

CONTRACTS IN INTEREST BILL

Demand Percentage on Money Due From City on Street Improvement Jobs.

BIDS TO BE MADE HIGHER

Long Delay of Payment Will Result in Work Costing City More, Says G. W. Simmons—Referred to City Attorney.

Because of the endless delays in the payment by the city for completed street improvements, file and paving, it seems probable that contractors will demand interest on the money tied up in the job. This has been apparent yesterday afternoon, when George W. Simons, manager of the Pacific Bridge Company, appeared before the judicial committee of the city council yesterday and claimed for interest on money due him for finished contracts and never paid by the municipality. The matter was referred to the city attorney.

Some of the contracts which the city has entered into for street work, but which have not been completed, have been expected by persons familiar with the situation that exists in Portland. On account of long delays in the payment for completed work, the price of improvements has been sent skyward, and Mr. Simons said yesterday, when talking before the committee, that he would either have to demand interest on the money due him for finished contracts or never paid by the municipality. The matter was referred to the city attorney.

Among the contractors there is a general cry that they are dealt with unfairly by the city. They claim not to get their pay for accepted work, and it is admitted by them that the prices charged the property owners for all kinds of street improvements are at least one-fourth higher than what they would have been if the work had been completed.

License Chimney Sweeps.

Chimney sweeps will be regularly licensed in the near future, if the city council passes an ordinance presented tomorrow for action. The general license committee of the council, at its meeting yesterday, decided to recommend such an ordinance, which was decided upon by a vote of 10-0. Chief Campbell, of the fire department, and others favored the action.

M'Court Takes Office

New District Attorney Will Begin His Work Today.

John McCourt, of Pendleton, yesterday took the oath of office as district attorney. He was assisted by Mr. Bristol's assistants, Robert Tucker and Walter H. Evans, who will remain in the district attorney's office for a few days. Mr. McCourt immediately began to acquaint himself with the details of the office and the business pending before that department. He will this afternoon take charge of the grand jury when it reconvenes and direct the work of its investigations.

SEVEN YOUTHS ARE SENTENCED

Federal Judge Merciful to Juvenile Postoffice Robbers.

Years of sorrowing relatives of seven youthful criminals did not deter Judge Wolskel, in the United States court yesterday, from imposing penitentiary sentences on the lads, all under 20 years of age, who had pleaded guilty to robbing postoffices. Frank McPherson and Robert Hay were each sentenced to two years at hard labor at McNell's Island. Fred Johnson and Walter Lawrence will each serve one year at the same Government institution, and the case of John Simpson, Merle West and Earl Hanks, each of whom were sentenced to one year at McNell's Island but whose sentences were suspended, during good behavior.

EGGLESTON REPORTS TO COURT

Keeley Institute Prisoner Appears Before Judge Wolverton.

Clad Eggleston, the Federal-Keeley Institute prisoner, yesterday made the first of his regular monthly reports to Judge Wolverton in the United States district court. Eggleston, however, declined to discuss the subject and would not admit that he had received any such instructions.

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to five years imprisonment at McNell's Island, but the sentence was suspended on his earnest request that he be given a chance to reform and make a man of himself. The court consented to a suspension of the sentence with the understanding that Eggleston should take the Keeley cure and abstain from intoxicants which were alleged to have been the cause of his downfall. Failing to obey the terms of the compromise, Eggleston's sentence will be enforced.

DEMANDS \$20,000 DAMAGES

Bridge Carpenter Sues the Willamette Construction Company.

Suit for \$20,000 damages for personal injuries was filed in the United States court yesterday by William Hardrath, through his attorney, C. D. Latourrette, of Oregon City, against the Willamette Construction Company. In his complaint Hardrath alleges that while in the employ of the defendant company in the construction of the Oregon Electric Center bridge across the Willamette river at Wilsonville last September, he was directed by the bridge superintendent to remove a pile of lumber from a pile which was knocked from his insecure position, falling 90 feet through broken timbers and sustaining several broken ribs and a severe skull fracture.

Jail for Old Offenders.

Three Indians, Joe Hays, Isidore Whitefoot and Wild Hill, all old offenders, yesterday pleaded guilty in the United States court to an indictment charging them with carrying liquor upon the Umatilla Indian Reservation. They were each fined \$25 and sentenced to serve 90 days in the Multnomah County Jail. John Mitchell pleaded guilty to a similar offense but not having been before the court before, escaped with a fine of \$25 and 60 days in jail. Owing to illness, Jim Nasciase, who was indicted along with the others, was excused with a sentence of 24 hours' imprisonment in jail.

Sue Under Land Grant.

Additional suits to compel the Oregon & California Railroad Company to disclose the names of three quarter-sections included in its grant from Congress, were filed by Attorney A. W. Lafferty in the United States court. The plaintiffs are Joseph Maxwell, John J. Wilson and Albert Arms, each of whom makes a tender of \$400, the purchase price of the land under the terms of the grant which proposed the sale of the 320,000 acres at a price not exceeding \$2.50 an acre.

SALOON MAY BE CLOSED

MUDDLE OVER OWNERSHIP OF NORTH END RESTAURANT.

Council Committee Postpones Action on Transfer of License on Saloon Known as Erickson's.

When the application for a transfer of the license of Erickson's saloon at Second and Burnside streets, from Hugo Fritz to Eugene Froesser, came up before the liquor-license committee of the city council yesterday afternoon, it was blocked by Lawyer C. V. Dolph. He appeared to cite a few things about the history of the establishment, and to speak of the alleged misconduct of Fritz and others having to do with the place. He charged that the license was secured from the city auditor by perjury; that the law had been flagrantly violated in several ways, and prayed that the committee make full investigation before taking action. The matter was postponed for two weeks.

Lawyer Dolph is counsel for Mrs. Frances Fritz, the first wife of Hugo Fritz, and has a judgment against the latter. In order to satisfy the claim, attachment proceedings were begun, and it then became known he says, for the first time, that Hugo Fritz is not the real owner of the place. It developed that ex-Councilman John P. Starkey, H. W. Lemcke and C. E. West were the owners of the place, but that they had hired Fritz out as the owner.

Last week Sheriff Stevens called a jury to hear evidence in the case, as he had been threatened with legal proceedings if he insisted on attaching the saloon, but the verdict was of no avail. The ownership was left unsettled, and the matter stands thus now. In an effort to bring the case to a close, Dolph urged that the committee delay action until they could investigate for themselves.

Councilman Cattel, chairman of the committee, was inclined to believe that the power of the committee was limited in the premises, and that all the members could do is to base action upon the sworn statements of all parties, as placed before the committee. However, Assistant City Attorney Grant, when asked as to this matter, declared that the committee has the real power; that it can refuse to grant a license, or, if desired, it can even recommend to revoke the license.

Councilman Dolph moved to grant the transfer, as he said he thinks Hugo Fritz owns the saloon. There was no second to the motion, and Councilman Vaughn declined to postpone action for two weeks, which carried. Mr. Vaughn intimated that, if matters are as represented by Mr. Dolph, it might be a good idea to revoke the license and close the saloon.

HAS COUNCIL AUTHORITY?

City Attorney to Be Asked About Pay of Forestry Building Shinglers.

The judicial committee of the city council yesterday voted to refer to the city attorney the question as to whether the council has authority under the charter to shingle the building now being erected by the Park Board at the corner of the Forestry building. Mayor Lane figures in this matter, because the members of the Park Board are his appointees, and the majority of the city council is said to desire to make an issue of the affair. The point under discussion is that the shinglers were not supplied by the Civil Service Commission.

Mayor Lane says that it was simply an oversight on the part of the Park Board that the shinglers were employed without seeking the required number from the Civil Service Commission, and that it was afterwards found that there never have been any shinglers on the staff. Councilman Hays declared yesterday that a blunder had been made by Mayor Lane and the Board and that they want the Council to be set right.

PICKED GOVERNOR, SAYS MAYOR LANE

City Executive Denies Bruin's Charge That Politics Dictated Sullivan Appointment.

NOT THE GHOST OF A DEAL

New Appointee on the Executive Board Is a Republican—He Declares He Cannot Assume to Deliver Irish Vote to Anyone.

Mayor Lane yesterday officially denied that he appointed P. E. Sullivan, manager of the Catholic Sentinel, as a member of the Executive Board for political reasons. That the Mayor did so, and that Mr. Sullivan was a party to the "arrangement," was asserted by Patrick Bruin, who declared that it was for the purpose of delivering the



P. E. Sullivan.

Irish vote to place Lane in the gubernatorial chair and Judge Cameron in the position of District Attorney. He said nothing at all about what he thought of the appointment, but Patrick Bruin says, so far as I am concerned, said Mayor Lane yesterday, "but I will tell just why I appointed Mr. Sullivan a member of the Executive Board. I have known him for many years, have been his physician a long time, and know him to be highly qualified to occupy the place I offered to him. Up to the time I offered Mr. Sullivan the appointment, I did not know, neither did I care, what political affiliations he had. When he told me that he was a Republican, I replied that it was immaterial to me; that he would be absolutely unfettered, perfectly free to act on his own convictions at all times in city affairs, and that I would be satisfied."

DEATH OF HOLLIS ALGER

Pioneer Columbia River Logger Passes Away Suddenly.

Hollis Alger, a pioneer logging operator in the state, died suddenly yesterday morning at 6:30 o'clock at his home on Oregon street. Death was brought on by heart disease. Mr. Alger had been suffering for some time. His condition was not thought to be in any way serious, however, until a few minutes before the end came.

RUNS AWAY WITH ACTOR

Telephone Girl Returns After Brief Absence From Her Home.

Harry Dewey, leading man of a barnstorming aggregation that lately invaded Portland with a mellow melodrama, "No Mother to Guide Her," was released from the Tacoma jail yesterday for his conduct in running away with Cora Luft, a 16-year-old telephone girl. It is reported that the girl had grown tired of the rafter or had been grown tired of, and was back home. Chief Gritmacher telegraphed on for the fellow's release, in response to the frantic appeals from the detained hero of the barnstorming aggregation.

ACCUSED OF USING LUMBER

Two Men Arrested for Taking Building Material on Lot They Bought.

Charged with the larceny of 2000 feet of lumber, Ernest Swartz and John Mackey will be arraigned in Justice Reid's court this morning. Levi Grant is the juror in the case. The two men bought a lot in Kern Park, upon which the lumber was stacked, and used the lumber as if it were their own. Grant alleges the lumber was not sold with the land. On the other hand the two defendants say they understood the lumber was part of their purchase. Constable Lou Wagner arrested the two men yesterday and they were released on bail.

SCIO WANTS A RAILROAD

Committee of Citizens Seeks Better Transportation Facilities.

A committee from the Commercial Club of Scio, Linn County, Or., consisting of A. G. Prill, E. C. Peery, R. Cain, T. L. Dugger, L. T. Parker, Rev. Mr. Felt and Charles Warner, were in Portland yesterday for the purpose of conferring with General Manager J. P. O'Brien, of the Harriman lines, regarding the building of a branch line from Shelburn to Scio, on the Woodburn-Natron branch. The committee also had an interview with officials of the Oregon Electric Railway Company, in reference to the building of an extension to Scio from the projected Salem-Albany electric line.

While the matter has been taken under

ENGLISH AS SHE IS WRITTEN BY JAPANESE

Advertisement Signs That Invite Passengers to Witness Japanese Wrestling Show in North End.

THOSE who indulge in the luxury of foreign travel find considerable diversion in the signs of tradesmen in foreign countries, written in various imitations of the English language for the purpose of charming the small change out of the traveler's pocket.

But in such a cosmopolitan city as Portland, these specimens of distorted language exist here at home, in numbers and there is no need for foreign travel to find them. For example, Japanese wrestling show in the North End has some unique invitations to the curious public to visit the bouts to be pulled off in the outer wall of the modest stadium at the following directions:

"To make your entrance, ask at the gate."

"Get your ticket at box."

"Ask at the gate for your admittance."

All these gratuitous instructions indicate a fear that some might enter by other means than the proper gate, but there is no opportunity to crawl under the canvas to see the doughty Japs who are advertised to conclude that this is the Japanese way of impressing the public with the importance of the performance. Anyway, the Japs are a member of the American ideas closely enough for all practical purposes. If an American tried to write Japanese, he might make even worse grammatical errors.

EVEREST TAKEN TO ASYLUM

Well-Known Musician Declared Insane by County Authorities.

John A. Everest, a well-known Portland musician, was declared insane by the medical examiners yesterday afternoon and was taken to the State Asylum at Salem. Everest believed himself possessed of great wealth, and imagines he has a fine soprano voice.

Everest went from here to Vancouver, Wash., and was a member of the musical band during four summer seasons. It was his band that played at the Fourth of July fireworks at the Exposition last year, and it was his band that he had discovered a new way of tuning the strings of the violin, by which he imagined he could produce exquisite melodies. The effect to others was ear-splitting discord.

MINORS TO BE PUNISHED

COUNCIL WILL MAKE PURCHASE OF LIQUOR CRIME.

Minors who misrepresent their age when seeking to buy liquor in saloons are to be fined or imprisoned, according to the provisions of an ordinance which Councilman Driscoll is the author and which is strongly favored by the retail liquor dealers of the city. At its meeting yesterday afternoon, at which a committee of five of the Retail Liquor Dealers Protective Association was present, the liquor license committee recommended the measure for passage. It will, therefore, come before the council tomorrow afternoon for action.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS MEASURE FOR PASSAGE AT URGENT REQUEST OF DELEGATION OF SALOONMEN.

The committee of retail liquor dealers is a new feature of the liquor license committee's sessions. They asked to be permitted to take part in the meetings of the committee, as did also the Council League. The latter organization, however, has never sent its committee. The retailers' committee sits with the regular license committee and shows great courtesy. All applications for transfers and other matters coming up for consideration are discussed as freely by the liquor dealers as they are by the councilmen, and suggestions offered by the liquor dealers are given great consideration.

CHINESE IN LEGAL TANGLE

Hope to Escape Prosecution by Being Deported.

Chin You and Leong So, who profess to be subjects of the Emperor of China, find themselves in an unusual predicament. They desire to return to their native land and the Government's immigration authorities are seeking to expedite the home-going by evoking the deportation laws, but the California state authorities are trying to secure custody of the prisoners and have them returned to San Francisco on a charge of diamond stealing. In order to gain possession of the two Chinese, the California authorities insist that they have evidence to show that the prisoners were born in this country and are not subject to deportation.

OPPOSERS OF VEHICLE TAX INVOKE THE REFERENDUM.

MERCHANTS LEAD ATTACK

Lawyer in Their Employ Files Petition Containing 3200 Names.

A petition bearing the signatures of 3200 voters invoking the referendum, was filed with City Auditor Barbur yesterday afternoon by Frank F. Freeman, attorney, representing several large mercantile firms that are opposed to a new ordinance regulating the taxation of vehicles used for hire. As a result, one of the most complicated legal battles ever fought in the state, it is said, will be commenced. The matter is certain to be taken into the courts sooner or later, such action being the only means of adjudication in case any one should refuse to pay the tax required under the provisions of the measure assailed.

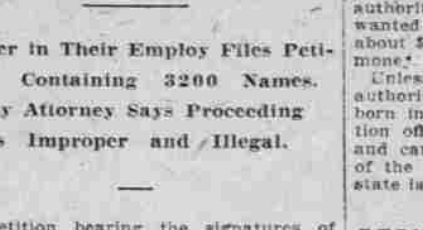
DECIDE ITS FATE TODAY

PACKING-HOUSE BILL UP FOR FINAL PASSAGE.

Councilman Cattel Will Head Fight on Ordinance Giving Independent Firm a Franchise.

WOMAN'S BACKACHE

THE back is the mainspring of woman's organism. It quickly calls attention to trouble by aching. It tells, with other symptoms, such as nervousness, headache, pains in the loins, weight in the lower part of the body, that a woman's feminine organism needs immediate attention.



In such cases the one sure remedy which speedily removes the cause, and restores the feminine organism to a healthy, normal condition is LYDIA E. PINKHAM'S VEGETABLE COMPOUND.

Mrs. Will Young, of 6 Columbia Ave., Rockland, Me., says: "I was troubled for a long time with dreadful backaches and a pain in my side, and was miserable in every way. I doctored until I was discouraged and thought I would never get well. I read what Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound had done for others and decided to try it; after taking three bottles I can truly say that I never felt so well in my life."

FACTS FOR SICK WOMEN.

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number, however, are farmers who have been in this country but a short time. "I trust this matter will be handled in a systematic manner," writes Mr. Lomax, "following up the information and endeavoring to ascertain the results of our efforts; for upon this will depend largely whether or not we will continue to furnish this information, it being our intention to forward to you, each month, the names of people making inquiries of us regarding suitable lands for settlement."

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