

PEOPLE TO DECIDE  
S66 BOARD ISSUE

Mayor Will Invoke Initiative  
Unless Council Complies  
With Wishes.

COMMITTEE OPPOSES BILL

Stringent Control Must Be Provided  
Simon Says—Ellis Ordinance,  
Now Under Consideration,  
Embodies His Views.

MAYOR SIMON WILL NOT MEET  
BOARD OWNERS

Mayor Simon will not meet with the health and police committee of the Council this morning, when the members take up the billboard ordinance, introduced by Councilman Ellis. Representatives of the billboard owners will be there, however.

"It is not customary, when a man is arrested for a crime, to consult with him as to what should be his punishment," said the Mayor, when asked to attend the session of the committee, this morning. "I am requesting reasonable legislation for the regulation of billboards, and I don't need the advice and counsel of the billboard agents in preparing the proposed law."

Mayor Simon announced yesterday morning, after noting the apparent unwillingness of the majority of members of the Council committee on ways and means to do anything toward regulating the billboards, that he will carry the question before the people at the next general election, if that is necessary to get reasonable legislation to this end. The committee did not complete its report to the main body, but will hold a special meeting this morning to hear those interested.

The attitude of the majority members of the committee is opposed to what Mayor Simon wants, Chairman Lombard being outspokenly in favor of the so-called regulatory measure, recently vetoed by Mayor Simon, prepared by Councilman Watkins, who is the other majority member of the committee now having the new ordinance prepared, by Councilman Ellis, in charge. That an adverse report will be made, there is little doubt.

COMMITTEE OPPOSES MAYOR

Mayor Simon was present at the meeting of the committee, and told plainly what legislation he wants concerning billboards, but the committee members seemed at variance with his wishes. They will hold a meeting this morning to go over the Ellis ordinance, when representatives of Foster & Kiefer, who hold a virtual monopoly of the business in Portland, and others will be heard.

ELLIS ORDINANCE COVERS GROUND

The Ellis ordinance, now up for consideration at the hands of the committee on health and police, is such a measure as the Mayor favors. It was drafted and submitted at his request, after Councilman Watkins had failed to bring in such a measure to regulate the billboards. The Watkins ordinance, which was vetoed and did not pass over the Mayor's objections, increased the revenue to the city by \$400 a year, but the Mayor is not so much concerned about the financial side as he is about the provision to eliminate some of the boards, fix their size and manner of construction, and to see to it that people are not unduly annoyed by the placing of the boards near their homes or on their property without their consent.

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LOVE'S WORRIES TOO MUCH

Navy Deserter Prefers Life on Ship to Courting in Seattle.

Two deserters were locked up in the City Jail yesterday afternoon. H. Burlington surrendered himself. He walked into the police station and said that he had deserted the United States steamship Maryland in Seattle two years ago.

He left his ship because he had fallen in love, he said, and after trying for two years to win the girl's affection, had given up the job as a hopeless task and wanted to be sent back to the Maryland.

James Courtney, a soldier, was arrested on information given the police. He admitted his identity. He deserted as a private soldier from the Second Regiment of Infantry at Fort Slocum last March. He had been in the Army only four months.

VIEWERS GET REPORT BACK

Council Committee Acts Cautiously on Morrison-Street Opening.

The street committee of the City Council yesterday re-referred to the viewers the report submitted by them on the Morrison-street, from

Twenty-first to Washington streets. This was done upon the recommendation of City Attorney Kavanaugh, who recently rendered an opinion relative to the subject.

OREGON LAND CAPTURES

INVESTOR HAD INTENDED TO BUY CALIFORNIA PROPERTY.

Influence of Wife, Former Resident of Portland, Leads Husband to Purchase 100 Acres.

Sentiment and business instincts combined to bring about the purchase yesterday of 100 acres of fruit land near Gresham by W. J. Coplen, whose plan to go to California to purchase a home was changed by the influence of his wife, who, as a girl, lived in this city and has a lasting love for it.

The land purchased by Mr. Coplen yesterday is generally known as the Emil Wiese place and the purchase price was \$750. Mr. Coplen will make his home in Portland, however.

In talking of his purchase last night at the Perkins Hotel, Mr. Coplen stated that when he was four years of age he came to Portland with his mother from Albany, where he was born, and staying for a short time in the city on their way to Walla Walla by wagon, he was treated by his mother to a store visit, when she bought him a pocket knife. This incident was impressed on his mind, for he immediately cut his finger with the knife before he left the store, which he thinks was near the place where the Perkins Hotel stands.

BOISE GETS FRUITMEN

IDAHO HORTICULTURISTS' CONFERENCE CLOSES.

Next Year's Meeting Goes to Capital City by Unanimous Vote. Officers Re-elected.

NAMPA, Idaho, Jan. 7.—(Special)—"The best meeting in the history of the association, a larger attendance, and more enthusiasm and interest manifested than ever before," was the statement of Professor J. R. Shinn, secretary of the association, when asked his opinion regarding the eighth meeting of the Idaho State Horticultural Association, which closed here this afternoon.

The forenoon session today was largely taken up by E. D. Ball, director of the Utah Experiment Station, on the subject of "Arsenical Poisoning of Fruit Trees," the question which has aroused a controversy between the Utah and Colorado experimenting stations.

Professor Ball maintains that arsenical poisoning is not responsible for the extensive dying of fruit trees in the orchards of the West, and he gave substantial proof of this in his resume of his extensive investigations on the subject.

Boise extended invitations for the next meeting and the Boise invitation was unanimously accepted. The present officers of the association were re-elected for next year: President, Captain Shawhan; Payette; vice-president, H. W. Dornan; Caldwell; secretary, J. R. Shinn; Nampa; treasurer, A. E. Gipson, Caldwell.

The meeting closed with a banquet given by the Nampa Chamber of Commerce at the Devereux Palace Hotel to visiting members of the association.

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OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 7.—(Special)—The County Court of Clackamas County has announced the taxlevy for the year of 1910 to be the same as that of last year, 14 mills in all, but the general fund is cut to 7.5 of a mill, as against a mill better than 2 mills last year while the state and school tax remains practically the same.

Enough was added to the road and bridge tax to offset the decrease in the general fund, bringing it up to a total of 7.84 mills for this purpose. The balance of the appropriation is divided as follows: State, 2.15 mills and the school fund receives 2.15 mills, or enough to make the total of 14 mills in all. The total value assessed to property of the county is compiled by County Assessor, J. E. Jack is nearly \$500,000 less than that of last year, being \$2,087,000 in all as against \$2,580,000 in 1909. The reason assigned for this fact is that last year thousands of acres of timber land was assessed, as such, which have since been returned to the Government and therefore now exempt.

DAVIDOR GETS DEED TO PROPERTY

Mr. Davidor was in the land business and I allowed him to handle the sale of the property," said Mrs. Green today. She is staying at the home of W. E. Cochran, 1309 Hoyt street, temporarily. "I wished to dispose of some property I had in the Fay tract in Portland. Davidor suggested that I deed the property to him so that he could handle it better. I did so and he sold the property to Rothchild & Cohen there. I received a payment of \$500 down and last September I received \$100. There is \$800 in the tract and this has been due for some time. Regarding it I cannot find any trace. The whole affair was in Davidor's hands and he disappeared. I understand. Now, just when I need the money most, he either has the cash itself or has disposed of the property."

ONLY DAVIDOR'S WORD TO SHOW

"Through him I purchased some property near Portland from Mrs. M. A. Curtis. I paid Davidor \$100 down and then gave him nearly \$200 more in small payments. I have nothing to show for that purchase except his word, and unless this Mrs. Curtis allows me to keep up the payments on the land I have lost that money through Davidor."

"At the time I was having the real estate dealing with Davidor, he asked me to go to a law firm to use deeds to the property we had as security for matters in which he was interested. We allowed him to do that and he returned the deeds. At one time he said he had purchased some property in Portland in Mr. Green's

ROUTES GIVEN UP

Railroad Officials Plan to Avoid Future Floods.

BLOCKADE SLOWLY RAISED

Passengers Who Were Marooned by Storm Reach Destinations, and Bring in Reports of Death and Great Suffering.

SALT LAKE CITY, Jan. 7.—With the clearing of the Rocky Mountain region and the arrival here of passengers who had been snow and flood bound, there was also an important gathering of railroad officials, called together to discuss ways and means of making permanent repairs to damaged roadbeds, and to consider methods of preventing similar damage in the future.

Already the line of one road, the San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake, has been ordered materially changed, following a consultation between R. E. Wells, general manager of the Salt Lake road, and Vice-President W. H. Rainbow, of the Oregon Short Line.

Reports from Butte say that the snow blockade at Gray Cliff, near Big Timber, which has stalled Northern Pacific traffic since Tuesday, was reported cleared today. Delayed trains are being rushed through to their destinations.

Communication with the snow-blocked districts near Denver has now been established, and reports of death and suffering are being received. Wednesday a snow-slide ran down the mountain near Lake City, Colo., killing Jack Bartlett, veteran miner. A party has been organized to search for Bartlett's body today.

A report reached Durango, Colo., Thursday that a snowslide carried away the boarding house at the Tom Morris mine with a number of fatalities. Owing to lack of wire communication this report could not be confirmed.

Thursday the snow blockade of the Rio Grande Southern was raised and a train reached Durango carrying the first mail received in several days.

At Silverton, the Rio Grande officials have turned over to the Mayor a large supply of coal for distribution. Temperatures ranging between zero and 28 below are reported from mountain districts.

DECEMBER'S RAIN 9.93 INCHES

MONTESANO, Wash., Jan. 7.—(Special)—During the month of December, 1909, there was 9.93 inches of rain; 7.3 inches of snow; 8 clear days; 18 cloudy days, and 6 partly clear. The coldest day was December 25, when the thermometer registered 19 degrees above zero. The coldest day of the year was January 6, 14 above; the warmest day June 23, 94 above; average for year, 57.6 degrees.

DAVIDOR DUPES FRIENDS

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Immediate marriage was rejected. Before the warrant could be served Davidor disappeared. Later the charge was changed to assault with a deadly weapon and an effort was made to find the fugitive, wherever he was, and extradite him. He was not heard from again until his Portland business dealings involved him in trouble with the United States Postal authorities.

As a land promoter in Portland Davidor appeared as manager of the Pacific Northwest Realty Associates and the Yakima Valley Fruit & Land Company.

GREENS BECOME FRIENDLY

A year ago Julius Green and his wife maintained an apartment at 784 Gilman street, Portland. He was acquainted with Davidor, he and Green grew to be great friends. When Green's health had become bad and he was obliged to spend considerable time in a sanitarium, the family funds grew low and they decided to take a cheaper establishment. Davidor had been staying at one of the larger hotels in Portland, but when he heard his friends were in financial need, he offered to take an apartment with them to help keep up the house.

It was about that time that Mrs. Green decided to sell a piece of land she owned in her own name to help out in paying the heavy doctor's bill and other expenses her husband's condition necessitated.

PERSONAL MENTION

J. W. Blaney, a Tacoma insurance man, registered yesterday at the Ramapo. Charles Ray and wife, of St. Paul, arrived in Portland yesterday and registered at the Lenox.

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name, explaining he did so in order to make the commission allowed by the real estate firm from which he secured the land. Those are the only dealings I have ever had with Davidor."

MRS. GREEN HELPED DAVIDOR

In Tight Place, She Mortgaged Home to Help Promoter.

Julius Green was well known in Portland business circles and for a number of years was the traveling representative of Lumber & Co., a millinery firm at 82 1/2nd street.

While Davidor, who fled from Portland the day the November grand jury returned an indictment against him in the Federal Court, was on the crest of a wave of financial speculation which finally led to his downfall, Green and his wife became acquainted with him. Davidor went to their home on Gilman street to board and the three were frequently seen together at the Oaks during the summer of 1909.

Green is alleged to have acted as director in some of the companies which Davidor organized for the purpose of luring the public. He was a salesman at one time for the Pacific Northwest Realty Associates, the company which made a business of dealing in land titles which it neither owned nor controlled. It was for the United States mails in the promotion of bogus sales of real estate that Davidor got into trouble with the Government, which caused his hasty flight to Canada.

From correspondence and other evidence which has been secured since the disappearance of Davidor, it has been learned that Mrs. Eva Green at one time mortgaged the property she owned in this city to prevent Davidor's being arrested for swindling N. P. Vineyard, a laboring man living in Portland.

A knowledge of these facts caused the authorities to place Mrs. Eva Green and her husband under surveillance at their apartments, 1600 Hyde street, San Francisco, whether they recently visited.

Davidor engaged to sell a tract of land to N. P. Vineyard and drew up a contract requiring the payment of a \$500 deposit of \$200. To meet the demand Vineyard put up all his savings from years of toil. When the time came to deliver the land, Davidor failed to come forward with the papers, and Vineyard employed Thomas N. Strong, an attorney in the Labbe building, to represent him.

Strong's investigation of the facts caused him to believe that Davidor was a native either of Canada or of the United States, and that he was then in the hands of Davidor, who had fled to the United States to avoid the law.

From canceled checks, notes and official papers which have come to light, it appears that Davidor repaid the loan to Mrs. Green in installments, but these have also revealed that the \$500 deposit of \$150 in which Davidor and Mrs. Green were involved. A mortgage was given to Davidor which indited that Mrs. Green had obligated herself for that amount.

It is probable if Davidor is ever brought back to the United States he will be sent to embezzlement, because of the fact that the checks he gave Mrs. Green were drawn on the trust funds of the Pacific Northwest Realty Associates. Federal authorities may have difficulty in extraditing him upon a charge of using the mails for fraudulent purposes, but as an embezzler he can be returned.

CAR THIEF GETS TWO YEARS

"Sure Shot Jack" Admits Guilt and Is Promptly Sentenced.

PENDLETON, Or., Jan. 7.—(Special)—To be indicted and sentenced to serve two years in the penitentiary within five minutes was the record made in the case of John Ward, known to the officers of two states as "Sure Shot Jack."

Ward was arrested at Umatilla a few nights ago while attempting to get away with plunder which he had taken from a boxcar. He was indicted this afternoon by the grand jury after upon being arraigned entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced to serve two years in the penitentiary.

George Tracy, alias C. W. Arnold, the former Pendleton bus driver, was indicted for murder in the second degree in the death of the late King of Andy Rabael near Umatilla last November. Thomas Stuckey and George O'Connor were also indicted for attempted murder in the same case. All three will plead tomorrow morning.

The grand jury is still in session and is investigating some alleged illegal liquor sales notably by the ones which resulted in the wholesale poisoning with wood alcohol on Christmas day.

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Frederick the Great, wishing to humiliate his physician, asked: "How many men, my doctor, have you sent into the other world?" "Not nearly so many as Your Majesty," was the reply. "But with infinitely less glory."

Winter is coming  
with its snow, rain and slush. It is the season of wet feet and colds. The best way to cure a cold is to prevent its coming, by the timely use of  
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