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BOND RECALL IS RESUMED THRU POMONA GRANGE

Attempt to Repudiate Part of \$1,700,000 Issue to be Resumed; Petitions Will be Put in Circulation Again.

REFERENDUM ASKS FURTHER ACTION

Move to Reduce Taxation Is Lauded; Columbia County Protest Is Endorsed Here.

Indications that the movement to recall the \$1,700,000 bond issue of Clackamas county, would be dropped have not proven to reflect the sentiment of the Pomona grange, by whom the recall was started. At a meeting of the Pomona at Molalla, it was voted to proceed with the circulation of the petitions to place the recall on the ballot.

The matter was submitted to the subordinate granges throughout the county, and nearly an even number favored and disapproved of the recall. The individual vote however of 125 to 92 for the recall, has prompted the central organization to continue the movement.

LEGAL QUESTION LOOMS
The plan to recall the unpaid portion of the bond issue met with considerable opposition over the county, but in order to determine accurately the grange sentiment, the county Pomona submitted it to the individual chapters in the form of a referendum. Officials of the grange stated that they would not be prone to continue the agitation for a recall unless the sentiment over the county among the farmers was particularly strong. The action of the Pomona grange however has again started the wheels in motion.

A legal question as to the validity of the recall, if passed by the people, is yet to be thrashed out. There is a contention that the recall would not be legal because some of the bond have already been sold. It is said that the courts would not allow the repudiation of the remainder of the issue. No ruling on this question has yet been received, and no authorized legal opinions have been secured.

HOPE OF APPREHENSION OF KILLER EXPRESSED

Hope that the murderer of his son will be found and brought to justice, is expressed in a letter from Granville Davis, of Indianapolis, Indiana, father of E. E. Davis, who was killed on his homestead at Molalla November 18 or 19.

Writing to the Enterprise, Mr. Davis says in part:
"The Elks lodge here and the American Legion, after being solicited by those organizations of Helena, the legion furnishing a firing squad from Fort Benjamin Harrison, which led the procession to Everett and our little home town of North Salem; where he was buried with full military honors and amidst many floral tributes, from his many friends who loved him for his many virtues and his remarkable achievements. He was also honored by the attendance of his college president, Dr. McIntosh, and who is still president of Wabash college, located at Crawfordsville, Ind.

Director Case Will Go to Supreme Court

The case of Samuel Director, of Wilsonville, who was recently found guilty of arson, has been appealed to the supreme court. Director, upon an indictment September 30, 1921, was charged with burning his own store. A month later he was found guilty after a trial in the circuit court.

WILLAMETTE CLUB TO PROMOTE NEW STORES

West Side to have Own Shops During Time that Oregon City Traffic Is Stopped.

WILLAMETTE, Ore., Jan. 17.—Charles A. Ridder was elected president of the Willamette Booster club at its organization meeting last night. J. L. Gary is vice president and J. W. Thornberry, secretary-treasurer.

The club plans to establish a business community on the west side of the river, to serve the territory now cut off from Oregon City by the closing of the suspension bridge while a new span is being erected.

It seeks stores of all kinds, including a drug store, grocery and meat market, general merchandise store, hardware store, barber shop and so forth. Inducements will be extended to merchants to open up permanent establishments.

Appeal will be made to the state chamber of commerce, it is said, to notify Oregon business men that Willamette is on the map and seeking business houses.

Willamette, West Linn and Bolton people, will, it declared, patronize establishments opened on the west side of the river, and it is expected that trade which formerly went to Oregon City will henceforth remain in the home markets.

Direct connection with Oregon City will be suspended for something over a year. In which time it is believed home industry will become well established.

Milwaukie Mayor Recall Advocated

MILWAUKIE, Jan. 17.—(Special)—An attempt to recall Mayor J. M. Snyder, was started here today.

Petitions for the recall are being circulated by Charles Mullen, chief of the fire department, and a number of other citizens.

Dismantlement of municipal and private affairs is charged. It is alleged that funds from the Milwaukie fights have not found their way into the city treasury, and while actual "raff" is not charged, it is maintained that the boxing commission's business has been "shamefully handled."

The building in which the mayor's bakery shop is located also figures in the contest. Some time ago the structure was sold to the city to pay improvement costs, and the mayor has since been collecting rents from the tenants. It is maintained that these should go to the city, and that the mayor should also pay rent for the use of the building.

The proceedings broke out here suddenly today, when headed by the fire chief, a number of proponents of the recall started with the petitions. G. C. Pelton, former mayor is mentioned as the candidate to succeed Snyder, and although he has stated that he does not care for the position, has consented to accept it in order to help straighten matters out.

Mayor Snyder stated last night that he would "fight the recall to a finish." He denied emphatically the charges, "amounting to inefficiency" placed against him.

CONDITION OF NEAR EAST TOLD BY RELIEF WORKER

The accomplishments of the Near East relief, and the tremendous humanitarian task which has been undertaken by this organization, was related Tuesday at the weekly luncheon of the Live Wires of the Commercial Club by J. J. Handsaker, Oregon chairman of the Near East Relief commission. Mr. Handsaker was accompanied here by David E. Norcross, who has been assisting him in his lectures over the state.

Mr. Handsaker dwelt especially upon the work of saving the children of the near eastern countries from starvation. "The country," he said, "has been ravaged for six years by the war between the Turks and the Greeks, and it has been the noncombatants who have suffered. Villages are burned, populations massacred, and the homeless children remain, and must in some way be taken care of."

He told of the plight of Thrifis, in the Caucasus, as typical of the depths to which the entire country has fallen, where purchase of food, clothing, or ordinary necessities, has, for six years been impossible, leaving the people worse than destitute.

The need for further funds was impressed, and the Wires adopted resolutions urging the people and the government to give their support. A committee composed of F. J. Tooez, O. D. Eby and L. Adams was appointed to draw up a memorial to the government, asking the Oregon representatives to use their influence to have the Near East problem brought before the present international conferences, in an effort to bring about the termination of the war which threatens that part of the world with practical destruction.

Aged only ten, Rose Reeve, of London, Ontario, has passed examinations qualifying her to enter the University.

FIRE SURVEY OF CITY SHOWS NEED OF IMPROVEMENT

Gain Made During Past Two Years Praised in Report To State Marshal After Thorough Investigation.

CONDEMNATION LAW ENACTMENT IS URGED

Hazards Found Fewer Than In 1920; Electric Wiring Is Being Installed Better.

While Oregon City is declared in a report of the fire marshal's department, following a recent survey, to have made great improvements in fire prevention and elimination of hazards since 1920, a number of recommendations for further safety are made. The survey was made by Horace Sykes, George W. Stokes and James S. Gleason. Recommendations made in their report to A. C. Barber, head of the department, which was filed Monday, are:

Purchase of light hose and chemical combination car to be used as a tender to the pumper, to carry additional hose and to answer alarms to small fires where the larger equipment is not needed.

NEW NOZZLES, SAID NEED
Installation of one circulating nozzle, one cellar pipe, one set of 2 1/2 inch reserve connections, one door opener, one tin roof cutter, one deluge set, one adjustable nozzle, one life gun and line and one oxygen helmet.

That connection be made between the main leading to the West Linn reservoir and the Oregon City water system.

Enactment of a condemnation ordinance.
The report says that on the east side of Main street in the rear of business buildings are several old wood structures which are sufficiently deteriorated to be a menace and should be removed.

CITY HALL SUGGESTED
Recommendation is made that the city speed up the location of the most satisfactory site and construction of the new city hall, as it is held the fire department should be in permanent quarters.

Recommendation is made also for additional fire alarm boxes, especially in the district of public schools and hospitals. The extension of the alarm system, it is said, should keep pace with the growth of the city.

Housekeeping conditions were found better, basements and backyards more free from rubbish and inflammable material and there is less dangerous gasoline storage. Much improvement also was found in electric wiring. Ordinances are being enforced, the report says, and the build and electrical inspectors were found to be doing good work.

Chief William Priebis is to start this week upon a second inspection of all buildings in Oregon City which were looked over by the state men, to see whether or not the occupants have made the required changes. A report is to be made to the state upon this work, and a strict record is to be kept.

SPENCE DELEGATE TO NATIONAL CONFERENCE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—Additional delegates named by Secretary Wallace for the agricultural conference include: C. E. Spence, Oregon City, Ore., master State Grange; Fred Bixby, Long Beach, Cal., prominent cattle man; James T. Jardine, Corvallis, Ore., director experiment station; E. E. Gaville, Spokane, Wash., editor Washington Farmer.

ELWELL APPEAL SET BY STATE SUPREME COURT

SALEM, Jan. 16.—(Special)—The case of C. A. Elwell, former postmaster of Jennings' Lodge, convicted of arson, will be heard on appeal here February 2. The date for the argument has been set by Arthur Benson, clerk of the supreme court.

Elwell was convicted in the Clackamas county courts in connection with the burning of the Jennings' Lodge postoffice in December of 1920. He was sentenced by Judge Wolverton to serve two years in the penitentiary, but the case was appealed.

Elwell was also connected with an alleged shortage of \$2260 in the funds at the Jennings' Lodge postoffice.

POOL HALLS MAY NOT BE MADE TO CLOSE ON SUNDAY

Pool halls in Oregon City will not be forced to close Sundays, if the new ordinance, passed at its first reading in the council Friday night, is finally adopted.

A new law to regulate pool halls was presented, and all of the councilmen objected to the clause requiring the Sunday closing. The new ordinance will also prohibit the maintenance of lunch counters in the pool halls, will make minors found in the pool halls liable to prosecution as well as the proprietors and will make it a misdemeanor for a proprietor to allow anyone in the pool hall who is intoxicated.

LUNCH COUNTERS BANNED
A number of pool hall men were present, but presented no objections to the ordinance. The council was practically unanimous upon its favoring of the elimination of the lunch counters, and equally as opposed to the closing of the pool halls on Sunday.

Under the new ordinance, it would be possible for the council to revoke the licenses of any pool hall, either with or without giving cause. A license could be returned only through the passage of a resolution. This clause is patterned after the provision in Portland.

The question of Sunday closing was attacked by Councilman Wm. Krassik. He said that he believed that the working men should be allowed somewhere to go on Sundays. This view was seconded by Councilman Fred Metzner. He characterized the forcing of a closing law as an injustice to the workmen as well as the proprietors. Councilman I. C. Bridges pointed out that a closing ordinance here would only force men to go to Portland to play pool.

"GO DOWN THE LINE"
Councilman F. H. Cross stated that if the city were to attempt to close the pool halls, they should close the movies and soft drink houses also. "It is no worse to play pool on Sunday than to go to a movie," he said, "but don't do it unless you go down the line."

J. E. Jack pointed out the necessity for further regulation, and said that while he was hardly willing to force them to close Sunday he maintained that they were in need of more stringent supervision. This sentiment was echoed by R. Petzold and Ed. Van-Auken. Van-Auken stated that he hated to see the pool halls run on Sunday but could not see anything else to do under the present conditions, and that he was willing to give way to the majority sentiment in the council.

Mayor Shannon recently issued an executive order closing the pool halls on Sunday which still stands, pending the adoption of the new ordinance. While the majority of the council did not favor the blue law as a permanent measure, the mayor was commended for this action as necessary for the time at which it was done.

LAD, 18, KILLED BY FRAGMENT OF BLASTED STUMP

William Lloyd Bergstrom, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Bergstrom, was instantly killed last Saturday at 12 o'clock, while assisting Charles Hohnberg, a neighbor, in blasting stumps on the Bergstrom place at Outlook, about five miles from Oregon City. A large root struck Bergstrom over the right ear, causing a fractured skull.

During the blasting Hohnberg saw the flying root, and called to Bergstrom to run for his life, but the latter turned and looked towards the flying root and shortly after was struck. Hohnberg was also struck and knocked down, the root striking him in the back.

William Bergstrom is survived by his parents and three brothers, all of Outlook. The mother is prostrated over the death of her son.

The young man was born in Michigan, and came to Clackamas county with his parents thirteen years ago, where he has since resided.

LOCAL BOY WINS PLACE ON MARINE CORPS BAND

Lloyd Nickerson, formerly of Gladstone, and an ex-Oregon City high school student, has been awarded a place on the Marine Corps band, stationed at Mare Island, Calif. He is an accomplished musician, and was added to the band soon after his arrival at Mare Island. Prospects are bright of having a permanent billet. Nickerson arrived at Mare Island a few days ago from Spokane, Wash. A number of months ago Nickerson appeared on the Orpheum circuit in a musical act and made a decided hit.

Conrad Vierhus, also a former Oregon City young man, who attended and graduated from the Oregon City high school, and schoolmate of Nickerson, is also stationed at Mare Island. He is with the sergeant-major's office.

PRESIDENT RESIGNS

MANILA, P. I., Jan. 12.—President Quezon of the Philippine senate resigned his office last night. Ill health was given as the reason.

BRIDGE HERE WILL CLOSE MONDAY TO VEHICLE TRAFFIC

Only Pedestrian Travel Is to Be Uninterrupted During Period of Construction of New Willamette River Span

LIGHT STRUCTURE TO BE OPENED SOON

Pacific Highway to be Routed Over East Side Roads Thru To South of Oregon City.

The definite date for the closing of the Willamette river bridge here to all vehicle traffic has been set as midnight Sunday, January 22. After that time no wheel travel of any kind will be able to cross the river here, until the new span between this city and West Linn, is completed.

Provisions are to be made to care for foot traffic. The remaining cables for the temporary bridge at 5th street arrived Tuesday, and it is expected that the structure will be completed by the 27th of this month. In the mean time, the old span, which is to be replaced by a concrete arch, will be kept open to pedestrians.

Under the contract, A. Guthrie and company are to have the new span completed by the end of the present year, but delays in material have set back the work, and it is probable that it will require the first month in 1922 before it is completed.

During the intervening year, all traffic to Oregon City will have to come from Portland over either the 52nd street or river route. Travel to West Linn, Willamette, Bolton, and all of the towns on the west side of the river will come over the Pacific highway. The temporary Pacific Highway route, however, will be from Portland, over the east side, through Oregon City on south.

APPOINTMENTS OPENED FOR ELECTION CLERKS

Applications for appointments as clerks and judges of elections in Oregon City, are being received by County Clerk Fred Miller. Under the 1921 law, the number needed is practically doubled, and there are positions vacant for nearly 100.

The new law provides for two boards, a day board and a counting board. This is in place of the one board, formerly appointed, which took charge of issuing ballots during the day and counting during the evening. Under the new system, balloting and counting go on practically simultaneously, giving election results much quicker.

There are 11 precincts in Oregon City, each of which will require two boards, of five persons, which will require 110 in all. Each board has two judges and three clerks, and the only requirements made are that they must be qualified voters and that no more than three on any one board may be of the same political affiliation. The election is May 19.

The appointments as an election clerk or judge, according to Mr. Miller, are good for two years. The positions carry paid service.

INCOME TAX EXPERT IS SENT TO OREGON CITY

To aid local business men unravel the mysteries of the income tax, J. J. Collins, of the department of internal revenue, has been detailed to Oregon City for a four day period, March 6 to 10, according to the announcement of Collector of Internal Revenue Clyde Huntley.

Income tax returns, Mr. Huntley points out, are due March 15, and heavy penalties attach to those who fail to file on time.

Mr. Collins is to be stationed at the court house. Any special information upon the tax, can be secured through the Portland office, Mr. Huntley says.

POISON VICTIM LOWER

PARIS, Jan. 16.—Mrs. Audrey Creighton Ryan, who charges that her husband, Thomas S. Ryan, of Muskogee, Okla., compelled her to swallow three bichloride of mercury tablets, was growing weaker in the American hospital at Neuilly today. The attending physician Dr. Gose, said she might not live until tomorrow. Although the heart and brain were normal, the doctor said that the kidneys had been eaten almost away by the poison.

CLACKAMAS COUNTY FACING SHORTAGE IN FINANCES FOR 1922

INTERPRETATION OF NEW BUDGET LAW MAY FORCE READJUSTMENT OF APPORTIONMENT OF FUNDS FOR COMING YEAR; OFFICERS NOT IN ACCORD OVER TAX LEVY AS NOW OUTLINED.

Clackamas county will be \$80,000 short next year if the assessment is based upon the budget which was officially approved by the county court Saturday and filed in the office of the clerk. Due to a tangle of Oregon Historical Society's new budget, the county fund will face large deficits at the end of 1922, unless provision is made through retrenchment in other departments.

The budget as prepared by the court and approved by the taxpayers' meeting, provides for the deduction from amounts to be raised to meet contemplated expenditures of funds in the treasurer's hands December 1, 1921. In doing this, the county court followed the exact letter of the new budget law, and refuses to make any change.

FALLACY IS SHOWN
The assessor and the treasurer point out that the balances on hand were to meet expenses already contracted. Under the present system, the taxes are not collected until April, and funds on hand must be used to carry the county over until that time. Under the 1922 budget, these would be used to meet new expenses. This not only cuts out the fund which must be used to pay warrants, in many cases at present outstanding, but reduces the amount which will be raised in taxes this year.

This leaves the county in a peculiar position financially. In the general fund December 1, 1921, there was a \$49,000 balance. This was deducted from the proposed expenditures in this fund to get the amount which must be raised by taxation. But the treasurer points out that the general fund expenses are about \$12,000 monthly. Thus by April 1, when the taxes start coming in, this will be depleted. The levy of \$170,000 for the general fund, under the proposed budget, will give the county money only sufficient to carry it until December 1, 1922. The extra amount over the average expenses will be taken up by special appropriations to be included in this fund. Under this condition, there will be no money in the treasury to carry the county from December to April of next year.

SCHOOL FUND HIT
The school fund faces a similar condition. December 1 there was a \$21,000 balance. But this was to off-

DANCE HALLS MAY FACE STRICTER REGULATIONS

Oak Grove Beach Application Precipitates Hot Argument; Decision Under Advisement

The coming year, according to indications in the county court, may see a change in the issuing of licenses for dance halls in Clackamas county. Considerable discussion arose Friday over the petition of the management of Oak Grove Beach for a license for the dance hall there for 1922.

Charges of improper conditions were made by Judge H. E. Cross and a number who appeared before the court, and the judge has stated that he is opposed to the issuing of a county license. But Commissioners Harris and Proctor do not entirely hold this view. They are inclined to the belief that if the dance license is denied Oak Grove it should be denied all other dance halls which come under the county's supervision.

The commissioners say that they recognize the complaints from many people that conditions are bad, but they say that these things are not due directly to the dance halls, nor will the banning of the dance halls improve them. The matter however has been taken under advisement, and it is probable that it will not be acted on for several days. A number of other applications are pending.

The sheriff's office and the county matron both protested against the issuance of a license to the Oak Grove pavilion.

The agitation may result in more stricter regulations of dance halls by the court, as both the judge and commissioners feel that every effort should be made to curb any liquor violations which may be made in these places.

RAIL PARLEY STARTS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Resumption of direct negotiations between rail executives and the big four brotherhood loomed today as a nationwide peace move in the tangled affairs of railroad labor.

set indebtedness already contracted. It was subtracted from the school superintendent's salary, and required for the coming year to April 1. The budget as made out takes in the entire six per cent increase allowed by law, but many new projects were instituted, such as the Willamette river bridge, extra road work, etc. A fund of \$40,000 to retire warrants outstanding was also included. These extra things would have been provided for through the six per cent increase plus the balances on hand which were handled as if no obligations were outstanding against them.

There is some legal question involved which has not been completely settled. As far as the school fund is concerned, Superintendent Brenton Vedder maintains that it is obligatory for the court, under the school law, to levy a tax equivalent to \$10 per capita on the school census, for common school purposes. The budget, as outlined, would reduce this to a little less than \$9.

OPINIONS DIFFER
Assessor W. B. Cook claims that the law's intention was to provide for the deduction of balances which were clear of obligation, but Judge H. E. Cross interprets the law in its strictest sense.

According to Miss Alberta Dunn, county treasurer, some of the balances deducted from next year's levy have already been greatly depleted, and there is a heavy warrant indebtedness outstanding against the majority of the remainder.

The court is determined to hold to the law, and what will be done to meet the deficiency is not decided. Under the six per cent limitation, the general county tax this year is set at a maximum, and it appears that any changes will have to come through a readjustment, which would involve probably the use of the \$40,000 fund to reduce indebtedness, for other purposes, and the reduction of the road fund expenditures. If nothing is done, the treasurer will be forced to endorse warrants "not paid for want of funds" which will increase the interest which the county is paying, already amounting to approximately a total of \$60 a day.

WOMAN ATTEMPTS TO DROWN IN WILLAMETTE

Mrs. E. Pitts Tries to Commit Suicide; Story of Love That Was Not Returned, Is Told.

Because her divorced husband would not take her back, and with her mind perhaps a trifle fogged by brooding during the past few days, Mrs. E. Pitts, former wife of Thomas E. Pitts attempted to commit suicide at 10:20 o'clock Friday night by jumping into the Willamette river.

She was rescued before she had endangered her life, and will survive. The woman walked down to the light dock at the foot of 7th street. As she passed Wm. Streibig, who was coming out of the Elks Club on Water street, she touched him lightly on the shoulder. "Don't tell anyone where I am going," she murmured in a sort of a daze. Streibig, slightly suspicious, watched her as she headed for the river. He called Chief May and Patrolman Hemmingsway, and they reached her just after she had jumped in. Some logs and brush prevented her from sinking immediately, and she was taken into a house on Water street.

To Mrs. M. E. Church, county matron, she told her disconnected story. Pitts was her second husband. For a year and a half they had lived together. Finally, they disagreed, and were divorced. But she loved him, and she had pleaded with him to take her back. But he wouldn't—and there was another woman—and she wanted to die.

The husband's story, simply told, was a different one, the story of disagreement and divorce. To the officers who called him, he said his former wife was probably suffering from some mental trouble. There was no "other woman," but he could not live with his former wife, he told Mrs. Church.

The woman was taken to the home of her married daughter in Canemah. The daughter is the child of her first husband, who is dead. Pitts is an employee of the Crown-Willamette.

AMNITY GRANTED

LONDON, Jan. 12.—King George has granted general amnesty "in respect to political offenses committed in Ireland prior to the operation of the truce last July." It was announced today. The release of prisoners will begin at once.