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COMPLAINT FILED TO TEST VALIDITY OF NEW DISTRICT

Vote for Canby Union High School Declared Out-lawed Because of Failure to Post Notice in Required Manner.

AUTHORITY OF ACTION BY BOARD ATTACKED

Measure Held To Be Harmful To Taxpayers and Others; District Recently Created.

A complaint has been filed with the County Clerk's office by the District Attorney against the directors of the newly created Union High school district No. 1, to determine whether or not the recent election which created the new high school district is valid. The suit is brought by the district attorney upon the relation of J. H. Kraus against J. C. Mark, Aurora; P. A. Weber, Canby; George G. Randall, Oregon City, C. O. Cole, Canby, and F. J. Kraxberger, Aurora.

The complaint holds that the district school board of district No. 38, Marks Prairie, failed to post the notice of the election as required by law. The election, which was to be held August 31, was postponed until August 26 on that account. The complaint holds further that the relator, and other electors, residents and taxpayers will be greatly damaged and school funds of that district and county will be wrongfully expended if the new union high school district is allowed to continue.

The complaint asks that the defendants in the case show by what authority of law they have acted in becoming the board of directors in the new district, and in hiring a principal and "threatening" to hire teachers for the school. A judgment is asked to prevent the board from accepting such office, and to require them to refrain from further activities in connection with the new school district.

According to Charles T. Sievers, attorney representing Kraus, the complaint is being made "in order to determine whether or not the election is valid, and to determine whether or not the district is legally organized."

The Union high school district No. 1 includes the districts of Marks Prairie, New Era, Union Hill, Mackburg, Central Point, Lone Elder, Canby, Barlow, Highland, Oak Lawn and Mundorf. The measure organizing the district was voted on recently and passed by a vote of 461 to 253. The defendants in the suit brought were elected to the school board for the district at the August election.

An election of teachers was held Tuesday evening at which Lucille Cogswell, of Portland, former University of Oregon student, was elected instructor in mathematics and physical education. Roma G. White, of Portland, has been elected principal of the school.

PORTLAND MAN SHOTS SELF: CAUSE MYSTERY

PORTLAND, Aug. 31.—Close beside the walls of a nearly completed building which he had planned for his home, the body of Eric Elstrom, 51-year-old bachelor, was found today. He had slashed his throat and then buried a bullet in his brain.

Reason for Elstrom's act is a mystery to the police, who are investigating to determine whether it was business troubles, declining health or a love affair that had led him suddenly to take his own life.

A taciturn man, Elstrom had resided at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Piles, No. 555 East 68th street north, for more than a year without revealing much of the history of his life to expedite shipments of essential. As far as is known, however, the only work he had recently done was on the house he was building on his own account.

Jersey City Trains Collide; 17 Injured

JERSEY CITY, N. J., Aug. 31.—Seventeen persons were injured, some seriously, today when two Hudson and Manhattan electric trains collided in a dense fog on the Hackensack Meadows.

The most severely injured was Mortimer Burke of train 606, which smashed into the rear end of train 3246.

WEST LINN SCHOOL HAS HEAVY REGISTRATION

165 Students Enrolled For New Fall Term; Auto Bus Will Carry Rural Students.

More than 165 students registered at the Union high school in West Linn, when the doors were opened for the fall term Tuesday, according to Superintendent J. L. Gary.

Registration will continue throughout the week and as many of the students are, at the present time, employed in the hop yards and in other occupations, it is expected that the total enrollment will exceed the 200 mark. The total registration for last year was 181.

Regular class work will begin today with the following faculty members in charge: Charles F. Beatie, science and athletic coach; W. W. Davis, manual training; Vesta Lamb, commercial; Helen Leathers, girls' physical training and music; C. O. Main, mathematics; Erma Readen, domestic science; Ruth Schaeffer, history; Myrtle Toibey, English; J. W. Sutherland, foreign languages; J. L. Gary, principal.

In order to accommodate students residing in outlying districts where no other means of transportation are available an automobile bus will be operated. More than 35 students were aided in attending school by this service last year.

AUTOMOBILE CAPSIZES: FOUR MEN ARE INJURED

California Car Meets Accident Near this City on Highway; Cause is Steering Gear.

When their automobile capsized on the River highway near Rothe station yesterday morning, three men from Sebastopol, Cal., were seriously hurt and another slightly injured. The injured were rushed to St. Vincent's hospital, Portland. One of them is Anton Ingvaldson. The party was en route to Wenatchee. Broken steering gear is said to have been the cause of the wreck.

The driver of the car, Harold Franzen, was only slightly hurt.

Plans Frustrated To Wreck Express

CHICAGO, Aug. 31.—An alleged plot to dynamite and wreck the "Western Express," a New York to Chicago train on the New York Central, was frustrated today, according to the police, by the capture of three men.

The train was to have been wrecked between Gary, Ind., and Chicago, police stated. The men under arrest are Frank R. Hartman, alleged to have been the brains of the plot; J. J. Boyle and C. A. Kaglan.

Private detectives, posing as railroad strikers, are said to have secured the information of the plans to wreck the train.

Explosions Cause Big Damage in Ohio

CLEVELAND, O., Aug. 31.—Four houses under construction were destroyed, foundations of many others were loosened and windows in houses for an area of half a mile were shattered early today as the result of four explosions in the Garfield Heights section of the city. Police say the blasts were caused by bombs and suspect labor troubles prompted their planting. Fire broke out and the shattered houses were burned to their foundations.

The four houses completely destroyed were two-family buildings and were nearing completion. The damage is estimated at \$40,000.

14 Are Arrested By Local Constable in Month; Cases Vary

Constable Ed Fortune Saturday made the report of his activities in that office for the month of August. During the month fourteen arrests were made, for the following causes: hogging the road, 1; peddling without license, 1; driving cars without license, 2; assault and battery, 2; speeding, 4; dumping garbage in public highway, 1; having intoxicating liquor in possession, 2; and larceny, 1.

Salem Boy Drowned In Willamette River

SALEM, Sept. 4.—Milford Miller, 15, son of Major and Mrs. H. O. Miller, was drowned in the Willamette river two miles south of Salem yesterday when he ventured in beyond his depth. The boy, a poor swimmer, was bathing with some companions at the time. His father is connected with the state adjutant general's office. The drowned lad is survived by four sisters in addition to his parents.

IRRIGATION PLANS AT MOLALLA FIRST ATTEMPT OF KIND

Committee Named to Proceed With Organizing Farmers Into District; Involves From 5000 to 10000 Acres.

Hilmar Papst, general manager of the Portland Gas & Coke company, yesterday advised the Morning Enterprise that the voluntary reduction of approximately 10 cents on each 1000 cubic feet of gas which was placed in effect in Portland yesterday, will also be effective in Oregon City, and in the territory that the Portland Gas & Coke company serves.

According to the announcement made in Portland Thursday, the new rates will affect all consumers of gas after the first 300 cubic feet have been consumed. The reduction was made by the Portland company subsequent to reductions made to them on the cost of fuel oil used by them in the manufacture of artificial gas.

O. A. C. EXPERTS MAKE FAVORABLE ANALYSIS

Productoin Can Be Increased From 75 to 100 Per Cent With Application of Water

SALEM, Sept. 1.—The first venture in irrigation on an extended scale to be undertaken in the Willamette valley was launched at a meeting of farmers in the vicinity of Molalla, in southern Clackamas county, Thursday night, according to representatives of the state engineer's department, who attended. A committee was named to proceed with the organization of the district, which will include between 5000 and 10,000 acres.

The proposed project will be watered from the Molalla river by a simple gravity system, through a canal approximately five miles in length.

Soil experts from the Oregon Agricultural college, who attended the meeting, declared that production in that section could be increased from 75 to 100 per cent through the artificial application of water during the growing season.

State Engineer Cupper, who attended, said that precipitation in the Willamette valley during the summer months is less than that of the so-called arid sections of Oregon, averaging but two inches during the growing season each year and this year falling far below that annual average with disastrous results to growing crops.

According to County Treasurer W. W. Everhart, who has been active in the Molalla irrigation movement, about thirty signatures were secured from farmers favoring the venture at the Thursday meeting. Plans were made for the perfection of an organization to carry the project through, and L. A. Shaver, temporary chairman, and Oliver Buxton, temporary secretary, were selected to continue their offices for the present. Petitions are to be circulated for presentation to the county court.

The prospects for the project are very encouraging, according to Mr. Everhart, and analysis of the soil in the section, to be irrigated indicates that it is especially well adapted to irrigation.

Percy A. Cupper, state engineer and president of the state water board; W. A. Bowers, professor of soil at O. A. C.; ex-state engineer John H. Lewis, and G. H. Abbot, Portland engineer, were present at the meeting. Abbott is the man who made the original plans and plats for the project when it was first considered about six years ago.

Two Officers Killed In Fight By Indian

DALLAS, Sept. 4.—Two men are dead and two wounded as the result of a desperate gun battle between government prohibition agents and a deputy sheriff on one side and an infuriated Indian moonshiner on the other, which was staged shortly before 1 o'clock yesterday morning on the streets in the Indian town of New Grand Ronde, Ore., on the government reservation.

The dead are Glenn H. Price and Grover C. Todd, federal prohibition agents of Portland.

The wounded are Phillip Warren, and Edward Holden, deputy sheriff of Indian moonshiner of Grand Ronde, Tillamook. Warren was shot through the back; he is said to have a good chance for recovery. Holden's wounds are slight.

Within twelve hours after the shooting, a coroner's jury at Dallas, Polk county, found that Price and Todd had come to their death by gun shots at the hands of Warren.

Quiet Reigns Over City On Labor Day

Labor Day in Oregon City was quiet, spent, there being no unusual activities or celebration here. Farmers of Clackamas County assembled at the New Era camping ground, to attend the Clackamas County Farm Bureau annual picnic. An all day program was held by the Bureau, and lunch served at noon. Addresses were made by George A. Mansfield, president of the Oregon State Farm Bureau, and by Professor N. H. Comish, of the department of economics at O. A. C. Special music was furnished by the Meadowbrook Male quartet.

REDUCED RATE FOR GAS AFFECTS OREGON CITY

General Manager of Portland Concern Gives Out Extent Of Company's Decrease.

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RECALL OF JUDGE CROSS DISCUSSED AT 2ND MEETING

Charles Holman is Chosen As Candidate by Organization To Succeed Incumbent If Move Meets With Success.

PLANS DISCUSSED TO FINANCE PROCEDURE

Petitions Will Be Circulated to Obtain Sufficient Names to Place Measure on Ballot.

The second meeting of the county residents who are seeking the recall of County Judge Harvey E. Cross was held Wednesday afternoon at Mt. Pleasant Hall, and a candidate unopposedly selected to run as recall candidate for the office of county judge.

The candidate chosen is Charles Holman, owner of the Meadowbrook Farm, near Molalla. Holman, while known to be in favor of allowing his name to be placed on the ballot, has not given final consent to the committee appointed by the meeting to urge him to accept. His answer, according to H. F. Gibson, of Barlow, chairman of the organization, is to be given to the committee tomorrow.

About fifteen or twenty county residents were said to have been at the Wednesday meeting, representing many different sections of the county. Plans were made for a subscription to finance the recall move, and to pay expenses for the petitions. About 2000 signatures will be required to place such a measure on the ballot, and must be filed by October 7.

The first meeting in the recall movement was held Saturday afternoon, August 26, at Mt. Pleasant. H. F. Gibson was made chairman of the organization, and G. R. Hobbs, of Oregon City, secretary. County Treasurer W. W. Everhart was first asked to allow his name to be used on the ballot as recall candidate, but he declined the offer on account of his health. It is reported that two or three other possible candidates have been approached by the organization.

Formal charges and specific instances bearing out the charges are said to be in preparation, and are to be included in the petitions which are to be circulated, according to Gibson. He declined, however, to state what the charges are before the petitions are put out, other than to reiterate the charges of inefficiency and curt treatment.

TREASURER CANDIDATE WITHDRAWS FROM RACE

Ill Health Causes Democrat Nominee to Change Plans; Central Committee to Meet

PORTLAND, Aug. 31.—Because of ill health, Milton A. Miller today notified Dr. C. J. Smith, chairman of the Democratic state central committee, that he had withdrawn his name from the ballot as the Democratic candidate for state treasurer.

Under the law it will be incumbent on the committee to name a candidate to take Miller's place on the ballot, and Dr. Smith intends convening the committee for that purpose within the next few days.

SHERIFF ARRESTS MAN SUSPECTED OF CRIME IN IOWA

Suspect Claims to be Fred Hansteen; Thought to Be Russell Dove, Wanted For Attempted Murder, Theft.

Sheriff W. J. Wilson arrested whom he believes to be Russell Dove, wanted by the Fairfield, Iowa, authorities for attempted murder and robbery. The arrested man claims to be Fred Hansteen, of Seattle, but answers the description of Dove. He denies any knowledge of the crime for which he has been arrested. The arrest was made Saturday at a dairy farm near Bull Run where he was working as a dairy hand for the past three weeks.

Sheriff Walter Harris, of Fairfield, left yesterday morning for Oregon City with extradition papers, to take his prisoner back to Iowa for trial.

Hansteen, although claiming his home to be at 3046 14th Avenue North, Seattle, where he says his mother and father have lived since last March, has little else to identify himself. He claims to have been working in and around Portland since March. He states that he has worked at Hillsboro, North Plains, Bull Run and Portland, since that time.

He refused to go to Iowa without extradition when asked to do so by Sheriff Wilson upon the request of the Iowa sheriff. He also refused to consult an attorney about his case. Sheriff Wilson examined him for about two hours relative to the Iowa crime, but could learn nothing from the suspect. His only comment on the affair was, "How are they going to prove it," and "It is up to them to prove it."

Sheriff Harris is expected in Oregon City Friday to get the prisoner and return to Iowa with him.

Two Coaches Go Through Trestle Over Small Creek Near Wittenburg, Missouri.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Sept. 1.—At least six persons were killed and a number injured when two coaches of a "Frisco" passenger train crashed through a trestle over a small creek near Wittenburg, Mo., early today, according to telephone messages here.

Two bodies had been recovered at the last report.

First details said that a trestle gave way just as the engine of the train had passed over the structure and that the baggage car, mail car and smoker plunged into creek below. The train was No. 805, which left St. Louis at 9 p. m. and was due at Wittenburg at 12:12 a. m. It was running three and a half hours behind schedule, as the accident is reported to have occurred shortly before 4 o'clock this morning. The train was due in Memphis at 9:45 a. m.

Unable to get in communication with the point of the accident, and with train service lacking, newspapers were making impromptu arrangements to get men to the scene.

GOVERNMENT RESUMES CONFERENCE ON STRIKE

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5.—With the convening of the senate and house after the Labor day adjournment and a meeting of the cabinet today, the government again centered its attention on the coal and rail situations. Attorney General Daugherty, who has been absent from the capital since his trip to Chicago to institute the government's injunction suit against the striking railway shopmen, was expected back.

Any officer of the government who issues or causes to be issued "any illegal injunction, not in good faith and with the willful intent" of depriving a person of his rights or intimidating him would be held to have committed malfeasance in office under a bill introduced today by Representative Huddleston, Democrat, Alabama.

While the Chicago injunction proceedings will be followed up with the determination of guaranteeing the country against interference with transportation, a high official of the administration asserted today that constitutional liberties of law abiding men will not be abridged.

Robber Enters Home Saturday Afternoon

The home of John R. Bowland, 620 12th Street, was entered by a robber last Saturday afternoon between one and four o'clock, and jewelry valued about \$75 to \$100 was stolen. The robbery was discovered by Miss "Frankie" Bowland, on her return to her home Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Bowland are out of the city on their vacation.

Entrance was made to the house by unlocking the back door. A watch, necklace and other jewelry were taken.

Witness Declared To Be Remarkable

OAKLAND, Cal., Sept. 5.—"She's the most remarkable woman I ever saw," was the characterization today of Clara Skarin, held here for Seattle authorities in connection with the murder of Ferdinand Hochbrun, Seattle millionaire, by W. J. Peterson, captain of detectives.

"Her poise is perfect; her wit is keen; and she entirely baffles questioners."

Miss Skarin continued today as calm and confident as if her arrest was but a trifling incident.

15 KILLED AND 16 HURT IN BIG MINE EXPLOSION

Afterdamp Thought Cause of Disaster; Blast May Have Been Set Off Prematurely

CUMBERLAND, B. C., Aug. 31.—Fifteen men were killed and sixteen injured in the explosion which occurred late yesterday in No. 4 mine of the Canadian Collieries, Dunsmuir coal properties here. All of the bodies have been recovered.

The dead are: Robert Dunsire, John Johansson, John Gibson, seven Japanese, five Chinese.

Hospital authorities said this morning all the injured probably would recover.

The cause of the explosion could not be determined today. One report suggested afterdamp caused the disaster, which did comparatively little damage to the mine. Another report was to the effect that a blast exploded prematurely.

Of the white men killed, Robert Dunsire and John Gibson each leave a widow and six children. The third, John Johansson, was unmarried.

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EDITOR IS ARRESTED; RELEASED ON BONDS

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Sept. 5.—Jake Cohen, editor of the Labor Review, a leading southern labor organ, was released today on \$1000 bonds, following his arrest on a charge of having violated the "Chicago injunction" by publishing an editorial in his publication attacking non-union railway workers.

Cohen declared the editorial was published prior to application by Attorney General Daugherty for the injunction.

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Two Ships Seized by Prohibition Officers

NEW YORK, Aug. 31.—The British three masted schooner Gamma, with \$200,000 worth of Scotch whisky aboard and the excursion steamer Smithfield, which is alleged to have been carrying a floating bar, were seized by customs and prohibition authorities today.

SURVEY OF BASIN HIGHWAY BEGUN

Court Hears Remonstrances Against Vacating Canemah Route; Many Residents Attend Wednesday Session

THIRD STREET DEAL IS PLACED ON TABLE

P. R. L. & P. Attorney To Look Up Law; Papers And Deeds To Be Put In Escrow.

Engineers from the state highway department are surveying a route out Main street and along the basin south of the city, along the lines previously run for the proposed Pacific Highway entrance to Oregon City. When questioned as to their intention, they declined to reveal any information, stating that they were working under orders from the state highway commission with instructions to survey the route. It is expected that they will also draw plans and specifications for the highway construction, as was done before the subsequent route over the bluff was selected.

Just what the plans of the state highway commission may be appears to be unknown. The city council has instructed their recorder to write them for information, as no negotiations have been held between the two bodies for some time. Conjecture is current that with so many obstacles in the path of the bluff road the commission will proceed with the road up the basin, although no one in the city appears to have been advised that such is their intention.

The County Court met in regular session Wednesday and considered the matter of the vacation of the basin roadway between the limits of Oregon City and Canemah for the use of the P. R. L. & P. company. Canemah people who are remonstrating against closing this road were present, and were represented by Gilbert E. Hedges. The Portland concern was represented by Harrison Allen, of Griffith, Leiter and Allen. J. E. Hedges represented the Oregon City Manufacturing company.

The principal point at issue between the attorneys was whether or not it would be legal to vacate the roadway and re dedicate the six foot strip to be used for a walk between Oregon City and Canemah.

According to the proposals made by the P. R. L. & P. company they agree to pay \$35,000 toward a highway out of Oregon City, to construct and keep open to pedestrians a walk between Oregon City and Canemah, and to furnish street lights for the walk and for Canemah free of cost. These proposals are contingent upon the vacating of the basin road, and the construction of another route out of Oregon City south.

A legal point was brought up by Gilbert Hedges as to whether or not the court could vacate this strip, and making the vacation contingent upon agreements to be carried out later. He held that if the road was vacated the subsequent owners would not be bound to fulfill any obligations in consideration for that vacation. Joseph Hedges suggested that the court vacate all of the road except a six or seven foot strip along the basin to be used for a walk.

The court instructed the P. R. L. & P. company's attorney to look up the law as to whether or not it would be legal for the county to vacate this road, and the Portland company to re dedicate the six foot strip for use of the walk. If the attorney finds that this will be legal, he was instructed by the court to place the papers relative to the vacation and deeds in escrow until further action can be taken.

The city council at its regular meeting last night ordered that the matter of vacating third street between Main street and Railroad avenue be laid on the table for thirty days. His action by the council was taken on account of the remonstrance made by Oregon City property holders against the action to vacate the street for use by the Hawley Pulp & Paper company and Portland Railway Light & Power company. Councilman Dr. Mount suggested in relation to this action that the matter be laid on the table and that the city ask the State Highway Commission what they intend to do relative to the Fifth street outlet from Oregon City.

Tariff Sidetracked For Soldier Bonus

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5.—By a vote of 5 to 3, senate and house conferees recommended today to sidetrack the administration tariff bill for the soldiers' bonus measure.