EDUCATE PUBLIC IN ROAD WORK

Conference Votes to Raise $10,000 by Subscription for Big Campaign.

WILL ASK FOR NEW LAW

Delegates Decline to Indorse Johnson Bill and Name Men to Draft Measure — Webster and Scott to Direct Work.

Ten thousand dollars is to be expended in Oregon during the next few months in a campaign of education for good roads. This instruction is to be given by County Judge L. R. Webster, of Multnomah County and John H. Scott, ex-County Judge of Marion County and president of the Oregon Good Roads Association, under the direction of a permanent committee on ways and means of which John H. Albert, of Salem, is chairman.

A committee of eight representative citizens of the state was appointed to draft a good roads law to be presented to the Oregon Legislature next Winter. These were the substantial results of the good roads conference that was held in the rooms of the Portland Commercial Club yesterday, attended by about 200 delegates from all sections of the state.

Johnson Makes Hard Fight.

State Senator A. J. Johnson, of Benton County, failed to secure the indorsement of his road bill, known as the Johnson bill, by the conference, although for a time it looked as though he would win out. This is the bill passed by the last state legislature and vetoed by Governor Chamberlain. It provided for the construction of roads, under the direction of a state engineer, the expense to be paid equally by the state, the county and the owners of property benefitted by the improvement. The amount of money any county could receive from the state annually was limited to $20,000. Mr. Johnson never has recovered from the disappointment resulting from the Governor's disapproval of his measure two years ago and he admitted it yesterday.

It was the intention of the Senator from Benton, of possible, to have his bill indorsed by the good roads conference and with such an indorsement it might not be a difficult thing to have it passed by the Legislature next January over the veto of the Governor. The author of the bill took the floor to champion the measure recommending that it met every practical purpose of the good roads advocates. In his arguments, Senator Johnson was zealously supported by State Senators T. B. Kay, of Marion, and N. Whealdon, of Wasco, who spoke earnestly in favor of the Johnson bill.

Senator Kay warmly approved the measure for the reason that it assessed one-third of the cost to the property that was benefitted by the improvement. He regarded this the most valuable provision of the bill, insisting that such improvements greatly enhance realty values and for that reason it was only just that the owner of such property should be assessed the cost of road construction.

Protest by Dr. Smith.

Senator Kay, seconded by Whealdon, moved that the Johnson bill be substituted for a resolution that had been offered by County Judge Webster, instructing the committee on legislation named by the conference, to draft a bill for presentation to the state legislature providing for an annual appropriation by the state of $10,000 to each county, this money to be available upon condition that the county receiving the funds make an equal appropriation, the total sum to be expended entirely in the construction of permanent main highways.

At this juncture, Dr. A. C. Smith, of this city, protested against the proposed substitution, arguing that not over 10 per cent of the delegates in attendance were familiar with the provisions of the Johnson bill. He did not consider that it was right for the conference too hastily to determine any action and emphasized that the subject should be considered thoroughly before recommending any action. He said he was not opposed to the measure under consideration, but maintained that it should go before the committee and stand on its merits.

George Taylor, ex-president of the Chamber of Commerce, corroborated what Dr. Smith had said. A miscellaneous discussion of the subject of good roads followed, in the course of which County Judge C. J. Trenchard advocated some plan by which state aid in road building should be apportioned in proportion to the amount of construction work in each county. John H. Scott, of Salem, while not opposing the Johnson bill, thought the work of the conference should be expedited and the subject left to the recommendation of the committee on resolutions. Further debate on the motion was stopped by T. F. Ryan, of Clackamas County, who was successful in a motion referring the question to the committee.

Albert Ends Debate.

"I wish to sound a note of warning," announced John H. Albert, of Salem, facing the delegates, after having tried for some minutes to be recognized by County Judge J. B. Messick, of Baker County, who was chairman of the meeting. "We want policy here, not politics and it is not a difficult matter to read between the lines and understand the situation."

Mr. Albert concluded by cautioning the members of the committee to act considerately and only in the best interests of good roads. He admitted he was not opposed to the Johnson bill in some particulars, but he believed that some of its provisions were greatly complicated.

The report of the committee was evidently a compromise, the members declining to indorse the Johnson bill, although it and Judge Webster's resolution were both referred to the legislative committee for consideration. In its report, this committee instructed its legislative committee to work with the legislative committees of the Oregon Good Roads Association and the Oregon State Grange and prepare and submit to the state legislature a bill for the construction of improved, permanent main highways under the supervision of a state highway commissioner. The committee also approved of working convicts in the construction of public highways and recommended a law giving to county courts the power to restrict, regulate and control county roads.

The legislative committee named by the conference and which will draft the desired bill, consists of: County Judge J. B. Messick, of Baker; Senator A. J. Johnson, of Benton; County Judge L. R. Webster, of Multnomah; J. H. Scott, of Marion; W. K. Newell, president of the State Board of Horticulture; A. T. Buxton, Master of the State Grange; J. D. Lee, of Polk, and Benton Bowers, of Jackson. The committee expects soon to arrange for a preliminary meeting, when plans for its important work will be outlined.

Raise $10,000 Subscripton.

But before the committee on resolutions had reported, the committee on ways and means had submitted its recommendations which met with the united approval of the delegates. This committee recommended the raising by popular subscription of $10,000 as a fund with which to conduct a good roads campaign. The employment of Judge Webster and ex-Judge Scott was recommended, their work to be directed by the members of the committee which also asked that its existence be continued. The members of this committee are: John H. Albert, of Salem; A. A. Jayne, Hood River; State Dairy and Food Commissioner Bailey, John S. Beall, G. W. Evans, Tom Richardson, of Portland. W. L. Crissey was elected secretary of the committee without salary.

A sufficient part of the $10,000 has already been subscribed that the work of arousing public sentiment still further and educating county officials on the subject of road-building can be inaugurated as soon as Judge Webster and Mr. Scott can arrange their affairs to take up the new work.

The conference ended its business sessions about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. At 9 o'clock this morning over 100 of the delegates will leave the Commercial Club in automobiles for an inspection of Multnomah County roads and the plant at Kelly Butte.

"I have not finally decided to accept the work offered me by today's good roads conference," said Judge Webster last night when asked if he expected soon to resign as County Judge. "I have the offer of the good roads people under consideration and will not decide the matter until I have more thoroughly considered the subject with the members of the committee on ways and means by which the good roads campaign is to be directed. In all probability I shall reach a decision some time this week."

FLASHLIGHT PHOTOGRAPH OF THE GOOD ROADS CONVENTION IN SESSION AT THE COMMERCIAL CLUB

MONEY BELT FAMILY PURSE

Mrs. W. M. Stephens Wants Contents for Divorce Suit.

Incorporated in a divorce suit filed in the Circuit Court yesterday by Ollie Stephens against William M. Stephens is a petition that the Court issue an order for the Sheriff to arrest the husband and after bringing him into court, compel him to turn over a money-belt containing $700. Mrs. Stephens says it is her husband's habit to carry their earnings concealed upon his person. Of the $700 she demands half, as she says she has no means of her own with which to prosecute the suit.

Mrs. Stephens says that ever since their marriage, at Buffalo, Wyo., October 17, 1906, her husband has lived a life of reckless abandon. His ungovernable temper has caused him, she says, to beat her every few weeks. Upon one of these occasions, at North Bend, in October last he dislocated her thumb. On another occasion at Bandon, in May, 1907, he struck her in the face with his fist. The wife also accuses her husband of a statutory offense, occurring at Helena, Mont., last June and involving Daisy Campbell.

Collins Estate Appraised.

The guardianship estate of Dorothy Elizabeth Collins and George Ainslie Collins has been appraised at $13,050. H. A. Cornell, D. G. Woodward and E. M. Miller filed their report with the County Clerk yesterday. The West half of lots 3 and 4, block 63, Holladay addition, at East Twenty-Eighth and Multnomah streets, is valued at $13,000. The remainder of the property is on Beacon Heights. George W. Collins is the administrator of the estate.

Assets of Trunk Company.

The assets of the Insolvent Pacific Coast Trunk & Bag Company amount to $2278.06, according to the report of S. E. Wrenn, assignee, filed with the Circuit Court yesterday afternoon. Of this amount $1126.13 is the value placed upon the trunks belonging to the firm, $868.80 upon suit cases and $654.71 upon bags.

Suit Against Dr. J. W. Hill.

An involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed yesterday in the United States District Court, against Dr. J. W. Hill and Laura E. Hill, of the Hill Military Academy. The petitioners consisted of the Portland Dairy Association and five other firms and individuals, to whom the Hills are indebted for merchandise or on promissory notes.

Arrest Kansas Robber Suspect.

COLFAX, Wash., Aug. 11.—(Special.)—City Marshall Kelly, of Colton, arrested Harry Coleman, at Colton today and delivered him to Sheriff Ratcliff at Colfax tonight. Coleman is wanted at Sedan, Chautauqua County, Kansas, on a charge of bank robbery. Sheriff Rickett, of Sedan, left for Colfax tonight.

HAVE TROUBLE IN NAMING CHAIRMAN

Convention Finally Chooses Judge Messick, of Baker County.

SELECTS HIS COMMITTEES

Oregon Good Roads Conference Gets Down to Business With Nearly 200 Delegates, Representing All Parts of State Present.

Nearly 150 delegates were in the convention hall of the Portland Commercial Club at 10 o'clock, yesterday morning, when C. W. Hodson, president of that organization called to order the good roads conference. He explained briefly the purposes of the gathering and emphasized the value of good roads to any community.

Considerable trouble was experienced in the selection of a chairman. This resulted from a report that the conference had been called for the purpose of superseding the Oregon Good Roads Association by the organization of another. County Judge L. R. Webster, of this city, who had been selected to serve as chairman, declined to accept and several other delegates to whom the place was offered fought shy of it. John H. Scott, of Salem, president of the Oregon Good Roads Association; County Judge A. E. Lake, of Wasco County, and A. A. Jayne, of Hood River, all turned the job down. Finally County Judge J. B. Messick, of Baker County, was decided upon and accepted the chairmanship but by this time it had been generally noised about the convention hall that there was no intention of embarrassing in any way the management of the Oregon Good Roads Association. It was insisted that the only purpose of the conference was to devise some plan for arousing state interest in the subject of good roads and in no sense to usurp the field of operation held by the state association. J. H. Whyte, secretary of the Astoria Chamber of Commerce, was unanimously named secretary and the conference proceeded to the transaction of business.

Outlines of Plan.

Tom Richardson, manager of the Commercial Club, outlined in detail the work before the conference and the need for systematic organization to carry into successful execution the proposed good roads campaign. He was followed by County Judge Webster who presented his plan for the co-operation of state and county in the scientific construction of permanent roads in every county of the state under the direction of a commissioner of highways. He said he favored presenting some bill to the State Legislature next Winter providing for the appropriation of $10,000 of state funds annually to each county upon the condition that the appropriation should not be available until the county applying for the assistance first appropriated an equal amount, the total sum to be expended in the construction of permanent highways.

John H. Scott, ex-County Judge of Marion County and president of the Oregon Good Roads Association, ratified the sentiments as expressed by Mr. Richardson and Judge Webster. After relating something of the practical experience he had had in road building in Marion County, Mr. Scott advocated the building eventually of a road across the state of Oregon from north to south to connect with a similar highway that has been built by the people of California across their state to the south boundary line of Oregon at a cost of $5,000,000.

Committees Are Named.

Upon reconvening in the afternoon, Chairman Messick announced the appointment of the following committees which had been authorized prior to the noon adjournment:

Legislation—County Judge J. B. Messick, of Baker County, chairman; State Senator A. J. Johnson, of Benton County; Judge L. R. Webster, of Multnomah County; Judge John H. Scott, of Marion County; W. K. Newell, of Washington County, president of State Board of Horticulture; A. T. Buxton, of Washington County, master Oregon State Grange; J. D. Lee, of Polk County, and Benton Bowers, of Jackson County.

Ways and Means—John H. Albert, of Marion County, chairman; W. M. Ladd, of Multnomah County; Tom Richardson, of Multnomah County; J. W. Bailey, State Dairy and Food Commissioner; G. W. Evans and J. S. Beals, of Multnomah County, and A. A. Jayne, of Hood River County.

Resolutions—Judge W. H. Hollis, of Washington County, chairman; W. H. Boyd, of Multnomah County; Judge J. C. Henry, of Union County; H. B. Thielsen, secretary Oregon Good Roads Association, of Marion County; Judge A. E. Lake, of Wasco County, and Judge T. F. Ryan, of Clackamas County.

The reports of the committees on resolutions and ways and means were adopted unanimously without debate. The committee on resolutions made the following recommendations:

Many Recommendations Made.

Resolved, That we are in favor of co-operation of state, county and district in the construction of improved, permanent main highways under the supervision of a State Highway Commissioner, and that the Legislative Committee be instructed to work with the Legislative committee of the State Good Roads Association, and of the State Grange, in the preparation and submission to the State Legislature of a bill embodying such legislation and that the road law known as the Johnson bill and the resolution of Judge Webster relating to appropriation for that purpose be referred to said committees for their consideration.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this meeting that a law should be passed at the next session of the Legislature providing for the working of convicts in the State Penitentiary in the construction of public highways.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this convention that legislation be enacted giving the power to our county courts to restrict, regulate and control the use of county roads.

Resolved, That the thanks of this meeting be and are due to Tom Richardson, Hon. W. K. Newell, W. M. Ladd, J. W. Bailey, State Dairy and Food Commissioner, and others who actively participated in the convening of this good roads conference.

Resolved, That the thanks of this convention are due the Commercial Club for the use of its convention hall and the freedom of this club.

Need $10,000 at Once.

The report of the committee on ways and means was as follows:

Your committee on ways and means begs leave to report that in its opinion the sum of $10,000 must be raised to defray the expenses of an enthusiastic and energetic campaign for good roads.

We further recommend that two men be employed to carry on the work and that these two men be Judge Lionel R. Webster, of Multnomah County, and Judge John H. Scott, of Marion County, provided satisfactory arrangements can be made with these gentlemen by this committee.

It is further the sense of this committee that it should have permanent existence and be the medium through which the work of this conference be carried on.

W. L. Crissey has been made permanent secretary of this committee, without salary.

List of Delegates.

Representative men to the number of nearly 200 from every section of the state attended the conference and indorsed every proceeding. They were as follows:

A. P. Bateham, Mosier; T. S. Townsend, Portland; Louis Lager, Ashland; F. J. Hard, G. R. Chrisman, Eugene; J. H. Heilbronner, Hood River; F. D. McCully, Joseph; Benton Bowers, Ashland; W. L. Lightner, Lionel R. Webster, C. A. Brandes, Philo Holbrook, Portland; J. P. Hoffman, Hillsdale; G. W. Marsh, E. Woodward, Corvallis; W. J. Miller, Lianton; George C. Blageley, The Dalles; H. B. Chapman, Portland; W. K. Newell, Gaston; T. S. Dunbar, Cleone; N. Whealdon, J. M. Patterson, A. E. Lake, The Dalles; A. C. Statem, John Leland Henderson, Hood River; A. C. Travis, Junction City; J. P. Lucas, J. I. Miller, Hood River; Z. S. Wilkes, Hillsboro; A. A. Jayne, Hood River; H. A. Darnall, Greshams; C. Thomas, Hood River; C. L. Rogers, Mount Hood; George Lea, Cottage Grove; W. S. Gribble, Mount Hood; A. E. Tower, Junction City; Tom Richardson, Portland; Otto Nicholson, Garden Home; Fred A. Erixon, Salem; Eugene Palmer, Albany; G. S. Allen, Forest Grove; H. C. Combs, London; John H. Whyte, J. E. Gratke, Astoria; T. B. Kay, Isadore Greenbaum, Salem; W. H. Fisher, Roseberg; D. H. Pierce, Harrisburg; H. P. Palmer, Portland; Alfred C. Schmitt, Albany; E. W. Haines, Forest Grove; William Stewart, R. W. Ordway, Hood River; H. B. Thielsen, L. T. Reynolds, Salem; A. C. Libby, R. W. Crane, Jefferson; W. H. Goulet, Courtney; Henry Heitkemper, Oak Grove; R. S. Coe, Canby; W. P. Eberhard, McMinnville; J. F. Stetwer, Jefferson; L. A. Walker, Forest Grove; J. W. Bailey, Portland; J. H. Albert, John H. Scott, Salem; F. M. DuBois, Ashland; George Rogers, Portland; R. H. Greer, C. E. Diechman, Hilleboro; A. M. Gray, Philomath; W. F. Lipman, Portland; Grover Simmons, Silverton; O. W. Haar, Salem; C. J. Trenchard, Astoria; R. J. McIsaac, C. Dethman, W. Kennedy, Hood River; Thomas F. Ryan, Oregon City; F. A. Massee, Hood River; G. W. Womacott, Roseburg; Fred H. Hopkins, Central Point; G. Putnam, Medford; Will G. Steel, Crater Lake; A. W. Orton, Portland; G. Stolz, Salem; W. L. Clark, A. J. Derby, Hood River; B. Lee Paget, Oak Grove; J. V. Pipe, Albany; G. W. Allen, Portland; J. P. Carroll, Mosier; J. F. Reddy, Medford; B. I. Dasent, Albany; J. A. Jefferson, Salem; W. H. Hollis, Forest Grove; T. P. Gilliland, Pendleton; A. J. Johnson, Corvallis; J. D. Zurcher, A. L. Hampton, Roseburg; L. B. Ward, Jone; J. W. Goodin, Hillsboro; John A. Johnson, Beaverton; A. B. Todd, Forest Grove; M. A. McCorkle, Portland; Theodore Roth, D. A. Harris, Salem; A. S. Skyles, Astoria; C. L. Morse, J. W. Anderson, Hood River; T. J. Johnson, Portland; John Lewellin, Oregon City; W. Fike, Hood River; George T. Parry, Wichita; W. B. Huskey, Mosier; C. S. Jackson, Portland; John H. Lewis, Salem; Isaac Bergman, Astoria; Leslie Butler, P. S. Davidson, B. F. Eddleman, Hood River; John S. Beall, Portland; H. G. Rich, Coolidge, Wash.; J. C. Ainsworth, A. P. Tift, George Taylor, Portland; Dan G. Lawrence, Des Moines, Ia.; H. H. Stuart, A. T. Buxton, Forest Grove; W. G. Kerns, Portland; P. L. Casto, Oak Grove; George W. Vogel, J. B. E. Bourne, Rainier; T. W. Sain, Gaston; Judge J. C. Henry, Union; Fred Lundahl, Medford; Paul R. Wallace, Salem; F. L. Parker, Astoria; W. F. Looker, Portland; W. F. Davidson, St. Paul; G. H. Robbins, Hood River; Horace Walker, Pendleton; C. A. Barrett, Athena; L. S. Thomas, Rainier; J. N. Duncan, Albany; W. J. Welch, Baker City; William Elick, Hood River; J. B. Godfrey, St. Helens; G. P. Lorents, Lebanon; M. C. Van Tyne, Portland; Roswell Shelley, Carson, Wash.; E. F. Willis, Banks; E. M. Crolsan, Salem; P. M. Christensen, Lexington; C. W. Root, Ashland; H. L. Russell, Gaston; Robert Yount, Rainier; Franz Kranberger, Aurora; Fred Groner, Hillsboro; Sol Blumauer, Portland; C. R. Bone, Hood River; Jesse Edwards, Newberg; Thomas Paulsen, Portland; A. L. Roney, Goshen; Abner Bregg, Dilley; R. F. Bryan, Portland; E. Hofer, Salem; W. P. Balderston, Portland; W. P. Cropp, Baker City; G. W. Ruckman, La Grande; Hans Luge, Hood River.

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ALBINA WINS FIGHT

Stands Some Chance Now of Getting Fire Hydrants.

POUNCES ON WATER BOARD

City Decides to Make Tests of Supplies Already on Hand and if Material Proves Satisfactory They Will Be Installed.

North Albina won its fight for fire hydrants at a metting of the City Water Board yesterday. The Board decided that certain hydrants now on hand, shall be tested, beginning this morning, and be either rejected or accepted. Some of these, if accepted, will be placed in North Albina and Ockley Green.

"Our committee has been before everything in the city, except the Municipal Judge and dog-catcher," said J. H. Nolta, in addressing Mayor Lane. "We'll send for them, if you want them," quickly retorted Mayor Lane, who was presiding.

"Well, we have chased every committee in town and now we have been run in here," continued Mr. Nolta. "I don't know whether the door is locked, but we have no more taxes anyway, and it makes no difference. We are here today to find out if we can get some fire hydrants."

There was a disposition on the part of Mayor Lane and the members of the Water Board to settle the long controversy as to 100 or more hydrants, ordered last Summer from the Hogue & Swift Company, of Troy, N. Y., and communications were read, explaining that the company had shipped the hydrants, tested at the factory, and that the Portland agent would not furnish tests here. This, it proved, was the sticking point between the agent and Fire Chief Campbell. Each blamed the other for the delay, but the Water Board took the matter in hand and ordered the tests for this morning, with men from the Water Department in charge, under supervision of Chief Campbell. It is now simply a question as to whether the hydrants will stand the test. If they do, North Albina and Ockley Green will get a share of them, and if not, every one will have to wait until the 500 now ordered by the City Council arrive.

The hydrants are secured and handled peculiarly. The Water Board buys them and the Fire Department then takes charge and inspects them, after which the Board installs them, although having nothing to say as to where each hydrant shall go.

The delegation, after the hydrant matter was decided, asked the Board to install an office in the engine-house at Killingsworth and Union avenues, a transfer point for streetcars, where water rents may be paid. After some discussion, the Board voted to place an inspector there for two days between the first and the tenth of each month to receive collections for that district. It is said it will be a big accommodation to the residents of that section of the city.

REVERSED BY UPPER COURT

J. H. Olston Permitted to Bring Suit Against Car Company.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 11.—(Special.)—The Supreme Court today reversed Judge John B. Cleland in the case of John H. Olston, administrator, as appellant, vs. the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company, respondent, in which case Olston averred that the company had by fraud secured a settlement from him. The case grows out of the death of W. H. Olston, who was riding on an O. W. P. car in November, 1905, and was crowded off the over-crowded car during a panic caused by the explosion of a fuse. John H. Olston, as administrator, signed a release of claim in consideration of $500 and funeral expenses. When this suit for $5000 damages was brought, the company set up the release as a defense, but Olston offered to show that the release was obtained by fraud. Judge Cleland refused to admit the evidence and for that reason the case is reversed and sent back for re-trial. The opinion on appeal is by Justice Eakin.

In reversing the decision of Judge Galloway, in the case of F. S. Van Buskirk, et al, respondents, vs A. B. Bond, appellant, from Linn County, the Supreme Court laid down the rule of law that an individual cannot sue to enjoin the obstruction of a highway unless he is injured in a manner different from that suffered by the general public and that even then he cannot sue to enjoin if the existence of the highway is in dispute. His remedy is an action for damages. The Supreme Court's opinion is by Justice Moore.

The case of Olga Senkler, respondent, vs Frank T. Berry, appellant, from Multnomah County, A. F. Sears, judge, was reversed, and a new trial ordered, the opinion being by Commissioner Slater. It was held that a divorce decree conveying property is not effective unless the property is properly described.

Petitions for rehearing were denied in the cases of Elgin Forwarding Company vs. F. M. Cummings and J. B. Ready vs. Henry Schmith.

The Supreme Court denied a petition to recall the mandate and admit evidence in the case of F. J. Eldridge vs. Hoefer & Zorn, from Marion County, which case was decided last January.

HOPES TO GET NEW DEPOT

Milwaukie Is Watching Movements of Southern Pacific.

The presence of surveyors for the Southern Pacific Railroad Company in Milwaukie has led the people there to believe the company will consent to establish a passenger depot in Milwaukie before it can hope to get a franchise through the pioneer town. Ever since there were prospects of the Southern Pacific running a cut-off through Milwaukie from Willsburg the question of securing a depot has been considered. The Milwaukie Bee says on this point:

"While the change will bring the line probably right through the town, and in many ways will be a drawback, and many will be compelled probably to change or dispose of their homes, still the change will bring its advantages. In negotiating the franchise one of the several stipulations which might be made is the erection and maintenance of a suitable depot.

"An adequate depot at Milwaukie, to which the car system could be extended, would mean that many travelers who wished to get quickly to the center of the city would leave the car at Milwaukie and take the more rapid electric lines. This would make Milwaukie the entrance or gateway to Portland, and afford the passenger, who did not wish to proceed with the train as far as East Morrison street, a chance to alight. An arrangement of this order would bring many travelers here and, no doubt, in course of time hotel and other accommodations would be in demand, which would vastly help the commercial interest of Milwaukie."

An effort will be made to have the proposed boulevard extended as to include Milwaukie. This will mean the use of the White House road and the erection of a bridge across the Willamette River at Milwaukie. It is well known that there is a quiet agitation for annexing to Multnomah County a considerable portion of North Clackamas County, and if this materializes it would bridge Milwaukie into Multnomah County. A civic club is to be organized at Milwaukie in the near future to work for a passenger depot, the extension of this boulevard, possible annexation to Portland and other improvements.

Will Decide Fur Case.

Presiding Judge Cleland, in the Circuit Court, will render decisions this morning in the following cases:

M. C. White against Jane Van Horn, application for a temporary injunction.

Wilamina M. Morton against Frank A. Morton, application for suit money.

Lena Havilapd against W. K. Haviland, application for suit money.

Alfi Castel against Antone Castel, application for suit money.

State of Oregon against Adolph Adler, demurrer to information.

Barr Will Probated.

The estate of Selina Barr, worth $75,000, was admitted to probate in the County Court yesterday, upon the petition of S. M. Barr, the widower. The latter was appointed administrator, to act under $2000 bond. J. G. Nelson appears as surety on the bond. As appraisers of the estate the court appointed Elsie S. Barr, Harry G. Barr and George E. Barr. The annual rent from the property is estimated to be $540.

PIPE EXTENSIONS AWAIT NEW LAW

Water Board Holds Up Application for $76,000 Worth of Mains.

BOND BILL WILL CONTROL

Owners of Abutting Property Will Hereafter Pay for Improvements Instead of Meeting Cost With Receipts.

Applications for $76,000 worth of mains throughout the city were held up by the Water Board yesterday afternoon, pending a written opinion by City Attorney Kavanaugh on vital questions as to how the Board shall proceed under the new bond act. The petitioners are also to be notified that none of the petitions can now be granted under the old system, whereby the water funds were used to pay the cost of extensions. If they still desire the improvemnts called for in the papers now on file, the cost, if the Board allows the petition, must be borne by the property owners abutting, as provided by the terms of the new law.

As the water bond act is now in full force and effect, it is also doubtful whether or not the Water Board has power to proceed with the laying of mains already ordered by it, but on which the work has not actually been commenced. This matter also was referred to the City Attorney for an opinion. Until this is received, nothing will be done, but it is believed the report will be made soon.

Must Fix New Conditions.

The Water Board, after receiving the opinion of the City Attorney, will have to formulate its policy as to just what conditions it will recommend to the City Council the granting of any petition for extensions of mains. Under the old rule, as applied by Mayor Lane's Board, improvements of this nature have been limited to localities where water is absolutely necessary, and as the funds at hand would allow.

It is believed by Mayor Lane and members of the Water Board that there will be fewer petitions for mains when it becomes known that the new law is in effect and that all extensions laid in future must be paid for by the owners of abutting property. However, it seems certain that there will be a vast amount of this kind of work done here in future, and especially in those districts where hard-surface pavements are to be put down. It is the desire of all who are thus improving their property that all pipes and mains shall be laid before the paving is done, as it facilitates the work.

Board Faces Great Task.

The Water Board is now facing the greatest task of years. When the bond issue is sold, there will be available $3,000,000 for expenditure by this department, at the discretion of the City Council, the power to expend the amount being vested in the Council. The Water Board recommends any purchase and, if granted by the Council, superintends the construction. The money is to be spent in laying a second pipeline from Bull Run and for sufficient reservoirs to store the supply. It was said yesterday that one of the reservoirs will have to be large enough to hold 120,000,000 gallons of water. The Board must select a location for this, a problem itself difficult.

The Water Board and City Council have far greater powers under the new law than is granted them by the charter on any other subject. The Board can refuse to grant a petition for extension of mains; it can grant the petition if it deems wise or it can recommend to the Council the laying of mains in a district where there has been no petition. This power is such that it gives the Board and Council absolute control of the situation. The property owners have the right to remonstrate, if they wish; but there is no provision whereby any certain number of remonstrants shall stop an improvement.

Reservoir on Council Crest.

M. J. Kelly, business agent for the Iron Trades Council, was present to ask the Board to hasten proceedings to lay the pipeline and to recommend riveted steel pipe as the best material to be used. Mayor Lane interrupted the speaker, however, stating that it is too early in the day for this, as the bonds have not even been ordered sold.

"I know that," said Mr. Kelly, "but I am agitating the subject; I want to get some speed on this matter."

The Board voted to accept a site on Council Crest, offered by the John P. Sharkey Company, for a reservoir, together with a right of way. This is conditional upon the placing of all rights to the property in the city's hands. If this deal goes through, the Council Crest people will be supplied with water.

Supplies for Astoria Militia.

ASTORIA, Or., Aug. 11.—(Special.)—Captain Abercrombie of the First Company, Coast Artillery Corps, Oregon National Guard, has received official notice that the equipment for the new military company with the exception of the rifles has been shipped and it should arrive within the next few days. The company now has its full quota of members and so many more young men have applied for admission that a petition will be presented to the State Military Board next month, asking permission to organize a second company in Astoria.

Pioneer Mill Man Ill.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Aug. 11.—(Special.)—Charles Wilson, of the firm of Wilson Bros., one of the pioneer millmen of the harbor, was brought here today from California in a special car. Mr. Wilson has been in California for some months and his condition is regarded as critical.

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