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USE OF INITIATIVE TO GET FRANCHISE FOR BUSES, PLAN

Bill Is Sponsored by Former Councilman, J. F. Albright; Service to Mt. Pleasant Is Purpose Cited on Petition.

BLANKET PRIVILEGE EFFECT OF REQUEST

Operation of Line to Portland Possible Under Terms of Proposed City Concession.

Securing of a municipal bus franchise by the submitting of an initiative ordinance to the people, is being attempted by J. F. Albright in a series of petitions being placed in circulation. A number of the petitions containing about 100 names have been presented to City Recorder Kelly for filing but are being held up for want of sufficient signatures, until more names are appended.

The projected ordinance provides the granting of a franchise to Albright for the running of a bus line between Mount Pleasant and Main street, with a guaranteed schedule of 12 buses every four hours, for which Albright is to pay an annual tax of \$25 per bus.

The ordinance also provides that the recipient of the concession have the right to run to any part of the city or over any bridge leading into the city. These terms make the ordinance practically blanket in its provisions, and would place in the hands of the holder of the franchise the right to run a bus line from Oregon City to Portland. Such a concession has been denied by the city to other applicants under the franchise agreement with the Portland Railway Light and Power company which provides in effect the operation of the bus now running between Main street and Mt. Pleasant during such period as no other franchise in competition with the interurban between here and Portland is granted.

Granting of entrance and exit privileges to Portland-Salem stage lines has been a question before the council for some time, and there is at present in committee an agreement between the city and the Portland bus concerns running to the capital. There is in the ordinance as prepared on the initiative petitions, nothing to prevent it from being sold, on changing hands. Albright, formerly a member of the city council, has been connected with several initiative measures of statewide import which have attracted considerable attention.

The measure for lack of sufficient time cannot be placed upon the November ballot, but if sufficient names are secured, can be put to a vote at some subsequent election.

ILLEGAL IMPRISONMENT CHARGED BY WALKIRCH

The question of the validity of paroling of men sentenced from the justice court, and after what is considered violation of parole, reincarcerating them without further action on the part of the court, is to be threshed out before Judge J. U. Campbell in the circuit court Friday, when Matt Walkirch, upon a writ of habeas corpus, is given a hearing.

Application for a writ of habeas corpus was granted by Judge Campbell Tuesday upon the application of Walkirch's attorney. It is claimed that on December 8, 1921, Walkirch was convicted of a moonshine offense and sentenced to serve 90 days and pay \$400 fine. He was later paroled, and subsequently rearrested, upon the order of Judge Noble that he serve the remainder of the 166 days pending against the unpaid portion of the fine. The contention of Walkirch is that there was no legal ground for the subsequent imprisonment as the period of the total jail term had expired since the original date of custody.

E. G. Caufield and S. P. Are Named in Right of Way Suit

Suit against the Southern Pacific company and E. G. Caufield, as co-defendants, was filed Monday by West Linn in a contest involving the railroad right of way, through Bolton, which has been the subject of considerable litigation. The plaintiffs contend that the railroad, without right of franchise, has blocked streets in Bolton and interfered with municipal construction work through the presence of their tracks at a grade below that desired for the sewer and street improvements.

Constraint of the railroad and a judgment in the sum expended by the city in a construction work on the Bolton sewer is asked.

REPEAL OF BOUNTY LAW TO BE REQUESTED SOON

Mohair Growers Believe That Big Sum Is Being Wasted; New System Is Said Need.

Richard G. Scott, formerly county agent of Clackamas county, now serving as secretary of the Oregon Mohair Goat association, thinks the state is wasting money by paying animal bounties.

"At the present time the state of Oregon is paying for bounties on wild animals \$113,000 per annum, at least that was the amount paid in 1921," he says.

"The Oregon Mohair Growers' association will ask the coming legislature to repeal the bounty laws and instead of giving \$15,000 to the United States biological survey, make the appropriation \$75,000 for the next two years and put professional hunters and trappers in every section of the state.

"The stockmen believe that by this method the animals of prey can be entirely eradicated, and the coast counties especially would then offer splendid opportunities for the herdsman."

Accidents Upon Highway Sunday Set New Record

A score of accidents was Sunday's toll on the Clackamas county highways, raising the number recorded during the present month to 51.

Two people were injured Sunday, and although no one was fatally hurt, there have been two deaths this month from auto mishaps.

Miss Amanda Wolf, whose home is at Arcadia, Wisconsin, for the present making her home at 428 Alder street, Portland, is in the Oregon City hospital, where she is suffering from bruises caused from being struck by an automobile in this city Sunday evening.

Medical Aid Given

Miss Wolf had come to the city earlier in the day to visit, and while crossing the street in front of the court house, was endeavoring to escape from an automobile that was going south, when she was struck by one going north, which was driven by Mike Serras, son of J. P. Serras, of Oregon City, Route 6. Miss Wolf, who is about 24 years of age, is suffering from minor bruises of the shoulder blade and other bruises about the body. She was immediately rushed to the Oregon City hospital, where she was given medical attention, and report from the hospital this evening is that she is rapidly improving from the shock and injuries, but it will be several days before she will leave the institution.

Woman to Stand Trial

Mrs. A. L. Corrojan is under arrest on a charge of reckless driving, resulting from a mishap in which a lad of about nine years of age was badly injured. The boy's name has not yet been secured, but traffic officer Long is working on the case. Mrs. Corrojan, it is charged, on Sunday cut around two machines which had collided at Fourteenth and Main streets. The lad, running across the street, was struck by Mrs. Corrojan's machine. She will be tried October 2.

Other accident at that location had not been reported last evening.

Slight accidents Sunday were reported to A. M. Rush, Portland; Elmer E. Fettingill, Portland; G. Walker, Charles Lyon, E. A. Rockwood, H. A. Baker, O. K. King, C. V. Schultz and John E. Sirtus.

Reckless Driving Charged

Joe Hagseth is under arrest on charges of driving a car while not in a condition to properly operate same, upon a complaint filed by Ed Rayworth and Charles Lyon. The complaint is the outgrowth of an accident near Gladstone Sunday.

During the coming week, four state officers and the county traffic officer will patrol the highways in this county in an effort to reduce the number of accidents and keep the road to Salem and the state fair clear.

A number of accidents which occurred Sunday have not been reported yet, according to Long, and prosecution for failure to comply with the law in this regard is expected to follow.

Campaign Is Opened

The officers are expecting to open a vigorous campaign against reckless driving, and improper observance of the general rules of the road. Many of the accidents, Long states, are due to drivers using but one hand on the wheel. Drivers with but one arm must have a special state permit to operate a motor vehicle, he says, and when a man has two arms, they are both necessary on the controls, the officers indicate.

Sunday Long arrested G. T. Heiner, of Salem, T. E. Stevens, of Seattle on charges of reckless driving. Both it is alleged were cutting around machines and speeding on curves. Both were fined \$25 and costs.

E. G. Gill, whom Long arrested for speeding, passing on a curve and failing to have an operator's license, had his license suspended for three months and was fined \$25 and costs. D. S. Scully of Portland paid \$5 and costs for improper lights and M. G. Brown is facing an action in court for failure to have a driver's license.

FINAL ACTION ON CITY HALL LOOMS AFTER NOVEMBER

Further Attempt At Recall Of \$35,000 Bond Issue Is Scouted; Decision on Site For Building Is Expected.

PEOPLE ARE TO VOTE UPON NEW LOCATION

Selection of Places To Be Put Before Electors Is Now In Hands of Council.

An agreement upon the question of the location of the city hall is expected to grow out of the defeat of the initiative petition for the recall of the \$35,000 bond issue it was indicated yesterday. Though no statement is made by Carl Green, sponsor of the petition, on what the next move of the proponents of the bill location will be, it is considered probable that the entire matter will rest upon the decision in the forthcoming election, upon the matter of the site.

The initiative ordinance was kept off the ballot by a time technicality. Green, in declining to discuss the next step to be taken as far as his part in the controversy is concerned, intimated that the primary consideration was the securing of action upon the construction and an early decision as to the site. The initiative petition, the inference was intended as a club to this effect.

The present initiative petition which could not be used until 1924, and then only after its legality had been settled in the courts, is probably dead. Green indicates that if the move to permanently block the bond issue should be reopened there would be little trouble in securing of sufficient names to place such a measure upon the ballot. At the same time he indicates that the passage of the bond issue, providing in the measure a definite site, would meet with little opposition.

The selection of the sites to be voted on in November has not yet been started, but it is understood that the question of which shall be presented to the voters is to be considered by the council which will have the final word in the decision as to which will be placed upon the ballot.

Missing Portland Man Is Located in Hospital At Salem

SALEM, Sept. 25.—Lars Anderson, committed to the state hospital for the insane here from Columbia county, October 20, 1920, was identified by attendants at the hospital Sunday as the Lars Anderson who disappeared from his home boat at Portland two years ago. Identification was made possible through the publication in Portland papers of pictures of the missing man after a friend had visited his former home and discovered evidence which led him to suspect foul play in connection with Anderson's disappearance.

At the time of Anderson's disappearance neighbors believed he had gone back to Norway and nothing further was thought of his absence until a fellow countryman visited his home boat recently and discovered Anderson's clothing, receipts for \$900 Liberty bonds and other evidences which indicated that Anderson had not planned his disappearance.

During the first year of his stay in the hospital here Anderson was morose and refused to talk to any one. Of late he has become talkative and admits his identity.

Appeal Is Taken On Road Decision Of County Court

Appeal from the decision of the county court in adjudging damages to his property in the location of the new Rock Creek-Buckner Hill road, was taken in a suit filed in the circuit court, Friday by Claude G. Whetmore in one of the first cases of this nature on record here in several years.

Damages of \$1,200 as against an allowance of \$100 made by the viewers and \$200 subsequently allowed by the county court.

The road takes 3.3 acres from Whetmore's farm, located in the south half of the northwest quarter of section seven, T. 4, S. R. 3 E.

The complaint, filed with the transcript of proceeding in the county court, is a voluminous record covering the details of a number of hearings before the judge and commissioners, states that the plaintiff's property is severely damaged because the new line of the road cuts off his buildings from the remainder of his farm, and also separates him from the house supply of living water. The record of proceedings shows that for the same road, though different agreeances are involved, Annie E. Dalho as allowed \$80 damages and Michael Wiegler, \$10.

Gubernatorial Race Is Given Up By Charles Hall

Charles Hall has withdrawn as independent candidate for governor. The announcement that the Marshfield state senator had decided to withdraw from the race came as a complete surprise to a majority of his supporters.

A few who were "in on the know" are said to have realized for some time that Hall would make a poor race and that he had considered dropping out.

In the letter announcing his withdrawal, Hall declares he was "actually nominated by the Republican voters of the state."

His letter, which is dated Portland, September 16, but made public yesterday follows:

Personal Ambition Decried.

"The duty of the hour for all patriotic Americans is courageous adherence to fundamental American ideals and principles. It was because of the apparent necessity of presenting vital issues to the people of the state of Oregon that I became a candidate for governor in the Republican primaries and not because of my personal ambition. My support in the primary came from those who believe in the principles of the proposed compulsory school bill and other measures affecting the public educational system and who also approve my views on economics and administrative policies.

"The court contest made after the primaries brought out distinctly, and were it not for the decision of the courts that Democrats could invade the Republican primaries on election day solely upon religious grounds, I would have received the certificate of nomination as the regular Republican candidate, and I actually was nominated by the Republican voters of the state.

Issues Held Clearcut.

"Until the past week there was no candidate for governor other than myself who openly and boldly espoused the principles which originally caused me to become a candidate. However, during the past week public statements of other candidates have been printed which will have the effect of making those issues clearcut before the people of Oregon.

"For this reason, and because principal is above my personal ambition, I shall take steps to have my name withdrawn from the ballot.

Upon all my friends and especially those who so splendidly upheld our principles during the contests this year, I urge energetic, earnest support and advocacy of the compulsory school bill this fall."

The rumor that Hall would resign from the race, having felt that he would be a poor third when the votes were counted, was freely circulated about the city yesterday afternoon.

It was known that Hall and Pierce and their friends have been swapping ideas for some time, and that they would come to an understanding soon was felt in all political circles.

The rumor hinted that Pierce, in return for Hall support, promises to appoint Hall to the United States senate in case there is a vacancy should the Democratic candidate be elected governor.

Hall forces are persistent in circulating reports that Senator McNary is going to resign to accept a federal judgeship. This the senator denies, but the Hall-Pierce faction is of the opinion that the judgeship offer will be made by President Harding within a short time and that McNary will accept.

U. S. HOLDS OUT FOR FREEDOM OF STRAITS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—The United States government stands firmly behind the proposal to insure the freedom of the straits and protection of racial and religious minorities. Secretary of State Hughes, declined today in answer to an inquiry on the attitude of this government toward the proposal made by the allies to the Turkish Nationalists government.

The American government is gratified to observe that the proposal of the three governments seeks to insure effectively "the liberty of the Dardanelles, the Sea of Marmora and the Bosphorus as well as protection of religious and racial minorities," Hughes stated.

"The points of the proposal are clearly in accord with American sentiment."

"This government also trusts that suitable arrangements may be agreed upon in the interests of peace to preserve the freedom of the straits pending the conference to conclude a final treaty of peace between Turkey, Greece and the allies."

Secretary Hughes declined to comment on the territorial questions involved in the allied proposal to restore Thrace and Constantinople to Turkey.

Marriage License Is Given Local Couple

A marriage license was granted Tuesday to Miles C. Wade, 27, and Gercia L. Kincaid, 27, both of Oregon City.

RIGID ECONOMY IS PLEDGE TO PUBLIC BY REPUBLICANS

State Conference Completes Work Without Any Note of Discord; Platform Given For Guidance In Campaign.

HIDDEN WEALTH WILL BE TAXED IS PROMISE

System for Retiring of Bonds Is Advocated; Consolidation Of Commissions Is Favored.

PORTLAND, Sept. 27.—The republican platform conference completed its labors yesterday without a discord and note, after charting a course for the party and giving a pledge to the people. The enunciation of principles, referred to by one speaker as "a splendid portrayal of composite republican thought," was adopted unanimously and without debate.

Taxation was featured in the resolution, taxes being acclaimed as the vital issue of the campaign. The conference pledged the next legislature and administrative officers to the most rigid economy. In harmony with this thought the further pledges were made for legislation to bring under assessment vast sums of personal and real property, which now escapes; an equalization of assessments; an effective budget system for counties and holding officials to strict compliance therewith. As a further means of decreasing the tax burden on those now carrying it, the conference favored waterpower development.

A financial system for retiring state bonds was pledged and the consolidation of commissions to produce greater efficiency was favored.

Also the republicans pledged legislation to prevent ownership of land by orientals and agreed to do whatever is possible for the relief of the cattle and wheat producers. Here is a plank on roads and recommending completion of the Roosevelt at the earliest possible date.

Fire Destroys Girls Quarters at State Industrial School

SALEM, Sept. 22.—Fire originating in a defective flue was rapidly gutting the old \$50,000 dormitory and school building of the State Industrial school for girls at 11 o'clock this morning, while the new dormitory and building, 100 feet from the old one, was in constant danger of being ignited.

The school is four miles south and east of Salem, beyond the city's water system. The water supply and the chemical fire extinguishers in the building were quickly exhausted and at 11, with the roof and the third floors ablaze, there appeared no possible chance of saving the structure. The building is of brick, with a shingle roof. The new building is a duplicate.

The 40 girls in the building manned the fire apparatus, valiantly and attempted to put out the spreading flames.

Alice Joffro of Roseburg, who was carrying water to the top floor, was overcome by the smoke. When she fainted, other girls carried her to the ground floor.

Rose Laskey of Tillamook was severely cut about the head by flying glass, but though blood trickled down in streams, she refused to leave her place among the fighters.

Chemicals were rushed from other state institutions, but they appeared inadequate with the top of the building a mass of seething flames.

President Harding To Probe Rumor of Inhuman Treatment

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—Charges that wounded war veterans in the state insane hospitals have been victims of "inhuman treatment" are to be probed to the bottom by order of President Harding.

The president today ordered Colonel Charles R. Forbes, director of the veterans' bureau, to render an immediate report as to the truth of charges that ex-service men have been railroaded into insane asylums by "office orders" of veterans' bureau subordinates and not through due legal process.

67 Congress Ends; Members Anxious To Leave for Home

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22.—The sixty-seventh congress wound up its business this afternoon and adjourned sine die. The closing session, attended by a corporal's guard of members of both houses, was featured only by the evident desire to finish up and get home as quickly as possible to look after reflections.

SUIT CLUB OPERATING HERE STATES AD CLUB

Oregon City Warned Against Lottery Plan; Multi-Purpose Historical Society Officials To

The Hayes Suit Club of Portland, which is being attacked by the Multnomah county officials as a lottery and scanned as an illegitimate business enterprise has extended its field of operation to Oregon City, according to warning advices from the Better Business Bureau of the Portland Ad Club yesterday.

The Hayes Suit Club has been soliciting business, as shown by their contract forms, under which they procure members by the agreement that each member shall pay \$2 a week or until \$48 has been paid. At the end of the payment period, the customer is to receive a suit or merchandise to the value of his payment. It is also specified that each week one member is given a suit without further cost, no matter what amount he has paid. Although the concession is stated as based upon the advertising value of the member's service, the Multnomah county officials prosecuting the case brand this only as a subterfuge and say that the whole thing is a lottery.

Furthermore, records of large commissions paid to solicitors under the plan have been presented to them, indicating that the merchandise sold at the end of the contract period makes allowance for the deduction of these payments to solicitors.

The entire matter is being handled through the Portland courts and authorities, but the warning to prospective "customers" in this district is issued by the Ad Club.

On the petitions the demand for the recall is made upon the following grounds:

That the county judge in the conduct of his office has been careless, extravagant and in business like in the management of the county business, in proof of which the following alleged facts are submitted:

1. That the county indebtedness during his incumbency has increased from \$359,836.62 on December 31, 1920 to \$426,197.72 on September 1, 1922, although his campaign was based on economy.

2. That he is autocratic, discourteous, overbearing and disrespectful to persons calling at his office on business.

3. That he has sentenced juveniles to the State Training School without a fair and open hearing and after refusing to admit their parents to the hearings.

4. That his chief source at a show of economy has been by reducing the mother's pensions and refusing to assist paupers.

5. That he habitually promises to visit roads and make road improvements but does not keep his promises.

Whether or not other charges are to be aired in the campaign the committee refuses to state. The committee is headed by Harvey Gibson, G. H. Hobbs is the secretary.

Financial aid of considerable proportion, is understood to have been pledged to the committee sponsoring the recall of county judge, H. E. Cross, following a meeting held by the organization Monday afternoon.

The meeting was open, and a number of local business men are said to have attended. The session was attended by representatives from a number of the outlying districts, and some 10 members of the original committee, headed by Harvey Gibson.

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American Bandits Rob Oil Paymaster; Mexican Pilot Shot

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Sept. 21.—J. H. Clarke, American paymaster for the Awgi Oil company near Tampico, was held up and robbed of \$43,000 by American bandits while he was preparing to take off in an airplane to carry the money to various company camps, according to a message received here today. The airplane pilot, a Mexican named Toribio Almaguer, was riddled with bullets and killed and Clarke was shot in the right arm. The hold-up occurred on Tuesday.

Threat To Impeach U. S. Governor Of Porto Rico Is Made

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—If President Harding does not remove E. Mont Riley from the position of governor of Porto Rico before congress convenes, a resolution of impeachment will be introduced in the American congress by Commissioner Davila of the Porto Rican commission. Davila announced yesterday.

PETITIONS PUT IN CIRCULATION FOR RECALL OF CROSS

Total of 1984 Signatures Must Be Secured In Period of Six Weeks In Order to Put Issue on November Ballot.

LAST FILING DATE IS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

Five Charges Against County Judge Are Listed; No Other Counts are Cited.

Petitions for the recall of county judge Harvey E. Cross were formally placed in circulation Saturday by a committee of Clackamas county men who have nominated F. D. Shank, of Wilsonville, to run against Cross. A total of 1984 names must be secured to place the measure on the ballot at the November election. Six weeks to recall the petitions, which must be in the hands of the county clerk, certified, by Friday, October 13.

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