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PROTEST BY LIVE WIRES WILL HAVE A HEARING

SALEM, Or., Feb. 7.—(Special)—The protest of the Oregon City Live Wires relative to telephone rates has reached the Public Service commission and the whole matter of the new rates will be threshed out at a hearing to be commenced by the commission in Portland on February 20.

The new airline, or zone rates, which are now in effect, became effective January 1, and under an order of the commission were to have been suspended on February 1, on both the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company's and Northwestern company's long distance lines. Some legal phases developed, however, which made the feasibility of the suspension order doubtful, and while the suspension order was issued, that order itself has now been held in abeyance and the new airline rates are still in effect and will be until after the commission's decision February 20.

The company's new airline rates, as shown in comparative statements sent to the commission appear, on their face, as very satisfactory to the consumer of telephone service, but after a closer investigation indications point to the fact that they would materially add to the aggregate of rates paid. On the comparative statements presented to the commission by the Pacific company all of the increases over the old rates are shown in black, and all the decreases in red. Under the tabulation for Oregon City the red figures greatly predominate, and on first glance it appears as though Oregon City phone users, who talk over long distances, are given all the best under the new rates. But the shoe pinches from the fact that on the calls which are used the most there appears to be a predominance of black figures indicating increases. The most glaring instance of this is an increase in the rate from Oregon City to Portland from 10 to 15 cents. Probably more people talk on long distance between Oregon City and Portland than Oregon City to any other point, and consequently, it appears that, while the number of decreases in rates is much greater than the number of increases, that the actual money involved in payment for rates is found on the side of the company rather than on the side of the patron.

The commission will open up the question of long distance rates generally at its hearing in Portland and in the meantime the rates made effective January 1, will stand. This was the announcement from the office of the commission today.

R. G. WERNER WOULD SEED BURNED-OVER LANDS IN RESERVE

R. G. Werner, county agriculturalist, made a comprehensive report at the Live Wire luncheon Tuesday, embracing the possibilities of seeding to pasture burned-over lands in the forest reserve. He has made a personal inspection of the Mount Hood reserve, and explained that the U. S. government had no funds available for the work. At his suggestion the matter was referred to Governor Withycombe, who will be asked to take up the matter with the state board of control, with a view to securing an appropriation to aid the project.

ANNA PEZA GETS DIVORCE

Anna Peza secured a divorce and the custody of three minor children, from her husband Alexander Peza Wednesday in the circuit court.

Silverton Girl Attacked By Masked Man and Lies In Very Serious Condition

SILVERTON, Or., Feb. 13.—Miss Lillian Roheim, aged 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Roheim, well-known residents of this city, lies in a sanitarium here in a serious condition as a result of an unknown masked man who tried to steal her hair about 11 o'clock this morning one and one-half miles out of town.

Mrs. Hugh Small, at whose home the girl had been visiting, found her lying unconscious in a puddle of water back of the house an hour after the attack was made.

The assailant wore a white mask.

Ex-Congressman Goes to Work at His Old Trade



FRANK BUCHANAN
Frank Buchanan, who was beaten in his last run for the House of Representatives in the Seventh Illinois Congressional district, has gone back to his old trade as an iron worker. This photograph shows him in overalls at the International Harvester plant in Chicago eating his noonday meal. Mr. Buchanan says Wall Street beat him because it feared him in congress.

RECALL NOTICES POSTED AGAINST MAYOR OF CAMAS

CAMAS, Wash. Feb. 11.—Notices of the recall election of Mayor O. T. Clark, of Camas, have been posted by the city clerk setting the date on Thursday, March 7.

Mayor Clark was elected on the Socialist ticket and the recall is based on a charge of malfeasance in office. At a public Socialist meeting he stated that he had closed out his interests in Camas and had intended to resign and leave the city, but now that a recall movement had been started he would stay and see it out.

DAVID SCHERRUBLE BECOMES EXECUTOR OF \$7000 ESTATE

Petition for the appointment of executor was filed in the county court Wednesday, in the estate of Friedrich Scherruble, who died in Clackamas county on the 9th of February. An order appointing David Scherruble, son, executor of the estate was also filed, and the inventory and appraisement showing real property of the value of \$1200 and notes and mortgages in the sum of \$5800 was placed on record. The appraisers were Jacob Josi, Louis Nobel and L. Ruconich. Under the terms of the will the largest share of property goes to the widow, with a grant of \$300 to each of four surviving children.

Notice of appeal to the supreme court was filed in the estate of George Thomas Hoffman, by certain of the heirs of the estate in their suit against the administratrix of the estate, Minnie Hoffman. The suit was decided in the circuit court some time ago by Judge Campbell in favor of the administratrix.

Gold Hill—Hydraulic Mining Co.'s mine on Upper Jump-off Joe Creek, purchased.

SUB BOATS SINK THREE SHIPS FOR ONE BUILT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Ship tonnage sunk by submarines in 1917 was nearly three times as great as the total production in the United States and Great Britain during that year.

This was disclosed today by the announcement that Great Britain produced only 1,162,474 tons of shipping last year.

The output in the United States was 901,223 tons, making a total combined tonnage of 2,064,697, while sinkings by submarines last year generally are reckoned at 6,000,000 tons.

While complete figures on construction in Japan, Italy, France and other nations in 1917 are not yet available, officials here do not believe their aggregate equaled the total of the United States. It is that in the case, submarine sinkings more than doubled all new tonnage produced.

Admiral Sir John R. Jellicoe, former chief of the British naval staff, recently predicted that by August it could be said that the submarine menace is killed. However, he predicted dark months before that time.

HAYS CHAIRMAN OF REPUBLICANS WHEN ADAMS WITHDRAWS

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 13.—John T. Adams, of Iowa, this afternoon announced his withdrawal from the contest for chairman of the Republican national committee. Will H. Hays, of Indiana, was placed in nomination by Mr. Adams and his election by acclamation followed.

Mr. Adams stated his withdrawal was made unconditionally. Governor Goodrich, of Indiana, said he expected the national committee would appoint an absolutely new executive committee, giving the party new leadership. The governor said that after Mr. Adams became convinced he could not be elected he said he knew of no better man for the chairmanship than Mr. Hays, who is chairman of the Indiana state central committee.

THREE MORE CLASS 1 COUNTY REGISTRANTS JOIN AVIATION CORPS

Three more Class 1 registrants of Clackamas county have joined the colors, and enlisted in the spruce division of the aviation corps. The men are Emile L. Kleino, Oscar Gundersen and Willis Fisher and they will leave for Vancouver barracks Thursday in all probability.

Newport—Standard gauge railroad from South Beach to Waldport talked more authority for the food administration.

FRED A. MILLER IS AVOWED CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY CLERK

Fred A. Miller, for more than three years chief deputy in the office of County Clerk Harrington, has made



Fred A. Miller

formal announcement of his candidacy for the Republican nomination for county clerk at the primary election May 17. Mr. Miller is a resident of Gladstone. He was educated in the public schools, is a business college graduate, he is a taxpayer, is married and has two children. He promises, if nominated and elected, an efficient and economical administration of the affairs of the office and courteous treatment to all. In his recent report of the audit of the county's books, J. H. Wilson, certified public accountant, says:

"The county clerk's office is conducted with rigid exactitude. Miss Harrington and her chief deputy, Mr. Miller, are about as correct as they can well be. That is to say, exactly correct, and it is a great pleasure to audit in an office conducted as this clerk's office has been."

Werner Enters Army

Loses Chum on Ship Leaves County Job

Angered at the torpedoing of the Tuscania, because 23 of his former college mates were on the ship and grieved over the death of his chum, William (Bickie) Williams, who went down with the ill-fated vessel, R. G. (Dick) Werner, county agricultural agent, is going to the front and leaves Friday. He has enlisted in Base Hospital Unit No. 46. He will be succeeded by Wallace L. Kaddery, who has been assistant state leader of county agents.

Mr. Werner determined some months ago to enter the army, but was induced by the state and United States authorities to stay on his job, being advised that he was doing the government a real service in promoting better methods of farming. The loss of the Tuscania, bearing his close friends, was too much for him and he determined Wednesday to go. He expects to be in France within two months.

JOSEPH DEMOY ENLISTS.

Joseph DeMoy, who until recently was employed in the paper mills, has enlisted in the army and will be sent with a mobilized contingent today to San Antonio, Texas, for training. He is the son of Abraham DeMoy and came here last fall from Estacada. Mr. DeMoy is a nephew of A. O. Hollingsworth.

STATE ROAD FUND WILL NOT GO ON WEST SIDE

No state money will be expended on the Pacific Highway between Oregon City and Portland on the west side of the Willamette this year, because of the fact that the state's appropriation for Clackamas county will be spent, under contracts already in force, between Oregon City and the Marion county line. It is also possible, according to a report made to the Live Wires Tuesday by B. T. McBain, after a conference with S. Benson, of the highway commission, that no money will be spent on the west side next year, though such possibility rests upon the action of the county court, according to Mr. Benson, who urged that the county place the road in condition to receive hard surface, and that the work be done this year, as the fills should be made, where necessary, at least a year before the pavement is laid, to permit the sub-grade to settle. It is the purpose of the highway commission, as outlined to Mr. McBain, to pave six miles between Oregon City and Oswego in one contract and to do this work in 1919, providing the road is in condition to receive the hard surface.

EXPERT ACCOUNTANT WARM IN PRAISE OF COUNTY'S OFFICIALS

The annual audit of the county books, just completed by Expert Accountant J. H. Wilson, is warm in its praise of the efficient and business-like management of the various departments. The official "O. K." was given the books of the recorder, clerk, sheriff and treasurer.

Sheriff Wilson's tax books show that \$921,245.62 was collected during 1917, and the report states that Clackamas county collects the largest amount of taxes, with the least expense, of any county in Oregon. The office collected in delinquent taxes of former periods the sum of \$129,245.62. The reports and books of the tax collector tallied out to the penny, according to the auditor's report.

County Clerk Harrington is especially commended for her banking system. The clerk's office has earned \$637.54 during the past year, and the report states the office is conducted "with rigid exactitude" by Clerk Harrington and Chief Deputy Fred Miller.

The treasurer's office received \$969,479.21 during 1917, with disbursements of \$893,899.24, and is all properly accounted for, the auditor recommending that he be released from his bond.

County Recorder Boyles' office has earned \$5957.90, and his efficient administration is mentioned by auditor Wilson. The audit has been under way for the past several weeks, and was turned over to the court Wednesday. The work is required annually by each county by act of the 1915 legislature.

Gardner—Work on three sawmills here being rushed.

Again Heads Republican Congressional Committee



FRANK P. WOODS

Frank P. Woods, representative from Iowa, has been re-elected chairman of the Republican congressional committee. His capacity, shown in former campaigns, led members of congress to the conclusion he would fill the place better than any one else who would be found for it.

"TIGHT-WAD" IS PET NAME GIVEN A. C. SPRAGUE

According to the story, Arthur C. Sprague has always been most lavish in the consideration of his wife's wishes.

The records gets forth that Mr. Sprague, to meet the earnest wishes of his spouse, Maybell Sprague, built a fine bungalow on their 30-acre farm in Clackamas county. He later furnished the house with quarter-sawn oak furniture, and followed this up with a buggy and finally an automobile, and all of these things, the complaint alleges, he purchased in an effort to make his wife happy and contented. And all the thanks he received for all these things, the complaint sets forth, was this scathing denunciation from Mrs. Sprague: "Tight-wad."

The husband considers this attitude to say the least, a most unappreciative one, and filed his suit in the circuit court Wednesday for a divorce on grounds of cruel and inhuman treatment. Plaintiff further states that in spite of this lavishness on his part, the wife continually clamored for more.

Esther E. Howard charges Leon E. Howard, her husband, with making false accusations as to her conduct with other men, and sets forth this charge as a basis for a divorce in the circuit court Wednesday. Mrs. Howard asks the custody of the youngest of three minor children and \$10 per month for the support of the child.

Edwin Lewis brought desertion charges against Henrietta Lewis, his wife, in the circuit court Wednesday.

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT NOT IN HARMONY WITH BOARD SO HE RESIGNS

MEDFORD, Or., Feb. 13.—Declaring that he has not been in harmony with the school board and the school board has itself not been in harmony with itself, Superintendent of Schools V. M. Hill is at a special meeting Monday resigned his position to take effect at the close of the present school year, June 30.

So far there has been no word received by the anxious parents of Werner G. Branland, of Colton, who was also on the Tuscania. He is reported among the missing.

"No more home-made pies for the Sammies in camp," is the word from Washington. Well, you can bet that any government pies they get won't taste like those that mother made.

BEN F. WEST ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY TREASURER

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 9.—Ben F. West, assessor of Marion county, is the latest candidate for state treasurer. He has been prominently identified with the Republican party in Marion county for more than 20 years. His announcement follows:

"In announcing my candidacy for the office of state treasurer, I do so with a full understanding of the heavy responsibilities resting upon the head of that important department and with a feeling of confidence that, with my knowledge of departmental and public affairs in general, a knowledge gained through many years of both public and semi-public activities and experience, I am fully competent to cope with any duty or contingency which may arise in the line of official duties.

"I have no ax to grind, no apology to make nor grievance to air. I hold no personal antagonism toward any of the other several candidates for the high honor, all of whom I hold in the highest regard as citizens and gentlemen, and will seek the nomination, and election if nominated, squarely upon my record as a citizen, taxpayer and public official. Having been a resident of Oregon for nearly twenty-seven years, and a taxpayer for the greater portion of that period; actively identified with the promotion of the interests of the entire state for more than twenty years; a supporter and defender of the principles and cause of the Republican party ever since attaining my majority, I feel that I am no stranger to the voters of Oregon and have no hesitancy in asking the people for their suffrage in the approaching election.

"One of the most important commissions of which the state treasurer is a member is the state tax commission. My experience as assessor for Marion county, to which office I was elected for the second term by a majority of five to one over my nearest competitor has equipped me with a practical knowledge of property valuations and qualifications of immeasurable value to the taxpayers of the state.

"My record for fair and impartial treatment and consideration of all classes is an open book, and, if nominated and elected, I pledge to the people of Oregon, without regard to class, creed, party or other political or social distinction, the same measure of application and zeal in the performance of my official duties, and the same quality of fair and impartial treatment that has marked my official career in the office of assessor of Marion county."

ONE CLACKAMAS BOY REPORTED MISSING IN TUSCANIA HORROR

The names of several men from Clackamas county who were on the ill-fated Tuscania, appear in the list of those saved. These are Robert Snodgrass, son of Robert Snodgrass, of Meadowbrook; Peter H. Audistad, of Milwaukie; Anton B. Chindgrer and Reuben F. Chindgrer, brothers, of Mulino; William E. Stingley, of Barton; Joseph Wright, of Willamette.

The Poilu and the Lady in the Winter



The picture at the left shows the Poilu in or near the trenches in Northern France this winter, where the snow has been deep and discouraging. The picture at the right shows Lady Wellesley of England on the sands at Palm Beach, Fla., where there is a near-tropical sun in the dead of winter. If wars could be fought in a Florida climate, they would be over sooner, because there would be more time for fighting.

County's Alien Enemies Being Rapidly Registered

Final reports are coming in of the registration of the aliens of the United States with the postmasters of Clackamas county. The law requires that the aliens must register with the postmaster of his district. If there is no postmaster where he resides, he must register where he secures his mail, so Postmaster J. J. Cooke, has had his share of work in registering these men. His report was in the Enterprise on Saturday morning, but on Saturday afternoon two other registrations, namely Edward A. Stehford and Erick Herman Koppfin. The postmasters giving their report on Saturday were as follows: Gladstone—Louis Servas, William Kuhn and H. W. Streibig. West Linn—Arthur Buse, William Buse, August Zirbal, Rudolph Adrian, Karl Koellmeier, Jake Endres, Henry Endres. Molla—Christ Nosozgiger, Henry Nosozgiger, Herman Leibeg, Jacob Kleis, Peter Kleis, Adam Schaurmann. All of these men are registered as farmers.