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CLACKAMAS ORGANIZES TO FIGHT RATE BILL

Organization of Clackamas county to fight the four per cent interest bill and the onrush of the Non-Partisan league was launched here Wednesday night at a meeting of residents of this county at the Commercial club.

O. D. Eby, W. A. Huntley, Judge H. S. Anderson, J. E. Jack and L. A. Henderson were named as a committee to take initial steps to fully organize the people in every precinct and to arrange for an intensive campaign of education among the voters, so that everybody may be fully informed as to the purposes and the full significance of the movements now under way.

Robert E. Smith, secretary of the state taxpayers' league, made the statement at the meeting that the organization he represents was too feeble to conduct the fight, but that it was opposed to the Non-Partisan league primarily for the reason that it favored single tax, large bond issues, which the taxpayers would ultimately have to pay off, and that it had troubled taxation in North Dakota, where it had been operating along 100 per cent efficiency lines. He stated that \$200,000 had been set aside by the league headquarters for organization work in Oregon, that advance guards were already quietly going among the farmers and that in September 75 more paid organizers would be sent here from other western states. He had evidence that 15 counties had already been invaded by agents of the league, and that in order to combat the spread of the propaganda it would be necessary for the people to learn the desires and needs of the farmer and to give him relief.

Mr. Smith denounced as a stranger of state development, and that there is danger of the bill becoming a law through a want of understanding.

"If the people understand that this bill means four or five per cent money," he said, "the measure will pass, but if they find that it will mean the withdrawal of money from loans, it will fail. The main hardship that will follow the passage of this measure will not fall on the financial institutions and the money lenders, because of the many avenues offered for high interest rate investments without the state."

E. E. Brodie presided at the meeting.

DIVIDEND DECLARED BY ACCIDENT BOARD, SURPLUS SET ASIDE

SALEM, Aug. 13.—Acting under the provision of the act of 1920, the state industrial accident commission has just declared a dividend of the \$506,616.26 surplus remaining in the workmen's compensation fund for the year ending June 30, after setting aside sufficient funds to cover contingencies arising in the administration of the act. The dividend, which amounts to 20 per cent of the contributions by employers during the year, is being placed to the credit of the contributing employers on a proportionate basis, and will be used in absorbing future contributions as they become due until the dividend is exhausted.

Surplus set aside to meet contingencies as required before the declaration of this dividend amounts to \$402,742.16, according to a summary prepared by Commissioner Ferguson.

The summary of the annual financial statement of the commission shows a total of \$4,363,256.33 on deposit with the state treasurer, of which \$3,782,632.30 has been invested in bonds.

Wheat Trade Starts In Canadian Marts

WINNIPEG, Man., Aug. 18.—Trading in wheat futures, which opens tomorrow for the first time since May, 1917, was the absorbing topic on the floor today. Conjectures on what the opening price would be ranged from \$2.55 to \$2.75.

It is thought the trade volume for a few days will be small until there is a larger movement of the new crop and traders readjust themselves. The wheat board, it was learned today, will continue indefinitely to accept deliveries of old wheat on which participation certificates had been used up to midnight August 14. This is due, it is said, to the trouble experienced in getting their wheat forward.

HERBERT HOOVER ON VISIT TO SALEM, POLITICS DODGED

SALEM, Or., Aug. 18.—Herbert Hoover, federal food administrator during the late war with Germany, provisioner of Belgium and recently a candidate for the republican nomination for president of the United States, arrived in Salem late last night by automobile, attempted to conceal his identity by having his wife register at a local hotel in almost illegible handwriting and departing for Portland shortly before noon today.



Herbert Hoover

Mr. Hoover was accompanied here by Mrs. Hoover and their two sons. They are en route to Minneapolis. On their way here from California they passed two weeks fishing in the various streams of that state. Their identity here was established by a hotel clerk who previously worked in San Francisco and recognized Mr. Hoover a few minutes before they were ready to leave Salem on their northern trip.

Mr. Hoover declined to say anything regarding the political situation and confined his conversation with newspaper reporters to a laudation of Salem and Oregon.

"I have not been in Salem for nearly 30 years," declared Mr. Hoover, "and I want to say that the city has improved wonderfully since that time. When I left Salem there was no pavement, and it does me good to see the saloons have gone, and in their places have been established legitimate businesses."

"I will always consider Salem as my boyhood home, and I well remember when I was employed as driver on the local street car line. That was in the late '80s, and the cars were drawn by horses instead of being electrified as today."

During his stay here Mr. Hoover visited the site of the old Oregon Land company on Commercial street, where he was employed as office boy during a part of his residence in Salem.

PASSENGER FARES ON P. R. L. & P. TO CITY WILL REMAIN SAME

PORTLAND, Aug. 18.—The increase in freight and passenger rates that will become effective August 26, means a lot of work for the tariff bureaus of the traffic departments of the transcontinental railroads. Incidentally shippers are making every effort to get traffic en route before the higher rates go into effect and a heavy passenger movement also is on.

H. E. Lounsbury, general freight agent of the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company, and W. D. Skinner, traffic manager of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle, were in Olympia yesterday to attend the hearing called by the Washington public utility commission on the application of the railroads to increase intrastate rates in accordance with the advance of interstate rates. They returned to the city last night.

All passenger fares will be advanced 20 per cent August 26, including rates on suburban lines of the Southern Pacific and Oregon Electric and the Willamette Valley Southern. Suburban lines of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company will be unable to make corresponding advances until authorized to do so by the public service commission. Pending action by the commission the rates will not be changed on the Oregon City, Estacada and Mount Hood suburban lines.

ASKS DIVORCE

Martha Stewart filed suit for divorce Friday against Carl R. Stewart on the grounds of cruel and inhuman treatment. They were married in Oregon City July 19, 1920, and she alleged that immediately after marriage he started the cruel treatment. She claims that he cursed and beat her and that he would get intoxicated on lemon extract and then beat her.

She asks for \$75 attorney's fees and the privilege of resuming her maiden name of Martha Krueger.

CANADIAN MAN BREAKS RECORD IN HURDLE RACE

ANTWERP, Aug. 18.—The breaking of one world's record, the 110-meter hurdles, which has stood for 12 years, and the scoring of points by 10 nations in four final events were features of the fourth day in the track and field sports in the Olympic games today.

The new record was made by Earl Thomson, representing Canada. He was a former Dartmouth college star, and the American athletes claim some credit for his prowess. Thomson covered the distance in 14.45 seconds. The old record, both Olympic and world's, was 15 seconds, established for the United States in the Olympic games in London in 1908 by Forrest Smithson of Portland, Or.

H. E. Barron of the Meadowbrook club, Philadelphia, who was second and Fred S. Murray of the New York Athletic club were the runners who forced Thomson to extend himself.

While Italy, Canada, Finland and Sweden won all four first places today, the consistent performances of the Americans gained them three second places, two thirds, two fourths, one fifth and one sixth—a total of 32 points. Sweden came next with 15 and Finland third with 12. These three nations now are leading in the point honors, with England fourth.

Democratic Chairman May Resign Place

CHICAGO, Aug. 18.—According to newspaper stories appearing in Chicago today based upon democratic authority, the early resignation of George White as chairman of the democratic national committee will shortly be announced. The rumored disaffection between Chairman White and the democratic presidential nominee, Governor Cox, is said to have had its beginning shortly after Governor Cox visited the White House and announced that he and President Wilson were in accord on the league of nations.

The surprise occasioned by this statement was shared by Chairman White, who subsequently intimated in an interview that Governor Cox's views on this subject would be considerably modified in his speech of acceptance and that the league would not be the leading issue.

Diver Is Injured By Hitting Rock

Pete Lairs, an employee of the Enterprise, received a bad cut on his head while swimming Thursday evening at Canemah and was rushed to Dr. Moun's office, where three stitches were required to close the wound.

In making a dive Pete hit his head on a sharp rock, but at first did not think he was hurt. As soon as he came up blood began streaming from the wound and the young man was rushed to town at once.

The injury did not prevent the plucky lad from working and he was on the job as usual that night.

Ice Cave Discovered In Eastern Oregon

HEPPNER, Or., Aug. 18.—While on a Sunday outing trip on Upper Rock creek yesterday, County Agent L. A. Hunt discovered a deposit of ice which may rival the famous ice cave of Klamath Falls. In the Mount Adams country at a point where the Heppner monument highway crosses Rock creek is a large spring famed throughout that region for the low temperature of its water.

Mr. Hunt and his party stopped for a drink and while poking around on the rocky mountain side above the spring Mr. Hunt felt a current of extremely cold air. He discovered it came from a big crevice in the rocks. Clearing the loose rock and debris from the crevice to the depth of a couple of feet, Mr. Hunt discovered the ice deposit.

HIGHWAY BIDS OPENED

At its regular monthly meeting Tuesday the state highway commission opened bids for approximately 78 miles of road work.

The projects embraced about 70 miles of gravel surfacing in Clackamas, Gilliam, Jackson, Josephine, Lincoln, Benton, Umatilla and Wasco counties and eight miles of grading in Baker county between Haines and North Powder.

Bids were also received for 10 small bridges in Crook, Grant and Wheeler counties.

How Much Have We Lost?

How many thousands of dollars have been lost to the business men of Oregon City through failure to provide an auto camp ground in or near this city? Figure for yourself the number of motor parties who have passed Oregon City by and spent a portion of their vacations in other communities. They run into the hundreds and their expenditures for groceries, for meats and other necessities of life run into the thousands.

Several times during the last three years the Live Wires of the Commercial Club have discussed the establishment of an auto camp ground, but nothing tangible has come of it. The Enterprise has urged the use of the park in the south end of the city, controlled by the water board, but, though the site is not being used at all, it has not been made available for motorists. The only recommendation for a park has been that suggested by a committee nearly a year ago, when the use of Canemah Park was endorsed, but the endorsement failed of activity, and still we have no park.

By next year the Pacific Highway, from the Washington to the California line, will be in prime condition, and auto parties will come to Oregon from nearly every state in the union. Many of them will carry their own camp outfits, prepared to enjoy the simple life in the best places afforded. Willamette Valley cities have already noted the advantages of catering to tourist trade, and have established camp grounds, to the benefit of the tradesman who pays taxes, who employs labor and who is a factor in sustaining the commercial life of the town.

If the Wires are unable to solve the problem, the city council should not ignore the value of an auto camp ground. Let a site be selected, and if the city can be induced to make a modest appropriation, then the merchants might match it. Otherwise, we shall continue to be left off the tourist map, and the dollars that ought to be left here will go elsewhere. We cannot afford, from a business angle, to permit it.

WISCONSIN MERCHANTS TOLD TO PREPARE FOR DROP IN PRICES

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Aug. 18.—State merchants were told to prepare for a general decline in prices by Paul Findlay of Los Angeles, who spoke at the convention of the Wisconsin Association of Retailers. He declared merchandise was already heading downward. He said retailers are first to suffer from a spirit of conservatism, which is prompting consumers to buy more cautiously.

Retailers are beginning to notice a falling off in buying, he said. "Up to the present good jobs with high wages were easy to get, and as a result the housewife went right ahead with her buying."

"Now good jobs can't be procured as readily and the consumer pulls on his purse-strings against the grocer and small retailer first. Buyers are not paying the grocer as much profit as they did."

JAP INVESTIGATOR FOR STATE FILES REPORT ON TUESDAY

SALEM, Or., Aug. 17.—Frank Davey of Salem, who has been investigating the Japanese situation in Oregon at the request of Governor Olcott, today filed his formal report with the executive. The report will not be made public until the return of Governor Olcott, who is at Cannon Beach.

Mr. Davey visited practically every county in Oregon and was said to have obtained practically all the names of Japanese residents, together with the amount of land held by each. The report will be used, it was said, in compiling the message to be delivered by Governor Olcott to the 1921 legislature.

Japanese Refused Pool Room License

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 18.—Renewal of licenses under which six Japanese residents of Seattle have conducted pool rooms, employment agencies or pawnbroker establishments for many years in the district south of Yesler way was refused by the city council at its meeting Monday afternoon. No reason was offered and the inference stands that the permits were refused because the applicants were Japanese.

After an investigation of the applications Councilmen Hesketh and Erickson of the council license committee recommended that they be granted, each of the applicants having been engaged in business for many years and none having been the subject of any complaint. The council voted 5 to 4 for rejection.

GRANGES PREPARING TO COMPETE FOR COUNTY FAIR CUPS

That many granges and community clubs will participate in the exhibits and contests at the county fair this year is the belief of D. E. Long, secretary of the association, who has been communicating with the various organizations the past week. Mr. Long expects keen competition for the two cups offered for the best displays made by any grange or community club in the county.

Among the granges that have already signified their intentions of going out for the cup are Harding grange of Logan, Warner grange of New Era and Oswego grange, which won the trophy last year with a splendid display of produce from that section.

Several community centers are already arranging for their exhibits, and it is expected that a larger number will enter than ever before. Hazel is determined to again carry off the silver cup, which the community won last year, while among those who will compete with Hazel are Mount Pleasant, Canby and Molalla. A meeting will be held Saturday night at Estacada, which will be addressed by G. B. Dimick, president of the fair board, and Mr. Long, in the hopes of awakening the interest of the eastern end of the county in the grange and club competition as well as the individual displays.

Mr. Long is receiving inquiries daily about the regulations and prizes for the various entries, and he reports that one of the most popular departments will undoubtedly be the poultry section, as throughout the county chicken raisers are planning their exhibits and making ready for the opening day, which will be September 20.

Juvenile day, September 22, and grange day, September 23, are expected to be the big days of the four-day session this year, and the fair board is making every arrangement to care for the huge crowds expected on the two days.

Scale Impostor In Oregon Reported

SALEM, Or., Aug. 18.—That a man employed by one of the scale companies doing business in Oregon has represented himself in various parts of the state as operating under the direction of the deputy state sealer of weights and measures, is indicated in a number of complaints filed with W. A. Datzel, in charge of the sealer's office the past few days.

In a warning issued today Mr. Datzel said that all employees of his department are in possession of proper credentials, which must be displayed upon request. If the alleged bogus agent continues his practice he will be prosecuted, said Mr. Datzel.

TEACHERS RESIGNING WITHOUT CONSENT WILL LOSE LICENSE

SALEM, Aug. 16.—Teachers who have contracted for positions in Oregon schools and who resign without the consent of the school boards within 60 days before the opening of the school term, are subject to the revocation of their license to teach, J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of public instruction, points out in a statement issued today, following the receipt of numerous complaints from school boards throughout the state.

"A teacher's violation of the terms of her contract is to be deplored," Churchill declares. "The school law provides that, when a teacher resigns her position without the consent of the board within the 60-day period or during the term contracted to be taught, it becomes my duty, upon notice from the school board, to revoke the certificate of the teacher and to disqualify her from teaching in Oregon for the remainder of the year."

Last year 17 teachers' certificates were revoked by Superintendent Churchill upon complaints by school boards for violation of contracts. Many complaints are now reaching his office, he states, among these one of William Woodward, a member of the Portland board, who protests the resignation of 10 teachers who had been elected to positions in the Portland schools for the forthcoming term.

LIVESTOCK DEALERS COMMISSIONS CUT

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—Declaring the increases unjust, Secretary Meredith today ordered licensed commission men at the principal stockyards to cease charging the advanced commission rates on sale of livestock put into effect August 2 last. They were forbidden to charge in excess of rates promulgated on July 1 last. The commission men were given until next Saturday to comply with the order, which affects those at the stockyards in Chicago, Kansas City, Omaha and the national stockyards in East St. Louis.

An announcement was made that excessive rates also would be ordered discontinued when found to exist at livestock exchanges where the department of agriculture has no representatives.

DASH FOR LIBERTY FATAL

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Aug. 18.—With three mail order catalogues strapped around his body to protect him from bullets, Geo. F. Davis, 23 years old, made a dash for liberty at Folsom prison this afternoon only to be shot and killed when he was twirling across the American river.

At one time he had been an inmate of a reform school in Oregon, from which he escaped last year.

TENNESSEE ENDS LONG FIGHT BY CLOSE VOTE

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Aug. 18.—Tennessee ratified the woman suffrage amendment today by a vote of 50 to 46 after three ballots had been taken, the first two resulting in a tie, 48 to 48. The original vote on the third ballot was 49 to 47, but Speaker Walker changed his vote from "No" to "Aye," thus making it possible for him to move a reconsideration.

With the motion for a reconsideration made, the house adjourned until Friday, when the motion will be voted upon.

The vote of 49 to 47 on the third ballot was one less than the constitutional majority and Speaker Walker's action made possible constitutional ratification of the amendment.

The motion for a reconsideration can be brought up any time within the next two legislative days. It is expected that it will be the first order of business when the legislature reconvenes Friday.

Suffrage leaders are confident that the reconsideration motion will be defeated when it is brought to a vote.

Reconsideration was accomplished when Representative Boyd, who had made a motion to table the resolution, changed his vote on the third ballot from "No" to "Aye." This broke the 48 to 48 deadlock which the first two ballots had produced and, with Speaker Walker's change of vote, made the suffrage victory possible.

Two days more remain before ratification will be beyond reconsideration. At the end of the two-day period the resolution will be reported to Secretary of State Colby.

MANY WATER PERMITS ARE ISSUED DURING PAST TWO MONTHS

SALEM, Or., Aug. 17.—During the months of June and July 31 permits to appropriate water for the irrigation of 3120 acres of land, for municipal supply, domestic use, mining and other purposes, and three permits to construct reservoirs were issued by Percy A. Cupper, state engineer.

Under these permits the construction of 64 miles of canals and other irrigation works at an estimated cost of approximately \$90,000, and reservoirs with a storage capacity of 331 acre-feet of water, at an established cost of approximately \$9000, are contemplated.

Among the important permits issued were: A permit to the state fish and game commission covering the appropriation of water from Stout creek and Santiam river for a fish hatchery near Mehama; a permit to the North End District Improvement company at Weiser, Idaho, covering the appropriation of water from Snake river for irrigation of 603 acres of land in Oregon, and a permit to the city of Glendale for the appropriation of water from Mill creek for a municipal supply.

OREGON ENGINEER WILL ATTEND MEET AT BOISE, IDAHO

SALEM, Or., Aug. 17.—Percy Cupper, state engineer, will leave Wednesday for Boise, Idaho, where he will attend a special meeting of the executive committee of the Western States Reclamation service. The meeting was called by Governor Davis of Idaho, who is president of the reclamation association. The purpose of the session is to outline in appropriation bill providing funds for the reclamation of western lands. This bill will be presented for consideration at the next session of congress.

Mr. Cupper is a member of the executive committee of the Western States Reclamation service last fall assisting in the preparation of the appropriation bill submitted to congress at its session last winter.

LICENSE TO WED

James M. Lester, 23, and Ruth Track, 18, both of Oregon City, were issued a marriage license here Friday.

Archie M. Crowe, 36, of Portland, and Nora Stewart, 30, of Silverton, also secured a marriage license here Friday.