

CITY EMPLOYMENT BUREAU SHAKEN UP

Members of Governing Board and Chief Clerk Resign Upon Request.

HEAD, REINSTATED, QUILTS

Schroeder, Cleared of Charges, Permitted to Go With Messrs. Clyde, Ledwidge and McMonies at Suggestion of Logan.

Accepting a suggestion by John F. Logan, a member of the Civil Service Commission, Ralph C. Clyde, J. L. Ledwidge and W. H. McMonies resigned as members of the Governing Board of the Municipal Free Employment Bureau yesterday afternoon.

John G. Schroeder, chief clerk, under fire on charges filed by the Board, and who was discharged at their instance by Mayor Rushlight, was reinstated. There was a "strings" attached to the reinstatement and Mr. Schroeder immediately resigned.

Mr. Schroeder, as a result, is cleared of the charges that were filed, but the Commissioners agreed that he was not now the proper person to have charge of the office and that it was best that he go with the members of the Governing Board.

This leaves Assistant Clerk Richardson in charge of the office as temporary chief clerk, but it is thought probable that another appointment will be made and that the position of assistant clerk may be abolished, as Messrs. Clyde and Ledwidge desired to the Civil Service Commissioners that the chief clerk needs no assistant, except the one who has charge of the women's department.

Mayor Rushlight, chairman of the Civil Service Commission, and P. L. Willis, A. P. Armstrong and Mr. Logan, the Commissioners, were agreed that it would be the best solution of a vexatious problem if the entire Board of the Free Employment Bureau would resign. Mr. Logan made the proposal and Mr. Clyde, as chairman of the Board, assented, saying he believed it would be best.

Mr. Schroeder, who is widely known as an athlete and a law student in this city and state, was charged with incompetence, mismanagement of the office and of neglect of duty, all of which he denied. He set up the counter allegation that his removal was for political reasons, that he was ousted at the dictation of organized labor, represented by Messrs. Clyde and Ledwidge. Mr. McMonies, chairman of the Board, and did not recommend the dismissal.

Before agreeing to the resignation proposal, Mr. Ledwidge, who was the representative of the Building Trades Council on the Board, said that he deeply resented the allegations of Mr. Schroeder to the effect that organized labor was behind the affair and denied that it was. He was indignant, he said, that Mr. Schroeder should have brought this feature into the case at all, as organized labor had no interest whatever in the bureau, saying that it saw a chance to assist the unorganized by supporting the bureau.

Schroeder Thinks Case Weak. Mr. Schroeder said that he did not believe the members of the Governing Board, who placed the charges against him, had made out a good case. Mr. Logan said he was of the opinion that the members of the Board made out sufficient case to show that the city was not getting the best it should get in the bureau and that he believed the best solution would be the resignation of the members of the Board and Mr. Schroeder himself.

Commissioner Armstrong was so pleased with the solution that he said he would be willing to "third" the motion to reinstate Mr. Schroeder under the promise of resignation, were it necessary. Mr. Willis had seconded Mr. Logan's motion. Mr. Armstrong thanked the members of the Board for resigning, saying that he believed they were doing a patriotic duty and were entitled to great credit.

Mayor Rushlight said that the old members of the Board had accomplished a great deal of good and that he was sorry the situation had developed as it did. He will appoint a new Board in the near future. The law requires him to name one from the Council on the Building Trades Council and one from the Manufacturers' Association.

EMPLOYEES FILE PROTEST

Conditions at Bridal Veil Lumber Plant to Be Probed.

Conditions under which it is said the Bridal Veil Lumber Company of Bridal Veil employs its working men to secure their board from the company at a high figure and maintains the boarding and lodging-places in filthy conditions, are severely complained of by a number of the working men, who have written to the State Board of Health, describing conditions.

While withholding the names of the writers from publication for their own protection, the State Health Officer will make an investigation of conditions and do what is in the power of the Board to remedy them. The company, it is complained, requires all of its working men to pay to the company out of their wages \$2.25 a week for board, and will not permit them to board elsewhere. The food, it is said, is unfit to eat.

SHERWOOD SCHOOL BETTER

Tenth Grade Added and Maintenance Tax Is Voted.

SHERWOOD, Or., June 18.—(Special.)—At the meeting last evening the patrons of the Sherwood School, district No. 58, voted a 4-mill maintenance tax. This is the first school tax this district has ever voted. Aside from voting the tax a director was elected for three years and a clerk for one year. It was also decided that the tenth grade will be taught next year and another teacher employed, making a total of four.

SOCIALISTS ARE DEFEATED

Voters at The Dalles Elect Judd S. Fish for Mayor.

THE DALLES, Or., June 18.—(Special.)—Judd S. Fish was elected Mayor at the annual municipal election here yesterday by 53 votes over Harry Clough. Fisher received 388 votes to 285 for Clough and 42 for W. H. Taylor, Socialist. Edward Kurts was re-elected City

Treasurer, getting 566 votes. His Socialist opponent, J. W. Elton, was voted for 54 times.

T. A. Hudson, Dr. J. M. Lowe, J. T. Rorick, J. D. Kelly and Theodore Prinz were chosen water commissioners and S. H. Davis County Clerk. Frank R. Angle and Joseph Kirshoff were successful candidates for councilmen.

Davis beat S. J. Washburn, 71 to 42. Angle received 290 to 51 for Matt Schoren, incumbent, 38 for D. D. Wilder and 24 for G. W. Sawtell. Kirshoff had 73 votes. His opponents were supported as follows: C. G. Hedgcock, 59; G. W. Chesbro, 53; C. N. Burget, 24.

The voters adopted charter amendments providing for a \$100,000 additional sewer system and rejected the amendment to compensate the Mayor with a \$500 salary and councilmen \$3 a meeting.

Mayor-elect Fish was born at Oregon City in 1862. He has lived in The Dalles 35 years. He has had splendid

training for the Mayoralty, having been chief of the fire department several years, city treasurer and water commissioner. For 17 years Fish was proprietor of the Umatilla House. He has always been identified with the progressive interests of this city. He is secretary of The Dalles Business Men's Association and served in the same capacity for Dalles Elks.

Philip Herz, a Portland attorney, died at his home, 210 East Flinders street, Monday night. He was born at Titusville, Pa., February 23, 1880, and came to Portland with his parents in 1890, reading here since. Mr. Herz was graduated from the Lincoln High School in 1898 and then attended the law department of the University of Oregon, being admitted to practice before the Supreme Court in 1901. He had also practiced before the United States Court. His father was a member of the American, the Oregon and Multnomah Bar Association, as well as several fraternal organizations. His father and mother, two sisters and two brothers, living in Portland, survive him.

Volney C. Driver, of Wamic, Wasco County, at a conference with Joseph H. Young, president of the Hill Lines in Oregon, will today seek connection with the Oregon Trunk at Tuskan for an electric railway line that is to be constructed by private capital from Wamic to the desired connection with the Hill road, a distance of 24 miles.

The proposed electric line has been surveyed and the necessary funds for its construction has been subscribed," said Mr. Driver yesterday. "Power for the operation of electric trains will be supplied by the Badger Lake Irrigation Company, another private corporation in interior Wasco County, which was formed originally for reclaiming about 20,000 acres of agricultural lands. When constructed, the electric line will tap a rich body of timber besides opening up for active development a prosperous section of our county.

"All we need to insure the building of the electric line is the assurance of proper connection with the Oregon trunk which will afford us direct means for reaching a market with our timber and other products."

Through the operations of the Badger Lake Irrigation Company and the prospect for an electric railroad, a possible connection with the Hill road, Mr. Driver reports that his section of Wasco County is experiencing an active development. He also says that a great many newcomers are settling on the lands of Wasco County.

By a simple announcement of Chief of Police Slover, in Municipal Court yesterday, that it is not the intention of the city administration to persecute immoral women, but merely to drive them out of business, jury trials scheduled for every afternoon till the end of the month will be wiped from the docket and 21 or more cases that would have reached the grand jury are disposed of.

Keepers of a disorderly house caught in the recent raids have been made the object of two charges, one a misdemeanor under the vagrancy statute and the other an indictable offense under the statute forbidding the keeping of disorderly places. On the vagrancy charge every one had demanded a trial by jury and the cases have been set down in order for the next two weeks, with others yet to be disposed of.

Chief Explains Policy. Judge Taxwell summoned Chief Slover yesterday and asked what the purpose of the administration was, at the same time giving assurance of his willingness to co-operate in any way possible toward cleaning up the town.

"All we want," replied the Chief, "is that these women shall quit the business and either reform or leave the city." The cases of three women set for yesterday were thereupon continued indefinitely, upon request of the Chief of

Police, and similar action will be taken day by day as the other cases come up, provided the defendants give assurance that they will close their places. The charges will be held in abeyance and may be renewed upon their failing to keep faith.

"This does not mean that the houses will be darkened for a few weeks and then re-opened," said Chief Slover. "From now on I intend to keep after these places and see that they are kept closed. I realize that the result will be to scatter the evil, but that is not my affair."

Chief Slover says that he has information that many of the women have left town, apparently for all time, but others are merely under cover waiting for the storm to blow over.

Raids on notorious places have about ceased and the officers are now turning their attention to lodging-houses and hotels where individuals operate with more or less wink on the part of the keepers. It is in these places that most of the dissolute women have taken refuge.

Sand Load Drowns Team at Salem. SALEM, Or., June 18.—(Special.)—A peculiar accident occurred here today, when a team hauling a heavy load of sand found itself unable to hold it back on a short grade leading down toward the Willamette River. The team was pushed down the grade across the dock and into the river, where both of the horses were drowned. The driver succeeded in swimming out safely.

YANCOUVER BARRACKS, Wash., June 18.—(Special.)—When the fire-bell and whistle of Vancouver were sounded yesterday, Silas Christofferson, a daring aviator who flew in an aeroplane from the top of the Multnomah Hotel in Portland last week, to the artillery drill grounds in 12 minutes, was adjusting a pontoon to his aeroplane, on the slough east of the post. Looking up, he saw great clouds of black smoke arising.

Desiring something more exciting than flying in the air, he asked Mr. Bennett, his employer, to take him to the fire in an automobile. When he a mile from the hangars where three machines are kept, it was seen that one tent was burning. A fast run across the polo field was made, and it was found that a spark from the fire nearly half a mile distant had set fire to a photographer's tent a few feet from a \$5000 flying machine, and no one was near. The machine was hauled to a safe place.

The photographer's tent and dark room were ruined.

Willamina to Have Real Depot. SALEM, Or., June 18.—(Special.)—After a prolonged fight Willamina will see a standard depot and freight station. The State Railroad Commission has issued an order requiring the Sheridan & Willamina to construct a standard passenger depot with at least 150 square feet of floor space and a freight department with at least 250 square feet of floor space. This is to be properly equipped. For some time the matter has been before the State Railroad Commission and several months ago a delegation waited on the commission to state its grievances.



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