

Ouster Of Fair Manager Will Be Reconsidered

PORTLAND — (AP) — Multnomah county commissioners have agreed to reconsider their recent discharge of Mrs. Ella Wilson, manager of the county fair.

The commissioners, after hearing protests from a delegation of 50 and receiving more petitions protesting the discharge, voted to take up again the entire problem of how the fair should be managed. The fair management has been in turmoil the past two years, stemming from the time the commissioners took power away from the old fair board.

Mrs. Wilson, formerly assistant manager of the state fair at Salem, was notified last week that she was to be replaced by a part-time manager, Duane (Spike) Hennessy, Portland public relations agent.

That appointment drew criticism, and protest petitions began to come in to the commissioners' offices.

Portland's Jake Bennett Faces Recall Attempt

PORTLAND — (AP) — An attempt to recall J. E. (Jake) Bennett, Portland city commissioner and staunch foe of taverns and gambling, has been started here.

Attorney Charles Harvey, who said he was representing George Barnard, Portland, filed a notice of intention to seek the recall. He identified Barnard as a former supporter for Marion L. (Mike) Elliott, sheriff who was recalled a few years ago.

The recall movement will need 25,770 signatures before Feb. 4. The recall election would follow on Feb. 29.

The notice accused Bennett of conduct unbecoming a public official by making unwarranted verbal attacks on other public officials, of lobbying for changes in state laws, and of being prejudiced against liquor and legalized gambling.

Phone Rates Hearing Will Resume Nov. 15

SALEM — (AP) — Hearing on the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company's application for a \$5,000,000 annual rate increase in Oregon will be resumed November 15, public utilities Commissioner George H. Flagg said.

Flagg said the testimony would take three or four days, after which he will decide whether to allow the increase.

Flagg said it would be sometime before he rules on the application by motor truckers for a 6 percent rate increase.

Linking Of 2 Railroads To Be Observed Nov. 10

KLAMATH FALLS — (AP) — The linking of the Great Northern and Western Pacific railroads 20 years ago will be commemorated Nov. 10 at Bieber, Calif., 90 miles south of here.

President John M. Budd will head a Great Northern delegation which will be met by a Western Pacific group led by President F. W. Whitman at the spot where a golden spike was driven on Nov. 10, 1931, to join the two railroads.

The linking line, known as the Bieber route, extends south from Wishram, Wash.

Cost Of Timber Falling, Bucking Major Problem

VICTORIA, B. C. — (CP) — J. W. Challenger, Vancouver island logging official told the 42nd logging congress that the foremost problem is how to get timber felled and bucked at the lowest cost under present conditions.

He said rising cost of labor, safety, maintenance and other items had to be considered in surveying the main problem.

Wages of contract fallers and buckers had risen from \$6.25 a day in 1939 to \$25 now, and wages of hook-tenders had jumped in the same period from \$7.50 to \$17 daily.

Santa Claus Out Of Step With Kefauver Committee

PROVIDENCE, R. I. — (AP) — A trip through the toy stores convinced a newsman that Santa Claus was out of step with the Kefauver committee.

In less than an hour, Ben H. Bagdikian, staff reporter for the Providence Journal-Bulletin, bought the following new-fashioned toys for kiddies:

- A complete roulette wheel with layout for playing bets and a guarantee it is an exact miniature of the Monte Carlo wheel; an electric pinball machine; a couple of horse race games; a pair of dice; a small slot machine of the one-armed bandit variety.

He inquired at one store for a nice bird cage and a cuck-a-luck set up. The proprietor regretted that the dice cages would not be in stock for another week.

So, concluded Bagdikian, don't gamble on Santa Claus, children. Gamble with him—and make him give you odds.

Yes, Virginia, there is a daily double.

Special Court To Try Newsmen Given Approval

NEW ORLEANS — (AP) — The right of a special judge and prosecutor to conduct the trials of five newsmen accused of defaming 16 public officials and three admitted gamblers has been upheld by the Louisiana supreme court.

Attorneys for the Lake Charles La. newsmen asked the supreme court to bar Judge Benard Coker of New Orleans and Assistant Attorney General M. E. Culligan from handling the cases.

The newsmen were indicted while leading an anti-gambling crusade. The indictments were based largely on articles printed in the Lake Charles American Press.

The supreme court refused to review Coker's ruling that he and Culligan were qualified and legally appointed to act as judge and prosecutor in the newsmen's trial.

Judge Coker, following the denial, set the newsmen's arraignment for next Monday.

The newsmen are Thomas Shearman, publisher; Hugh Shearman, his son and co-publisher; Kenneth L. Dixon, managing editor; James Norton, city editor, and Carter George, reporter.

They were indicted Aug. 27. Coker called the defendants up for arraignment Oct. 15, but the newsmen filed motions challenging the judge and prosecutor on the ground they were illegally appointed.

The New Orleans judge was appointed by the state supreme court and Culligan was appointed by Attorney General Bolivar Kemp.

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