

UNION OF ALL 3 CHARTERS URGED

People's Body Adopts Resolution to Retain Essentials of Commission Form.

MEETING IS HARMONIOUS

H. W. Montague Sees Peril in Submitting Many Drafts to People. Meeting to Be Held Friday to Check Benbow's Plan.

The People's Charter Commission adopted a resolution last night in favor of the City Council taking steps to consolidate the three charters...

Consolidation Is Favored.

The resolution was adopted without dissent. Its full wording is: "Resolved, That the proposed charter of this commission is transmitted to the Council, it be accompanied with the assurance that this commission will endeavor to reduce the number of proposed charters to be submitted to the people, provided only that the essentials of the commission form be preserved in the draft submitted."

Meeting is Harmonious.

Harmony prevailed throughout the meeting and the commission covered an enormous amount of ground in its work. With a few trifling provisions which remain to be passed upon the entire document is ready for the endorsing committee.

RAIL OFFICES TO SHINE

New Homes of Canadian Pacific and Soo Line to Be Elaborate.

It is the ambition of Frank A. Johnson and George A. Taylor, Portland representatives of the Canadian Pacific and Soo Lines, respectively, to make their new ticket offices in the Multnomah Hotel the finest in Portland.

SWINE INSPECTOR URGED

Unsanitary Feeding of Pigs for Market Declared Menace.

Regulation of the practice of feeding garbage to swine is advocated by the Portland Health Officers, who are now working on an ordinance providing for a rigid inspection of all meat sold within the city.

COUGH PARTIES BARRED

Woman Who Entertained Whooping Tots Is Arrested.

DURANGO, Colo., Dec. 19.—Charged with violation of health laws by giving a whooping-cough party to five children afflicted with this infantile malady, Mrs. Carl Coulson was arrested today on complaint of Health Officer Davis.

MERCY GIVEN DRUGSELLER

Judge Gatens Reduces Fine and Quashes Rockpile Sentence.

Presiding Judge Gatens yesterday, at the request of John F. Logan, attorney for the defendant, cut the fine of Emil J. Hawkins from \$200 to \$100 and relieved him of the necessity of

serving six months at hard labor on the rockpile.

Hawkins, a clerk in Brink's pharmacy, sold an ounce of cocaine last September to Juvenile Court Officer McIntosh, who entered the store disguised as a drug peddler. Municipal Judge Farwell imposed the maximum sentence, six months on the rockpile and a \$200 fine. Hawkins appealed.

Hawkins entered a plea of guilty yesterday before Judge Gatens and asked the mercy of the court. Regarding his leniency Judge Gatens said:

"Mr. Logan told me that there were extenuating circumstances and that Deputy City Attorney Sullivan and he had agreed that a \$100 fine would be sufficient. I did not inquire into it. If the City Attorney's office was willing to let him off easily I could not see why I should not do so."

A few days ago Hawkins called at the office of the Juvenile Court and begged pitifully with Juvenile Officers that he be allowed to continue to live at home. A term on the rockpile would mean the revocation of his state license and the loss of his home, he said.

POLICEMAN HELD GUILTY

STILLWELL TO BE REPRIMANDED FOR VISIT ON DUTY.

Neighborhood Row Aired in Hearing. Women Declare Mrs. Clauson Scandalized Them by Action.

An airing of a neighborhood row occupied almost all the time of John R. Coffey, Walpole station and John H. Fritzsche, police commissioners, who held a meeting last night at the City Hall. Policeman Stillwell was charged with conduct unbecoming an officer and was found guilty after a trial which should have been held in court.

Mrs. A. Clauson, 4227 Sixty-fifth street, South East, has a late witness said, found it necessary to indulge in a little liquid refreshment on account of the dry weather. This was the first arraignment of the strongest charge that the neighbors laid at her door. After due consideration this third led them to believe that since liquor is the curse of the nation she must be wickered. A machine belonging to Mrs. Clauson's brother further strengthened this belief. Later Stillwell visited at the place. This led to the charges against him. His story, corroborated by his doctor and wife, was that he was not feeling well on that day and having a headache he called his doctor by phone from his last calling station, he had gone to the Clauson house to call up his wife and tell her to arrange a date for him.

While Stillwell was in the house, Mrs. Clauson, who was born and raised on a farm, decided to ride the policeman's horse, which she had just bought. This was the climax of the affair. When Stillwell came out of the house she had not succeeded in mounting the steed. The policeman proceeded to help her. During the process some three inches of Mrs. Clauson's hose showed. This was the cause of the scandal. The neighbors hot foot to police headquarters. Rev. William H. Meyer lodged the complaint.

Stillwell although he had only been on the beat for a week, was declared to have been at the house on a number of occasions. He denied this charge. Mrs. Clauson also has a score to answer with Sergeant Wanless, who was sent out to investigate the charges. She declares that he told her that if she did not come to the house because it does not bear a seal.

Part of the testimony introduced went to show that Stillwell could not identify the horse as long as the witness against him declared. Policeman Spry was fined \$25 after pleading guilty to a charge of being under the influence of liquor while on duty.

HOUSE PASSES PRAY BILL

Authorization of Entrymen's Sales of Burned Timber Favored.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 20.—The House of Representatives today passed the Pray bill authorizing homestead entrymen whose lands were burned over by forest fire during the summer of 1910 to sell timber on their homesteads that was killed or seriously injured by fire.

SPARKLING SHOW OF OREGON GLEE DELIGHTS

University Boys Entertain Audience at Hellig Theater With Programme Full of Laughter and Music at Sixteenth Annual Appearance.

LAUGHABLE jokes, capped by good choral singing, piano solos, trombone solos, and that indomitable quality known as college spirit, all were equally prominent in big letters over the bill of entertaining fare offered by the University of Oregon Glee Club, heard in concert last night at the Hellig Theater.

Fifteen annual tours have been made by these Eugene boys, and they have a tour, the sweet 16th, promises to be the best and most successful of the series. Last night the theater was well filled by an audience that was distinctly friendly to the college men, and encores were quite the fashion.

Music Is Pleasing. The whole show is creditable to Melvin P. Ogden, director; James C. Cecil, manager, and R. Burns Powell, president and leader, and other college friends who framed the programme. They wisely recognized that the public gets enough of serious music sung in dignified style, and it is perfectly fitting that this is so, but the fact remains that the dear public wants to hear the sweet 16th, promises to be the best and most successful of the series. Last night the theater was well filled by an audience that was distinctly friendly to the college men, and encores were quite the fashion.

The Glee Club, which won new honors, has this personnel: First tenors, R. Burns Powell, Glen E. Storie, Leo Morrison, Walter L. Doherty, Fern T. Montebacher, Brook Dickson; second tenors, Walter S. Fisher, Erwin M. Boize, Harold W. Quigley, J. Leonard Branger, Harold H. Grady, Bertrand S. Jerrard; first basses, Raphael Geisler, Kenneth F. Frazier, W. Homer Maris, Ira A. Manville, G. Earl Fortmiller, Raymond R. Gillet, Fred T. Fern T. Jerrard; second basses, Vernon H. Awater, Alexander Martin III, Harry J. Ding, Alfred H. M. Skel. The best sung male voice glee was: "Oh,

BRAVE COMPARES VIOLATORS OF LAW

Trusts' Justification of Evil Declared Not Unlike McNamaras' Plea.

DISRESPECT IS TAUGHT

Idaho Senator Declares Delay May Involve Tremendous Penalties.

When Widespread Sense of Wrong Is Aroused.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Senator Borah, of Idaho, at the Young Republican Club tonight made an address that breathed fire in every word for "lawless big business" and "little violators of the law as well."

He drew a significant comparison between the McNamaras, the confessed dynamiters, and the old Standard Oil and tobacco companies.

"To save these worthless lives," he said, referring to the dynamiters, "they entered pleas of guilty, insisting that they did it all for principle and expect an astonished world to accept their whining apologies."

"Big Business" Scored.

"There is another court record which we will be passing, notice also. Bounded in many volumes when the full record of two of the late noted decisions. It is a tale twice told, of selfishness and greed, extortion and lawlessness. The plea of justification is not unlike the plea of the planters of dynamite, for although the acts are clearly in violation of law and the rights of the public, it is claimed nevertheless, that it was all done in the interest of business growth and industrial progress."

"This is the best plea and the only plea that Twentieth Century business can furnish—all that could be said by those so rarely gifted and richly endowed with this world's goods and intellectual power, and of whom the Government and humanity have a right to expect so much."

Respect and enforcement of the law was one of the keynotes of Senator Borah's address. Obedience to the law, he said, was the bedrock of the powerful governments are built, and he believed this a time when a political party could afford to make it a cardinal tenet of its faith.

National Disease Diagnosed.

He added that the McNamaras cases and the trust cases were strong and uncontroverted evidence of what is fast becoming a National disease. He said he had no sympathy with the proceeds of business men who erred unknowingly.

"I refer alone," he said, "to that class who sit in their offices, with trained lawyers and plan how they may evade the law and its penalties. If a man lies in wait for his adversary and slays him unarmed, will he be held responsible for his lawyer to say to the court that his client has always had difficulty in distinguishing between voluntary and involuntary manslaughter?"

"I sympathize sincerely with the man who in his hunger or his disappointment, in discouragement or despair, takes the law into his own hands. In the hour in which order shall be driven from its high place in the temple of liberty and order in the streets and might shall come in its stead, in the fearful struggle to follow, the first man to go to the bottom is the man who takes the law into his own hands."

"But how shall we excuse or long sympathize with the man of influence and position, of wealth and prestige, who still by word teaches disrespect for or defiance of the law? Does he not know that it is useless to long expect law and order in a country where the rule of law when lawlessness reigns supreme in the upper air?"

"The danger lies in procrastination. We learned once at tremendous cost of

life and blood that you may have your fugitive slave law. Your Missouri compromise, your Dred Scott decision, your fast government, your compromise with wrong, your barter with justice, but the hour of reckoning and readjustment comes—hard, but inextinguishable. It is possible, my friends, to go on until men of great fortunes, whether justly or unjustly earned, will stand stripped like the slave master of the South not alone of his slaves, but stripped of his wealth, earned through two centuries of unrequited toil."

"Let us not get too long with that widespread passionate sense of wrong, even among the more conservative, arising out of the belief that large fortunes have been built up at the expense of the poor, and that men, women and children go hungry while others revel in waste and luxury. It is possible to go on until the soldier, called into the street to protect property, will fraternize with the mob."

"You will hear of me in these days, that certain men are engaged in experimenting with new plans of government and dangerous expedients. We need the simplicity, the directness and self-surrender of the old."

"Choose ye this day whom you will serve: shall we obey the lawless, and see our party continue broken in faction and deserted by thousands of the rank and file, or the honest and courageous thousands, whose hopes and happiness lie in the direction of equal opportunities, of just and equal laws, and see our party...

RICHESON MAIMS SELF

PREACHER ACCUSED OF MURDER NEAR TO DEATH.

Operation Saves Life of Prisoner and He Is Expected to Recover by Date Set for Trial.

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—Cries and groans breaking the stillness of the early morning hours at the Portland Jail today led to the discovery that Rev. Clarence V. Richeson, awaiting trial on the charge of having murdered Miss Mary Crocker, had maimed himself severely with a piece of tin.

So serious was the wound that it was found necessary to perform an operation on the prisoner. The day surgeons said the operation was entirely successful and unless blood poisoning developed, the prisoner probably would recover within two weeks. District Attorney Pelletier, who will have charge of Richeson's trial, set for January 15, made a brief statement, in which he said that Crocker's wounds begin on the date assigned. Surgeons who attended the prisoner said Richeson would be strong enough to appear in court on the date set for trial.

It was about 4 A. M. when the jail attendant heard Richeson crying: "Doctor, oh doctor, doctor, quick." The attendant summoned two other attendants and they found the prisoner lying on the floor, bleeding and suffering intense pain. "I'm bleeding to death," Richeson told them.

The prison doctor said an immediate operation was performed. When Richeson came from under the influence of the anesthetic he had nothing to say.

60 WITNESSES SOUGHT

HENEY MAKES MOVE IN LABEL SUIT AGAINST CROCKER.

Abe Ruef, ex-Mayor Schmitz and Rudolph Spreckels Among Those Who May Be Called.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Francis J. Heney, of San Francisco, who is suing William H. Crocker for \$250,000 damages for libel, has filed notice of a motion before Superior Court Justice Kluge for permission to take testimony of about 60 witnesses in California in his behalf.

Among the persons Heney wants to examine are Abe Ruef, ex-Mayor Schmitz, Patrick Calhoun and Tierney L. Ford. Heney plans to review the entire graft prosecution in the courts here to prove that Crocker libeled him when he said the defeat of Heney as a candidate for District Attorney would restore the situation to a legal and normal basis, substitute regularity, legality and judicial spirit for the passionate, revengeful and criminal methods of Francis J. Heney and his backers.

Heney will also call as a witness Rudolph Spreckels, who backed him, but Spreckels is expected to come here to testify voluntarily.

X-RAY VIEW IS EVIDENCE

Exhibits Shown in Injured Man's Suit for \$20,000 Balm.

X-ray photography plays an important part in the testimony in the suit now in progress in the United States District Court in which William McQueen is plaintiff and the Warren Construction Company defendant. It appears from the pleadings and testimony that the plaintiff fell from the roof of an excavation that the defendant had opened while improving Pettygrove street at Seventeenth. It is alleged that the fall injured the plaintiff's right arm and that he has received \$20,000 damages.

The defense takes the position that he was negligent and careless in falling into the hole, and that his injuries were magnified. Views of the back of McQueen taken by the X-ray machine were placed in evidence. A picture is not necessarily a true one. Both sides agreed that an X-ray view is not a photograph.

OFFICIAL LEVY TO BE 6.8

Eleven City Departments to Get Share of 1912 Fund.

The official tax levy for 1912 as approved by the ways and means committee of the City Council and which will be considered by the Council at its meeting next Wednesday is:

Table with 2 columns: Department and Amount. Total: \$630,000.00. Includes Police Department, Fire Department, Public Works, etc.

MEDFORD, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—The biggest day in the history of the Medford postoffice was recorded yesterday, when in 12 hours \$48 in stamps were sold, while 157 registered packages were sent out. The Christmas season of 1911 surpasses all records for postmaster and his 16 employees are kept at work nearly every day.



The Wiley B. Allen Co.'s New Store Filled to Overflowing With Christmas Suggestions

UR new piano store, which has just been completed, is the most attractive in the city devoted to the sale of musical instruments. But far more important than the attractive surroundings is the splendid collection of thoroughly dependable pianos which we have ready to present to your notice.

Absolutely the lowest prices for the world's best Pianos, Player Pianos and Talking Machines is our Holiday Offering to you

A thorough investigation of the piano field in this city enables us to make the statement—and it cannot be truthfully contradicted—that dollar for dollar we have the best pianos for the money of any store in the city. In some instances you'll find that the difference in price in favor of our pianos when compared with others of the same grade is as much as \$100.

One feature of all our pianos, which we want to strongly emphasize, is their reliability. You can buy any of them with perfect confidence and you'll get an instrument which we guarantee for satisfaction in every particular. Any of them can be bought on easy payment terms to suit the convenience of each individual purchaser.

Open Evenings Until Christmas. The Wiley B. Allen Co. FOUNDED 1873 New Location—Corner Seventh and Morrison Sts.

WOUNDED BOXER IMPROVES

Blood-Poisoning Now Only Danger Feared for "Mysterious Billy."

The possibility of blood poisoning setting in within the next few days is the only danger feared by physicians attending "Mysterious" Billy Smith, the wounded ex-champion prizefighter. After passing the crisis, Smith rallied and shows every sign of recovery from the effects of the injuries inflicted by Albert E. Loomis last Sunday night.

DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 20.—Maximum temperature, 42 degrees; minimum, 35 degrees. Wind, light and variable. Total rainfall, 0.2 inches. Snow, 0.2 inches. Humidity, 75 percent. Barometer, 30.1 inches. Direction of wind, light and variable. State of sky, light clouds. Time of sunrise, 7:58 a. m.; time of sunset, 4:58 p. m.

OREGON COMMISSION HIT

Washington's Move to Postpone Rate Order Is Opposed.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—The Railroad Commission of Oregon today balked at the request of the Public Service Commission of Washington to postpone the order for the "back haul" rates as set out in the telegram of the Public Service Commission of Washington, sent yesterday to the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The Oregon Commission is opposed to the requested delay, feeling that the question under consideration has been postponed long enough and is desirous of issuing its order in the distance tariff cases as early as possible and not to wait until March 1, as proposed in the plan as promulgated by the Washington Commission.

SOCIALIST ENJOINS CITY

Medford Man Fights 50-Cent Water Rate—Act Deemed Political.

MEDFORD, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Believing his water rate of 50 cents a family in the Smith apartment-house too much, Tennessee Smith, a Socialist here, has obtained a temporary restraining order against the city, which prevents City Recorder Telfer from shutting off the water supply, even though Mr. Smith is delinquent to the extent of \$45 for the past quarter.

The Socialists are awaiting a hard campaign for the first of the year. Only 20 days' notice required under state law, was the telegram forwarded today by the Oregon Commission.

COAT THIEF IS PENITENT

Shoplifter Leaves Note With Stolen Wearing Apparel.

"This coat belongs to a working girl. (Signed) Thief." This note was found pinned to a bundle lying on the stairs in the Dequim building yesterday. In the bundle was a gray polo coat, which, upon investigation, was found to have been taken by a clerk employed at a department store. The shoplifter had gone so far as to take a coat belonging to one of the girls, and then, when he felt remorse at the thought of having taken a garment belonging to a hard-working clerk, had left it with the note in the hope someone would find it and return it.

ASHLAND SITES INSPECTED.

ASHLAND, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—The committee of the Oregon Agricultural College to select a site for an experimental station to be established and operated in Southern Oregon in connection with the college work visited the Rogue River Valley early in the week. A personal inspection of the sites of

Engene Spies Full-Grown Deer.

ENGENE, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Two full-grown deer, a buck and a doe, were seen at different times within the city limits of Engene on Sunday afternoon. Shortly after noon, E. J. Crow saw a large buck deer in his pasture near the golf links. The animal was apparently entirely unharmed and was walking around with the cattle in the pasture. A short time

Advertisement for a \$275 Player Piano, including details about the instrument and contact information for the retailer.