

RECALL MANAGER REFUSES TO TALK FOR LIVE WIRES

Organization "Not Interested" In Unbiased Discussion, Is Belief of Percy T. Shelley; Debate Offer Is Declined.

STATEMENT ISSUED BY COMMISSIONER

Action of County Judge Cross On Bridge Problem Flayed By Harris; Figures Cited.

Upon the ground that the Live Wires of the local Commercial club have already declared themselves upon the matter of the recall, Percy T. Shelley, manager of the recall committee, Friday declined to appear before that body to discuss the issues and charges against county Judge H. E. Cross.

Elbert Charman, program committee of the Live Wires, attempted to arrange a debate between Cross and Shelley. Shelley declared Friday that in the light of the action of the Wires in endorsing the judge, the request for an "unbiased and open discussion," subsequently came with "very little grace upon the part of the organization."

"It is an attempt to meet Judge Cross in public debate at any time," Shelley said, "but I do not believe the Live Wires are interested in hearing both sides of the question, in view of their recent action."

W. F. Harris, county commissioner, in a signed statement issued Friday explaining his contentions in regard to the recall of the judge, attacked both the stand of the official in regard to road matters and also condemned the Live Wires for their action.

The statement says: "It is amusing to pick up the paper these mornings and read at your breakfast table, the resolution passed by the 'live wires' and the petition circulated, endorsing the administration of the present county judge, when not more than two months ago the 'live wires' threatened his recall on account of the delay in letting the last and only contract for concrete."

"As to the road program: I wish to state about the contracts let last year: those were over the protest of the county judge, and numerous ones of the 'live wires' know it.

"It is amusing to read the petition signed by Catholic and Protestant Jew and Gentile, all satisfied with the judge's administration. What about the administration of Oregon City and the fire house location? Is it built yet? (Ask Woodbeck. He lives at Jennings Lodge).

Recall Reasons are Given

"As to the reasons for the recall. This is one: That Judge H. E. Cross told the county commissioners and the council of West Linn, that Booth, the chairman of the State Highway Commission promised to take care of the traffic across the Willamette river while the bridge was under construction, but failed to have the promise made out in writing, the consequence was, it cost Clackamas county just \$24,000.00. This is one item.

"It is amusing that the good merchants here on Main street did not know these things when they dug into their bank balance to maintain a ferry across the Willamette river, and that just a make-shift.

"Ask the 'live wires' to create better market conditions and better loading and unloading facilities for us farmers. Ask them to take Estacada, Boring, Molalla and Canby as samples, where you can sell a load of hogs or potatoes and ship the same.

"I would like to give Brother Woodbeck a lesson in the primary grade on how to raise cactus in the Dakotas."

W. H. HARRIS.

\$50,000 Is Given to University Medical School in Portland

EUGENE, Oct. 26—Great impetus was given the University of Oregon campaign for \$10,000,000 in gifts in the next ten years by the receipt today of a check for \$50,000 from the general educational board of the Rockefeller foundation for the University of Oregon Medical school.

This is the second gift bestowed upon the medical school by the Rockefeller foundation. One year ago it gave \$12,000, which was matched by the legislature for the construction of the main section of Mackenzie hall on the medical school campus in Portland. This building has been completed and is now in use.

The \$50,000 gift, according to Dr. Richard B. Dillehunt, dean of the medical school, is for the purpose of providing additional equipment and for teaching and research facilities in scientific medicine.

SCHOOL BILL SUBJECT OF DUAL ADDRESS HERE

Stephen A. Lowell and Dudley G. Wooton Attack Measure To Oust Private Institutions

Judge Stephen A. Lowell of Pendleton and Dudley G. Wooton of Portland, spoke to a large audience at the Moose hall Saturday night on the subject of the compulsory school bill.

In part Judge Lowell said: "This is not a compulsory educational bill. We already have that on our statutes, and have had it for 17 years. This is a measure to prohibit the maintenance of private schools within the state. No fines or language will disguise that fact.

"Can anyone tell me what harm the old Portland Academy, or many other kindred institutions once maintained throughout Oregon, ever did in the state? Is there a person living within our borders who will object to the continuance of Hill Military Academy, Miss Catlin's school, the Preparatory School of Portland or the Music-Education School as entities in our educational system? There are some parochial schools within the state, some schools maintained by different religious bodies, notably St. Helens hall, where many good women of Oregon were educated. Is it for the welfare of the children of the state that these be wrecked?

"Twenty-five per cent of the Catholic children of the state are in the public schools." Over the twenty-five per cent in the parochial schools. The school exists have supervisory power under the existing state law, to the extent that the local school boards just be satisfied that the same branches are there taught as are taught in the public schools. It is extremely difficult therefore to understand why the proponents of this measure desire to destroy even the Catholic schools.

"Can it be that the law was born of hostility to all religion? The Bible is not taught in the public schools. It has a place in the private schools."

Wooton said in part: "The mob, who propose to destroy this parochial system of private and public enterprise in the field of education, are asking you to repudiate all that has been achieved under it during the last century and a half of our national existence, and to declare by the abolition of that system, and it has been a fraud and a failure.

"The most striking thing connected with this school bill is the consistent deceit, duplicity and insincerity that has marked the whole course of its sponsors and supporters from the beginning to the end of the campaign. It was initiated by misrepresentation, misunderstanding and actual fraud. There never were but 29,999 signatures to the initiative petitions in favor of the bill, and 13,000 of these were rejected by the secretary of the state and duplicated as illegal, leaving 16,000 valid signatures, which was only 5,000 more than was absolutely necessary to put on the official ballot. Upon investigation it has been demonstrated that thousands of the persons whose names were left on the petition were induced to sign by misrepresentation as to the meaning and purpose of the proposed law."

STUDENTS TO EDIT 1923 HESPERIAN APPOINTED

The staff of the Hesperian, annual student publication of the Oregon City High School, has been completed. Announcement of the final appointments is made by the editor and business manager, who were elected last semester. The editor and manager are elective, empowered to appoint their assistants. The appointments have been approved by the student council.

Those who are to edit the 1923 edition of the Hesperian, are: Editor, Kathryn Kirk, assistant editor, Marguerite Jackson; literary, Mary Keast; assistant literary, Gladys Ward; dramatics, Doris Marville; jokes, Fred Gardner; snaps, Stanley Blaise; society, Annabel Hall; athletics, Quentin Cox; locals, Helen Harris; music and organizations, Helen Toose; Alumni, Lydon Bingham; art, Ronald Ginther.

The business staff selected by Manager Albert Grossbacher, are: Assistant manager, Ryle Reddick; subscription manager, Irene Kirchem; junior subscriptions, Laura Kinsey; sophomore subscriptions, Harold Sherwood; freshman subscriptions, Marion Miller.

Wyoming In Grip Of First Winter Blast

CHEYENNE, Oct. 30—The first severe storm of the winter was sweeping over nearly the entire state of Wyoming today. Near zero temperature and a heavy wet snow gripped Cheyenne and vicinity. Many automobiles were reported abandoned on the roads and the state highway department was at work rescuing the marooned occupants.

Wire communication was interfered with for several hours early in the day. No loss of life had been reported up to noon.

S. W. MC LAREN IS ARRESTED FOR HOLDING UP MAIL

Owner of Summer Resort Is Held On Federal Charge; Secret True Bill Returned After Probe By Grand Jury.

McLaren and his brother, R. McLaren, own the springs under the name of the Wilhoit Water Company. Several years ago they leased the springs to the Wilhoit Mineral Springs incorporated. McLaren continued to live at the resort and to act as postmaster.

DISPUTE OVER SALE OF PROPERTY AIRED

Money Orders To Company Are Stopped; Only Bills Forwarded, Say Officers.

According to the federal authorities considerable ill-feeling grew out of the cross litigation between the two courts, which is still in the state courts. The indictment charges that McLaren refused to deliver mail except bills to the new corporation and allowed money orders to accumulate, and returned money orders and remittances to the senders with the notation that no such firm as the new corporation existed.

TWO WORKMEN KILLED IN ACCIDENTS AT CAMPS

Charles Youse who has been employed at the construction camp of Hurley-Mason company in the upper Clackamas country, was instantly killed on Sunday night while on duty with the night crew.

Youse was assisting in clearing for a road, when a rock fell from a 200-foot cliff, striking the man on the back of the head. Men rushed to his side, but found that death was instantaneous.

Coroner O. A. Pace, of this city, was summoned, but unable to make the journey during the night, started out early this morning to cover the 50-mile trip extending into the mountains.

No inquest will be held.

When taking up his duties with the Hurley-Mason company, Youse gave his age as 55 years. Nothing is known of the man's relatives, and according to O. A. Pace who searched the pockets of the dead man, he was a member in good standing of the Moose and Owl lodges of Lawton, Pa. His dues were paid up to December, 1921. Corpses were wired the lodges in order to secure some information regarding the dead man.

The remains of the late Orlo Robert Chamberlain, who was killed at the Larkins Mill near Beaver Creek on Friday night, have been shipped to his home in Vancouver, Wash. The funeral services are to be held in that city.

Chamberlain, who had been employed for some time at the Larkins Mill had given a signal to the driver of the truck to proceed while logs were being loaded. Just as the big truck started Chamberlain, who had stooped to pick up a chain raised his head to be caught between the railway and the logs. His skull was crushed, and death was instantaneous.

The deceased is married, his wife being in Vancouver at the time of the accident.

CLOSING OF DANCE HALL IS UNDER ADVISEMENT

The revocation of the license of the Boring Dance Hall is under consideration by the county court. The matter was taken under advisement Friday, following a hearing at which S. E. Waller, manager of the dance, appeared. Sheriff W. J. Wilson and Deputy Long and Hughes appeared before the court testifying that the dance was being run later than 12 o'clock. The license granted by the county provides that the dance hall must be closed by midnight.

Charles Knutson Estate Probated

The estate of Charles C. Knutson, who died July 23, was filed in the county court Saturday. A. S. W. Graham was named as administrator. The estate is valued at \$10,000.

SLIGHT GAIN IS SHOWN IN DELINQUENT TAXES

An increase of three-fourth of one percent in the tax delinquency in Clackamas county over 1921, is shown in the figures for the current year, completed Saturday by I. D. Taylor, head of the tax department. The delinquency for the taxes collected this year up to October 6, the date of delinquency, was 8 per cent. In 1921 the delinquency on collections was 7.75 per cent of the total tax roll.

Collections this year totaled \$1,379,220.43 on the tax roll of \$1,498,401.17. Amounts unpaid totaled \$119,180.74. In addition to the regular roll, \$46,480.91 was collected on previous delinquent taxes and \$1,278.59 on forest taxes, making total collections for the county to October 6, \$1,426,979.93. The office this year issued 18,662 tax receipts as against 18,183 for the year previous.

The fact that there was only small amount of delinquency above that of 1921 is a good indication, Taylor pointed out, as financial conditions this year are generally regarded as more pressing than in 1921. Crop conditions are not as favorable, he states, but the average of payments is holding up well.

The increase in the number of tax receipts indicates that the number of individuals in the county who are taxpayers is increasing. Subdivisions of land are said to be the cause of much of much of the increase.

Reply To Charge In Recall Filed By Judge Cross

The formal answer to the charges brought against him by the committee sponsoring his recall, was filed Thursday by H. E. Cross, county judge.

Of the five charges, three are denied point blank with no explanation, and one cites the contention that in what was brought against him the official followed the requirements of the law. Upon the charge that the indebtedness of the county had been increased, the judge cites figures to show that the present indebtedness is below the figure when he took office. He also places upon the commissioners blame for any increase in costs of operation of the county administration.

The answer, as it will appear upon the official ballot, follows:

"A full and complete answer to the charges made against Judge H. E. Cross in the petition for his recall. They will be answered in order.

"1. Charge: 'He has increased the indebtedness from \$359,636.82 on December 31, 1921, to \$426,297.72, September 1, 1922.'

"Answer: Not a cent of indebtedness has been increased, nor bill paid without the vote of both commissioners. The report of the county treasurer shows outstanding warrant indebtedness, October 1, 1922, \$457,126.07. Not collected on present tax roll, to be applied, \$111,109.21. Net indebtedness October first, \$346,016.88.

"2. Charge: 'Autocratic and dictatorial. This is not true and I defy anyone to prove it.'

"3. Charge: 'Sentencing juveniles without fair and open trial. Absolutely false and cannot be proven.'

"4. Charge: 'Reducing mothers' pensions and refusing to assist paupers.' I follow the plain law. The accusation is pitifully false.

"5. Charge: 'Refusing to visit roads as promised, etc.' All roads have been visited and promised to be deemed to the benefit of public roads.

"The notice for the special election November 7 to vote upon the question of the recall were prepared for distribution yesterday by County Clerk Fred A. Miller. Although the recall involves a separate election and will require separate ballots, it will be handled in conjunction with the regular general election, and by the same boards and officials, saving the expense of holding an individual election which would cost about \$5,000.

Replying to the statement issued by W. W. Woodbeck for Judge Cross, stating that the judge would not contest the filing of the recall and pointing to the vote of confidence of the 112 business men who signed a petition favoring the retention of the incumbent, Percy T. Shelley, yesterday, branded the petition which was placed in circulation on the street as one growing out of family ties and friendships.

Replying to Cross' answer to the charges except that relative to county indebtedness, Shelley made the following statement:

"We live under a government created for the people and by the people, and in order that his government shall not perish from the earth let us strive on to finish the work we are in. Let us be true to our convictions. Class legislation and boss rule has no part in the best government of our country, state and nation. Let us insist on officers who serve the people, who are not autocratic, nor discourteous, over-bearing or irrespectful, but kind and considerate, who act with honest convictions."

PAINTER IS JAILED FOR COMPLICITY IN MURDER

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Oct. 28—Adrian Batchelor, a painter, was held in the city jail here today, pending further investigation by Portland, Ore., authorities of the mysterious poisoning of Mrs. C. H. Pettibone, his mother-in-law. Batchelor was taken into custody during the night.

"I went to Portland to kill myself," Batchelor declared today. "I had heard my wife was there.

"I did not poison Mrs. Pettibone. My wife left me and I had heard she went to Portland, so I secured a piece of rope and left for the north. I intended to find my wife and then hang myself.

"When I arrived in Portland I went to the home of my mother-in-law. I had secured some sleeping powders and put them in a cup. I left the room, and when I returned I found Mrs. Pettibone had swallowed the contents of the cup. She had not seen the powders.

"She then accused me of poisoning her and ordered me to leave the house. I did so and took the train immediately for San Francisco."

Batchelor was found through information furnished police by his wife. Batchelor had been sought far and wide under an assault charge filed against him by Mrs. Pettibone, mother of his wife, who has been found alive and well in Oakland, Cal., after a search had been made for her body under the supposition that she had been killed.

Grand jury indictment of Batchelor is expected by the police so that District Attorney Stanley Meyers can order him returned to Portland for prosecution.

Man Arrested For Concealing Weapon

Wesley Sumaul was arrested Saturday afternoon by Deputy Sheriff Long on charges of carrying concealed weapons. Sumaul was arrested on Main street. In response to the request for his authority or permit to carry a weapon, he replied he had none. Later before Judge E. J. Noble he produced a special police star, granted by Chief May, and was re-

STOP NEW LEVIES TO CUT BURDEN OF TAX SAYS M'NARY

"Indebtedness Holiday" Held Only Satisfactory Means of Reducing Assessment; New Capital Is Declared Needed.

FARMER SAID AIDED BY ADMINISTRATION

Present Tariff Lauded as Sole Impost Giving Protection to Agriculture; Ask Support.

An "indebtedness holiday" during which no new debts shall be incurred and the increasing of the capital of the state and nation through development of its resources, is the plan advanced last night by Senator Charles McNary for the solution of the present tax situation.

Speaking to a capacity audience at the I. O. O. F. Hall at Gladstone, McNary urged the creation of new wealth through drainage, irrigation and development of water power and holding off of added tax burdens until the new capital was created to aid in shouldering the burden.

Urging support of the republican administration he stressed the election of a republican governor to safeguard republican representation at Washington in case of an appointment to fill a vacancy. The republican administration, and the chief executive in particular, have shown willingness to aid the farmers, he said, pointing to the emergency tariff, cooperative marketing bill, war finance corporation, control of the grain exchange and stock yards.

The tariff tender the Fordney bill, the senator said, although the lowest protective wall ever created, is the only one which has given protection to the farmers and provided protection for agriculture.

"Tax burdens of the nation have been cited from six billions to three and one half billions since 1920," the speaker said. The arms conference allowed the reduction of the navy appropriations \$213,000,000 since last year. The administration has guaranteed peace in the Pacific, and through its budget program instituted an era of governmental saving."

McNary was introduced by Thomas F. Ryan, Ed Johnson and Wm. Logus, of the republican central committee, are arranging a series of political meetings over the county, including an address in Oregon City by Governor Ben Olcott Wednesday evening.

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A marriage license was granted yesterday to Wm. J. McLarty, 25 West Linn, and Bertha D. Maul, 17, Oregon City.

NEW SYSTEM ADOPTED FOR BUDGET REQUESTS

Application for Funds of 1923. Finances To Be Committed to Public Auditor.

The budget committee which is framing the financial policy of the city for the year of 1923, in order to facilitate their work, will entertain no personal appeals for funds from the city's coffers. All requests for funds for quasi-municipal projects or suggestions for street improvement or departmental changes, will be presented in writing.

The requests must be in the hands of the city recorder by November 15, according to the decision of the committee. It is believed that in this way the mater of considering suggestions of the people can be greatly facilitated, and the time lost formerly over such discussions be greatly reduced.

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Actual Decrease In Warrants Outstanding Said Shown by Official Record; Statement For County Judge Issued.

WOODBECK SCORES 2 COMMISSIONERS

Administration Extravagances Declared To Be Work Of W. F. Harris, W. A. Proctor.

That figures submitted by the recallers concerning the county indebtedness, blaming Judge H. E. Cross for the alleged increase in the outstanding warrants, were juggled and that the figures, which Cross supporters state may be verified by anyone who wishes to go through the official records show and actual reduction is the statement made officially for the judge yesterday, by W. W. Woodbeck.

The statement directed to the recall committee, and the two present county commissioners, who are said to be "aided by a coterie of disappointed seekers for jobs as road supervisors in the move to recall Cross, follows:

January 1, 1917, Commissioner W. A. Proctor came into office. One year later the records show, the bonded indebtedness of the county was \$117,360.57. Two years after Commissioner Proctor came into office he was joined by W. F. Harris as a member of the board. From January 1, 1918 to January 1, 1921, under the joint administration of these two commissioners, the bonded indebtedness increased to \$359,636.82.

"Will the members of the recall committee whose hearts are beating warm for the taxpayer, explain what value the county received in exchange for this increase of \$242,376.25, which accumulated during their administration of county affairs when they were unhampered by Judge Cross?

The sponsor of the recall submitted as one of their arguments why Judge Cross should be recalled was that the warrant indebtedness had increased under the Cross administration and cited the fact that December 31, 1920, the warrant indebtedness was \$426,197.72.

"To have been of value for comparative purposes, December 31, 1922 should have been selected. However, the recall committee made a mistake in their calculations and the warrant indebtedness was \$457,126.09, or \$30,928.37 more than their statement indicated. Since their figures were published there has been one warrant call issued and a second one will be made November 6th, which will call in outstanding warrants to the amount of \$11,121.88, leaving a total outstanding of \$346,016.88, being a reduction of \$13,619.72. The reduction will be further reduced by another call to be made in December.

"During the regime of the two commissioners who are desirous of seeing Judge Cross recalled, the machinery of the county was allowed to stand exposed to the weather necessitating delay in commencing the road program in the spring, and necessitating extra expense for repairs and missing parts. The county now owns a machine shed valued at \$5,000, where the machinery of the county, valued at \$200,000 is stored during the winter months, during which time it is overhauled and made ready for use when the season for road work opens.

"Would the worthy gentlemen condemn Judge Cross for this extravagance? Will you also explain your reason for juggling the figures in your statement to the voters of Clackamas county?"

U S IS OFFERED SEAT IN NEAR EAST PARLEY

PARIS, Oct. 26—France and England have agreed to invite the United States to participate in the Near East peace parley to be held at Lausanne, on November 13, it was authoritatively stated today.

The French government has backed the suggestion of Lord Curzon, foreign minister of Great Britain, that America be asked to take part in the deliberations because the Lausanne pact will be a modification of the treaty of Sevres which was drawn up at the end of the World War with American collaboration.

Curzon embodied his suggestion in a note addressed to the French government.

The object of the Lausanne parley is to draw up a plan of permanent peace in the Near East.