

QUESTION ON CITY BONDS HAS COME UP

Portland Attorneys Believe Charter Provisions Are Unsatisfactory.

CITY ATTORNEY WILL INVESTIGATE MATTER

Bonding Companies Suggest Amending of City Charter; City Seeks to Avoid Such Action.

As a result of the action recently taken by the City Commission to secure an approving opinion in connection with the proposed Improvement Bond issues, there has been furnished a statement by Teal, Winfree, Johnson & McCulloch of Portland, standard bond attorneys, which would indicate that a part of the proceedings set out in the Charter Amendments passed at the last general election are not in keeping with the nature of the Improvement Bonds now wanted by the investment brokers in the Northwest, and suggestions have been offered which may necessitate a special election, but which, if carried out, will provide a bond which will bring the very highest market price.

One object of the special election, if called at all, would be to provide that the bonds could be sold at once upon the letting of the contract, so that the cash would be immediately available when the work was completed, thereby making it possible for the small contractor who is unable to carry the overhead of the bond sales to be arranged to bid in competition with the larger contractors.

At the meeting of the commissioners last night, Attorney R. J. Green was authorized to go to Portland and take up the matter of the amendments with the attorneys furnishing this opinion, with the purpose in view of avoiding the special election, if possible, by a proper presentation of the intent of the Charter Amendments to them. The difference of a few cents in the percentages on the bonds which will be issued during 1923, will cause a variation of near \$10,000.00 in the entire sale, and if this can be gained for the profit side of the ledger it is well worth considering.

Paving Petitions Accepted.

In addition to the above matter, three petitions for improvements were presented and accepted by the city commissioners. The first petition asked for hard surfacing and cement curbs on M avenue from Cedar to Oak, continuing the M avenue pavement; the second, grading and paving of Walnut street from Spring to Adams; and the third, the grading and paving of Washington avenue from First to Alder.

A verbal communication regarding the watering of dairy stock in a stream crossing Second street south of A avenue was entered, declaring the matter a public nuisance. The city manager was authorized to investigate and report upon the matter.

Bids Received.

Last night was the designated time for the receiving of bids on lots on sale by the city. One bid, offering \$200 for Lot 4, Block 12, Grandy's addition, was received and rejected. The property in question has been appraised at \$850.

Citizens Guarding Town Against Surprise Attack By Renegade Piute Band

(By Associated Press)
MONTICELLO, Utah, Mar. 22.—While possemen are out seeking a band of renegade Piutes, citizens are guarding Blanding to prevent a surprise attack. Four white possemen reported missing have joined the new posse. Blanding is without communication, wires being reported cut following the running fight with the Indians.

(By Associated Press)
SALT LAKE CITY, Mar. 22.—United States Marshal J. Ray Ward of Utah, accompanied by several deputies left here late Wednesday for the scene of the Piute Indian outbreak near Blanding, southeastern Utah. He is said to be under instructions from Washington and announced he will take command of the posse of 25 armed men who are pursuing the renegade redskins who are led by "Old Posse."

Death Takes Leonard R. Steel On Eve of Probe In His Financial Method

(By Associated Press)
BUFFALO, Mar. 22.—Leonard R. Steel, founder of the L. R. Steel corporation, which went into receivership March 8, died early today on a train en route for Chicago. His death came on the eve of an official investigation into his financial methods.

SUGAR PRICE PROBE DEMAND BEING MADE

"About a Month Behind" Is Hoover's Comment Concerning the Investigation.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Mar. 22.—Demands are now being made for an investigation of sugar price fluctuations. They are "about a month behind," Secretary Herbert Hoover said today, adding that such inquiry had been instituted by the government on March 4.

Secretary Hoover said he was convinced there was no economic justification for the high prices and that the department of commerce and other departments were investigating conditions in Cuba under the law authorizing an inquiry into combinations of foreign producers of import commodities.

DOPE SWEEPS AWAY FAMILY

(By Associated Press)
CHICAGO, Mar. 22.—That the police are investigating murder, suicide in the death of Mrs. W. C. Woolson, 70, and her daughter, Mrs. Edna Robinson, 40, was disclosed by the history of the family, once prominent in the east, then reduced to poverty by the use of narcotics.

Four in the family committed suicide in the last 25 years.

UPRISING HELD UNLIKELY
(By The Associated Press)
SALT LAKE CITY, Mar. 22.—The possibility of a general Indian uprising in Utah is belittled, reports, Montana Canyon Indians are reported to have refused to join the renegade Allen Canyon gang. The Monticello renegade Piutes are surrounded by a posse in the Washcomb district, according to a courier arriving here today.

GOVERNOR HERE TONIGHT
Governor Walter M. Pierce, for the first time since he assumed his position as executive head of the state of Oregon, is visiting in La Grande, his home town, today. Arriving here this morning from a visit in Malheur county, the governor is spending the day here. He will return to Western Oregon this evening.

Running Fight.

Tuesday there was a running fight between the Indian band—said to number 12—and white possemen. One Indian youth known as Joe Bishop's boy was shot and killed and two Indians were wounded. There were not casualties among the whites.

Forward of 30 Indians are reported to be actual prisoners of the white residents of Blanding. They have been placed under heavy guard to prevent any possibility of their joining with the renegade band.

It was reported to Marshal Ward before his departure that the main posse of white line the Indian band surrounded in the vicinity of Combs Wash, a wild hilly country crossed by

BORAH SEEKS BOLD G. O. P. PROGRAM NOW

Invites His Party to Quit "Gumshoeing" in Akron Address Recently.

URGES CLEAR-CUT FEARLESS STAND

Suggests Fundamental Vice of American Politics as "Playing Game on Too Low a Standard."

(By Associated Press)
AKRON, O., Mar. 22.—Inviting his party to "quit gumshoeing" for votes and adopt a clear-cut and fearless program, Senator Borah, republican, Idaho, declared in an address here Wednesday night that by such a course republican leaders could put an end to a third party movement, which now appears "not improbable."

"Political conditions are distressingly unsatisfactory to both political parties," said Senator Borah, speaking at a banquet held in honor of Abraham Lincoln by the republican county committee. "The voter is alarmingly independent. Party lines are shadowy and uncertain. Party leaders seem confused. The rank and file are distrustful. And yet the people are deeply and profoundly interested in public questions and eager for information upon all political problems."

Suggests Fundamental Vice.

"If I were to suggest the underlying fundamental vice of American politics at this time, I would unhesitatingly declare that it consists in playing the game on too low a standard—far below the level of both the intelligence and patriotism of the voter. The problems now pressing for attention are in many ways the most difficult ever presented to the American electorate. We know these problems are here, and no one can be unconcerned in regard to them. But we seem to lack boldness and determination in dealing with them."

"In my opinion, what we really lack is not capacity, not intellectual understanding of the task, but a want of faith, apparently, in the willingness of the electorate to follow a bold and determined program. We are still trying to hold together and win battles through the power of patronage, the appeal to past party achievements and denunciations of opposition. It is a fearful mistake. It is bringing us to the brink of political disaster and ruin. The people are far ahead of their leaders, both in conception of duty and of courage. If we can once understand this fact and believe it, we shall rescue the republican party from its present perilous situation and render incalculable service to the country."

WHEAT QUOTATIONS.

(By The Associated Press)
PORTLAND, Mar. 22.—Hard White, \$1.35; Western Red, \$1.20.

Oro Dell Hearing Will Be In April

One Believed Killed In Raid On Liquor Landing Party; 3 Men Arrested

(By Associated Press)
LONG BEACH, Calif., (Mar. 22)—One man is believed killed in a raid early today on a liquor landing party which resulted in the arrest of three prominent Long Beach men and four others suspected as being members of a Hollywood smuggling ring.

The police fired on the boat pulling away from the dock of the Curless Corporation, fish packers. One man was seen to fall overboard.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM IS COMPLETED

Eastern Oregon Superintendents and Principals to Meet Here Saturday In Annual Conference.

About forty or fifty are expected to be present here Saturday for the conference of the Eastern Oregon Superintendents and Principals' association which will be held in the La Grande high school. The conference is an annual event and one of the features will be an address by J. A. Churchill, state school superintendent, that will take place at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

Roy Conklin, superintendent of the Union schools, is president of the association, and H. A. Wilkerson of La Grande, is secretary. The committee on resolutions is composed of Principals R. G. Dykstra, Imbler, chairman; R. W. Tavenner, Estacada; and E. A. Sayre, Island City. Program Given.

The following program has been announced:
9:30-11:30—In the Attack Being Made on the Public Schools Today in Any Sense Justifiable, round table discussion led by Supt. E. G. Bailey, Elgin and Supt. Prentiss Brown, Baker.

10:30-11:30—(a) "What Can We Do to Maintain Present Standards and Salaries with the Revenue Available?" Supt. H. B. Talow, Pendleton; general discussion.

(b) "Is the Gary System a Practical Solution?" Supt. A. C. Hampton, La Grande; general discussion.
11:30-12:00—New athletic rules and a general discussion of athletics, led by Supt. H. M. Duffalo, Enterprise.
1:00—Address, State Supt. J. A. Churchill.

CHARGED WITH MURDER.

(By The Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Mar. 22.—Mrs. Anna Buzel, housekeeper for Frederick Schneider, wealthy contractor, was arrested today charged with killing him February 26. She had been released after being held several days before as a witness.

THE MOTHER BIRD



O. A. C. To Present Play "Adam and Eve" in Rose City on Friday Evening

(By Associated Press)
PORTLAND, March 22.—Students of Oregon Agricultural College are here from Corvallis to show the people their skill as play actors, dressmakers, cooks and waitresses. Presentation of a comedy "Adam and Eve" Thursday night at the Hellig Theatre, serving as a dinner at the Multnomah Hotel Friday evening, and putting on a fashion show at the same hotel at the same time, are features of annual invasion this year.

Sponsored by the Greater O. A. C. committee, the students are planned to show high school students and people generally of the state what Oregon Agricultural College is doing.

O. A. C. co-eds have been given free reign in the kitchen and dining room of the hotel by Manager R. W. Price, and in connection with the dinner the style show will be given Friday evening at the hotel.

FRED CURREY'S LIFE STORY IS TOLD BY HAZEN

Telegram Man Who Writes Up All Celebrities Gives Interesting Story on La Grande Man.

David W. Hazen, whose prolific pen has told many a story on men of Oregon, for the Portland Telegram, came out last evening in his newspaper with the following interesting narrative about Fred B. Currey of La Grande who has been named secretary of the state fair board:

Life has been just one proposition after another with Frederick Barlow Currey. His troubles started in Canyon City and have been pecking at him at various times in all sorts of other strange places.

He was such a handsome baby that his parents could find a name half nice enough for him. It was no trick at all to get titles for his brothers, but the one who is now read about so often was to have a select name.

One day when the child was about a year old, Mrs. Phil Metcalf Sr., mother of Phil and Otto, and Tony, went into the Currey house to borrow a pint of soap. Folks were neighbors in Canyon City those days.

The baby was crying and the visitor picked him up to see if another tooth was "battling" for liberty.

"My, isn't he a handsome child," said Mrs. Metcalf, and Mrs. Currey agreed with her.

"What's his name?" inquired the neighbor.

Great Name Bestowed.

And here the mother confessed that he was only known as "Baby" because they could find a name suitable for such a marvelous child.

60 GERMANS IN CUSTODY OF BELGIANS

Reported Charged With Having Unoccupied German's Newspapers.

COMMUNISTS WILL MAKE RUHR PROTEST

Frankfort Conference Sets April 15-22 As Week of Demonstrations; To Hit Versailles Treaty.

(By Associated Press)
BUER, Mar. 22.—Six persons were arrested by Belgian patrols in Gladbach and Bottrop charged with having in their possession copies of newspapers published in unoccupied Germany. The Germans said that the arrests followed the issuance of French orders charging certain German newspapers with publishing false reports.

Communists To Protest.
Frankfort On The Main, Germany, Mar. 22.—Communist demonstrations will be held in all countries April 15 to 22, protesting primarily against the Ruhr occupation, according to a resolution adopted by the International Communist conference here. The week will also include demonstrations against the Versailles treaty danger of war and against fascism.

APPLE SEASON NOW AT CLOSE

Harley D. Smith Reports That Last Shipment of Apples Made This Week.

Harley D. Smith, well known dealer in fruit and who for the past season represented Denny & Co., and other large concerns, reports that with the shipment of five carloads of apples this week the storage houses will be entirely empty and the apple season officially closed so far as he is concerned. The last shipment of five cars belonging to Denny & Co., and will be exported to England.

Smith reports that the apples handled by so various of apples since the beginning of the past season and that generally speaking, the season has been unprofitable from all standpoints. The poor market available for apples has made the season difficult not only for growers but for dealers as well. At present there is a slightly improved condition in the apple market, and Union county growers are hoping that the condition will continue to improve throughout the remainder of this year.

Union county dealers and growers of apples attribute the poor market conditions of the past year to a bumper crop in New York state and throughout the middle west and the general depression that has existed through the seasons where apples are usually marketed at a profit. In as much as New York and other apple growing sections of the Mississippi valley do not produce a normal crop only every other year and that the past year witnessed a bumper crop there is indication of a light crop in those districts this year, which is encouraging to the growers of this district, where good crops are grown successfully.

CAMPBELL DROPS DEAD.
(By The Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Mar. 22.—Mild Campbell, recently appointed district farmer member of the Federal Reserve Board, dropped dead today while playing golf. Campbell was the president of the National Milk Producers' Association.

THE WEATHER.
(By Associated Press)
PORTLAND, Mar. 22.—Cloudy to night and Friday.

Tax Burden Is Topic of Speakers This Evening

Every property owner in La Grande who feels keenly the load of taxation now carried by real estate will be amply repaid for his time this evening if he will attend a meeting at the city hall beginning at 7:30 o'clock for speakers of national and state prominence on the subject of taxation will be heard.

Secretary Zimmerman of the Northwest Realty association, State Insurance Commissioner Will Moore and Deputy Johnson of the same department, along with General Secretary Herrin of the National Association will be the speakers.

Governor Walter M. Pierce, who is in the city today, present for a short opening address at 7:30 o'clock. Mr. Herrin is one of the most thoroughly posted men on real estate and the taxation problems that confront it in the United States. He is positive that relief must be given real property or trouble is ahead, and tonight he will tell his plan for re-distributing the tax load.