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Multnomah Delegation Goes on Record.

DECIDES ON TWO CANDIDATES

Portland Man for President of the State Senate and Representative From Tillamook for Speaker.

The Multnomah delegation last night resolved unanimously to support Dr. Andrew C. Smith for President of the State Senate, and to support B. L. Eddy for Speaker of the House.

Republican delegates to the Legislature from Multnomah County last night announced their stand in the contest for the organization of the two houses of the Legislature.

The result was not unexpected by the public, but it came sooner than it had looked for. Dr. Smith has been an avowed candidate for several months, and it was the common understanding that his home delegation would stand behind him.

The resolution for Dr. Smith was adopted promptly without discussion. Senators McGinn, Myers and Smith were present; Senators Mays and Holman were represented by written letters and telegrams, which announced that they would support Dr. Smith.

Besides Senator Hunt's telephone message pleading his case, Dr. Smith's letter from Senator Holman and a telegram from Senator Mays were read to the same effect, as follows:

From Senator Mays: The Dalles, Or., Jan. 7, 1933.—Hon. E. W. Hodson: I am Dr. Smith for president of the Senate, and hope our delegation will be unanimous. Am unavoidably away.

From Senator Holman: Portland, Or., Jan. 7, 1933.—To the Multnomah County Senators.—Gentlemen: I am about to leave on a business trip for California.

Whereas, Representative Eddy, by his admirable record in the 1932 session of the State Legislature, demonstrated his splendid capacity and unusual worth as a lawmaker, giving most valuable service, not only to his constituents, but to the state at large, be it

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A number of bills were passed over as being generally state measures, and therefore not properly belonging to the Multnomah delegation. A body of amendments were bills as follows: For a State Bureau of Mines, for a State Mining Inspector, for a law against child labor, for payment of the state by relatives of inmates in the Reform School and Insane Asylum for maintenance of such charges.

The Lewis and Clark Fair bill as submitted by the fair board was approved. It was accompanied by a second bill providing for a special election should a referendum be required. This measure was also passed upon favorably.

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said that the medical profession advocated the bill and that only two states of the Nation did not have legislation of the kind proposed. Representative Cobb said that he was preparing a bill to require fenders on street-cars. Senator Sweek announced that he had a bill under consideration to regulate transfers of stock in corporations.

Representative Malarky was working on an inheritance tax law. The bill to authorize the City Council to levy a special tax for a fireboat was laid over for future consideration.

Two other measures were also laid over, one to increase the salary of the County Superintendent of Schools from \$1500 to \$2000 per year, and the other that of the County Clerk. The County Clerk now receives \$200 a year.

After matters of legislation had been considered the Republican members of the delegation went into caucus, and the only Democratic member, Senator Sweek, withdrew.

TO ISSUE \$300,000 BONDS. Port of Portland Will Ask Authority of Legislature.

The Port of Portland Commission will present a bill to the legislature to permit the board to issue \$300,000 in bonds for a "refunding fund." The bonds are to run from one to ten years, at a rate to be determined by the commission, and \$30,000 worth to mature each year.

The commission hopes thereby to pay off its indebtedness which the legal levy of 1 1/2 mills has been unable to meet. Spread over a term of years, the burden of payment would not bear hard on taxpayers.

The same bill will provide that any member of the board who absents himself from the meetings of the commission for more than 30 consecutive days may be dropped from membership, unless his absence has been due to sickness or other specified causes.

This provision is intended to meet cases like that of Ellis V. Hughes, who has not graced the board meetings with his presence for a long time.

The bill has been drawn up by J. C. Flinders. It will be incorporated in a report which C. F. Swigert is preparing of the commission's work.

President Stanfield yesterday explained the object of the bill as follows: "We wish to be authorized to issue bonds to meet our indebtedness, the bonds to cover a maximum period of 10 years.

As the law stands now, the money for this indebtedness would have to be raised in one year. This would impose a heavy burden of taxation on the public.

The board is behind in its running expenses and in the construction of the new dredge, scows, pipe line and tender John McCracken approximately \$300,000. This indebtedness is to be met by issuing bonds to run from one to ten years, and a special tax could be levied and placed in a special refunding fund so as to pay of one-tenth of the indebtedness every year.

The board feels satisfied that 1 1/2 mills will furnish enough money for running expenses for the next two years at least. Proctor of the dredge Columbia is to continue in the service of the Government. This lease will begin at midnight Thursday, January 8. The Government will pay \$25 a day for the use of the dredge.

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ROBBED TO BUY CANDY

HERBERT J. MUNDELL TELLS A PATHETIC STORY.

Other Boys Had Nice Presents—He and None—So He Broke Into Alba Postoffice.

The strong arm of the Federal law has gripped Herbert J. Mundell, and has given him as a temporary home a double cell in the county jail. He is a self-confessed burglar, who broke into the postoffice at Alba, Or., on the night of December 25 last, and rifled the safe of his contents, but he does not look the part. He is a blue-eyed, blonde-haired boy of diminutive stature, not quite 15 years old, and when Deputy United States Marshal Roberts brought him down from Pendleton yesterday and delivered him to Jailer Jackson, he encountered a protest from Mrs. Jackson, who happened to be present.

"Surely that child is not a burglar," she said. "He ought not to be locked up." "Yes, ma'am, I am a burglar," put in

the youngster quietly. "I robbed the post-office."

Mrs. Jackson gasped. But it was decided on her suggestion not to lock him up with the other prisoners, and he was given a big, comfortable cell.

He marched into it bravely, bid good-bye to Deputy Roberts, in whose custody he has been for more than a week, and heard the heavy iron door clang behind him with no apparent emotion. He had been in that state of mind ever since his arrest, talking only when he admitted his guilt to United States Commissioner Hiney at Pendleton last Monday, and was held for the Federal grand jury.

A few lonely hours in the jail, however, brought a change in the boy, and when a reporter called to see him later in the day he was huddled up in a disconsolate heap on his couch. His cheeks were wet with tears and his lips quivered when he asked his visitor for an opinion as to what his fate would be.

He gave one the impression that he was willing to effect a compromise on a basis of being hung out of hand, and an man can guess what sort of horrors his own tortured mind had been calling up.

"There ain't no use taking me before a jury," he said. "I'm guilty. I told the judge so at Pendleton."

"And what made you steal the money?" asked the reporter.

"I dunno exactly. I never done it before—never stole anything. But Christmas day I wanted money to buy things, and I guess I got desperate. My step-father is a laborer who don't work regular, and my mother is poor. There are three children younger than me, and two older in the family, and I couldn't get work because I was too little. We didn't get anything for Christmas, but all day long I saw other boys eatin' candy and drinkin' their presents, while just walked around town. Then I made up my mind to steal something, and I did."

"How did you happen to pick out the postoffice?"

"I dunno that, either. It was just the first place I thought of where there was money, outside of the bank, which I couldn't break in. I picked up a window and crawled inside. The safe door was closed, but not locked, and I took \$10 in money and got outside again all safe enough."

"Weren't you frightened?"

"I don't know just how I felt, I went to a store and bought 25 cents worth of candy for me and the kids, and after that I was arrested. They got all the rest of the money back, and put me in jail."

The boy said that he had not made his confession as a result of any promise held out to him by the officers, and steadily insisted that he wanted to take such punishment as was to be meted out to him right away.

The Commissioner's records show this to be the truth, but all who have had any communication with the little chap have developed a lively sympathy for him. Jailer Jackson, whose experience with criminals tends value to his opinion, said last night that his small photograph of a good-hearted boy who had simply been overcome by a sudden mighty temptation, and that he was hoping for an order to turn him loose.

The manner of Mundell's arrest shows that he can hardly be classed as an old offender. When the burglary was discovered the Pendleton police saw at once that the job was of the sophomore, not the strictly juvenile order, and when the boy's sudden accession to wealth, as shown in his elaborate purchases for his brothers and sister, was discovered, they simply gathered him in. Then he confessed and told simply:

"Everybody in town but us was havin' a good time Christmas day, and I just couldn't stand it. That's how I come to steal."

Review of Gardener Charges. WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Secretary Root has received an elaborate review of the case of Major Gardener of the Thirteenth Infantry, prepared by Judge Advocate General Davis, but as he has not had

ROBBED ELEVEN HOUSES

Two Men Arrested and One Confesses to Many Thefts.

Detectives Kerrigan and Snow made an other smart capture last night in arresting two young men named R. E. Dowell, alias Savage, and J. J. Miller, alias Miller. Four keys, nearly all of the same size, were found on Dowell, and after Fowler was sharply examined he confessed that he had robbed 11 houses in this city.

Dowell was arrested at 8:30 o'clock at Second and Burrasie streets, and the police say they have evidence to connect him with robbery of the Western lodging-house last Sunday morning, and with several cases of theft in different White chapel lodging-houses, where blankets, covers and underwear were recently been stolen. Dowell did not wish to talk, he said.

Fowler was arrested half an hour afterward, and his nerve deserted him entirely when he faced the detectives at the police station. "I was able to steal things from houses when the people engaged me to chop and carry in firewood," he declared. "I started to steal in this city about December 12, and I've been at it ever since. I disposed of the goods at second-hand stores." After some persuasion Fowler confessed he had engaged in these robberies.

Knives and forks from a lodging-house, Front and Clay streets. Bicycle lamp, from an unknown location. Screwdriver, rule and pair of rubber shoes from a place on Morrison street, December 18. One pair of slicker leggings, Eighth street, near Burnside, December 22.

Hand saw and three clamps, from a place on Flanders street, near Fourteenth. Silver shirt with "S. A. B." on bosom, bedspread, apron, four towels from a house near Tenth and Alder streets. Four silver-mounted military brushes, black necker, from the Fitzsimons and Flanders streets, January 5.

Pocket compass, fishing rod and hammock, from a yellow-painted house on Columbia or Clay, near Sixth or Eighth. New hand saw, taken near the Star Brewery Company's plant, East Burnside street; saw hammer, on Park street.

The police state that they are almost certain of their ability to recover all these stolen articles, but to assist them in doing this they wish the owners to call on the Chief of Police today, so that the property can be identified, as none of the articles were reported as having been stolen at the times the thefts took place.

SINGERS START HOME.

Members "Fiddle-Dee-Dee" Troupe Explain Spokane Episode.

The 40 men and women who made up the "Fiddle-Dee-Dee" company recently touring the Coast cities were all in Portland for a few hours between trains yesterday, and they were a most sedate lot. They overstepped the bounds of legitimate enthusiasm, as it has been fixed by the conservative press agent, when they spoke of the manager of the Grand Opera-House in Spokane.

The Spokane manager would not let the company appear at his theater because, as he said, they had incapacitated themselves the night before at a series of high links given at the Spokane Club. All the members reported for duty, and Joseph Muller, manager of the troupe, said they were ready to go on, but the local proprietor was obdurate. He closed the career of the company.

A telegram came from Mr. Fischer, owner of Fischer's Theater, in San Francisco and backer of the show, to the company home and close out all future engagements. Manager Muller got as far as Portland yesterday with his 40 young men and maidens, and was inclined to the belief that he was a victim of ill luck.

"We've got good people," he said, "and a good show, but somebody has put a hoodoo on Harry Cashman, the leading comedian, was even more frank. He said: "The only thing we can do now is to go back, for we have got our orders for the show, and we can't be unjustly treated in Spokane. The members of the company were treated with most unusual hospitality by the Spokane Club, and they could have given the show all right."

In advance of reporting to Mr. Fischer I don't want to go into details, but I do wish to say that the company's trip has been brought to this unfortunate close through no fault of the members, who go straight through to San Francisco and there, and we will all do it with regret. It was a pleasant tour up to the time we reached Spokane."

FAVOR HIGHER LICENSES

Salmon Packers Agree to Support 50 Per Cent Increase.

The committee of salmon packers appointed at a meeting held in Portland last week to recommend a change in the license schedule so as to raise the revenue desirable for propagation of young fish has reported that an advance of about 20 per cent would be right. Such an advance, it estimates, would produce within \$6000 of the sum desired by the Master Fish Warden and would be sufficient to cover the cost of the necessary equipment.

Though the packers do not take issue with the recommendations of the Master Fish Warden in his biennial report, there is a material difference of opinion as to the amount of the advance. He recommends an advance of about 100 per cent in the license schedule, and in some instances more than 100 per cent. It is plain that the packers think his figure too high, though they do not say so. They will urge their view of the matter before the Legislature.

ALL QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Medical Students Finish Their Examinations for Licenses.

Fourteen doctors and medical students bravely began the second day of the tests given by the State Board of Medical Examiners at the University of Oregon yesterday. The examination was an advance of about 100 per cent in the license schedule, and in some instances more than 100 per cent. It is plain that the packers think his figure too high, though they do not say so. They will urge their view of the matter before the Legislature.

Another district greatly in need of a new building is that of the Highland School. Here the attendance has so enormously increased that three portable classrooms are in use, while the hall in the original building has also been partitioned and converted into a make-shift room. This region is increasing in population faster than any other portion of the city, and a new building erected there must be put up with the idea of accommodating a still larger attendance in the future. The three-room building was so rapidly overcrowded that the portable rooms could hardly be put into use quickly enough to provide for all the children in the neighborhood.

Between the demands of the Atkinson and the Highland districts it is a question of replacing the oldest and most dilapidated building in the city with a new and presentable structure or of erecting an adequate building in the most rapidly growing part of the city. What the board will decide in the matter none of the members can tell, but it is a question vitally interesting to a number of people, and the directors are giving the subject a close study before deciding upon the respective needs of the two neighborhoods.

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BIG DEMAND FOR SCHOOLS

RESIDENTS OF MANY SECTIONS PETITION THE BOARD.

Atkinson Building Needs to Be Replaced—Highland Wants a New Structure.

The location of a new schoolhouse will be the question confronting the Board of Education after the estimates for the expenses of maintaining the great public school business of Portland are prepared. The residents of half a dozen sections have petitioned the board that new and much larger buildings be erected for the accommodation of their children, and requests are so well justified by the overcrowded condition of nearly every one of the schools that the board is in a quandary as to which neighborhood most needs the building to be erected this year.

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Cannot Finish Railroad.

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, Jan. 7.—The government is unable to provide funds with which to complete the railroad to the Pacific Coast. It is negotiating with the American contractors for the line to stop work and receive an indemnity.

Another Sweep Over Panama. COLON, Colombia, Jan. 7.—A mother is blowing here today. The seas are rough and the ships have left the harbor to avoid the possibility of being driven ashore.

The Danish Folkething has passed a bill abolishing oaths in legal procedure and substituting declarations "on faith and honor."

BOYS SUPPORT FATHER.

Strolling Musicians Will Stop Playing When He Finds Work.

The two little boys who have charmed people during the holiday season by their musical ability on the streets had an interview with the police yesterday, and for a time it looked as if they would not be

allowed to continue their public performance in this city, but the matter was finally compromised. One boy plays a guitar and his brother plays a violin, and their favorite stand is Fifth and Washington streets. Their names and addresses are not known, as the police omitted to take a note of this.

For the past few days complaints have reached the Mayor that the children should not be allowed to play on the streets for a livelihood, and that instead of helping to support their father, who has been their faithful guardian during the continuance of their street concerts, they should be sent to school. Complaint was also made to Superintendent Gardner of the Boys and Girls Aid Society, and Agent Hawley was asked to make a report on the case yesterday.

Hawley found the young musicians, as usual, charming a small crowd of music-lovers, attended by their father, and the trio was taken to Mayor Williams' office. "Why do you allow your children to play on the streets? Don't you know that they ought to be at school?" the father was asked.

"My father does not speak good English," replied one of the small musicians. "He will work, if he can get it. He is a sculptor, and could not get work in California, so he came here with us. We play so that we all may live together." The Mayor communicated with the police officials by telephone, and an understanding was reached by which the children are to be attended by their father, and the music, and are to cease the practice as soon as their father finds work at his trade. It is understood that the father is a German.

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