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CITY ELECTION TO BE HELD DESPITE STATE TIME LIMIT

Failure To Post Notices At Period Provided Will Not Hold Up Ballot in Opinion Of Attorney O. D. Eby.

FEAR OF ILLEGALITY IS DECLARED "BUNK"

Condition Similar to 1918 Is Faced; Validity Of Move Said Untested by Courts.

The city election in Oregon City will be held on November 7 despite the fact that the notices for the election will not be handled in the regular manner by the county clerk and the city ballots are not to be incorporated in the general county and state ballot, according to O. D. Eby, city attorney. Failure of the city officials to comply with the state law raised the question of whether or not the entire city election would be invalidated.

Separate Ballot To Be Used. "That's all bunk!" declared the city attorney when asked if the Oregon City election could not be held. "There is nothing to prevent the city recorder from having his own ballots printed and distributing them to the election boards and holding the election."

Under the state law of 1917 it is provided that the city clerk shall give 40 days notice to the county clerk of the offices to be filled and the election notice shall be posted for 30 days. Only 11 days remain before election and this has not been done. Their period for accepting nominations under the state law, has also passed.

Clerk Not To Act. County Clerk Fred A. Miller states that he can take no action regarding the city election. The law, he says, provides his course of action, and because no notice from the city recorder has been received by the end of the legal period for giving notice of election, he cannot place the city list upon the general ballot.

City Attorney Eby holds that the election can be legally conducted under the provisions of the city charter. Under this provision, the way is still open for further nominations, until noon of November 1. The preparation of ballots and the posting of notices for a period of ten days will be in the hands of city recorder C. W. Kelly, and the county authorities will take no cognizance of the city election.

Officers To Be Chosen. The mayor, four councilmen, recorder and treasurer are to be voted on. Three measures have been submitted, two to decide where the proposed city hall will be located and a third to increase from two to three mills the tax for the maintenance of the fire department.

A similar situation confronted the city in 1918, which was the first municipal election following the passage of the law providing that city elections should be held upon the same day as the general and primary state elections. Time under the state law for filing of the certifications and notices was passed. Separate ballots were printed for the city election and distributed to the 11 precincts and the election was held, the returns canvassed and the results declared without contest.

The result of this election was never contested, and it is now known whether or not the courts have passed upon the validity of such a ballot.

BLANKET REDUCTION OF \$50 MADE ON FORDS

A straight reduction of \$500 each model of Ford automobile has been announced by the Park Shepherd Motor company, following telegraphic word from the general headquarters at Detroit. The new prices are now in effect.

The new price schedule established a new low record for the Ford and brings the car under the \$500 mark in Portland for the first time since war taxes on motor cars have been in order. The new price for the touring car, f. o. b. Portland, with tax included, is given as \$492.72, while the roadster is down to \$462.56. Prices for the other Ford models, straight down the line, are \$50 lower than previously.

The new list makes the basic price for the Ford car \$62 lower than it has ever been before, it was announced by the Ford Motor company here. The lowest pre-war price on the Ford was in 1916, when the car, without self-starter or demountable rims, sold in Detroit for \$360. The new price for the present Ford at Detroit, minus starter and demountable rims, is given as \$298.

BOY IS BADLY INJURED IN CRASH NEAR PARKPLACE

O. Holman, Blamed For Smash Given Unusual Sentence; Motorcycle Is Under Arrest

Odin Holman, 19, was badly injured in an accident near Parkplace Sunday. Holman was driving a motorcycle toward Gladstone and struck a machine driven by F. C. Gillman. Gillman was running off the highway at the turn just south of the Clackamas bridge. As he started to approach the private road, Holman ran into his rear wheel, shoving the car across the highway.

The boy was picked up with a broken shoulder and bruised head. Later, after having the injuries dressed, he was taken before Judge E. J. Noble, and charged with reckless driving. His license was suspended for six months.

The boy was given his choice of going to jail for six months or allowing the motorcycle to be held for a similar period. He decided to let the motorcycle "in jail," being deprived of its use for that period.

Banker Is Arrested. H. Hirschberg, president of the Independence State Bank drew the same treatment that was meted out a few days ago to a student who was arrested for speeding. Hirschberg failed to keep on the proper side of the curves near Gladstone, and after paying the costs of the action brought against him, was sent back to the city by the judge, and ordered to drive the entire distance there and back at the rate of ten miles an hour, and on the extreme right of the road.

J. C. Brady and Jo Eaton were arrested by Traffic Officer Long. The former, charged with having defective lights, paid costs and had his license suspended for ten days. Eaton was charged with driving while intoxicated and fined \$25 and costs.

Man Is Hit. James L. Hamlin reported striking an unidentified man on the highway near Parkplace Saturday evening at 1 o'clock. The man, who was taken to the local hospital, was not seriously injured.

A sedan automobile, driven by Harry I. Price, was run into by a truck of the Pacific Storage and Delivery Company, driven by Warren Dickenson, at East Clay and 8th streets, Portland, Monday afternoon. Price had the right of way, according to witnesses and the traffic officers who investigated the accident. The truck driver was exceeding the speed limit and cutting the corner. Price's car was driven across the side walk and through a rail fence, but neither car was seriously damaged.

CONSTRUCTION OF RAIL LINES TO BE DEMANDED

SALEM, Ore., Oct. 23.—With the object of bringing about needed railroad development in Central Oregon, the public service commission today forwarded to the interstate commerce commission copies of its complaint against the Central Pacific company, Southern Pacific company, Oregon and Washington Railroad & Navigation company, Oregon Short Line, Oregon Trunk and Deschutes Railroad company.

The complaint demands the construction of railroads from Crane to Odell, Crane to Burns, Bend to Odell, Oakridge to Odell, Kirk to Odell and from Lakeview north to connect with the Crane-Odell branch. The complaint is one that was drawn up some time ago by Commissioner H. S. Corby and which has also been signed by Commissioners McCoy and Kerrigan. There is a provision of the interstate commerce act whereby railroad extensions may be ordered if the proper showing can be made by the petitioners of complainants.

Motion Is Allowed For Abatement in Brumfield's Case

SALEM, Ore., Oct. 24.—The last faint echo of the Brumfield case was heard here today when the supreme court allowed a motion for abatement of proceedings as a result of the suicide of the late Roseburg dentist in his penitentiary cell. The decree handed down today covers adjustment of costs in the lower court in favor of the state. This sum, it is understood, must be recovered from his estate and cannot be taken from his insurance money.

Mrs. E. M. Scouton Is Named Head Of Local W. C. T. U.

At the meeting of the W. C. T. U. held on Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. E. M. Scouton was elected president to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. A. B. Rintoul. Mrs. Rintoul was recently elected to the office. Mrs. Scouton is an active member of the organization, and has taken much interest in the rest room established by the organization.

REGISTRATION IN COUNTY REACHES NEW HIGH RECORD

17,338 Is Total For This Year Figures Compiled by Clerk Miller Show; Mark For 1920 of 16,640 Exceeded.

SOCIALISTS' NUMBER SHOWS BIG DECLINE

Prohibitionists Decrease; All Other Classifications Are Augmented in Equal Ratio.

The largest registration ever recorded in Clackamas county was reached this year according to the official figures completed Friday by Fred A. Miller, county clerk. The total is 17,338, as against 16,640 for the year of 1920 when the last official tabulation was made.

One salient fact which is revealed by the tabulations is that while the number of democrats, republicans and independents has been increased in both men's and women's classifications, the number of those registered as "socialists" and "prohibitionists" has materially decreased. In 1920 the socialists numbered 336 and this year 268. Prohibitionists in 1920 numbered 256 and this year 155.

The classifications this year show 10,595 men and 6,886 women exhibiting an equal proportionate increase over 1920. The complete tabulation follows:

	1922.		
	Male	Female	Total
Rep.	7486	4597	12083
Dem.	2557	1736	4293
Pro.	59	96	155
Soc.	181	85	266
Macl.	352	189	542
Total	10595	6883	17278

	1920.		
	Male	Female	Total
Rep.	7156	4238	11394
Dem.	2503	1664	4167
Pro.	86	170	256
Soc.	226	110	336
Macl.	319	168	487
Total	10290	6350	16640

Excursion System Plan for 1927 Fair

Excursions over the various parts of Oregon, covering the mainline resources of the state, will be provided for tourists and visitors to the 1927 exposition if the voters pass favorable on the constitutional amendment at the election November 7, the managing committee of the fair asserts.

A special excursion bureau is one of the exposition features already worked out and visitors will be taken in groups to view particular industries in which they are interested. Eastern business men who are interested in lumbering, stock raising, grain, salmon fishing, fruit growing, dairying and the many other resources will be taken to the centers about the state where they may see first hand actual conditions.

If the tax measure allowing Portland to raise \$3,000,000 by taxation passes at the election an international advertising campaign embracing all the state industries and scenic wonders will be inaugurated.

A fund for this purpose is now being arranged. The campaign will be comprehensive and will embrace every possible field of advertising whereby the state can be heralded to the world.

BULGARIAN FRONTIER IS CLOSED TO REFUGEES

CONSTANTINOPLE, Oct. 19.—The Bulgarian frontier was closed today to prevent panic-stricken homes of Greek, Christian refugees from swarming into that country from Thrace.

Nearly half a million Greek and Armenian refugees have taken refuge in Macedonia. All are without food, clothing, shelter or funds. They are dependent upon the bounty of the Greek government and outside charity.

A quarter of a million refugees are still to be deported from Eastern Thrace. They are being rounded up and "headed" by Greek cavalry. The scenes remind one of a cattle roundup in Texas or some other American Western state.

The roads have been turned into quagmires by the rain which has been falling continuously for three days and three nights. The mud is being churned into swamps by the thousands of feet plodding over it.

A minister made rather a long call upon a lady acquaintance. Her little daughter, who was present, grew weary of his conversation, and whispered in an audible key: "Didn't he bring his 'Amen' with him, Mamma?"

Without Wisdom

THE DEMOCRATIC form of government is the best which generations have been able to devise. Kings and empires have fallen because the administrative voice was not that of the people. Yet with the centuries which form the background for the present system, popular government is not yet perfect. The reason, theoretical though it may be, is that the judgment of the majority is not always based upon sound premises. This is because each individual can form his opinion only in the light of what he knows and understands regarding the issue at hand.

It is incumbent upon the electorate to determine, in so far as circumstances permit, the exact color of any situation upon which their ballots are to be cast. Obviously, this is often difficult, but when the machinery for such investigation is at hand, only censure can accrue from failure to put it to use.

This is the indictment which must be passed against the Live Wires for their action yesterday on the recall. Three weeks ago a resolution calling for an unbiased investigation was tabled indefinitely on the ground that they did not wish to "meddle with politics". But yesterday, with no additional facts officially before them, a resolution was passed condemning the recall and favoring the retention of the judge.

The recall issue itself is beside the point in this instance. Whether or not the Wires wish to take a hand in a vital political question, is up to them to decide. But their action, either pro or con, should be based upon facts which have been determined. This applies to every other such situation as well as the recall. Any organization which refuses to take the trouble to investigate should not attempt at a later time to endorse or reject. Hasty decisions upon cryptic issues are a menace to good government, because the judgment upon which those decisions are based can, at best, be only immature.

The individual cannot for himself well determine the facts under consideration. It is for this reason that clubs, and groups are formed. To make use of their power of endorsement after denying the exercise of their province to collect information, is a mimicry of good government.

If the Live Wires or any other organization, expect to have their opinions respected, they cannot continue in the course set yesterday. The stumbling block in the way of human government, popular as well as monarchical, is "words without wisdom."

ONE MAY DIE AS RESULT OF COLLEGIATE BRAWL

Students Of Two California Universities Fight; Score Hurt; Police Quell Riot.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Oct. 20.—More than a score of Los Angeles college students were injured, one possibly fatally, as the result of a riot following a "pajamero" party on the campus of the southern branch University of California.

According to students of the southern branch, they had gathered for the "pajamero" party, whereupon more than 500 students of a rival university arrived in automobiles and attacked with "gasoline bombs," rags and bottles filled or saturated with gasoline, and attempted to set fire to a wood pile that had been gathered for the party.

A fight followed. Clubs, fists, bricks, torches and other weapons handy were brought into play, it was reported. In the pitched battle hundreds of the students were said to have been bunched in struggling piles.

A riot call brought policemen from all stations and more than 200 officers gathered before the fracas could be quelled.

Succeeding in their endeavor, the attacking forces set fire to the wood pile. The glow caused a fire alarm to be sent in and the fire department was sent to the scene. Several of the students lay unconscious on the campus when the police ambulances arrived.

It was reported that one who was taken to the Golden State hospital, and whose name could not be learned, was dying from a broken neck. Roger Vargas, brought to the receiving hospital, was taken home in an ambulance suffering from possible internal injuries that physicians regarded as grave.

According to students who were created at the receiving hospital by Dr. Wallace Dodge, the southern branch students were gathering for a football celebration prior to the game with Occidental college Saturday, but the southern branch students said they "were sure" the attacking forces were not Occidental students.

VERY CONSIDERATE. At a railway station a nice old lady left the train and got into a cab. The cabman said, "Gimme your bag, lady, I'll put it on the top o' the cab." "No, indeed!" answered the dear old lady, "that poor horse has enough to pull. I'll hold it on my lap."

GUARANTEE IS ASKED UPON SOUTH END ROAD

Consideration of New Plan Of Highway Routing W... Agreement of O...

Whether or not the Oregon highway commission will guarantee the routing of Public Auditor's Office, Oregon State Highway through Oregon City from the projected Railroad avenue and Seventh street line to the Main street and Fifth street line, is dependent upon the guarantee given by Oregon City for the ultimate improvement of Railroad avenue. If the request for the charge is granted, Secretary Tells State.

Information to this effect has been forwarded to Oregon City by Roy A. Klein, secretary of the commission. A deadlock in the highway negotiations here followed the establishment by the commission of the Railroad avenue routing. Oregon City asked that this action be reconsidered as there were no funds available for the Railroad avenue improvement and the Fifth street route could be handled at a fraction of the Railroad avenue cost. Oregon City being over 2,000 population has to finance highway improvements within its corporate limits.

Change is Asked. The proposition was made to the commission that Fifth street be designated as a temporary route and that the city, when the money became available would improve the Railroad avenue routing.

The commission indicates that this will be considered if the city will give a satisfactory guarantee that the Railroad avenue improvement will be carried to completion within a reasonable time. No final action has been taken by the commission in this regard, pending the decision by the city as to what they will do in the matter.

Tactic Agreement Seen. As the highway negotiations stand unless some move is made to use the bluff route, the highway will be routed out Main street and up the basin to Canemah. As the matter has been presented to the commission, there is a tacit agreement between the factions advocating the two ways of reaching the bluff route, that the improvement of Fifth street as a temporary route is to be approved contingent upon the opening of Railroad avenue at a later date. It is also agreed generally, the commission has been informed, that the ultimate improvement of Railroad avenue, as an issue independent of the highway routing is desired.

SCHOOL DISTRICT SELLS BOND ISSUE OF \$50,000

Interest Payment is Reduced By Change; Board is Now Placed Upon Cash Basis.

At a premium of \$129.12 Oregon City school district, number 62, yesterday sold to R. C. Moores of Portland \$50,000 in serial bonds. The funds accruing from the sale of these bonds will be used to take up the amount of notes now outstanding. The notes bear 6 per cent interest and the bonds 4 1/4. Through the transfer the district will save 3-4 of one per cent upon the interest, or \$375 annually.

The amount received from the bonds together with the last half of the taxes payable this year and the apportionment to be made from county and state school funds on the second Monday in November will place the school district on a cash basis for the first time in several years.

PHONE CASE REMANDED BACK TO STATE COURTS

PORTLAND, Oct. 23.—Federal Judge R. S. Bean this morning ruled that the telephone company suit had no place in the federal court and sent it back to the state circuit court for trial.

In his opinion Judge Bean held that the federal court has no jurisdiction to either modify or vacate the rates established by the public service commission of Oregon, unless the constitutional rights of the telephone company were endangered. No evidence to substantiate such a condition was introduced during the trial, he said.

The fact that the public service commission intended to allow the suit brought against it by Robert G. Duncan, John F. Risley and Dora B. Shreve, to go by default, did not grant to the telephone company the right to become defendant to the action and fight the case for the commission, the court said.

Judge Bean held the commission to be as capable as being a party to an action as any individual or corporation, and said the commission had a right to default, if it so chose, without interference from the telephone company, provided none of the constitutional rights of the company were endangered through the default.

The judge found that the only question involved in the suit was that of the establishment of telephone rates. He said the telephone company did not claim any constitutional rights had been impaired.

LIVE WIRES GIVE CONFIDENCE VOTE TO COUNTY JUDGE

Move To Recall H. E. Cross Condemned; Charges Said Insufficient To Warrant Such Action; Vote is Split.

BUSINESSMEN DECRY ATTACK ON OFFICIAL

Petition Is In Circulation On Main Street; Aiding of Road Program Is Talked.

Condemning the recall movement directed against County Judge Harvey E. Cross, the Live Wires of the Commercial club at their Tuesday luncheon passed a resolution, branding as "insufficient to warrant" the movement, the charges which have been made against the judge.

The resolution was presented by Linn Jones and L. A. Adams, who read to the Wires a petition being circulated over Main street. Objection to the passage of the resolution was raised by Ralph Shephard and H. E. Hoss on the ground that three weeks ago the Wires had turned down a resolution which proposed the appointment of a committee to investigate the charges. The disapproval of the recall of the county judge, however, was expressed by a heavy majority at the session.

The petition attacking the recall, it is understood, is being sponsored by friends of the judge who point out that the recall at this time would hinder the road improvement program which has been placed in motion after considerable controversy covering the past two years.

Start Support Small. It is expected that the signatures to the document will be made public the end of the present week. Little support to the recall movement is being found along the street, sponsors of the petition declare. The petition, in full follows:

"We, the undersigned, businessmen, voters and taxpayers of Oregon City and vicinity, being greatly interested in the welfare of Clackamas county, have read the charges submitted by those sponsoring the recall of Harvey E. Cross as county judge.

"We feel that the recall of a public official is a serious matter; that it should be invoked only in cases of extreme inefficiency or malfeasance; that the accusations directed against Judge Cross are not sufficient to justify a recall and such action would be disastrous to the present road program and detrimental to the best interests of the county.

"We have confidence in the administration of Judge Cross."

Frank Tibbetts Speaks. Frank B. Tibbetts, manager of the better business bureau of the Portland Ad Club addressed the meeting, telling of the work being done by the Portland bureau and offering the cooperation of the organization with Oregon City Commercial club. He traced briefly the history of the movement to purify advertising and merchandizing and lauded the results gained nationally by this movement.

Daniel E. Bowman, of the Moyer Clothing Company in Portland, pointed to the recent campaign against the Haynes Suit Clubs, as an indication of what cooperative efforts could do to eliminate objectionable business schemes. The cooperative plan, he said, should sponsor all forms of legitimate and fair competition and result in the building of better business and higher commercial standards.

EMPLOYMENT IS ASKED FOR EX-SERVICE MEN

Asking that aid be given in the placing of ex-service men who have completed government vocational courses, the U. S. Veterans Bureau, through their Portland office has asked the local Commercial club to investigate the employment field here.

In the vicinity of Oregon City, the bureau states there are a large number of veterans who desire employment. Among them are auto mechanics, finishers, auto electricians, firemen, interpreters, clerks, accountants, telegraphers, window trimmers, show card writers and photographers. Anyone desiring men to fill positions included in the list can get in touch with the applicants through the local Commercial club.

Local Couple Get Marriage License

A marriage license was granted Friday to Elvador Wankler, 25, Oregon City Route 5, and Gertrude Kennedy, 38, Jennings Lodge.