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WETS GET KNOCKOUT FROM COURT

HATCHET MAN IS ADJUDGED INSANE

COMMISSION FINDS THAT HE IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS OWN ACTS

CHOPPED UP COUNTRYMAN IN GAR

Were at Work on Railroad at Canby When Fight Occurred—Made an Attempt to End Life in Jail

Wong Bo, the Chinaman held on an indictment charging assault with intent to kill, was adjudged insane by a commission appointed by Judge J. U. Campbell in the circuit court Thursday.

Bo was arrested for an alleged attempt to chop up Wong Yeng with a hatchet while the two were at work on the Portland, Eugene & Eastern at Canby. He then claimed that Yeng was a highlander and that he merely frustrated an attempt that Yeng had made upon him.

His actions while he was in the county jail and his efforts to get Deputy Sheriff Staats to kill him made the court question him closely when he was arraigned Thursday. Once, during his imprisonment, he broke the lights in the jail and grabbed the live wires in the attempt to electrocute himself.

He told the court that he wanted to be hanged and that he also wanted to go to the penitentiary and to China. As the court thought such answers indicated insanity, he appointed Doctors Guy Mount and M. C. Strickland to make an examination. Upon their report, he will probably be discharged from the criminal action and sent to the asylum at Salem.

Enrico Polo, charged with daylight burglary, was arraigned and entered a plea of not guilty to the indictment. His case was set for trial January 15.

FUR FLIES AT CLUB MEETING

WEST LINN CHARTER DISCUSSED BY ITS FRIENDS AND ALL FAVOR IT

ARE CONFIDENT OF ITS SUCCESS

Provisions Are Considered and All Present Think that People Will Adopt it at Polls This Month—Talks

"Those opposing the charter are either ignorant or telling malicious lies,"—from a letter read by B. T. McBain.

"Vote for this charter. If you don't like it, we will amend it later to suit the majority."—James Carey.

These two brief and concise statements summarize the feeling of the meeting of the West Linn Improvement club held Thursday evening in the city hall, in regard to the proposed charter for West Linn.

Not one member present was of the opinion that the charter would be defeated. In a straw vote taken of all the 70 or more present, not one voted against it. Despite the fact that between twenty and twenty-five speeches were made, not a word was spoken which would show disapproval of the new set of laws.

The meeting held Thursday night was one of the best attended gatherings of the club since its organization. The city hall was crowded to the doors and every chair in the room was occupied.

Before the discussion on the charter was opened by the president, several matters of routine business were transacted. J. E. Hedges, the Oregon City attorney, addressed the meeting, taking for his topic the feeling of harmony and the spirit of unselfishness that should dominate the people of a new city.

The greater part of the meeting was taken up by a discussion of the charter. The president invited anyone to voice his objections or to state the strong points of the charter.

The first specific point of the charter to be taken up was that part of it which related to the improvement of streets and the repair of sidewalks. This item created considerable discussion but the general opinion was considered as favoring the charter.

Although it was expected that the no-license feature of the charter would be the subject of much argument, not one word was spoken about this.

FRANCHISES OFF ON FIRST STAGE

GET THROUGH FIRST READING AND DATE IS SET FOR HEARING

CITY INTERESTS ARE PROTECTED

Companies Must do Improvement Work on Street When Engineer Furnishes Plans and Specifications for It

Both the Clackamas and the Carver franchises have been passed by the city council to their second reading. They will come up again December 22 at which time it is possible that some changes will be made in the provisions of the ordinances.

The franchises as they now stand provide for a life of 25 years from the date of their approval by the mayor. They contain common user clauses enabling the companies to build single or double tracks down Water street for the transportation of the traffic that will come in over that street when the roads are completed.

The council has allowed the erection of a single line of poles for the wires with double brackets. The companies may run the poles down the center of the street and use both tracks, although there was considerable opposition to this scheme when it was first suggested at the hearing in the council chambers.

The lines must assist the city in the improvement work that it contemplates there and must fill in to the established grade of the street in accordance with the plans and specifications of the city engineer.

Should there be any changes made in the franchises at that time, the council would have to start them on their first reading again and go through all of the attendant routine for the second time. The ordinances apply to Water street, the Carver line running the entire length of the street and the Clackamas Southern running from Twelfth to Fourteenth streets on Water street.

Both lines have a definite time in which to begin construction and in which to finish the line. Unless the work is done and the requirements of the city met, the franchises can be declared forfeited by the council. The property owners on the street have objected to the lines on the ground that the values would be destroyed and several hearings have been held.

SANDY LINE IS UP IN COURT

COMMISSIONERS TO DECIDE ON FRANCHISE QUESTION TODAY

PLAN TO USE GASOLINE AS POWER

Road Will Penetrate Rich Valley and Open Up New Country to Larger Markets—Work to Begin at Once

Whether or not the franchise for the proposed new railroad for Clackamas county will be granted will be decided today by the county court. The proposition was submitted to that body the latter part of last week and the court decided upon Friday as the day upon which it would announce its decision.

The franchise, asked for by the Portland capitalists, grants the right to build and operate a gasoline railroad between Boring and Sandy. The line would be one of the first passenger-carrying roads on the Pacific coast which was run by gasoline locomotives in the eastern states are operated.

The promoters claim that such a line would prove a great benefit to the eastern portion of the county as it would open to outside markets the rich Sandy valley and bring the towns of Sandy and Kelso in closer touch with Portland.

The men behind the road claim that they have enough money within reach to build the line and that by the middle of the summer it would be in operation. Ties, lumber and cordwood would probably compose the greater part of the freight shipments at first, but as the country became cleared off and the land, now occupied by brush and stumps was replaced by farms, produce and products of the soil would supplant the wood.

The people of Sandy have offered to aid and boost for the road as much as in their power. It is said that one prominent land-owner will grant the company a site for terminal grounds and the business men are willing to help the new line by giving it all the freight possible.

ROAD BOOSTERS HATCH PLANS

REPRESENTATIVES TO GATHER IN COMMERCIAL CLUB ROOMS FOR CONFERENCE

WANT TO REPAIR PACIFIC HIGHWAY

Inpouring of Tourists From Eastern States is Impetus for Work on Main Trunk Lines of Three Counties

Representatives of the towns of amas, and Marion will meet this afternoon in the commercial club in Oregon City to discuss plans of uniting the county courts of these counties in marking and rebuilding the Pacific Highway between Portland and Salem.

The state has levied a special tax of one-quarter mill which will be collected in this year and next. This money is to be turned over to the highway commission and used to build and repair the roads of the state. As Multnomah and Clackamas counties pay 41 per cent of this tax, it is probable that an attempt will be made to secure part of the funds for this work.

The county courts have been asked to participate in this work, and Clackamas county has consented to aid the enterprise. An effort will be made to remark the route with some system of signs which will replace the old guide posts erected by the Portland Automobile club.

The rebuilding of the road would be in preparation for the great tourist travel which is expected in 1915. It is thought that with a well built, hard surfaced road running through the western part of the state, and connecting Portland with the California line, the number of persons to visit this state would be greatly increased and the value of such an improvement to the farmers would be difficult to estimate.

JUDGE J. U. CAMPBELL



Who threw the wets out of court by his decision in the liquor case Thursday.

M. McGeehan, Ida Hamilton, A. McDonald, W. J. Wilson, J. Jones M. Gleason and Mrs. J. VanWeel and Miss Alma Moore, member of the Presbyterian church, to come to her home Wednesday evening to help sew carpet rags for the church. Mrs. Ely served light refreshments to her guests.

Class Entertained.
Miss Genevieve Capen entertained at her home in Gladstone in a delightful manner for members of the Philathen class of the Baptist church of Oregon City. Games and musical contests were features of the evening's entertainment. Miss Capen served refreshments to Miss Isabel VanBrakel, Miss Dorothy Latourette, Miss Maude Moran, Miss Mary Krummel, Miss Etchen, Miss Ona Renner, Miss Daisy Coulson, Miss A. Conklin, and Mrs. Hazel McGahey, Mrs. Louis Krummel and Mrs. L. M. Olmsted.

Bridge Club.
The hospitable home of Mrs. E. P. Rands was the scene of this week's meeting of the Wednesday Afternoon Bridge club. High scores were held by Mrs. Theodore Clark and Mrs. A. A. Price. Mrs. George Swafford assisted Mrs. Rands in serving delicious refreshments.

The guests were: Mrs. C. D. Latourette, Mrs. M. D. Latourette, Mrs. L. L. Pickett, Mrs. Vance Edwards, Mrs. E. A. Chapman, Mrs. Lily Shipley, Mrs. L. A. Morris, Mrs. C. H. Meisner, Mrs. W. L. Mulvey, Mrs. Nieta Barlow Lawrence, Mrs. Wm. Logus, Mrs. H. S. Mount, Mrs. Clyde Mount, Mrs. Henry O'Malley, Mrs. George Swafford and Mrs. John R. Humphrys and Misses Nell Caulfield and Mary L. Holmes.

Mrs. Williams Hostess.
Wednesday evening the Gladstone Five Hundred club was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Williams. A dutch supper was served by the hostess assisted by Miss Eva Burns, and the decorations of the rooms were also of Dutch design, the scheme was very unique and original.

Dr. W. E. Hempstead held high score and was awarded first prize.

The persons who enjoyed Mr. and Mrs. Williams' hospitality were: Mr. and Mrs. B. Beard, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Streibig, Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Tipton, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Salisbury, Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Hempstead, Misses Eva Moulton, Eva Burns, Lillian Knotts, and H. L. Young, Charles Moulton, Ernest Naef, Fred Smith, Thomas Burns and William Burns.

DRY ELECTION IS APPROVED

CIRCUIT JUDGE HOLDS THAT CITY HAD RIGHT TO VOTE FOR PROHIBITION

WILL GET INTO SUPREME COURT

Wets Announce That Appeal Will Be Taken to Try Out Issues That Were Raised Here—Findings Are Complete

The last election was a special general election and the prohibition vote in Oregon City was legal.

This is the gist of Judge J. U. Campbell's decision in the circuit court after several hours of hearing of argument Thursday night. He went into the case thoroughly from every angle, held that the prohibition issue was properly placed on the ballot, that the wets should have asked for a restraining order before the question was submitted to the vote, and that all of the ballots case were legal ones.

The court refused to review the action of the county clerk or of the county court on the ground that the wets had, in their complaint, alleged no fraud of any kind and that he would investigate their acts only when the complaint charged fraudulent votes or misconduct on the part of the county officials.

He decided that the action asking for a restraining order should have been brought before the county clerk and placed the question upon the official ballot. He said that, unless there had been fraud charged and evidence introduced to show it, that the necessary presumption is that all votes cast were legal ones and that the forces should have challenged at the election any that were not. The fact that none of the votes cast at that election were challenged entailed the presumption, to the mind of the court, that the election was legal in every respect, that the county officials

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MRS. FRANKLIN DIES HERE FROM PARALYSIS

Mrs. Mercy R. Miller Franklin died Wednesday at her home in this city, aged 79 years, one month, four days. She came to Oregon City about four years ago. She was a native of New York. Two years ago she was stricken by paralysis. She is survived by one son, G. W. H. Miller, and three grandchildren, Harry Y., Ted and Miss Ruth Miller. The funeral will be held Friday, with services at 10 o'clock. The body will be taken to the Portland Crematorium for incineration.

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VAN BRAKLE CASE IS ARGUED TO COURT

Argument on the ouster suit brought by the Clackamas County Medical society against Dr. J. A. VanBrakle, county health officer, was heard before Judge J. U. Campbell in the circuit court Thursday.

The medical society asked the court to remove the officer on the ground that he was not qualified under the law to perform his duties. A demurrer to the complaint was filed asking for the removal of certain portions of it and the court sustained the objections. The defense then came in with the answer to the complaint contradicting the charges made and the society filed its demurrer.

The case came for hearing before the court and was argued Thursday. J. E. Hedges and Clarence L. Eaton, appeared for the doctors and U'Ren & Schubel and John N. Selvers for the officer.

Give people what they think they want instead of what they really need and they'll go on their way rejoicing.

MILWAUKIE OFFICIAL WILL KEEP PROMISE

MILWAUKIE, Or., Dec. 11.—An ordinance was introduced at the meeting of the City Council increasing the liquor license from \$800 to \$1000 a year. It was read the first time and referred to the license committee.

This ordinance is in response to a promise made by the Mayor and members of the Council that if the town remained "wet" such a measure would be enacted.

The contract for improving DeWitt street was awarded to Henry Scott for \$2000. This improvement consists of grading and cement sidewalks. The viewers' report awarding \$1062 damages for the widening of Harrison street was accepted. This is for a little more than one block eastward from the City Hall. The improvement of Front street is going ahead. One side is paved and open for use.

CONGREGATIONAL LADIES HOLD BAZAAR

The Congregational Endeavor society will hold a bazaar in the church parlors Friday evening, December 12. Fancy articles, home cooking, candy, etc. A good program at 7:45—no admission. Its the place to buy your Christmas presents—Adv.

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In The Social Whirl

Current Happenings of Interest in and About Oregon City

THE wedding of Miss Frances B. Arnold and Victor C. Gault was solemnized Wednesday night at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Arnold, by Rev. William Elliott, of the Unitarian church of Portland. Simplicity and charm marked the wedding, at which only relatives and a few close friends were present. After the wedding a small reception was held about thirty guests being present. Mrs. Arnold was assisted in serving by her daughter Mrs. James Dunn, of Portland.

The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Alice Arnold, as maid of honor and Lyle Gault, brother of the groom acted as best man. Little Miss Mary Arnold, of Portland, a cousin of the bride acted as ring bearer.

The Arnold residence was prettily decorated with Oregon Grape, cut flowers and palms. The bride was given in marriage by her father, and was attractive in her gown of ivory chamoisee, trimmed with shadow lace and pearls, the only ornament she wore was a bandeau of pearls in her coiffure. She carried an arm bouquet of bride's roses. Miss Alice Arnold, as maid of honor was attired in light blue crepe de chine, trimmed with shadow lace and carried an arm bouquet of carnations.

Mr. and Mrs. Gault left for a short wedding trip and upon their return will be at home in Gladstone where their new home is completed.

Presbyterians Meet.
Mrs. George V. Ely asked Mesdames

DOUGLAS COUNTY TO HAVE PULP FACTORY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Acting Secretary of Agriculture B. T. Gallo-way, has given a permit to James Lindsey, of Portland, for the construction and operation of a power plant on Mill creek, Douglas county, Oregon, within the boundaries of the Siuslaw national forest.

Mr. Lindsey intends to transmit the power obtained from this hydro-electric plant a distance of 18 miles to Reedsport, Or., where it will be used in the manufacture of pulp.

Among the ways in which a city continually grows is in its bonded indebtedness.

A Merry Christmas For All

This includes the poor. St. Paul's Brotherhood is undertaking to make this Christmas merry for the poor in and about Oregon City. It is for ALL the poor, regardless of religion. Send names of needy families to Rev. C. W. Robinson. Send money and gifts to Wm. Hammond, treasurer, or any member of the Brotherhood.

Share your joy with those who have little and you will have double.

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