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WATER CRISIS TAKEN UP BY THE AD CLUB

Executive Committee Appoints Special Body To Help City

MEMBERS CONVINCED ACTION IMPERATIVE

All Voters Urged to Make Study of the Situation Before Going to the Polls

Old Man Lethargy got a serious jolt yesterday noon when the Tuesday luncheon for the Ad Club members brought the membership out of its state of apathy in regard to the water situation and set them into action.

After the situation as it now exists was explained to the diners by Commissioner David Stoddard and City Manager George Garrett had shown the vivid picture description, general discussion followed after which it was voted that the club should exert every possible energy to get out a vote next Tuesday when the bond question comes up.

The fact that \$150,000.00 out of the \$200,000.00 bond issue will be used for permanent work, repairing the down town water mains, repairing the town reservoir, and in replacing the dam, convinced members that the plan is the best solution out of the present emergency.

That other sources have good and sufficient water was advanced and discussed, but when the price for each of them was mentioned, the projects dimmed in feasibility. The three possible projects—Catherine, Minam and Looking Glass—would cost about a half million, a million and a million and a half respectively—items which were deemed impractical at this time for the income from the water system would not even pay interest on the proposition, not to say anything of retiring the bonds which the income will do with the proposed permanent work and repair projects.

The critical situation as it stands today was realized by those present, and the first results of the talk and of the display of pictures was inauguration of an intensive campaign to interest others and knock Old Man Lethargy into a coked hat between now and next Tuesday morning.

The executive committee met last evening and went over the proposition of awakening the city to the emergency. It devised ways of interest, the public and of providing means for those who are undecided now, to convince themselves further before voting. It is a common rule among the people of the United States to vote "No" on anything they do not understand, and the Ad Club has assumed the task of assisting those who now either know nothing about the situation and the proposed relief, or have been misinformed, to become acquainted with the situation in its true light, and then to form their own opinion and vote accordingly.

Will Visit Site.
A committee from the Ad Club, and from the Central Labor Council will go to the head of the project this week, probably tomorrow and make careful study of the matter. Some of those who will go on the trip are now opposed to the bond issue, but it is that group that the Ad Club wants to investigate first hand what there is to be done.

Intensive Campaign Mapped.
School teachers and the ministerial association will be shown the pictures late this afternoon.
On Thursday evening the Central Labor Council will hear the report of the committee which goes up to the dam tomorrow. Sunday the pulpits of the city will be asked to impress the public into going to the polls Tuesday.

On Tuesday morning, at noon, and at 5 o'clock, all the noise-making that by a masked bandit at the ferry post-office early today. The robber escaped with a sack of registered mail.

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Black Man Must Know His Place, Says Harding

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Oct. 26.—The "Racial amalgamation there cannot American negroes' rights to broader be. Partnership of the races in political, economic and educational advantages, based on pride of race, but there must be if humanity is to achieve never to aspire for social equality, was the ends we have set for it. The black championed by President Harding in should seek to be and he should by a plainly worded enunciation of his encouraged to be, the best possible views on the race problem, delivered black man and not be an impossible at the semi-centennial celebration of imitation of a white man," the president declared.

Oregon Is Left in the Cold Says the Anti-Saloon League

Assertion Made that the Sick in Only Nine States Can Have Beer, Oregon Being in Bone-Dry Class

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—Prescriptions of beer as medicine under the new treasury regulation can legally be made in only nine states, Wayne B. Wheeler, general counsel of the Anti-Saloon League, said Tuesday in a statement.

These states, he said, are California, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Wisconsin. Prescription of beer also is possible, he said, in the non-prohibited portions of Louisiana and Maryland.

Breach of Promise Case Won by Woman

PENDLETON, Oct. 26.—Mrs. Lucille Christianson was last night awarded a judgment of \$3,000 in her breach of promise suit against J. B. Knight, Pendleton business man. The jury got the case at 6:30 o'clock. It returned a verdict at 9:30. Knight must pay the court costs.

Knight, on the stand, denied having ever promised to marry Mrs. Christianson, but admitted his relationship with her. The woman in the case had the entire story of her two years with the defendant and repeatedly insisted that he had agreed to make her his wife.

REV. SMITH HAS ACCEPTED A CALL

Will Go to Church in Portland Middle of Next Month; Meeting Tomorrow

Rev. James Aikin Smith of the First Presbyterian church of La Grande, has accepted a call to the Hope Presbyterian church in Montavilla. Rev. Smith will leave here about November 14, assuming his new duties November 15.

Tomorrow evening a meeting of the local congregation will be held to act on his resignation and a called meeting of the presbytery will be held next Tuesday to dissolve the pastoral relation.

Sewing Club of Ladd Canyon Is One of Leaders

Makes a Hundred Per Cent Record and Earns Well-Deserved Recognition at Oregon College.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Oct. 26.—The Ladd Canyon Sewing club of Union county has become a 100 per cent club, according to H. C. Seymour, state leader of boys' and girls' clubs, at the agricultural college. To win this distinction each member must complete her project and report in the state office.

The work was done under the direction of Miss Ruby Emmitt, local club leader.

Members of the club are Maria Miller, Ruth Drumsmith, Gladys Drumsmith, Helen Austin, Beth Miller, Lois Banton, and Marjorie Peabler.

MEN AND WOMEN WITH BIG INCOMES CAN CUT TAXES

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 26.—A decision that under the laws of California a wife's half of the community property is not subject to inheritance tax, handed down Monday by the United States circuit court of appeals, paves the way for husbands and wives to file separate income tax returns on community property in the opinion of leading attorneys.

For couples having incomes of more than \$10,000 a year, this will permit a considerable saving, they pointed out, because of the higher tax rate on a large return. In seven other states having community property law, the treasury department permits this procedure, but the point in the California law has never been passed on before.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 26.—Frank P. Adams, clerk and guard, was killed at 5 o'clock, all the noise-making that by a masked bandit at the ferry post-office early today. The robber escaped with a sack of registered mail.

Oregon Trail to Be Completed

Highway Commission Assures County Court of Cooperation

PORTLAND, Oct. 26.—Exceptionally low bids for contracts and the best bids for bonds received since 1919 were features of the opening session of the state highway commission yesterday. During the day the commission also took occasion to notify delegations of various counties that they would have to pay to the state financial obligations.

Assurance was given the Union county court, which appeared that the commission is desirous of cleaning up the Old Oregon Trail through that county in the coming year. Incidentally the commission reminded the county of financial agreements which the commission expects the county to fulfill.

The commission is preparing to collect on the promises of the counties as money was needed to push forward the road programme.

Contractors from Idaho and Washington, as well as from Oregon, were in competition yesterday for road work, and with a single exception the successful bidders were below the estimates.

The falling price of labor and material, together with the fact that most of the contractors have about cleaned up all their old work and are anxious to maintain their organization and get into the field early next year, are responsible for the notably low offers.

A bid of 15 cents for "common" and 80 cents for rock was offered and accepted on a 15-mile grading job. No such low figure has been received by the commission since the highway body was organized. It is comparable with the prices on railroad work in the pre-war days. The figures are illuminating to those familiar with contracting work showing how prices have dropped.

So many bids were offered for the ten jobs opened that it took the time of the commissioners from 10 o'clock until nearly 3 o'clock opening and listing the bids. It was impossible for the commission to make all the awards by 6 o'clock last night.

Contracts were awarded as follows: Yamhill county, bridge on the Amity-McMinnville road, Monson, Treveler & Co., \$23,000.50.

Morrow county, Lexington-Hepner section of Oregon-Washington highway, 13.7 miles grading, Moore & Anderson, \$58,745.

Linn county, Murder creek grade separation, Pacific highway, L. O. Harrow, \$11,298.

Douglas county, Roseburg-Wilbur section of Pacific highway, 5.3 miles concrete paving, S. A. Moser of Tacoma, \$144,395.

Malheur county, Weiser-Baker line section, Old Oregon trail, 15.3 miles grading, Hauser Construction Co. \$106,424.50.

Lane county, Cottage Grove section, Pacific highway, 1.6 miles paving, combination type, Guy F. Pyle, \$57,416.

HUGHES WILL NOT DIVULGE TALK SUBJECT

Disarmament Delegates Held Meeting Late Yesterday

NAVY OFFICIALS TO BE CALLED IN

Far East Problem Looms as One of The Hardest of All That Must Be Solved

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—Secretary Hughes and other members of the American delegation to the conference on limitation of armament were in conference last yesterday for more than two hours with Secretary Denby, Assistant Secretary Roosevelt, Admiral Coontz, chief of naval operations, and Captain W. B. Pratt, of the general board. After the session Mr. Hughes said he could not disclose what had transpired further than to say that general subjects relating to the agenda had been discussed and it had been deemed advisable to call in navy officials for that purpose.

The fact that Secretary Denby and his advisers were summoned led to the conclusion that the preliminary review and discussion of data prepared for the conference had reached a point where formulation of some proposal for limitation of naval armament had been taken up by the American group. Secretary Hughes, however, would not indicate what had been discussed.

The delegation consisted in addition to Secretary Hughes, of Senators Lodge and Underwood and Elihu Root.

It has been generally agreed among government officials that the formulation of a programme for the limitation of a naval armament would be the most serious problem to face the conference, even if the delegates succeeded in eliminating causes for friction in the far east, during their discussion of far eastern and Pacific problems.

The naval group to act as advisers for the American delegates has not been named, but the attendance today of Mr. Roosevelt and Admiral Coontz, and Captain Pratt, let to an expectation that they might be appointed.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—Lloyd B. Burchingham, American consul at Salina Cruz, Mexico, was stabbed twice in the left arm by unknown assailants in the consulate Monday night, the state department was advised today.

Meeting to be Held on Coast

Farmers of Northwest Will Hold Council of War Next Month.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—A conference of representatives of progressive farmer organizations from the west and northwest will be held in Portland November 14 and 15, the farmers' national council has announced. It will be in the nature of a "council of war" on securing legislation and measures needed by agriculture.

BONUS RULINGS MADE AT SALEM

Retirement Pay Bars from Benefits of Act; Other Details Are Also Settled

SALEM, Oct. 26.—Receipt of retirement pay by an ex-service man constitutes a bar to participation in the provisions of the Oregon bonus law, according to an opinion prepared by Attorney General Van Winkle for the guidance of the state bonus commission.

The same opinion holds that a loan under the provisions of the bonus act may be secured by property owned by "his or her husband, father, mother, child, children, brother or sister," pointing out that the fact that the first named may not be willing to give his property as security for such a loan would not bar the applicant from securing the loan on property held by any of the other relatives, regardless of the order in which they are named in the bonus bill.

An enlistment subsequent to June 3, 1915, is a necessary qualification, he holds, but an enlistment prior to that date does not disqualify one, provided he has also enlisted after that date. Enlistment prior to the declaration of war is not a disqualification under the Oregon law, as it was held to be under the Washington law.

Van Winkle also holds that a qualified applicant does not exhaust his or her right to borrow the full amount provided in the statute by borrowing a less amount.

REDUCING SCHEME MAKES THEM TAKE ON MORE FAT

NEW YORK, Oct. 26.—Sorrow Monday night invaded the ranks of half a hundred New York fat women, attempting to reduce through scientific training. Two had grown fatter.

Forty-eight of the reducing class visited the scales and rejoiced—they showed an average loss in seven days of six pounds, five ounces. But Ad Parker screamed—she was fatter by two and a half pounds and now weighs 196. Lillie Ice groaned. Entered at 177, now weighs 179.

Wheat Rate Cut Not So Big as First Announced

Railroad now Says Northwest Wheat Shippers Will Have Only Ten Per Cent Cut Instead of Sixteen.

Reductions in grain, grain products and hay rates ordered by the interstate commerce commission probably will amount to only 10 per cent instead of 16 per cent so far as the Northwest is concerned, according to a message received by H. E. Lounsbury, general freight agent of the O. W. R. & N., at Portland, from H. M. Adams, vice-president in charge of traffic of the Union Pacific system.

The message says that the interstate commerce commission has ordered a reduction equivalent to one half of the increased 25 per cent in the Northwest territory, this would mean a reduction equivalent to about 10 per cent for the Northwest.

TAXES TO BE SLICED.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—The repeal of the excess profits tax December 31 was agreed on by the senate without a record vote late this afternoon.

KIDNAPPER PARDONED.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Oct. 26.—Acting Governor Coyle today granted a full and unconditional pardon for George Stagg, former Tacoma, convicted a year ago of kidnapping his child and sentenced to a term in the Walla Walla penitentiary.

BULLETINS

NEW YORK, Oct. 26.—Federal prohibition agents Monday raided an attic above a Greenwich village restaurant. Their haul included 50 cases, 2000 bottles and 100 jars of wine, valued at \$15,000. The smell of a nearby barrel of mashed mingled with the odors from stored cheese, the officers said, but the attic was used as sleeping quarters for three persons.

LYNN, Mass., Oct. 26.—The Lynn shoe manufacturers association has proposed to the unions a 20 per cent wage cut of the 13,000 shoe workers in the affiliated factories.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 26.—Storm warnings were again sent out on the Pacific coast today.

ORLANDO, Fla., Oct. 26.—Three deaths are reported in the tropical storm which swept Florida during the past two days.

PORTLAND, Oct. 26.—W. C. Powell, pool hall proprietor who was shot Sunday night, died today. Joe Hill was arrested following the fight and is now charged with first degree murder.

PORTLAND, Oct. 26.—Blood transfusion was today resorted to in an effort to save Bruce Galway, Mayor Baker's step-son, who was wounded accidentally yesterday by a rifle. His condition is critical.

KLAMATH FALLS, Oct. 26.—Preston Puckett, the lost hunter, has returned. He was trailing a bear.

PORTLAND, Oct. 26.—Cattle were steady today, hogs steady, prime lights being \$10 to \$10.50. Sheep were slow and eggs and butter steady.

J. GARFIELD HOLM FIRST.

It took J. Garfield Holm just ten minutes to get off the Ad Club membership committee after he had been assigned, along with every other member of the club, to get three members paid in advance. He was not satisfied with getting three, however, and went out after another one for good measure and got it. A half dozen men are closely tied for second place.

Passive Assistance.
Reports reached the labor board Tuesday that the unions which have voted not to join the "Big Four" and the switchmen in the walkout Sunday will extend passive assistance, in that they will refuse to perform any tasks other than those usually assigned to them.

The clerks, it was reported, will re-

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Steel Earnings Not So Huge During Last Quarter

NEW YORK, Oct. 26.—Total earnings of the United States Steel corporation for the third quarter of the current year announced after Tuesday's meeting of the directors, dwindled to \$18,918,068. This is the smallest total of any quarter since March, 1915, when earnings fell to \$12,457,809 and no dividends were paid on the common stock.

Regular dividends of 1 1/2 per cent on preferred and 1 1/4 per cent on common stock were declared, but no part of the common dividend was earned and only \$1.58 of the \$1.75 due on the preferred was available after payment of interest in outstanding bonds.

To meet these dividend payments, the directors drew upon the undivided surplus to the extent of \$4,696,501, against the \$4,576,038 taken from the surplus in the previous quarter to make up the deficit in the common dividend.

Chairman E. H. Gary declined to forecast conditions in the steel industry, but Tuesday's statement indicated a turn for the better, August earnings far exceeding those of July, with a further though moderate gain for September.



Rain is predicted for tonight and Thursday.

