



CITY HALL CANNOT BE BUILT IN PARK IS DECISION

City Will Soon Decide if Appeal Will Be Taken To Highest Court

BOND RECALL STARTED

Circuit Court Decision Based on Nature of McLoughlin Grant for Park Purposes Only

J. U. Campbell, judge of the circuit court has rendered his decision in regard to the legal right of Oregon City to construct a city hall within McLoughlin Park which is bounded by seventh, eighth, center streets and the Singer Hill road. The decision amounts to a permanent injunction restraining all buildings of a public nature from being constructed on this plot of ground. The restraining order was sought last August and while contested by the city the nature of the decision was not unexpected by the public when it was announced by the court last Saturday. The city library, a city institution, stands on one of the other parks donated by Dr. McLoughlin but no attempt was made to enjoin its construction.

In 1920 the people voted a \$35,000 bond issue for a new city hall and voted also that the building should be placed in the park on the northeast corner at Center and Eighth streets. There is no dispute over the legality of the bonds and no doubt that they will find ready sale when the site for the building shall be definitely settled. Anticipating the decision and expecting renewed attempts to locate the site for the hall in the downtown district citizens have been circulating a petition for recall of the bond issue for city hall construction purposes, which if successful will make it necessary to vote again for a city hall and to provide the means for its construction.

The fire apparatus is now housed upon the hill section where it was placed in the number 3 firehouse at 7th and J. Q. Adams streets pending the construction of the new building. Whether this case will be appealed to the supreme court is in the hands of the city council. Current expression is to the effect that there will be no further attempt to block the permanent injunction and that it will be a long time before the city will have a new city hall.

GENERAL GEORGE A. WHITE URGED FOR GOVERNOR

If George A. White, adjutant general, with a record for energy and efficiency in the war time service and in the discharge of peace time responsibilities yields to the appeal coming from every section of the state to draft him into the race he will be the sixth candidate for nomination for governor on the republican ticket in the May primary.

In addition to a host of other representative citizens of the state, who believe him the man most capable to steer the ship of state during this period when the appeal from every quarter of the commonwealth is for efficiency in every department of government and for tax reduction, an organization known as the Draft Committee are urging him to accept the responsibilities of the governorship. Members of this committee are Judge Grant B. Dimick, chairman, Oregon City; Rev. W. S. Gilbert, Astoria; J. E. Dunne, Portland; George E. Halvorsen, Mayor, Salem; Frank R. Prince, Bend, Oregon; and Dr. Joel Booth, Lebanon, Oregon.

Letters are received in increasing numbers each day urging General White's candidacy as the best solution for the state's many pressing problems. It is pointed out in these written requests that there is a crisis in this state in the matter of confiscatory taxes that requires a new deal in state affairs; that a new plan for the state government similar to that in Washington and under which during the twelve months ending, April 1, a deficit of \$2,600,000 in the state treasury shall have been wiped out should be inaugurated.

In these letters coming to the hands of the committee, attention is called to the fact that the records of the treasury of Oregon show a deficit of \$1,261,904.36 during the year 1921; the bonded debt increase to be \$29,405,725 and the annual interest increase charge \$717,704.48. And to fight the Tax Reduction battle a man is needed in the executive chair, who belongs to no political faction, has no connection with any controversies in any section of the state; one who is tied to no past or present acts or policies which would handicap him in his executive efforts to inaugurate more efficient systems in the administration of state affairs and in the paramount effort to reduce the present tax burdens.

And in the belief that the man is General George A. White appeals are coming to him in increasing numbers from all over the state.

IRISH PEACE TREATY IS HELD IN THE CITY OF LONDON

Strong Pressure is Brought to Bear By Britain's Premier to Obtain Cessation of Warfare

While warfare is raging between the ultristates and the free states in Ireland both Michel Collins, representing the provisional free state government and Sir James Craig representing Ulster have agreed to meet in London with the British Premier to discuss the matter of peace between the two warring factions. Significant of the British position representing public opinion is the event of Monday this week in which the government upper house recorded the final vote on the ratification of the Irish treaty.

Strong pressure will be brought to bear upon both sides by the British government to bring warfare to a close and encourage peace along the Ulster frontier and throughout Ireland.

Many deaths have resulted from present warfare and terror still reigns while arms and bombs get in their deadly work. Street battle, figure conspicuously between Orangemen and Sinn Feiners with property burning and looting and killing take place. And as if these are not troubles enough for the Irish nation to cope with in developing unity and strength as an independent nation the economic situation is rendered tense by a threatened lockout of 600,000 workers.

Local Legion Enjoys Short Program

Willamette Post, American Legion, was entertained by the Women's Auxiliary last Monday night at Willamette Hall. The regular routine of business was transacted and several communications were read from the headquarters of this district relating to the questionnaires which are being sent out by the Legion to all ex-service men, and other matters of importance.

Plans are being made for a big masquerade ball to be held some time near Easter, the exact date to be announced later. After the business meeting the ladies took charge and gave a very enjoyable program. Mrs. E. H. Cooper sang two songs, "Somewhere a Voice is Calling" and "Comin' Thru the Rye," which were very well received. Mrs. Walter Bennett gave a reading "The Kaiser's Dream of Hell" and an encore told a short humorous story. After the program the ladies served sandwiches and coffee. About forty-five of the legionnaires and auxiliary members attended.

Fish Warden Now Patrol the River

Fish Warden Frank C. Brown has arrived in this city, with R. Stewart for the enforcement of the laws regulating fishing in the Willamette River. They will patrol the river and give special attention to the fish ladder over which the fish find way to their spawning grounds.

The Fire Laddies Receive High Praise

In recognition of the splendid work done by the firemen at the fire on Friday morning the Live Wires at their regular luncheon on Tuesday this week passed unanimously this resolution:

"Whereas on the 23rd day of March 1922, a fire occurred at 11 and Main Streets of Oregon City, which entirely destroyed a valuable building belonging to Frank Busch, and its contents belonging to Clackamas County Auto & Tractor Co., and, "Whereas, for a time it seemed that said fire threatened to destroy all of other buildings in close proximity thereto and would have destroyed the same had it not been for the above, skillful and energetic work of the Fire Department of Oregon City.

"Now Therefore, be it Resolved by the Live Wires, that we express our sympathy for all those who sustained loss by reason of said fire, and we heartily commend and praise the efficient work done by the Fire Department of Oregon City, in saving all other buildings and much more property from loss."

Passenger Injured

Clyde Rogers, passenger on a S. P. R. train bound for San Francisco received a scalp wound from a stone thrown by a boy from the elevator walk on Thursday last while the train was taking on passengers. Mr. Rogers had stepped out on the platform when struck. He was able to proceed on his way after receiving first aid. The practice of boys dropping objects upon cars and persons passing below the elevator platform should be stopped at once.

Radio Concert in City

At the Liberty next Tuesday evening a radio concert will be given through the courtesy of W. P. Hawley, Jr., who has one of the best radio equipments in the Northwest.

This will be the first demonstration of wireless telephone to be given in Oregon City. Music will be broadcasted from Portland and sounds will be received by an amplifier, eighty times greater than when sent.

CANDIDATES FOR THE GOVERNORSHIP OF STATE INCREASE

Olcott Announces Platform General George A. White Groomed For Race

DEMOCRATS WAITING

Tax-Reduction, Cabinet Form of Government, Oriental Labor and Millage Tax in Platforms

The ranks of gubernatorial candidates Hall, Bean, Patterson, Lee have been increased by the present chief executive Ben W. Olcott.

Judge Stephen Lowell, the Eastern Oregon candidate, broke at the tape line itself declaring that he would not plunge into the maelstrom of religious warfare into which he felt certain that political fortunes are to be plunged during the present campaign.

And now comes the Hon. Ben W. who walks boldly out on the platform made by his own hands during the past few years. He cites as a fact that he has not received the secret endorsement of any society, clan, organization or group of persons to advance his political fortunes; favors millage tax for higher educational institutions; promises reduction of government costs; has great hopes for the tax investigating committee as an aid in tax reforms; expresses pride in what has been accomplished in the state institutions during his administration; commends the new boys training school policy; and promises to support a cabinet form of government if it shall appear superior to the present form, upon investigation by a committee recently appointed by himself.

George A. White, adjutant general in command of the Oregon national guard, with offices in Salem is being urged to run by a number of business and professional men styled the "Draft Committee" and other prominent citizens who are interesting themselves especially in the election of a governor from outside the ranks of the politicians this year. General White has not announced his candidacy but is reported as having the same under consideration.

Democracy is still in the position of "watchful waiting" with Hon. H. G. Starkweather, Milton Miller and Walter Iperce subject to the final call which will determine the standard bearer in the primary election conflict.

CITY BEAUTIFUL IS SUBJECT OF WOMAN'S CLUB DISCUSSION

With an attendance of sixty on Thursday afternoon the Oregon City Woman's Club held one of the most enthusiastic meetings of the year. The principal address, by Mr. Sam H. Clay, the new manager of the Oregon City Commercial Club, indicated what might be done for a Greater Oregon City by intelligent co-operation along civic, social and industrial lines. Parks, lights, conventions, scenery, housing facilities tourist attractions all came in for consideration and many questions were asked by interested women. The general consensus of opinion was that the club was ready to cooperate with any responsible organization for the betterment of the town. Mr. Clay is the author of a textbook on city building that is used at Harvard and at commercial schools throughout the country.

"The Experience of a Telephone Girl" was so well presented by Miss Ada Bedwell night operator at the local office, that it was requested for publication, as also was "The Menace of the Bill Board," so wittily set forth by Mrs. Meta Finley Hedden of West Linn. Miss Maude Lageson, a favorite singer of Oregon City, gave two charming vocal selections accompanied by Professor Launer, an artist who has a popular studio in this city. Professor Launer also rendered a piano solo and was encored. Mrs. Colcord of Evergreen reported that their district had raised its quota for the visiting nurse fund. The beautiful daffodil decorations were furnished by Mrs. A. Bankus of West Linn.

Commercial Club Expansion Is Big

Away over the top and still going is the result of the commercial club drive to date. The total membership is now 626 and the yearly income \$7512 which ought to bring the organization up to a standard of service of the very best.

Judge Parry Resumes Law Practice

George T. Parry justice of the peace in the Milwaukie district, has again taken up the practice of law after a period of several years vacation from regular practice.

More Booze Netted

S. Sucecker a native of the Flowery kingdom and living near Tualatin, was arrested last week for violation of the prohibition laws. 200 gallons of saki mash and 950 gallons of rice wine were seized by Sheriff Wilson and his deputies.

ROAD BOND RECALL HELD OVER UNTIL NOVEMBER

Several Hundred More Names Necessary for Filing, Circulators Busy Adding Signatures

While those who sponsor the road bond recall movement are disappointed over having to wait for the November ballot to decide whether said bonds shall be recalled they are still putting forth vigorous effort to have everything in readiness for the ballot at the general election.

The petitions circulated under direction of the Pomona Grange committee have now about 1250 signatures which is about fifty per cent the number required for filing. It will be necessary to obtain in all 2496 names before the question can be submitted through the ballot. March 13 was the date the petitions should have been filed. For the November election the filing must be made in September. Meanwhile circulators are adding names to the petitions rapidly each day.

Live Wires Table City Hall Resolution

A resolution introduced before the Live Wires at their luncheon on Tuesday urging the appointment of a committee to continue the agitation for the construction of the city hall was unanimously laid to rest on the forum table.

A. A. Price urged in his stead additional fire apparatus and O. D. Eby coincided with him on the basis of financial slow down.

The next meeting of the Wires is set for Tuesday evening next when the wives of members are invited and when political addresses are scheduled.

Many Farm Meetings Scheduled for April

Many farm meetings and demonstrations have been scheduled for the first week in April.

On April 4, C. L. Long, extension horticulturist of the O. A. C. will lecture on spraying and pest control at Carus and the following day at 2 in the afternoon he will speak at the Garfield Grange Hall.

Picture films on "Milk and Honey" or the dairy; "Trails that lure," scenes of the Columbia Highway and the "How and Why of Spuds" will be shown respectively at Carus, April 4, Garfield April 5 and at Union Hall April 6.

A seed potato demonstration will be given by W. A. Holt at Wilsonville, April 8.



J. C. Paddock, Citizen of Gladstone, Passes

Pioneer Whose Various Activities and Helpful Life Have Left Deep Impression on Community

At the family home in Gladstone, J. C. Paddock, former county treasurer, passed away early Sunday morning. Mr. Paddock had reached the last milestone in the four-score-year race of life when he was attacked by the fall illness—pneumonia and heart failure.

The deceased had lived in this county thirty-five years, the last fifteen in Gladstone. He was a member of the G. A. R., having been one of the first to answer his country's call in the conflict of '61.

Comrade Paddock came from a family which has been distinguished for its soldiery. Two brothers were in the war of the Rebellion, his grandfather, a colonel in the war of 1812. His great grandfather and his six brothers served in the Revolution. He was an active member of the I. O. O. F. lodge and had served as elder in the Gladstone Christian church since it was founded several years ago.

The deceased leaves three children, Arthur D., Miss Lura and Miss Jessie Paddock. A son, Harry, passed away in 1918 leaving two children, Willis and Hal Paddock now of Marshfield.

Funeral services were held on Monday afternoon in the Christian church Rev. G. E. Williams officiating. Members of Meade Post and of Meade Relief Corps attended in a body, members of former acting as honorary pallbearers. Interment was in the family lot in Clackamas cemetery.

BUSINESS MEN ENJOY GET-TOGETHER MEET AND PROGRAM

Over Four Hundred Members and Friends Gather at Moose Hall

PICTURES SUPERB

Members of Portland Grocers' Retail Merchants Association Furnish Pep, Pictures, Program

The Clackamas County Business Men's Association held forth in great glee at the Moose Hall on Tuesday night this week. The meeting was in the nature of a get-together affair and entertainment. Tickets had been provided by the Association for its members, who complimented their patrons and friends in their distribution.

The affair was under direction of William ("Bill") Bisbee, the hustling representative of the Dwight Edwards Company of Portland. A program of speeches, song and stereopticon views of Alaska and Oregon was enjoyed hugely by the more than four hundred business men, their wives, sweethearts and friends.

Among those present and boosting for the cause of merchantile progress, from the Portland Grocers and Retail Merchants' Association were: Gus Walstrom, president; Harry Corkill, vice-president; G. F. McPherson, secretary; D. R. Norton, field secretary. The following are members of the booster quartet which gave several pleasing numbers: William Jones, Kerr, Gifford Co.; "Bud" Long, Fischer Flour Mills; "Art" Resare, Piedmont Grocery; George Simmons, Hazelwood Ice Cream Co.; W. W. Hill, director. Dorothy Crawford, Oregon City, accompanist.

Frank I. Jones, of Jones Wholesale Grocery Co., gave a splendid stereopticon exhibition of colored pictures taken from Alaskan scenery including that of the "Land of Ten Thousand Smokes". Mr. Jones is a wonder in the realm of colored photography, using the English process to obtain natural tints from the subjects direct.

The Alaskan pictures were marvels in black and white effects and were a wonderful success in the photo art. The colored views of the scenes along the Columbia Highway and floral scenes elsewhere were marvels of beauty which brought forth applause from the audience.

The program of photographic art was followed by a buffet luncheon furnished by individual firms, members of the Portland and Oregon City Association.

Oregon City likes the pep and spirit of the Portland brethren—Come Again and AGAIN is the standing invitation.

GLADSTONE WILL SOLVE HER WATER PROBLEM

On Monday evening at a mass meeting the citizens of Gladstone present directed the city attorney to draw up articles of incorporation for a company capitalized at \$100,000 to drill for water to supply the city.

It is the belief based on reports from experts on artesian wells that a flow will be obtained at a distance not to exceed 900 feet which will furnish a sufficient supply. The articles of incorporation provide that if the well is a success it will be taken over and operated by the city.

Eleven Applicants Become Citizens

At the naturalization examination held in the circuit court room on Monday, of the twenty-three applicants eleven were granted citizenship papers. The list granted citizenship includes the following names and nationalities:

German—Albert Hopp, Oregon City; Henry Steiner, Hoff; August Kater, Estacada, Rt. 3; Wm. Koenig, Sandy.

Denmark—Carl Borglin, Oswego;

Charl Paulson, Boring, Rt. 3.

Austria—Karl Bigy, New Era; Rudolph Bigel, New Era; Adam Hodel, Oregon City, Rt. 6.

Norway—Maurice Johnson, Mt. Angel, Rt. 1.

Sweden—Albert Meyer, Canby.

Name Suggested for Park Is "Hawley"

At a meeting of members of the drive campaign workers of the Commercial Club Friday night, a resolution was adopted recommending to the city council and park committee that the City Auto Park be named Hawley Park was passed. It is desired to confer this honor on W. P. Hawley, president of the Hawley Paper Company, in recognition of his company taking fifty memberships for a period of one year, in the club.

First Methodist Episcopal Church Ninth and Center, A. H. Thompson, pastor, 11 a. m. The Magnitude of the Christian Enterprise. 6:30 to 8 p. m. Union meeting Epworth League and church, the pastor taking the closing part. 10 a. m. Sunday School.

HESPERIAN BENEFIT PROGRAM PROMISES TO BE HUMMER

On Friday evening March 31, the staff of the "Hesperian", the Oregon City high school annual will give an entertainment for the benefit of the Annual.

Albert Grossenbacher heads the committee in charge of the program which will consist of five playlets all secrets so far as the student body and others are concerned.

The manager is an adept at creating enthusiasm for his entertainers and declares that the program is thoroughly well balanced and of the highest possible order.

Refreshments will help to vivify the occasion; the dozen and three piece high school orchestra will dispense sweet music and everybody will be entertained and delighted are the promising prospects. Let's Everybody GO!

Boost for Grocers Annual July Picnic

For Pep, Push and Picnic the Portland Grocers and Retail Association occupy the center of the stage. About 6000 strong they and their enjoy one of the biggest jollifications of the year.

The occasion is their picnic which recurs annually in July at some attractive point in the state.

And this latter fact together with the desire of the Oregon City merchants to cooperate should arouse the local association to a vigorous effort to invite the Portland aggregation to hold the meeting at Gladstone Park.

One half the pep the brethren in the metropolis show when they come to Oregon City if shown by the local association members will put the proposition over. Let us awake and get busy!

Classes in Training Vocational Taught

Classes in vocational training at the local high school will be held from 2:30 to 7:30 afternoons and 9:30 evenings on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

At the same hours on Mondays and Wednesdays classes in sewing will be held at West Linn high school and at Willamette on Mondays and Saturdays.

Millinery will be taught at the West Linn school on Wednesday and Friday afternoons.

Woman's Club Will Give Musical

An evening of music and readings, under the auspices of the Oregon City Women's Club, will be given Friday, April 7 at the Methodist church.

This entertainment is one of several to be given for the Building Fund of this Club, and every one is assured an enjoyable evening. The following local artists are contributing their services to the cause:

Mrs. Arthur G. Beattie, reader, has had two years' experience on the Chautauqua platform and formerly directed the choir of the Presbyterian church here. Her pleasing personality has won for her many friends and admirers. She came to us from the University of Kansas.

Mrs. Wm. M. Stone, Jr., has won recognition as a violinist in both Eastern and Western music centers. Her success in concert is due to the unusual combination of splendid technique, interpretation and a strong winning personality. Mrs. Stone, nee Christine Brakel, is well known in Portland her former home where she was a member of the MacDowell Musical and Monday Musical Clubs.

Mrs. William Krassig the well known pianist of Portland and Oregon City, has had many years of playing and teaching experience. As a member of the Derthick Club she has done much to keep up the high ideals of that organization, both in accompanying and solo work.

The use of the Methodist church has been donated as well as beautiful decorations of cut flowers and Oregon grape. Young girls will be the singers. The sale of tickets will be announced later. Meanwhile the unusual musical, social and floral fete is in store.

West Linn Council Meets

At the West Linn Council on Wednesday night, the Bolton sewer ordinance was passed through first reading as was an ordinance prohibiting stock from running at large in the city.

Lights were ordered installed in front of the homes of Dr. Picken and Mr. Simmons and in front of the high school building.

Burgesses Made Happy

A little daughter arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Burness, 401 Logus street, Wednesday, March 29.

Former Pastor Visits Here

Rev. G. N. Edwards, a former pastor of the Congregational church of Oregon City is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Stevens of Oregon City.

Mrs. G. F. Mighells (nee Edith Dawson), a resident of Maple Lane visited her mother, Mrs. James Dawson of this city on Wednesday of this week.

BIG FIRE BURNS BUSCH BUILDING TO THE GROUND

Clackamas County Auto And Tractor Company Are Heavy Losers

ORIGIN IS UNKNOWN

Fire Department Does Yeoman Service—Adjacent Building Scorch-ed and Occupants Move

A great mass of wreckage—partly insured—marks the spot where once stood the Clackamas County Auto and Tractor Company.

Here and there, men will be seen—pointing out to their friends what remains of an automobile—one of the 28 burned in the building.

Over the grounds travel the insurance adjusters, estimating the damage.

In other words, what was one of the biggest fires Oregon City ever suffered, the burning of the buildings belonging to Frank Busch, occurred at 11:45 Thursday evening last, from unknown origin. The damage, estimated, amounts to \$148,500.

The firms who suffered the heaviest losses were the Clackamas County Auto and Tractor Company, managed by Jake Risley, who announce their losses at \$80,000, with \$22,000 insurance. Cars stored in the garage totaled \$15,000, a \$20,000 reduction from the first estimates. Damage to the Busch building amounted to \$40,000, with only partial insurance. Damage to the Busch apartments which lost some windows, received a lot of water, and has as a result a practically wrecked roof, about \$3000. Adjacent buildings received injuries estimated at \$500.

The list of car owners, practically complete, are Steve Chambers, Harry Baxter, Louis Barry, George McLoughlin R. Confers and Art Smith.

According to Jake Risley, manager of the Clackamas County Auto and Tractor Company, the company will renew operations as soon as a suitable location can be found.

Nothing has been ascertained regarding the source of the fire, although conjecture has it that a carelessly thrown cigarette, an oil rag causing internal combustion, or defective wiring, might have been the cause.

The fire department deserves a lot of credit for the creditable manner in which they combated the flames. Many a time it was too hot for comfort, yet the boys stuck to their posts and successfully prevented the blaze from spreading. When the department arrived, they found the Busch building too far gone to hope to save anything, so they concentrated their efforts on saving the other buildings. The service station maintained by the Clackamas Auto and Tractor Company was built over a large gas tank—so a lot of water was played on it to prevent an explosion.

Considerable fear was felt by the occupants of the Busch apartments that their residence might go too—so they all moved out. Except for excellent work on the part of the department, there is small question but that it would have been in flames too, at the last of the conflagration. The roof became intensely heated, but water played on it at intervals prevented the blaze from catching. Mr. Busch's plans for rebuilding are not decided.

UNIVERSITY OREGON ORCHESTRA RENDERS SPLENDID PROGRAM

One of the highest order musical programs ever given in Oregon City was rendered in the auditorium of the high school last Saturday evening to a small but appreciative audience, by the University of Oregon Orchestra under the direction of Rex Underwood.

This was the first appearance of the U. of O. Symphony Orchestra in the city and those who were fortunate enough to attend were most delightfully entertained. Every number was executed well, and well received. The soloists were exceptionally good. Miss Lora Teschner rendered a cello solo and Alberta Potter a violin solo worthy of special mention.

The program was divided into three parts.

Immediately after the program the members of the orchestra left for Baker, where they gave their third entertainment on Monday evening. After touring Eastern Oregon they will return to Eugene, April 4 for the opening of the third term.

Should this excellent musical aggregation ever return to this city the concert just given should tax the auditorium to its fullest capacity. Oregon should be proud of this representative of student activities—the university is and ought to be proud of it.

Oregon City Girls Go to Normal

Uma Johnson daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George F. Johnson and Neva Satterly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Satterly, have gone to Monmouth to attend the State Normal School.