

# 5 DISTRICTS CAN HOUSE OIL TANKS

### Council Passes Ordinances Permitting Depositories in City Limits.

## DANGER POINTS INCREASE

#### Committee Appointed to Devise Plan to Oust Fire Perils From Business Sections Does Opposite. Firms to Fight Removal.

An ordinance, which was drawn in secret, brought into the City Council session after it was called to order yesterday morning and passed under suspension of the rules without a dissenting vote, creates five big oil districts in Portland. This work was done by a special committee, composed of Councilmen Baker, Burgard and Watkins, who were appointed last June by ex-Mayor Simon for the purpose of recommending legislation to place all oil tanks outside the city limits.

While the terms of the ordinance require the Standard and Union Oil companies to move from their present locations on the East Side, it does not reach the heart of the situation as pointed out by Mr. Simon when he was Mayor, immediately after the destruction of the Union Oil Company's plant by fire and explosion, when Fire Chief Campbell was killed.

At that time, Mr. Simon, as Mayor, called attention to the danger of this kind of tanks and recommended the revocation of all permits for the storage of oil in the city limits and, in accordance with authority granted him by the Council, appointed the committee for the purpose of legislating oil tanks out of the city.

**Danger Points Created.**

Instead of recommending legislation that will remove the oil tanks out of the city, the committee brought in an ordinance which gives the oil companies districts in which they may erect tanks of any size, the only restriction being that they must be built of fireproof materials. In this manner, it is possible for the oil companies, if they so elect, to construct tanks in five sections of the city, thus creating danger points.

David Campbell's tragic death furnished the basis for the agitation to move all oil tanks out of the city. It was contended that their danger has been proved beyond doubt and that the only safe way was to abolish them in the city. It was with this recommendation that Mr. Simon named the special Council committee. There was no explanation from the members of this committee as to why they recommended a measure to create oil districts in the city. None of the other members of the Council asked for any explanation, but it was the first time that the present Council has ever voted unanimously on such an important ordinance without having it referred to a committee or discussed in detail in some public manner.

**Tank Zones Set Aside.**

Districts created by the ordinance are as follows:

North of Nicolai street, on the west side of the river, including all the district surrounding Quinn Lake.

North of the Portland Flouring Mills, on the east side of the river, and between Meeker station, Keelson, and all land on the Peninsula.

A tract of land 1000 feet south of the Portland Ice Club and between the high bluff and the railway tracks, in South East Portland.

A tract of land now occupied by the parking plant of Schwabacher & Sulzberger, on a measure to create oil districts in the city.

A tract of land south of the mill of the Jones Lumber Company, in South Portland.

Three months is given the various oil companies in which to comply with the new ordinance. The Standard and Union Oil companies declined to say what action they will take, but it is intimated they will not comply with the ordinance without a test probably in the courts.

M. G. Thorsen, of the paint establishment of Fisher, Thorsen & Co., from which the Union Oil Company hauls its East Side plant, said:

"Why the Council was so gracious in providing oil districts in the city limits, I don't know. I do know, however, that there is no other place in the city from the vicinity of the Standard and Union Oil plants regarding the establishments there. Insurance rates are no higher because of their presence, and my understanding is that the Council intended to put oil tanks outside the city limits, but why they should attempt to force the tanks from one location in the city to another in the city, I am unable to explain.

**Removal is Fought.**

"I understand that the city has the power to order these tanks removed, provided the city pays the damages resulting to the various companies as moved, whether the tanks are heavy, should they move. However, we are engaged in repelling the plant which was partly destroyed in the recent fire. We shall put it into condition for use by the Union Oil Company, but we will be ready to move whenever the city makes arrangements to pay all of the damages arising from the tanks removed into one of the districts just created. I suppose there will be strong opposition by residents living in all the districts fixed by the Council and they don't know whether the people will stand for moving oil tanks from one locality to another, as if dangerous at all, they are as dangerous in one part of the city as in any other.

Councilmen Baker and Burgard obtained the first copies of the ordinance from City Attorney Grant, to whom they had delivered the ordinance with instructions to make no part of it public, and entered the Council chamber after Mayor Rusklight had called the Council to order. The ordinance, as framed by W. R. Roberts, representing the insurance companies, presumably on instructions from the members of the committee declares that the ordinance is an excellent one. They say that they did not wish to drive the oil tanks out of the city entirely and consequently took this method of solving the problem.

**City Takes Rockpile.**

The Council passed an ordinance, authorizing Mayor Rusklight to take over on behalf of the city the Linton rockpile, where the city prisoners are worked. Councilman Joy was the only member of the Council to question the wisdom of the departure from former customs, but he finally said that, since the Mayor had investigated it, he was satisfied it was all right. He at first questioned the legality of the city operating prisoners outside the corporate limits, but City Attorney Grant assured

## DAUGHTER OF CHINESE MERCHANT CLAD IN BIFURCATED COSTUME SHE HAS DISCARDED FOR AMERICAN GARB.



MISS ROSE ELEANOR JEWEL.

him the Circuit Courts had held the municipality has this precedent a resolution, which was adopted, calling on the City Attorney for an opinion as to the right of the municipal government to regulate automobiles, for hire, which stand on the public streets; the right to regulate signs attached to buildings and to charge therefor; the right to control the space under sidewalks, etc. The resolution also calls for the attorney's opinion on the right of the city to pass special permits and to charge for certain privileges granted.

An ordinance, authorizing the appointment of an additional market inspector, was passed. An appropriation of \$1000 a month to the first of the year was also passed. The appointment is in the hands of the Board of Health, although the Mayor usually appoints.

**FAIR CHINESE BACK**

Daughter of Jue Sue Prefers Portland to Far East.

TROUSERS ARE DISCARDED

Miss Rose Eleanor Jewel, Travels Home Alone From Canton and Shocks Missionaries on Steamer—Girl to Study.

Preparatory school, then college, both in America, then home life in Portland, is the programme Miss Rose Eleanor Jewel, 16 years of age and daughter of Jue Sue, a rich Chinese merchant of Portland, has mapped out for herself for the next five years. Miss Jewel returned yesterday from Vancouver, B. C., and Seattle, where for two weeks she was the guest of American and Chinese friends. Automobile rides, theaters and socials galore comprised the entertainment offered her by her friends in Seattle and Vancouver, changing directly from the routine of 16 months she spent in China, where women do not do those things.

**JURY EYES GRAFT CASE**

MAHER-PERKINS CHARGES ARE BEING CONSIDERED.

Delving Goes On Until Late Last Night and Witnesses Are Summoned Hastily.

The grand jury was in session from 10 o'clock yesterday morning until 10 o'clock last night. The night session was exclusively taken up in delving into the charges, previously aired in the County Court, against Frank L. Perkins, a newspaperman, and P. J. Maher, county detective. Practically the same witnesses who testified against Perkins and Maher in the County Court were heard.

Those who appeared before the grand jury were Julius Knispel, organizer of the German speaking branch of the socialist party, who has been denouncing Perkins and Maher on the street corners; Albert Gauthier, an automobile dealer; Henry Gaillet, a saloon keeper; Tony Arnold, a saloon keeper; Ernest Descamps, a saloon keeper; Harry Libert, insurance agent; M. Benoit, shoemaker; Herman Guesse, a bartender; Alex. Methivier; Fred Neams, proprietor of a motion picture show; Ed Donovan, saloon keeper, and M. Baptist.

**Four Generations Honor Babe.**

OREGON CITY, Or., Aug. 30.—(Special.)—In honor of the arrival of the latest member of the family, Wayne Waldron, who was born at Sellwood, October 15, 1911, four generations gathered at noon today at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Waldron, 309 John Adams street. The four grand-parents of the baby were George W. Waldron, 75 years of age, Springfield, Or., and Mrs. M. H. Cochran, 65 years of age, Sellwood. The grand-parents are Mr. and Mrs. George W. Waldron, of Oregon City, and Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Thornton, of Sellwood. Mrs. Waldron, the grandmother, is 54 years of age, and Mrs. Thornton, the maternal grandmother, is 52 years old. The house was beautifully decorated and a chicken dinner was served.

**CONSPIRACY CASE WAITS**

Tacoma's ex-Mayor Objects to Being Held but Finally Assents.

SEATTLE, Aug. 30.—The nine men accused of conspiracy to obstruct the administration of justice in a United States Court for having participated in a mass meeting, at which Judge Cornelius H. Hanford was hanged in effigy, appeared before United States Commissioner W. D. Totten for preliminary hearing today. By stipulation of the attorneys the hearing was continued until September 5. The Federal Grand Jury convenes at Tacoma September 15 and before the hearing is held the

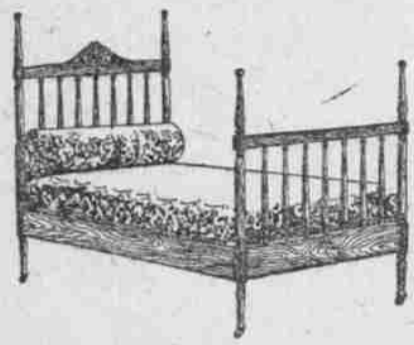
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### CHARGE AGAINST THE ALLEGED CONSPIRATORS WILL BE MADE

charge against the alleged conspirators will be made before the grand jury. Ex-Mayor A. V. Fawcett, of Tacoma, who was not represented by counsel, objected to the agreement. Commissioner Totten advised Mr. Fawcett that inasmuch as he was charged with conspiracy jointly with the other defendants, it would be best for his case to go over with the rest. To this Mr. Fawcett finally assented.

Councilman Oliver T. Erickson, a well-to-do manufacturer and prominent Democrat, Deputy Sheriff Hugo Kelley and Paul K. Mohr, a labor leader, all of whom went to jail Saturday night rather than give bail, decided that they had had enough of prison life for the present and furnished the required bonds. Will Atkinson, one of the alleged conspirators, is a son-in-law of Henry George.

Leroy Sanders, one of the men arrested as a result of the mass meeting, received a telegram from Francis J. Kenney, the San Francisco graft prosecutor, accepting the position of chief counsel for the defense. The telegram was sent from San Francisco by Joseph Stewart, a lawyer from Salisbury to San Francisco.

### MAGAZINE ROUTES OUT

POSTAL DEPARTMENT ISSUES FAST-FREIGHT ORDER.

Printed Matter to Be Tagged Blue or Green, Separated From Regular and Dispatched.

That blue tags and green waybills will be used for all printed matter sent by fast freight under the supervision of the Postoffice Department is the order of Postmaster-General. It is contained in the last issue of the daily postal bulletin, received by Postmaster Merrick yesterday. The new service is to begin tomorrow. The order reads:

Beginning September 1, 1911, periodical publications issued monthly, semi-monthly, bi-weekly or at longer intervals, and sample copies of all publications designated by the Postmaster-General, shall be shown in the list below, will be termed "blue-tag matter," and be specially labeled with blue tags attached to each sack, and when dispatched over railroad lines of the third contract section, will be forwarded by fast-freight service in direct cars between the points alluded to below:

Between Chicago, N. Y., and Chicago, Cincinnati, Council Bluffs, Ia.; Kansas City, Kan.; St. Louis and Kansas City, Mo.; Pittsburgh, Pa., and the same points as from Buffalo.

Between Chicago, Ill., and Buffalo, Cincinnati, Council Bluffs, Ia.; Kansas City, Kan.; Pittsburgh, St. Louis and St. Paul, Minn.

Between Rock Island, Ill., and Kansas City, Mo., and Chicago, Ill. (to be comprised of Today's Magazine, Ill. (to be comprised of Railroad Trainman and Locomotive Engineers' Journal).

Between Rock Island, Ill., and Chicago, Council Bluffs, Kansas City, Kan., and St. Paul, Minn. (comprised of Modern Woodmen of the World).

Between Springfield, O., and Buffalo, Chicago, Council Bluffs, Kansas City, Kan., Pittsburgh, St. Louis and St. Paul (comprised of Women's Home Companion).

Fast freight mail for Oregon and Northern California westbound will go to Council Bluffs, Ia., and thence be forwarded on the merits of the case to freight depots to which the mail and parcels will be distributed point for Alaska and Washington mail.

The minimum weight for a carload of this freight mail is 20,000 pounds, and freight depots to which this will be held until the weight is made up. The waybills will be printed in green ink, will describe the contents of the cars, as "periodical mail matter" (magazines), and will give the number of sacks and the gross weight. Transfer clerks will be assigned to the receipt and freight depots to weigh the mail and attend to the billing. No matter bearing postage stamps is to go in this way. The new system follows the receipt of the mail, and is intended to reduce the cost of moving this sort of mail. Last May 100,000 pounds of the country submitted figures to the Postmaster-General on the length of time required to handle the various classes of mail matter.

### NEIGHBOR RANGERS CALLED

Scarcity of Packhorses Makes Fight on Flames Weak—Situation Deemed Grave by District Official—Reports Are Meager.

Because of dangerous fires raging in the Oregon National Forest, with which the Government Forest Service has so far been unable to cope, two rangers from the Washington Forest Service, with headquarters at Bellingham; one man from Snoqualmie, Deputy Supervisor Parker and two rangers from the Olympic forest, Deputy Superintendent Hastings from the Columbia forest, and Supervisor Cohoon from the Siuslaw National Forest, have been instructed to report at the Portland headquarters immediately.

"The fire situation in the Oregon forest is extremely grave," said District Forester Cecil yesterday. "So far today it has been confined almost entirely to the Clackamas watershed, where three large fires are now burning and several small ones are reported. Clear Creek is under control, but no definite reports have been received from the large fires burning on Shellrock Mountain and Peavine Mountain, which are fought by crews aggregating 200 men.

"It has been found difficult to increase the force on these fires because away there has been no forest control of the vicinity of pack horses to carry supplies. About 60 horses are engaged in this work now. Twenty-four were hired in Portland yesterday and today and are on the way. I instructed Supervisor Ross, at Prineville this morning, to dispatch his head deputy supervisor with one ranger and ten pack horses to the Peavine Mountain fire by way of Wapinitia.

### CRATER LAKE FORESTS IN LUCK

Not Even Small Blaze Burning Now Where Last Year Destruction Great.

MEDFORD, Or., Aug. 30.—(Special.)—With the Fall rains only a month away, there has been no forest fire of consequence in the Crater Lake National forest, and M. L. Ericson, supervisor, is inclined to think now that the season may pass without any forest fire. A small blaze is burning in the forest, while last year at this time five companies of soldiers were fighting the destroying element in the timber. Much of this good fortune is thought to be due to better organization and equipment of the fighting force, which has caught at its infancy, and has become of any size. The Jackson County Fire Patrol Association has kept fires on private timber under control and prevented spreading to the National forest.

**Lewis County Fires Under Control.**

CHEHALIS, Wash., Aug. 30.—(Special.)—Forest fires in Lewis County that threatened serious damage two days ago are reported as being under control by Inspector George Joy and Warden Wallace, who have been in the thick of the fight. The general belief is that the fires in the vicinity of Lewis, in the east side of the Rainier National Forest. The report is meager, saying merely that a large fire is burning and that 25 men are on the way to it.

**Cascade Condition Better.**

"The situation in the Cascade National Forest is improved, according to reports today from Supervisor Seltz. The only dangerous fire now burning is that between Big Fall Creek and Windward Creek, on the holdings of the Booth-Kelly Lumber Company. A crew of 20 men under Supervisor Seltz succeeded in putting a fire line in front of this fire, after it had crossed two partially constructed lines. An additional crew of ten men was sent into this fire this morning to assist in patrolling the fire line. This is four miles long. The blaze has so far been in an old burn. Little green timber has been destroyed. It has not yet reached the boundary of the National forest, and the Government employees hope to keep it outside. The Booth-Kelly Lumber Company has co-operated freely with the Forest Service.

"A fire covering 300 acres is reported

### burning near Horseshoe Falls, and there are a dozen men fighting it. Little damage is reported.

### Santiam Blaze Rages.

"A crew of 60 men is fighting the fire on the holdings of the Curtiss Lumber Company, on both sides of the Santiam River. So far they have held the fire on Sardinia Creek, and the east wind is helping them. No details have been received by Supervisor Macduff from the Seven Mile fire in townships 13 and 14, south of range 6, east, being fought by 75 men. A new fire is reported on the Santiam, southwest of Marion Lake, in township 12, south of range 7, east. A crew of seven men have been dispatched to assist the forest officer in charge.

"The Elk Creek fire is under control. It was confined almost entirely to an old burn. There was very little loss of green timber."

### TWO NEW BLAZES REPORTED

Santiam National Forest Reserve Hit by More Fires.

ALBANY, Or., Aug. 30.—(Special.)—New forest fires were reported in the Santiam National Forest reserve today. One is on the headwaters of the McKenzie river, about four miles north of Blue River and three miles south of the fire which destroyed the Great Northern mine building this week. It is reported to have covered about 600 acres. It has thus far burned through brush and small timber, but if it reaches the summit of the watershed between the McKenzie and Calapooia Valley it will be in a big belt of green timber. Rangers are already at work in an effort to prevent it reaching this timber.

The other new fire is about three miles southwest of Marion Lake, near the summit of the Cascade Mountains. No report has been received as to the extent of the fire. District Forester Macduff has sent a crew of rangers from Detroit to this fire. Several new contingents make seven forest fires now burning in this part of the state, but conditions at all of the five old ones were much improved today.

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