

BILLS WOULD PUT BRAKE ON DIVISION

Madras Club Proposes Law to Give Relief From Creation of New Counties.

BOARD TO DECIDE MERITS

Measure Provides for Commission to Pass on Projects for New Districts Before They Are Submitted to Voters.

A measure that promises to give relief from the multitude of bills for creation of new counties has appeared under the indorsement of the Madras Commercial Club. It is said to have been prepared some time ago with the idea of presenting it to the Legislature for action, but the numerous new county projects, together with the fact that Madras is inclined against its will in one of them, has moved the Commercial Club of that town to start this as an initiative petition, and the petitions are now being circulated for signers.

This measure is designed to provide a method whereby towns, counties and municipal districts of more than one county may be created and organized without calling upon all the voters of the state to decide such local questions. The chief feature is a board of three disinterested commissioners to be appointed by the Governor "to examine all the facts bearing on the need for such new co-operation, with reference to the general welfare of the state at large as well as of the people locally interested." If they find adversely no further proceedings may be taken—that project dies there and then and the expense will have been borne by the petitioners who started the proceeding, who are required to make deposit for that purpose. This provision will discourage such enterprises as do not have real merit.

If, after a full and fair hearing of all sides, this impartial commission finds a real need for the new corporation, it shall report accordingly and the Governor shall order an election within the new territory only, that the voters there may decide whether they will assume self-government. If they vote to do so, the new corporation is thereby created and its officers will then be appointed by the Governor. A board of arbitration, to be composed of one member chosen by the old county and one by the new county and a Circuit Judge from another district to be named by the Governor, shall settle all property questions and other matters of difference between the counties.

The theory of this plan is that it destroys all motive for unmeritorious new county moves, because those who start them have to advance the expenses and are certain to fall in the end; that the movement, being honestly and fairly started, shall be entitled to a fair and full hearing by a high grade, disinterested commission having the power to determine what is best for the public interest affected, and that if the public interest will be best served by the creation of the new corporation the only remaining question is whether the people care to assume the responsibility of a new local government. Their vote will determine this matter. All objections to the new corporation are expected to be presented before the commission conducting the investigation, and if they have merit to be treated accordingly.

Thus this measure seeks to give the old counties every just protection before the impartial commission, rather than at the ballot box where local selfishness might rule instead of public good and justice. The sponsors for this new measure declare that it is designed solely in the interest of the "square deal" and the general public good.

BRIDGE TO BE DISCUSSED

East Siders to Consider Council's Action on Broadway Viaduct.

Whether the association will indorse or disapprove of the action of the City Council in accepting the report of the committee on rights of way for the Broadway bridge on the conditions set forth in the report will be decided by the North East Side Improvement Association at its regular meeting in Woodmen Hall, Rodney avenue and Russell street, tonight. It will be the most important meeting in the history of the association, and the result may affect the fate of the Broadway bridge.

At the meeting of the association two weeks ago, resolutions were passed condemning the report of the right of way committee and demanding that the city condemn rights of way for the bridge without delay. Effort will be made to rescind these resolutions and indorse the action of the Council.

Councilman Menefee has maintained that the Council's negotiations with the North Pacific Terminal Company and the O. R. & N. were in the line of duty, while M. G. Munly, president of the association, has held that the O. R. & N. is not giving enough and is hostile to the Broadway bridge.

The division between these views and there promises to be a lively meeting. Munly has gone to Alaska, but his views will be represented at the meeting.

PERSONAL MENTION.

W. L. Morrison, a merchant of Bend, is at the Cornelius.
R. McKee and wife, of Walla Walla, are at the Ramapo.
W. C. Logan, a merchant of Astoria, is at the Cornelius.
W. S. U'Ren, of Oregon City, is registered at the Perkins.
Mrs. E. P. Spalding, wife of a Spokane capitalist, is at the Portland.
D. W. Pinney, a lumberman of Aberdeen, Wash., is registered at the Cornelius.
E. K. Lawson, who is a lumberman of Cottage Grove, is registered at the Oregon.
Charles F. Hertzman, agent for the Henrietta Crossman company, is at the Seward.
A. K. Martin, a lumberman of Littell, Wash., accompanied by his wife, is at the Seward.
Dr. Pinney, a prominent physician of Hood River, accompanied by his wife, is at the Oregon.
Ray McArthur, a business man of Oregon City, and Mrs. McArthur, are registered at the Cornelius.
G. W. Bates, who is connected with Sherman, Clay & Co., of San Francisco, is registered at the Portland.
J. S. Knight, of Seattle, is at the Perkins. Mr. Knight, who is a former Oregonian, is in the insurance business.
L. R. Glavis is registered at the Portland from White Salmon. Mr. Glavis gained notoriety in the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy.
J. W. Ivey is registered at the Per-

kins from Seattle. Mr. Ivey is ex-Collector of Customs of Alaska, and has served as United States Attorney at that place.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick E. Weyerhaeuser, of St. Paul, Minn., are the guests of Mrs. Weyerhaeuser's brother, C. H. Davis, Jr., at his home in Irvington.

C. H. Wilson, of Astoria, and H. J. Hildebrand, of Spokane, are at the Oregon Hotel. They came to Portland to attend the funeral of Mrs. Marion F. Garretson.

John F. Stevens, president of the Oregon Trunk Railroad, the Oregon Electric Railway and United Railways, returned yesterday from Chicago and is registered at the Portland. Mr. Stevens is accompanied by his wife and son.

NEW YORK, June 30.—(Special)—The following persons from the Pacific Northwest are registered at New York hotels:

From Portland—Miss G. Gill, at the Marlin; Washington; Miss A. V. Casler, Miss C. C. Cooper, Miss Z. Hamilton, S. S. Schner, Miss M. G. Howard, E. O. Spitzner, at the Algonquin; C. F. Clark, at the Continental; B. O. Chase, Mrs. B. O. Chase, at the Herald Square; W. S. Overlin, at the Navarre.
From Spokane—L. E. Green, I. W. Green, at the Martha Washington.
From Walla Walla, Wash.—Dr. W. S. DeForest, at the Park Avenue.
From Olympia, Wash.—Mrs. A. H. Ruders, at the Wolcott.
From Seattle—O. H. Jos and wife, at the St. Andrew; Mrs. B. E. Gates, Mrs. M. Beebe, at the St. Denis; J. B. Loiz, at the Imperial.
From Tacoma—W. Antew, H. A. Ferguson, at the Broadway Central; W. Gross, at the Imperial; E. J. Hughes, at the Grand Union.

CHICAGO, June 30.—(Special)—The following Portland people registered at the hotels today: At the Stratford, Mrs. Charles B. King; Majestic, J. E. Nelson; Great Northern, A. H. Langille; Grand Pacific, Mrs. G. F. Maddock and children.

GRAVE MYSTERY SOLVED

MISTAKE IN CEMETERY SURVEY IS HELD TO BE BLAME.

Byron P. Vincent Buried in Absence of Sexton—Hannah Smith Still Cannot Be Found.

The mystery involving the disappearance of Hannah Smith, May 8, appears to be no nearer solved than nearly two months ago, when the woman, with \$600 she drew from the bank, dropped out of sight completely.

The thread of belief that the mysterious grave in Baker cemetery, 14 miles east of Portland on the Baseline road, might offer a clue as to what became of Hannah Smith, was exploded yesterday by Sheriff Stevens, after a thorough investigation of the graveyard incident that set Fairview and that community agog with gossip.

The new mound of earth was discovered by Mrs. O. H. Jenkins, of Fairview, May 29, when she went to trim and decorate the grave of her father, mother and sister. She was astonished to find a newly-made grave on her family lot. She reported the circumstance to D. W. McKay, the sexton, who lives a few hundred yards from the cemetery.

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CLUB URGES SETTLEMENT

Fulton Park Indorses Basis Proposed for Right of Way.

The Fulton Park Improvement Club held a well attended meeting Tuesday night. Councilman Belmont gave the club information with reference to the proceedings for various street improvements. A delegation from the Fulton street section was in attendance. Proceedings had not been instituted for street improvements in that district. It was decided, however, that proceedings had been delayed temporarily because of a county road intersecting the important streets, and it was thought expedient to postpone improvements on such streets until the county road had been taken over by the city, proceedings for which are now under way. A special committee was appointed to push this.

A delegation from Corbett street informed the club that no improvement had been made on that street, although the citizens had been trying for a long time. A representative of the district said that it was impossible to get wood or lumber delivered to their residences except by carrying a considerable distance. The delegation was informed that proceedings for the improvement of this street were under way but that a great amount of business in the engineering department of the city had caused delays. The club appointed a special committee to interview the engineering department and other city officials to get the street improvement before the next season.

A lively discussion occurred over the boulevard question, the delay which the city was experiencing in obtaining the right of way across the E. & N. track, and the protest which had appeared against the proposed settlement of this question by the City Council. The present prevailed that the streets on the East Side which it was proposed to vacate were not of such importance as the right of way for this boulevard and other concessions which the city would obtain from the railroad company. The club unanimously adopted the resolution favoring settlement upon the basis now proposed and urging the Councilmen to bring the issue to an early conclusion.

The need of early action was emphasized further by the conditions attached to the right of way across the Terwilliger tract, as it was said that the city was in danger of losing the entire boulevard system on the West Side unless active steps were taken to obtain the remainder of the right of way.

3—TRAINS DAILY—3.

New Great Northern train service to Tacoma, Seattle, Everett, Bellingham, Vancouver, B. C., and intermediate points. Electric-lighted trains; elegant dining-car service; 10 A. M., 5 P. M., 11:30 P. M., from Hoyt-street station, Eleventh and Hoyt streets. Tickets, berths and parlor-car seats at city ticket office, 122 Third, and at depot.

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'GO SLOW' IS WORD

Railroads Retrenching Generally, Says John F. Stevens.

WALL STREET FEELS BLUE

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ASSOCIATES HONOR OFFICIAL

H. M. Adams Is Recipient of Gift From Office Force.

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tion was made from a purely railroad standpoint, says Mr. Kyle.

The trip over the line was made on horseback by Mr. Kyle and all the work under way was inspected. Contractor H. C. Henry is busy getting a large force of men on the work between Madras and Bend. Between 400 and 500 are now employed and the number is being increased daily. On Porter Brothers' contract about 4000 men are at work.

Mr. Kyle expresses confidence that the road will be completed to Madras before November 1.

H. M. Adams, who left the service of the North Bank Railroad yesterday to become freight traffic manager of the Western Pacific, was the recipient of a handsome present from his office associates. The present was a silver tray and a set of cocktail glasses given by 19 members of the office force.

The presentation was made by D. N. Anderson, chief clerk. Accompanying it was an engrossed card signed by the donors and bearing the following inscription:

"In appreciation of the character of the man, his fairness, and the many acts of courtesy and kindness. To H. M. Adams, with whom we have worked for the past two years and a half in the service of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway and the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad, this token is given, wishing him Godspeed and further success in his new and broader field."

Mr. and Mrs. Adams departed last evening for their new home in San Francisco.

W. E. Coman, Mr. Adams' successor, while still nominally general freight agent of the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company, has arranged to get away and has been spending several days in consultation with Mr. Adams and other officials of the North Bank Road concerning his duties. At the Harriman offices yesterday it was stated that Mr.

Coman's successor had not yet been selected.

DETECTIVES DOUBT DAVIES

Now Thought Man in Prison for Crime He Confesses Was "Pal."

City detectives investigating the confession of John T. Davies to the forgery for which O. R. Blystone was sent to the penitentiary more than a year ago, found yesterday that the criminal records of the two are intercrossed with each other in some instances until it is difficult to distinguish between them.

The detectives say that when the "back-hand" checks were being circulated in this city, reports came in simultaneously of a man disguised as a workman, and of a well-dressed man, as passing the paper. Much confusion resulted and the officers were for a time at sea over the difficulty in reconciling the descriptions.

It is now thought probable that Blystone was circulating paper executed by Davies. Davies declares he never saw Blystone and never had a confederate, but his statement is questioned. Both men were operating in this city at the same time and the checks passed by them were strikingly alike.

It was found, upon investigation, that Blystone was not tried on the charge of passing a bad check at the Sargent Hotel buffet, to which crime Davies confessed. He was taken into court for two forgeries in which a saloon and a grocery store were victimized, and was given an indeterminate sentence of from one to five years in the penitentiary, which he is now serving. When he was arrested, the proprietors of the two places positively identified him from among five men in the County Jail as the one who had got their money. He pleaded guilty.

The last of the loot found in Davies' room was identified and carried away yesterday afternoon by W. H. Wehrung, who recognized several small articles

of jewelry as having been taken from his home at 328 Jackson street.

Bail Given in Liquor Cases.

ASTORIA, Or., June 30.—(Special)—William Buchman was arrested by Sheriff Pomeroy today on two indictments returned by the grand jury charging him with selling liquor to minors. He was released on \$500 bonds. The defendant was at his home in Vancouver when the indictments were reported, and has just returned.

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