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WATER BOND ELECTION IN SEPTEMBER

COMMISSION BELIEVES CHARTER ELECTION FAVORABLE.

REPORT ON ESTIMATED COST READY AUGUST

Separate Elections on Charter Amendments and Bond Issue Are Desired to Be Safest and Cheapest. This Having Test Case on Bonds Taken to State Supreme Court.

According to a decision reached by the city commissioners at their weekly meeting last evening the charter amendment and water bond elections will not be combined. This decision was reached after discussing the matter from various angles. James D. Slater, city attorney, pointed out that several legal questions that might be brought up by bonding house attorneys were eliminated by holding two elections.

The most important of these questions, Mr. Slater pointed out, is that regarding the constitutionality of holding the election on both at the same time. In this connection he pointed out that if this question were brought up by bonding house attorneys it would be necessary to submit the matter to the state supreme court and that this would cost much more than an additional election and much time would be lost thereby.

R. E. Koon, consulting engineer of Portland, who has charge of the preliminary work on the proposed water works system, also stated that there is a question as to the legality of voting on both the charter amendments and the bonds at the same time.

While the commissioners are of the opinion that the charter amendments will carry by a large majority, the opinion was expressed at last night's meeting that in case they should be defeated and it would be necessary to vote bonds under the present charter provisions this could be done best by another election.

It was the opinion of the commission that the failure of the water works proposition to carry last year was due to the fact that the estimated cost was excessive, it being over \$800,000. While no estimates are yet available it is believed that \$500,000 will be the limit of the plan that will probably be recommended. Should the charter amendments not carry, the present limit of indebtedness of the city would allow only \$280,000 to be voted for new bonds. In that case it will be possible to provide for a mere "make shift," according to Koon, as the present water system is in such a condition that a new supply system is imperative.

Estimates By August 1.

Mr. Koon announced to the commission that he expects to have estimates on whatever system he finds most feasible ready by August 1 and if it is the wish of the commissioners he would be here to explain the necessity for voting the charter amendments at mass meetings and later he expects to discuss the necessity of the bond issue in detail at meetings.

As it is highly desirable that low water measurements be taken Mr. Koon will not be able to submit an estimate before August 1. There are also some other surveys to be undertaken before the final estimate can be made.

Election in September.

The election for the bonds will probably be held a month after the charter amendment election. Mr. Koon stated that it is highly desirable to hold an election of this nature before October 1. It is very probable that some work be done on the new system during the winter, assuring absolutely that the city's water supply will be protected next year.

WATER RENTS CONTRIBUTE TO CITY REVENUE IN WEEK

The weekly report of George Gault, city manager, to the city commissioners shows that water rents contributed the greater portion of the \$184,945 revenue received by the city treasurer from various sources during the week ending July 2. The sum of \$116,887 was collected in water rents. Disbursements were \$114,444. The city recorder's office reported receipts of \$275,766. Fines contributed \$62 of this amount and the library \$275,766.

Eight arrests were made during the week, one of which was for intoxication and five for traffic violations. Two quarantines were established and one was released during the week.

REALTORS ON WAY TO EAST FOR MEETING

BIG PORTLAND DELEGATION PASSES THROUGH.

Bishop Black Joins Special Train Here—Boosters From All Parts of Northwest.

Headed by John B. Yeon as generalissimo, with Frank Branch Riley as high priest, Fred German as captain of the guard and a multitude of high privates, the special train for Chicago carrying representatives of the northwest to attend the national convention of real estate men pulled into La Grande today at 11 o'clock and the party was joined by Bishop C. J. Black, La Grande's accredited and credentialed booster.

Bishop Black carried a large suitcase weighted down with literature advertising La Grande and the Grande Ronde valley and he expects to do some good missionary work in behalf of Union county before returning home. Incidentally, this is Black's first trip east, having lived in the far west all his life.

The convention will start on July 12 and delegations of real estate men will be picked up at a number of points between here and Salt Lake. The special train on which the realtors are traveling is said to be one of the finest ever run out of the northwest. It consisted of ten coaches made in the Portland shops of the O. & W. and which were used for the first time on this trip.

Besides a large delegation of Portland men the special train on its arrival here had delegations from Seattle, and many other points in western Washington and western Oregon. A. C. Everson, of Tillamook, is a die-in-the-wool booster for his section. Getting off near the rear end of the train he walked forward and there wasn't anyone on the station platform who didn't feel his firm handshake and hear something of the Tillamook country while Everson's left hand thrust a card advertising the famed cheese section into the stranger's left.

Following are the members of the Portland delegation: Willis Bowes, W. A. Zimmerman, Carlos Marsters, Dudley Westler, James D. O'Connell, Paul A. Cowgill, Coe A. McKenna, Mrs. Harry Price Palmer and son, John B. Yeon and wife, Frank Branch Riley and Billy Riley, A. G. Teepe, G. Louise Slocumb, Joseph M. Healy, Arthur B. Carlson and wife, George T. Moore, George E. Englehart, J. O. Elrod, Chester A. Fuller, E. M. Evans, Frank B. Aghaw, T. O. Bird, R. J. Elick, E. J. Geiser, H. A. Whitnes, L. A. Jones, Harriett M. Brown, A. E. Ritter and wife, C. H. Thompson, Frederick H. Strong, Paul C. Murphy, Mrs. Paul C. Murphy and Paul C. Murphy Jr., Charles H. Tracy, J. Logie Richardson, Frank L. McGuire, Fred W. German and wife, George E. Dekum, Fred O. Brockman and wife, J. A. Wickman, H. W. Johnston and wife, John H. Marfels, W. H. Ross, Harold Jungk, Edgar M. Lazarus, Ernest Wells, L. K. Omer and wife, Miss Helen Miller, O. J. Heath, A. H. Johnston and wife, Mrs. L. E. Parshall and Evelyn Parshall, W. H. Thomas, Leon Butler, Dr. W. J. Reynolds, H. A. Freed, E. B. Lucy and H. R. Hughes.

UNION HOTEL HAS NEW MANAGER

H. N. (PATSY) CLARK ASSUMES CHARGE TODAY.

Was With the Portland Hotel for Nine Years and Opened the Cornelius in Portland.

UNION, July 6.—(Special.)—Union's new hotel has a new manager—some know to many Eastern Oregonians who make the hotels of Portland their stopping place when in the metropolis. He is H. N. (Patsy) Clark, for nine years with the Portland hotel, and the man who opened the Cornelius in Portland and The Hotel hotel. He has also been behind the desk in the Seattle Savoy. Union is quite pleased over their new manager who came today to take charge of the big hostelry here.

CHICAGO HEAT CAUSES DEATHS

CHICAGO, July 7.—The sweltering heat wave which covers the middle states, caused five deaths here yesterday.

HOUSE STARTS TARIFF BILL DISCUSSION

REPUBLICAN MAJORITY FIXES JULY 21 AS DATE FOR FINAL VOTE ON MEASURE.

GENERAL DISCUSSION WILL END ON JULY 14

Democrats File Minority Report in Which They Denounce the Administration Tariff Bill as a "Conspiracy to Benefit a Few Favorites at the Expense of all Humanity."

WASHINGTON, July 7.—With the house beginning a consideration of the general tariff bill today, the republican majority fixed July 21 for the final vote on the measure.

The general discussion will end on July 14, the debate thereafter being under the five-minute limitation. The democratic members of the ways and means committee in a minority report filed in the house today, denounce the administration tariff bill as a "conspiracy to benefit a few favorites at the expense of all humanity."

The senate agricultural committee reported favorably the Capper-Tincher bill to regulate the future grain exchange dealings.

General Smuts Not to Attend Dublin Meeting

LONDON, July 7.—General Smuts will not attend the meeting at Dublin Friday, between the Valera and the unionists.

The General went to Dublin Tuesday on the invitation of the Valera. Lloyd George told the house of commons. When asked whether he saw the General before the latter went to Ireland, the Premier replied that he was seeing Smuts constantly.

BOYS SIGN FOR TENNIS

The junior tennis tournament arranged by A. Edwin Pryke, physical director of the Y. M. C. A., during the past week, is to begin this afternoon. The boys taking part in this tournament, which will be played off on the Y. M. C. A. courts, are all between fifteen and eighteen years of age.

Singles and doubles will be played. The teams for the doubles have not been announced yet. Among those who will take part in this tournament are Reid Geddes, Floyd Smith, Clyde Ford, B. O'Connell, Jean Taylor, James Coker, and Jess George.

FAGAN IS KILLED

BABY GIRL ABANDONED ON THE TRAIN AT BAKER

Many La Grande People Want to Adopt Youngster—Name of Infant Given as Eunice L. R.—On Note Asking That Care Be Taken of It

A pretty baby girl, ten or twelve days of age, was abandoned at Baker City last night just before train No. 19 pulled out for La Grande, the child being left on the train in a seat beside Pete Nelson. According to the information received here, a man and a woman drove up to the station in a taxi, the man taking the basket containing the child into the station. Shortly after setting the basket down the woman came in and put it on the train. The authorities here were notified and requested to take charge of the child. All appearances lead to the belief that the child comes of well-to-do parents. The small clothes basket containing the infant contained food and clothing for the youngster in abundance. It was wrapped in a small blanket and covered with another blanket.

Note Gives Name.

On the back of a price-tag torn from one of the blankets was a note. The note read as follows: "This baby is Eunice L. R. She is going to the Waverley Baby Home in Portland, Ore. Please feed her. Everything in basket. Feed every 3 hrs."

Upon arriving here the police took charge of the child, Chief Roy Flexer taking it to his home for the night. According to Flexer the child had been well taken care of having been bathed shortly before beginning the journey and the clothes all being in good shape and clean. The little girl was unaware of the excitement she was causing and slept well all night and this morning was as happy a creature as though her parents were the loving kind who couldn't abandon a youngster.

This morning the infant was placed in a home in La Grande where it will have better care than it would probably receive if an effort were made to locate its home and have it returned there or sent to a baby home.

Mrs. Fay Catlin, secretary of the Red Cross, took charge of the child this morning and placed it in its new home.

Numerous calls were received at Red Cross headquarters this morning asking for permission to adopt the infant. The child was placed in a home where the foster mother had applied to the Red Cross previously for an infant for adoption.

ALLEGED LIQUOR LAW VIOLATORS NOT GUILTY

A jury in circuit court yesterday afternoon found Thomas Clarke and wife not guilty of having liquor in their possession. An indictment was returned last month by the grand jury charging the couple with violating the prohibition laws.

THINGS WE'D LIKE TO SEE.

SPIRITUALIST MEDIUM CALLED ON STAND TODAY

MRS. MARY J. WADE TESTIFIES IN KABER CASE.

Mrs. Kaber Said She Wanted Dan Kaber Killed Because the Man She Loved Was Poor.

CLEVELAND, July 7.—Mrs. Mary J. Wade, spiritualist medium, testified in the trial of Mrs. Eva Catherine Kaber for the murder of Daniel F. Kaber, that Mrs. Kaber on her last visit said, "I want you to try and get rid of Dan Kaber for me."

TWO ASK TO BE RETRIED

SENTENCE IS POSTPONED BY CIRCUIT JUDGE.

Motions for New Trials to Be Heard By Court in Morning—Automobile Is Cause of Trouble.

C. E. Dooley, convicted by a jury in circuit court this week of larceny in connection with an automobile alleged to have been sold by him and which was the property of one George Robertson, was to have been sentenced this morning by Judge J. W. Knowles, but sentence was postponed because his attorneys, R. J. Green and H. J. Kitchin, filed a motion for a new trial.

Judge Knowles has set nine o'clock tomorrow morning for passing on the motion for a new trial. At this time the motion for a new trial for T. J. Keelen, also convicted on the same charge previously, will also be heard. R. J. Green and John S. Hodgin are Keelen's attorneys. Keelen is alleged to have sold the car which Dooley had placed in his hands for that purpose, Dooley claiming ownership.

LUTHER FAGAN, PAROLED CONVICT, SHOT TO DEATH BY MEMBER OF THE POSSE

MAN WHO SHOT T. J. MILLER, HOOD RIVER RANCHER, AND KIDNAPPED WIFE, SON AND DAUGHTER, HELD POSSE AT BAY TWO HOURS.

Fagan Was Lured From Grove to Accept \$50 for the Release of the Boy, and Herman Peggro, of Oak Grove, Took Advantage of the Moment, Firing at Fagan's Head; Prisoners Were Uninjured and Miller Was Not Seriously Wounded; Miller Shot for Failure to Reveal Whereabouts of Girl.

HOOD RIVER, Ore., July 7.—Mrs. T. J. Miller and daughter, Pearl, are today recovering from the nervous collapse which they suffered as a result of being kidnapped Wednesday by Luther Fagan, ex-convict, who was shot to death by a civilian posseman early last evening.

Early in the day, Fagan shot T. J. Miller and then kidnapped Miller's wife, son and daughter, taking them, in Miller's automobile, to a grove near here.

The shooting occurred at Miller's ranch, after Miller had refused to divulge the whereabouts of Louise Watkins, daughter of Mrs. Miller, for an attack upon whom Fagan was sentenced to the penitentiary in 1919. Fagan's three prisoners were uninjured.

Railroads Lines Will Receive \$500,000,000

WASHINGTON, July 7.—Secretary of the Treasury, Andrew W. Mellon, has announced that the railroads would receive approximately \$500,000,000 additional advances from the government within the next six months. The government will receive six per cent security from the railroads receiving the advances.

CAR CRASHES INTO STORE

WOMAN FAILS TO GIVE RIGHT OF WAY.

Shortly after 1 o'clock this afternoon a large Haynes car driven by Mrs. Ruth Rynearson crashed into the corner of Jefferson and Fir with such force that it completely demolished the window on Jefferson street next to the corner, wrecking not only the plate glass but also the frame. The car hit the store with such force that a kitchen range weighing 525 pounds which was on exhibition near the window was hurled six feet, but not damaged.

Several porch springs, three lawn mowers and a number of pedestals near the window were completely demolished when the car forced its way into the store. The car itself was probably damaged to the extent of over \$100 while the damage to the building and furniture will be over \$200, it is believed. A Ford standing at the curb on Jefferson street was hit by the wild car and slightly damaged, the damage consisting mainly in wrecking the headlights. The Ford belongs to the Valley crematory.

The accident was caused when Mrs. Rynearson, who was going east on Jefferson, attempted to turn out in order to avoid colliding with a taxi driven by Peter LeClair who was going north on Fir street with a passenger. LeClair, according to the police, had the right of way. Mrs. Rynearson, according to witnesses, was driving at an excessive speed which is also indicated by the fact that although she attempted to turn out and put the brakes on she crashed into the store with terrific force.

Japan Makes Ready.

Tokio, July 7.—The ground is being prepared for the formal negotiations later with the United States and Great Britain, according to information obtained here.

After shooting Miller and kidnapping the others, Fagan was pursued closely, and early Wednesday night was reported surrounded in a thicket southwest of here.

The posseman held the posse at bay for two hours, threatening harm to his captives if an attempt was made to approach the posse, under protection of the girl, to receive \$50, which he was offered if he released the boy.

The posseman feared to advance because of possible danger to Fagan's prisoners at his hands. When most of them debated their course, Herman Peggro, of Oak Grove, went up close to the thicket and, as Fagan was about to take the money, Peggro fired, blowing the top off Fagan's head, killing him instantly.

Fagan recently was given a pardon from the state penitentiary, where he was serving a sentence for attacking Miss Louise Watkins, Miller's step-daughter. As a condition to his pardon he had submitted to an operation for sterilization.

Six months ago Fagan, with two other trudees, escaped, Fagan was recaptured at Pendleton. Miss Watkins was a nurse in California and left her post to escape the attentions of Fagan, returning to her mother's home here.

Fagan followed her and was captured following a meeting with the woman, whom he tricked into accepting an automobile ride.

Miller Tells of Shooting.

Miller at the hospital Wednesday night was able to give an account of the day's happenings. According to him, Fagan appeared at the Miller home and said he wanted to see Miss Watkins and "get a release" from her. Miller believed the man wanted to have the girl safe for a price. He told him Miss Watkins was out of the city. The man then shot Miller in the breast. When Mrs. Miller rushed out, attracted by the shooting, he told her to call a doctor.

Doctor McCartney responded to the call, and Fagan stood over him with his revolver while he examined the fallen man. When the doctor said Miller needed hospital treatment, Fagan told him to bundle Miller into his automobile and take him away. This the doctor did, bringing Miller to the hospital here and giving the alarm.

Fagan then forced Mrs. Miller, her daughter and the boy into Miller's automobile and drove off with them.

Miller is not seriously hurt.

WEATHER

Tonight and Friday Fair.

