this city, where it will be repaired.

Mr. and Mrs. Dunn were enroute home to Pasco from Klamath Falls, where they had been visiting. They will remain as guests at the Umpqua hotel until they can resume their journey.

One-Legged Man Breaks Jail

The thrilling escape of a one-legged man armed with a crutch, and guarded by a watchman in no wise bothered by insomnia, has all Glendale aghast today. Wm. Mustiol and James R. Hilton are alleged to have stolen a Ford car at Fullerton, Cal., recently. They arrived in Glendale Saturday and were helping themselves to a quantity of gasoline when they were discovered. One of the men chanced to be minus the major portion of one leg and manages to perambulate only with the aid of a crutch. The two desperadoes were placed in the Glendale jail, and a resident well known for his manly qualities placed on guard. The flimsy structure, however, proved unsuitable and with the crutch, or some other instrument, they forced their escape and caught the first freight into Roseburg, where they were arrested by Sheriff Quinn and Officer Percy Webb and placed in the county jail, where they are now stationed awaiting word from California.

Music Club Will Meet

Tomorrow night at the Heinline-Moore studio the losing side in the membership contest recently conducted by the Roseburg Music club, will sponsor a banquet for the winning side. The captain of the losers was C. S. Heinline, and L. B. Moore led the opponents to victory. The regular meeting of the music club will also take place, and an interesting program has been prepared. Some well known county musicians will probably be present and entertain the members.

Mrs. Florence Leadbetter has resumed her duties at the office of the county clerk, after an absence of several months. Mrs. Leadbetter has been sojourning in New York for the benefit of her health.

STAFF ARRIVES TO CONDUCT CAMPAIGN

American City Bureau Rep-
resentatives In Roseburg
to Start Work.

REORGANIZATION IS AIM

Campaign Manager Was Formerly a
Resident of This City and Has
Great Personal Interest in
Roseburg and Vicinity.

Following the announcement that the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce will conduct a reorganization campaign, members of the field staff of the American City Bureau, under whose direction the campaign will be waged, arrived in this city this morning and immediately set about making preparations for the preliminary work which will extend over a period of three weeks.

The staff is comprised of J. D. Allen, campaign manager; James G. Stafford, assistant manager, and G. A. Cowan, publicity director. The staff will be augmented by others as the campaign progresses.

Mr. Allen will meet this afternoon with Secretary C. S. Heinline and members of the board of directors of the present Chamber of Commerce when details of the American City Bureau plans will be explained and a location for campaign headquarters selected.

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The American City Bureau has conducted successfully similar campaigns in nearly 300 cities in the United States. The team which arrived here just completed a campaign for the reorganization of the Yuba county Chamber of Commerce in California, in which the United States reformed for amount subscribed per capita was broken.

Mr. Allen completed a survey of the city this morning and expressed optimism as to the outcome of the campaign here. He formerly was a resident of this city and at one time attended the high school here.

During his residence here he became well acquainted in Roseburg and vicinity and this morning expressed great surprise at the development that has been made and the progress in a commercial way that is to be noted. He finds a great change in the city, the streets having been paved since his residence here, while only a few of the old buildings remain, new structures having taken their place.

This campaign has as its purpose the complete reorganization of the Chamber of Commerce, the instilling of new life and new blood and putting Roseburg in its proper place as a city. The business affairs of the chamber will be put on a strictly economic basis and funds will be procured for the various departments to be handled by the organization.

Due to the great amount of paper work in connection with the campaign the Chamber of Commerce has issued a call for stenographers and typists. Routine work will begin at once and it is requested that those desiring employment report by telephone or in person to the campaign headquarters in the Chamber of Commerce rooms.

Church Quota Is Exceeded

The New Era drive conducted during the past week by the Presbyterian church, went over with a big surplus locally, according to the announcement made today. The finance committee composed of B. S. Nichols, W. C. Harding, Barton Helms, W. S. Hamilton and W. T. Wright, put in all of last week in the interest of the campaign and succeeded in raising \$4500 to meet the quota of \$2875. Of this money, \$1400 will be used by the board of missions for benevolent and missionary purposes and the remainder will go for general church expenses. In addition to the funds raised for the drive the sum of \$500 was raised for the building fund.

Ship Building Cor- porations Fined

By Associated Press
PORTLAND, May 3.—Federal Judge Rees today fined the Columbia river shipbuilding corporation and the Northwest steel company \$2500 each and levied jail sentences against the heads of the companies. The sentences were handed down as a result of the refusal of the companies to hand over their books and records for federal grand jury investigation.

Bomb Outrage Witness Suicides

By Associated Press
NEW YORK, May 3.—Tony Tazio, aged 30 years, detained by the department of justice as an important witness against a number of radicals involved in bomb outrages last June, committed suicide early today by jumping from the fourteenth story window of an office building here.

Polish Forces Entered Kiev

(By Associated Press)
WARSAW, May 3.—Polish forces occupied Kiev yesterday, according to extra editions of newspapers here today.

Strike Situation In Paris Serious

By Associated Press
PARIS, May 3.—The strike situation here is generally stationary except in the north and east stations this morning, as only about 50 per cent of the usual number of trains are being operated.

French Harbors Are Hit by Strike

By Associated Press
MARSEILLES, May 3.—This harbor is almost completely paralyzed by the strike. No ships left since the walkout was declared.

Supreme Court Refuses Rehearing

By Associated Press
WASHINGTON, May 3.—The supreme court today refused to grant the government's request for a rehearing of the anti-trust suit against the United States Steel Corporation.

37 Bodies Were Recovered Today

By Associated Press
MUSKOGEE, Okla., May 3.—Thirty-seven bodies have been recovered by rescuers from wrecked houses in the storm which demolished the town of Peggs, Cherokee county, according to a telephone report from Tahlequah. This information was brought from Peggs by the first man to arrive from there today.

At noon today, 44 bodies had been extricated from the debris resulting from last night's storm.

American Destroyers Ordered to Mexico

By Associated Press
WASHINGTON, May 3.—American destroyers have been ordered to Vera Cruz and Tampico to protect the Americans there. The navy department acted on the request of the state department, where it was explained that the warships could take aboard Americans in these ports in the event it should become necessary. It was said that the dispatch of the vessels was only a precautionary measure.

Two Americans Killed In Mexico

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, May 3.—Two American citizens, Eben Francis Greenlaw and his minor son, were killed by Mexican bandits yesterday, the state department was informed today by the American embassy in Mexico City.

The killings occurred about 125 miles from Mexico City. Greenlaw was an employee of a British lumber firm.

Grunau Says Men Willing to Return

(By Associated Press)
CHICAGO, Ill., May 3.—Nineteen thousand railway switchmen who walked out in sympathy with the strike called here April 1st by the Chicago yardmen's association will return to work if their seniority rights are restored, John Grunau, president of the Chicago association, declared today in the federal court.

BANDON YOUTH AGAIN ON TRIAL

Will Face Murder Charge For
Third Time In Coquille
Courts Today.

DEXTER RICE ASSISTS

Local Attorney Will Aid in the Prose-
cution of Fifteen-Year-Old Boy
—Jury Will Be Hard to Get,
It Is Predicted.

COQUILLE, May 3.—Harold Howell, the 15-year-old Bandon boy, today faced trial for the third time on the charge of murdering Lillian Leuthold near Bandon last July. It is the first time in the history of Coos county that a murder case has been tried three times and in fact it seems to be the only case on record in southwestern Oregon in which three trials have been necessary to decide the guilt or innocence of one accused of murder.

The fact that the case is to be tried for the third time and also because of the youthfulness of the defendant the Howell case has attracted wide attention not only in this locality but all over the state. It is said that the case has come into general prominence. Therefore the result will be watched with much interest. The case will be called in the circuit court at Coquille at 9 o'clock Monday morning.

Many Witnesses.
Over eighty witnesses will be examined and several lawyers will be engaged in the trial. District Attorney Hall says that he expects to have 40 witnesses for the prosecution and the defense will have probably one or two more than the prosecution.

Lawyers for Defense.
C. F. McKnight, who tried the case the first time is still in charge. In the second trial John C. Kendall was associated with him and in the third trial Goss, Kendall and Murphy will with Mr. McKnight defend and Attorney Collier, formerly deputy district attorney of Multnomah county, will assist in the defense. Mr. Collier is sent here by the Oregon Prisoners' Aid society.

When the father of Harold Howell made an appeal to the county court for aid in defending his son, funds for his benefit were raised in several parts of the state. In Portland the employees of the Walkover Shoe company started a fund and this money was later put with the prisoners' aid society and will be used to employ Mr. Collier to assist.

Friends Give Aid.
O. O. Howell, the father of the accused boy, has received aid from several cities in the state, among them Roseburg and Medford, and also from one of the eastern Oregon towns where he formerly resided and where over 100 citizens donated to a fund to help the family.

Mrs. John Kronenberg, of Bandon, who helped young Howell from the first, says that she will stay by him to the last. The elder Howell has at times worked for Mrs. Kronenberg and her son and she has known Harold Howell since he was a small child and in his trouble has been a faithful friend.

Tried to Prosecute.
On the other hand assistance has been given to help prosecute the case. A fund was raised at Bandon by the friends of the Leuthold family for the purpose of hiring a lawyer to assist in the prosecution. A. J. Sherwood was with the prosecution during the first two trials but withdrew from the case. The people who raised the fund at Bandon wanted to secure L. A. Liljeqvist but he was engaged in another case at the same time, so concluded to engage Dexter Rice, of Roseburg. Mr. Rice agreed to undertake it and District Attorney Hall said he could recognize him.

The county will pay whatever amount is necessary to make up Mr. Rice's fee above the amount of the fund. So on the side of the prosecution will be John F. Hall of Marshfield, and Dexter Rice of Roseburg, and for the defense C. F. McKnight and Goss, Murphy and Kendall of Marshfield, and Attorney Collier of Portland.

Trial Will Be Long.
It is impossible to tell how long the case will last but it will likely be in the neighborhood of ten days. A jury may be secured in three or four days and the attorneys think that they can get through with the eighty witnesses in four or five days, although the taking of testimony may string out over a longer period. The case has been talked about so much that it will be rather difficult to secure a jury.

Had Long Siege.
Young Howell has been in jail since last August when he was arrested. In the first two trials he bore up remarkably well and maintained a wonderful composure but he now shows the effects of his long

HOSPITAL FIRE IS GREAT LOSS

Insurance Fails to Cover Esti-
mate of Damage at Re-
cent Hospital Fire.

ADJUSTER ARRIVES HERE

Deduction Made for Previous Con-
flagration Leaves Only Very
Small Margin to Cover
Latest Loss.

A very serious situation now exists as a result of the recent fire at Mercy hospital. With a loss of \$72,000, it is found that there is only \$3600 with which to meet the cost of repairs, while added indebtedness on the building causes an acute financial situation. At the former fire the amount of insurance carried on the building was \$5000. The insurance company repaired the roof, the cost being \$1400, which was deducted, leaving only \$3600. The last fire caused a loss which contractors estimate at \$7000 and consequently the Sisters of Mercy will be out approximately \$3400.

When the hospital was built there was an indebtedness in the sum of \$14,000 existing, a mortgage being taken for that amount. The hospital has never paid more than expenses and consequently only a small portion of the indebtedness has been paid off by the main organization. With these losses in mind the matter of rebuilding is one that is being seriously considered.

If finances can be arranged the hospital will probably be rebuilt on the plan recently suggested. The top floor will be removed completely and a flat fireproof roof constructed. The second floor will be used for nurses' quarters and the first floor only for patients. A concrete annex will be built for the surgery and will also contain a large number of private rooms giving a capacity almost as great as at the present time with all danger of fire eliminated.

An investigation has failed to disclose the cause of the fire. It is practically a settled fact in the mind of those who have been looking over the building that the peculiar construction of the roof resulted in air currents which carried embers from the chimneys downward instead of upward, causing the several fires which have occurred.

Toll Thompson, of Portland, representing the insurance company holding the policies, arrived today and adjusted the loss. A large policy on the furniture and fixtures was in full force and this will fully cover all damage occurring there.

WILL RAISE MONEY.
NEW YORK, May 3.—No effort will be made by the Hiram Johnson forces to raise \$25,000 to meet a similar offer from the Wood forces to guarantee the expense of a recount of the New Jersey primary, the assistant eastern campaign manager announced.

New Tulsa Car To Arrive Today

H. Merten, local automobile dealer, today announced that the new Tulsa car will arrive here today from Portland. It is being driven overland from the metropolis and will be the first of that make to be seen here. Mr. Merten has accepted the agency for this popular model and within five or ten days will have a carload of them for distribution in Douglas county. The Tulsa auto manufacturing company presents three types of bodies on the famous oil field chassis, a five passenger touring, two passenger roadster and the Oil Field special. It is claimed that the Tulsa has conquered the world's roads and was born of rugged necessity. For years, big oil companies buying cars in fleets for field use, cried, but found wanting, all light inexpensive makes. It was then that Tulsa capitalists decided to build a car to fit the country, a car that would "whip" the oil fields. They summoned an engineer of national repute who studied conditions exhaustively and designed the first Tulsa model. The test covered two years of merciless punishment and the Tulsa won. Mr. Merten claims the new car to be received here is as lasting as time and he invites the public to visit his showrooms and inspect the various models on display there.

Johnson Fighting Wood For 16 Votes

By Associated Press
BALTIMORE, May 3.—Senator Hiram Johnson and Leonard Wood are fighting it out at the presidential preference primary today for the 16 votes of Maryland at the republican national convention. The democrats have no contest.

STUDENT BODY MEETING TOMORROW AFTERNOON.

The annual student body meeting for the purpose of nominating officers for the coming year, will be held at the local high school tomorrow afternoon. Election will be held one week later. The usual "electioneering" for favorite candidates is expected to take place, and all the thrills of a regular election will be carried out.

Livestock Weak In Market Today

(By Associated Press)
PORTLAND, May 3.—Cattle are weaker, and choice steers are quoted at 12 and 13 cents. Hogs are weaker at 16 1/2 cents. Sheep are weak, but no change has been made. Butter is reported to be steady and no change. Eggs are selling for 40 cents in case counts.

COLLISION KILLS ONE.

(By Associated Press)
LA GRANDE, Or., May 3.—A head-on collision between a helper engine near Haron, 32 miles west of La Grande, and a local passenger train No. 29, of the Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation system, resulted in the death of Leon Blackford, the engineer, and injuries to the engineer and another. Several passengers were also slightly hurt.

DECISION THIS WEEK.

SALEM, May 3.—(Special to the News-Review)—The Oregon public service commission announced this afternoon that they will hand down a decision late this week concerning the application of the Douglas County Light and Water company for a raise in rates.