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COMPROMISE NOT AN END TO TANGLE ELEVATOR COMPLETION MAY BE STILL FURTHER DELAYED BY WATER BOARD

BODY MAY 'STAND PAT' SAYS HEDGES City Authorities Threaten Amendment to Charter Giving Council New Powers Unless Board Changes Attitude

BERNIER, BETTER, IS UNABLE TO EXPLAIN DR. STRICKLAND PRONOUNCES INJURED MAN OUT OF DANGER OFFICIALS PUZZLED

Although Charles Bernier, who was mysteriously injured on the night of Tuesday, August 25, has been brought to his home and is rapidly improving, he is unable to give a satisfactory account of the happenings of that night. He still maintains that he fell from an apple tree. "I fell from an apple tree and the next thing I knew I awoke up in a hospital. All that happened between the fall and my awakening in a bed at St. Vincent's is as mysterious to me as the officials," he told Dr. M. C. Strickland. The physician announces that Mr. Bernier is out of danger although still unable to leave his bed.

PROPERTY OWNERS ARE QUIET AT SPECIAL SESSION OF COUNCIL COMMITTEE TOLD TO POST SIGNS

Much Money is Spent at Meeting, Including \$1000 for Survey—Sewer and Street Bids are Opened Danger signs on Main street to protect the city from damage suits were assured Wednesday night when at a special session of the council, property owners did not request a new street or make any move toward repairing it at their own expense. Although the council chamber was filled with many who came to hear a discussion between the property owners and the council, and it was thought that the main street problem would be one of the principal matters discussed, the subject was not brought up. A letter from Charles Tracy asking for a sewer and a new street was the only time the topic came to the surface and then the letter was laid on the table without discussion. The special meeting Monday night a resolution passed the council calling for the erection of the danger signs Thursday morning. At that time it was understood that in case property owners decided to ask for an improvement, the resolution would be repealed and the signs would not be erected. Mayor Jones instructed Chairman Templeton of the street committee Wednesday night after the council meeting to post the notices. The signs will probably be posted on the telephone poles along the street and will warn all who go over the street that they do so at their own risk. The object is to lessen the chances of damage suits resulting from injuries done by the condition of the street, although several local attorneys maintain that the signs will not lessen the danger of a judgment against the city or a councilman in case of an action for damages. An ordinance appropriating \$1000 to complete the survey of the pipe line to the south fork of the Clackamas passed its second reading with only one dissenting vote. The report of the finance committee, recommending the purchase of an adding machine was \$225, was accepted. At the request of T. W. Sullivan, \$75 was appropriated to help entertain the editors of the state during their convention in October. The contract for the improvement of a block and a half on Third street for \$1,417.95 was awarded to J. W. Shea. One bid was submitted. The contract for the erection of a retaining wall on Twelfth and Monroe streets was awarded to Harry Jones for \$55. Only one bid was received for this work. Bids for the construction of the Fifteenth street sewer were opened and referred to the street committee. The Oregon Engineering & Construction company submitted the lowest bid.

FRANK PAUL IS NEW WILLAMETTE PRINCIPAL SCHOOL BOARD SELECTS MAN OF WIDE EXPERIENCE AS HEAD OF INSTITUTION

The school board of Willamette has elected Frank Paul principal of the Willamette public schools. There will be 19 grades this year and even 12 grades if needed. Mr. Paul has excellent testimonials in every line of high school and college work and as a public speaker. He is getting out a book, "Practical Pedagogy." He is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania with the master's degree and is working for the doctor's degree, which is the highest degree given any teacher in this country. The board of Willamette has just installed domestic science and domestic art, manual training is established. The board will aim to have a standard high and graded school. They are getting a standard six foot board walk around the grounds and after an inspection of the parks at Portland will install playground apparatus for all classes of pupils. The building is well supplied with electric lights, fountains and good heating apparatus. The board members are Mr. C. B. Willson, Mr. Frank Capen, George F. Thompson, Mrs. Hyatt, clerk. Messrs. Willson and Capen are business men, while Mr. Thompson is a teacher of 20 years' experience in Iowa, Washington and Oregon and holds a life certificate in Washington and Oregon, also a college diploma.

MRS. SOHN, CALM, TELLS OF HER ACT MOTHER IS STILL UNAFFECTED BY DEATH OF CHILDREN AT HER OWN HANDS

With two bullet wounds near her heart and only small chances of recovery, according to Dr. B. F. Ciesy, Mrs. Florence Sohn, who killed her two infant children Tuesday morning and then shot herself, was still unaware of the seriousness of her death despite her critical condition talked freely with friends and neighbors who called at the Sohn home. "I want to get well. Everything is alright," she told her husband and friends and repeated the sentences over and over again. The fact that she had killed her own children had no effect on her and those who saw her say that she was no more affected by her act than if she had inflicted some minor punishment. She requested that the two bodies be buried in the same coffin in the Butteville cemetery and her request will probably be carried out Thursday. Mrs. Sohn has taken full responsibility for the killing. She tells of securing the gun, testing it, turning it on two-year-old Richard, then Dorothy Verelina, age six months, and finally on herself in the same vein as if the act were no more serious than spanking her children. She knows no reluctance in relating every move. Dr. Ciesy, of Aurora, who was the first called by the husband, is of the opinion that constant brooding has affected Mrs. Sohn's mind. He said Wednesday afternoon: "I was at the Sohn home this morning and heard from nurses I have left there again this afternoon. She has a small chance of recovering but the odds are against her. "At first I believed that Mrs. Sohn had a brief period of mental depression, but now I am of the opinion that she is demented. I can hardly understand how she can continue her spirit of calmness under such circumstances. Beyond the pain she shows no signs of suffering, either mentally or physically. Her home is located some distance from the next dwelling and I believe that loneliness is largely to blame for her act. Her husband worked and was gone all day and she seldom saw neighbors."

LOCAL BRIEFS

Guy T. Hunt, of the Garfield district, was in the county seat the first part of the week. Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Dean, of this city, were in Molalla the first part of the week visiting with friends. Al Price who has been seriously ill at a Portland hospital for about two weeks, is much better and will soon Charles Pelkey, of the Molalla district, spent Thursday and Friday in the county seat to attend to business matters. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Harding, of Ashland, visited friends near Oregon City on the Molalla road the first of the week. Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Hickler, of the Stafford district, were in the county seat Wednesday and Thursday to attend to business matters. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Zinvey, who were recently married, have returned to their home in Hazella, after spending their honeymoon at the Oregon coast. The son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. C. Hobbs, of Oregon City, R. F. D. 6, underwent a slight operation at the Oregon City hospital Monday morning. A. W. Butterworth, of St. Paul, Minn., who is making a business tour of the coast states, arrived in town Tuesday for a stay of a couple of days. Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Ferrel have returned to this city, their former home, after spending five years in San Francisco. Mr. Ferrel intends to buy a farm in the Stafford district. Alfred Adams, a graduate of Stanford university who has been spending a few days here, left Wednesday for California, where he will take up post graduate work at the university. W. H. White and Mr. and Mrs. Grant White, of Canby, passed through Oregon City Thursday morning in their automobile on their way to Vancouver to attend the interstate fair being held at that town. Mrs. Edward Harrington left the first of the week for a three month visit with relatives in California. She will visit her daughter, Mrs. Pearl Rawlins of Bakerfield, and her sister, Mrs. C. D. Storey in Long Beach. Miss Olah Mickey returned to this city Friday evening after spending the last month with her parents at Medford. Miss Mickey was a teacher in the Barclay school last year, but resigned to accept a position at Milwaukie. Miss Carmen Schmidt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Schmidt, has been taken to St. Vincent's hospital. She has been ill the last six weeks and of late reports typhoid fever was feared. Miss Schmidt attended Monmouth Normal last year. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Mathew Ban, of the Aurora district, who was brought to Oregon City Monday morning and underwent a slight operation at the Oregon City hospital, is much better. Dr. Guy Mount is attending to the case. Hurley Fellows, of Highland and Guy Graham, Escondido, have returned to their Clackamas county homes after spending the summer in Alaska. Guy Graham will leave for Corvallis to enter Oregon Agricultural college in a few days. Sheriff E. T. Mass severely bruised his right forearm Thursday morning while cranking his automobile at the Miller-Parker garage on Sixth street. The crank flew back, striking the sheriff just below the elbow. Two physicians have examined his arm and both are of the opinion that the bone is not broken. Mrs. Ernest Ellsworth Smith of Kansas City, Mo., was the guest of friends in this city Saturday. Mrs. Smith is just returning to her home in Missouri after spending a month traveling. She is a former Oregon City girl and will be remembered as Miss Mary Conyers.

COUNTY STATISTICS

HEITLER-TRULLINGER—Cora Heitler and Ross W. Trullinger, of Portland, were granted a marriage license by Deputy Clerk Emma Quinn Friday. MacDONALD-DODGE—Ella MacDonald and E. P. Dodge, of this city, received a marriage license at the office of the county clerk here Friday. SCHUBEL-BLUMH—Laura Schubel, of Oregon City rural route 4, and John D. Blumh received a marriage license at the office of County Clerk Mulvey Wednesday. HOLM-KORNRODT—Fred Holm, 1566 Everett street, Portland, and Albertine S. Kornbrodt, received a marriage license at the office of the county clerk Tuesday. BORN to Mr. and Mrs. James R. Watson, of Oregon City R. F. D. 1, a daughter, September 9. BORN to Mr. and Mrs. James Willoch, of Gladstone, a son, July 18. BORN to Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Wisvesch, of this city, a son, August 4. BORN to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis A. Barry, of this city, a son, August 8. BORN to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tobay, of this city, a son, August 8. BORN to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Seifer, of Boring, a son, August 9. BORN to Mr. and Mrs. Grant Heth, of this city, a son, August 11. BORN to Mr. and Mrs. John Henry Andregg, of this city, a son, August 18. BORN to Mr. and Mrs. Hans Baumgartner, of this city, a son, August 29. BORN to Mr. and Mrs. Phily Owenby, of this city, a daughter, August 30. BORN to Mr. and Mrs. James Simpson, of West Linn, a son. BORN to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bittner, of Clackamas Heights, a daughter, September 12. BORN to Mr. and Mrs. Max Kilger, of West Linn, a son, September 11. BORN to Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Hobbs, of Clackamas, R. F. D. 1, a son, September 12. BORN to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Grundlund, of Oregon City, R. F. D. 6, a son, Saturday.

WOMAN TO SUE CITY FOR FALL ON STREET VISITOR FROM WALLA WALLA BADLY BRUISED BY TRIPPING ON HOLE ON MAIN

Mrs. Earl Swank, of Walla Walla, Wash., plans to sue the city of Oregon City as a result of injuries which she and her baby sustained Thursday morning when she tripped on one of the many holes at the corner of Eleventh and Main streets and fell into the puddle of water near the corner of the building of the Oregon Commission company. Mrs. Swank came down from Walla Walla recently and was visiting friends in Portland. Thursday morning she left the home of her friend in Portland for Oregon City merely to see the city. She left the car on Eleventh street and started in her arms and while trying to step over the puddle near the walk tripped and fell into the water. Mrs. Swank was badly bruised and her wrist wrenched. Her baby suffered a severe cut on its forehead. Despite the fact that she was injured, Mrs. Swank secured the names and addresses of three witnesses.

MARJORIE CURTIS IS SENT TO REFUGE HOME

Marjorie Curtis, who escaped from Juvenile Officer Frost while she was under sentence to St. Elizabeth's home in Portland, was located in Oregon City the fore part of the week and has been placed in the Florence Crittenton Refuge home by Court Matron Church. The Curtis girl was sentenced to the Portland home two weeks ago because of an adventure at Canby. The officials decided to let her spend one night with her parents before taking her to Portland but she left the city early in the night. The first of this week she returned and her parents asked for another opportunity to take charge of the girl but Juvenile Judge Anderson refused.

W. V. S. WINS IN SUIT FOR AN INJUNCTION CIRCUIT JUDGE CAMPBELL RULES FOR RAILROAD IN GEORGE GRIFFITH CASE

Circuit Judge Campbell decided in favor of the Willamette Valley Southern Railway company Saturday in the injunction suit of George Griffith to prevent the construction of a track on Water street, in accordance with a franchise from the city. The plaintiff owns property on Thirteenth and Main streets which runs west to the river. At that point Water street is not established and the lines of the street are several feet from the shore line. Mr. Griffith claimed riparian rights and several weeks ago secured a temporary injunction from the circuit court to prevent the railroad company from constructing its line. Mr. Griffith said Saturday that he would attempt to appeal the case to the supreme court. This is the second attempt which has been made by property owners along the river bank to prevent the construction of the track on Water street. Early in the year Charles Tooze filed an injunction suit in the circuit court against the railroad company on the theory that the track was a public nuisance but lost out before Circuit Judge Campbell. These two suits have stopped all work on the Water street line during the summer and at the present time the Willamette Valley Southern has only several hundred feet of track laid there.

TAX EXEMPTION IS SUBJECT FOR DEBATE

F. M. Gill, Progressive nominee for governor, and Alfred Cridge, of Portland, debated the proposed \$1500 tax exemption amendment to the state constitution before a fair sized crowd in Willamette hall Thursday night. F. J. S. Tooze introduced the speakers and was chairman of the meeting. Both speakers took up their sides of the question thoroughly and attempted to show the effect of the bill on the farmer and home owner. Cridge, who debated the affirmative side, attempted to prove that tax exemption would benefit the farmers while Gill argued that it would harm the poor man.

In The Social Whirl

Current Happenings of Interest in and About Oregon City NUMBER of young persons in this city and surrounding places have gone to their respective schools and colleges to take up the course of studies left off at the closing of last term. University of Oregon will claim Kent R. Wilson, Joseph Sheahan, Thornton Howard, Misses Georgie Cross and Erna Petzold. Miss Cordelia Welvestek, graduate of Oregon City high school, will take a teacher's course at Monmouth. Miss Stella Cross after completing her course in domestic science at the Portland Y. W. C. A. left Sunday morning for McMinville where she will take a general course of study. Mr. G. J. Nordling, whose home is in Mulino, with business headquarters in Portland has been in different parts of Clackamas county the past two weeks looking after business interests. Miss Mae Richards, of Portland, who has been visiting here for several days left Wednesday for Aurora. She will teach a few miles east of that town this winter. ROME, Sept. 10.—Pope Benedict issued an encyclical this afternoon calling on the Roman Catholic world to pray for peace.

Universal Eight Hour Day Bill

Initiated by authority of Mrs. Jean Bennett, 429 E. Morrison St., Portland, on behalf of Universal Eight Hour league. Its purpose is to add Section 9 to Article XV of the Oregon constitution prohibiting any man, woman, boy or girl, from being employed more than eight hours in any one day, or forty-eight hours in any one week, in any grade, business or profession, or on any farm, or in domestic service, or in any kind of employment whatever, skilled or unskilled, mental or physical, within the state of Oregon. This law applies to children and other relatives of the employers, and provides penalty for violation thereof. Negative Argument. The mere fact that this bill would include in its limit of eight hours for a work day, all farm lands and household servants, shows it to be impracticable. The character of the work on a farm is of such a nature that it is impossible to limit the hours of work to eight. The average farmer today is not amassing any fabulous fortunes and it he has to put in two shifts of men to harvest his crops it will put the farmer absolutely out of business. No matter what or how many laws we may pass, we cannot change the fact that crops ripen and have to be gathered in a very small portion of the entire year and unless everybody works early and late without much regard to hours, the crops will be damaged, if not lost. As it is now, the farmer finds it difficult to get enough hands in the harvest season and if he were successful in getting twice as many then, as he has now, what would these extra hands do during the rest of the year? We don't need any additional army of unemployed to take care of during the winter. Affirmative Argument. This is a bill for the protection of the working man and like all equitable legislation along this line is bitterly opposed by all those who put cash before happiness and profits before health. Minor defects, which do not in any way detract from the general meaning and purpose of the proposed amendment, have been picked upon and spread before the newspaper readers of the state in a desperate effort to kill its passage. Employers are organized into associations in almost every line. Laws have been passed for the exclusive benefits of those who operate the mills and factories of the state and the laborers have set back and allowed their rights to be ignored and their interests to be forgotten. Eight hours is enough work in one day. If those who are fighting this bill would try eight hours of physical work they would discover the truth of this. A man can produce enough in eight hours to support him for 24, eight hours to support his employer providing his non-working employer does not rob the laborer of too large a share. In many lines of work, eight hours now constitutes a day.

ELECTRIC COMPANY FILES COUNTER SUIT

A counter suit for force Irvine Wheeler to cease litigation against the Molalla Electric company and asking the circuit court to make an assessment of a right-of-way over property belonging to Wheeler, has been filed in the circuit court here by the electric company. Irvine Wheeler recently filed a suit in the circuit court to force the Molalla Electric company to pay \$1335 for a right-of-way across his land near Canby which has been used by the power company for a canal since 1908. The corporation alleges in the counter complaint that the property, comprising about an acre, is valued at \$100.

DIVORCE SUITS FILED

The following divorce actions have been filed in the circuit court here: Mattis Rams against Henry Rams, charge cruel and inhuman treatment. Lotie S. Wunder against Samuel H. Wunder, charge desertion; and Luella Patterson against John Patterson, charge cruel and inhuman treatment.

WIFE SUES FOR DIVORCE

Mary A. Lambert filed a suit in the circuit court here Saturday for a divorce from Herbert Lambert on the general grounds of cruel and inhuman treatment. They were married in Portland December 9, 1908.

DESERTION CHARGED

Charging desertion, G. Frank Elliott, of Portland, filed a suit for divorce from Genovia Elliott in the circuit court here Friday. They were married in Broad Creek Hundred, Sussex county, Delaware, February 22, 1881.

MISS RANDS KNOWN HERE

Miss Margaret Eulalie Rands, daughter of Senator and Mrs. E. M. Rands, of Vancouver, Wash., and the niece of E. T. Rands, H. A. Rands, Mrs. W. A. White and Mrs. J. L. Swafford, all of this city, died Sunday in Portland. The funeral was held in Vancouver Tuesday which would have been her twenty-eighth birthday. Miss Rands was ill six weeks before her death. Mr. Rands was a former editor of the Enterprise, and lived here until about 20 years ago.

BROWNELL APPOINTED

George C. Brownell received word Wednesday from C. B. Moores, chairman of the Republican state central committee, that he had been appointed a member of the executive committee, which will have charge of the Republican campaign in the state. The other members are: Ben Selling, W. C. Bristol, A. M. Smith, J. H. Pearce, Esq., O. F. Jones, Esq., William Kaykendall and E. V. Carter.

GUARDIAN APPOINTED

D. Higham was appointed guardian of Jacob W. Bigham Thursday by County Judge Anderson.

LATOURETTE APPOINTED

Kenneth Latourette, the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Latourette, has been placed in charge of the history classes in Reed college. He has spent a large part of his life in this city and is well known here.

ESTATE PROBATED

The estate of Heaton H. Roley, valued at \$250, was filed in the probate department of the county court Friday.

FUNERAL OF WOMAN WHO HAD LIVED IN COUNTY 30 YEARS HELD TUESDAY

Mrs. Mary Boeckmann, who has lived in the Stafford district for the past 30 years, died early Monday morning at her home and was buried Tuesday afternoon in the Stafford cemetery. She had been ill for almost seven years preceding her death, but a recent illness of pneumonia is given as the immediate cause. The funeral services began at 1 o'clock Tuesday afternoon and were conducted at the home of Claus Peters in the Stafford district. Rev. Aldredge officiated. Mrs. Boeckmann is survived by three children—Mrs. Claus Peters, Ernest Boeckmann, and Miss Minnie Boeckmann, all of Stafford. Mrs. Boeckmann was born in Germany, April 1, 1855, and came to the United States when a girl. She came to Oregon 30 years ago and settled with her children in Clackamas county. Mr. Boeckmann has been dead 34 years.

STATE AID BILL

An Amendment of Section 7 of Article XI of the Constitution, to enable the State to lend its credit or incur indebtedness in excess of fifty thousand dollars for building and maintaining permanent roads, constructing irrigation and power projects and developing untitled lands, but limiting the total credit and indebtedness for road purposes to two per cent, and the total credit lent or indebtedness incurred for irrigation and power projects and development of untitled lands to two per cent, of the assessed valuation of all the property in the State, making a total of four per cent for both. Affirmative Argument. To stimulate industrial development, and to put our wasting water power to the widest use in the home and on the farm, immense power projects must be constructed with trunk lines leading to all parts of the state. Private capital hesitates to take up the construction of these vast projects, which are so essential to the future development and prosperity of Oregon. Taxes can be reduced through the increase of taxable wealth arising from the public development of these projects. The new settler on raw land has not the credit with which he can secure money necessary for developing his land to a reasonably productive state. Besides, the farm which will last for generations, must be paid for in a few short years. Local irrigation districts are often in the same condition. They must borrow, say \$50 per acre on dry farm land worth \$100 in order to install an irrigation system which will make the land worth \$100 per acre. High interest and discount rates must accordingly be paid. If the credit of the state or nation can be used as a basis for this capital, an enormous saving will result. By acting in cooperation with the United States, we can thus divide the risk and lower the interest, provided its superior credit can be utilized. Safety of funds would also be assured by joining with an experienced organization in this class of work. Fifty years could be allowed, if necessary, in which to pay back the 3 per cent loan. Under such arrangement the small payment of only 4 per cent annually, at compound interest, would in fifty years pay both principal and interest. This is in striking contrast with 7 to 10 per cent for interest where the principal must be paid in addition. The foregoing amendment has been approved by the Legislature and the Oregon Irrigation Congress. Negative Argument. This is a measure which will change the entire financial balance of the state government and take away from the commonwealth that necessary financial stability which it now possesses. The constitution at the present time provides that the legislature "shall not lend the credit of the state nor in any manner create any debt or liabilities which shall diminish or in any way increase the sum of \$50,000 except in case of war or to repel invasion or suppress insurrection." This bill would give the legislature the power to lend the credit of the state for sums exceeding \$50,000 to build roads, irrigation and power projects and enter into other fields which before has been largely left with county or federal governments or in the field of private enterprise. The clause which this amendment would greatly weaken has been the safety valve of the state's finances. It has held the debt of the state down to a low figure at all times in the past but with such an alteration as is proposed would allow the liabilities to rise to a high figure; would put the state under the influence of money lenders and bond buyers; and at the same time would not accomplish any object which is not now handled to the satisfaction of all. The measure is, in a way, socialistic and borders on the ideal which would never work in actual life. It would plunge the state into scores of projects which previously have been under the control of private capital. The fortunes and misfortunes of private enterprises, backed by public funds, would reflect on the finances of the state. Complication after complication would result from the intricate system of commissions and boards and high salaried men which would be necessary to handle the fund.

FRANK B. LINN DIES FOLLOWING ACCIDENT

Frank E. Linn, the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Linn of this city, who was injured September 1 while working in a sawmill in Coos county, died Tuesday at a southern Oregon hospital. The body will be brought to Oregon City for burial. He was born near Oregon City in Clackamas county 37 years ago and lived here until two years ago, when he left for Coos county to accept a position in a sawmill. He is survived by his wife and parents.

CANADA SENDS FOR TRANSPORTS

NEW YORK, Sept. 11.—During the past 24 hours three liners—the Lapland, Saxonia and Ivernia, have been ordered to Canada from this port. It is believed they will be used to transport Canadian troops to Europe.