

OREGON CITY LOCKS FREE, WEST'S PLAN

Governor Objects to Traction Company's \$9000 Income by Tolls.

IMMEDIATE ACTION IS CRY

If Purchase Deal Is Not Carried to Completion at Once State's Executive Will Call on Legislature to Act.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special).—Advised received by Governor West from Major McIndoe, of Portland, States Army engineers at Portland, that the settlement of the locks from the Williams River locks at Oregon City is hanging fire because of failure to reach a conclusion as to the title, brought forth a declaration from the Governor that he will recommend to the Legislature a new plan to secure free locks unless the deal is completed by the opening of the legislative session.

The Governor's plan is to recommend to the Legislature that the entire deal for the purchase of the locks from the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company be declared off in event of failure to bring about prompt action. The state would be appropriated so far as \$200,000 of the \$300,000 required as the state's share of the purchase and this \$200,000 has been placed in the hands of the Governor. The other \$100,000 is due to be appropriated the coming session.

Recommendations to Be Made. The Governor will recommend that the \$200,000 be returned to the state if final action is not taken. It has been shown that the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company has realized approximately \$9000 a year in tolls from the locks.

Taking \$150,000 of the \$200,000 appropriated and turning it into a school fund, where it would realize 6 per cent interest, would supply the 19000 a year necessary to pay all of the tolls, says the Governor. In consequence the Government would need to make no expenditure for the locks, the state would save \$150,000 of the purchase price outright and the cost of operation and maintenance of the locks would be supplied by the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company.

"This plan will give the state free locks at Oregon City without the necessity of a heavy expenditure either by the Government or the state," says the executive. "The principal of \$150,000 in the state school fund will remain intact and through the system of 6 per cent loans the cost of tonnage through the locks will be realized and we have no other and be at no expense maintaining and operating the locks."

The letter from Major McIndoe to the Governor setting out the present situation as to the purchase of the locks follows:

McIndoe Letter Out. "Replying to your letter of December 13, 1912, I beg to state that the abstract of title to the canal and locks property intended to be conveyed to the United States was transmitted to the United States Attorney for examination as to the validity and sufficiency of title on May 27, 1912. On October 21, 1912, the United States Attorney's office completed this examination and forwarded the papers, with a list of objections and defects, to Messrs. Griffith & Leiter, attorneys for the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company.

Early in November Mr. Leiter had a conference with the Assistant United States Attorney, with a view to determining what objections on the title could be waived and what objections must be met and he (Mr. Leiter) hoped at that time shortly to be in position to resubmit this title for final opinion. Since that date this office has been unable to get any information as to when the attorneys will complete the examination and clearing of the title.

"Under the revised statutes of the United States it is prohibited to expend any funds on the property until the title has been approved by the Attorney-General. The operation of the canal and locks has recently been therefore must await the approval of the title papers by the Attorney-General. I have tendered the services of the office to the United States Attorney, but he advises that he knows of nothing which the office can do to expedite the transfer of the property to the Government until the title papers are resubmitted for final opinion by the attorneys of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company."

E. H. MARTIN MAY GO FREE

Parole for Wolf's Slayer Is Likely to Be Recommended.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special).—Edward H. Martin, serving in the State Penitentiary for slaying Nathan Wolf, a Jeweler of Portland, has recently been placing his attributes as a civil engineer to practical use in assisting in a survey of the Penitentiary grounds. Colonel Lawson, the new superintendent of the prison, is a civil engineer and a survey of the grounds was undertaken under his direction. Each day Martin has been used as the assistant of Colonel Lawson and on the outside the two have been taking measurements.

It is whispered that Martin will be strongly considered as eligible to parole at a meeting next month. Several months ago the question of a parole for him came up, but it developed that occasionally he displayed signs of being under the influence of drugs and prison authorities had suspicions that he was securing morphine or cocaine from the outside. His application for parole was indefinitely postponed.

BILL PROVIDES FOR LOAN

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PARDON-BREAKER PAROLED

W. C. Gibson, Who Violated Conditional Freedom Once, Released.

ditional pardon, sent to the penitentiary from Multnomah County, has again been accorded conditional pardon, probably and is now probably either in California or on his way to that state. About a year ago practically the same time that "Chick" Houghton, notorious Portland criminal, received a parole, Gibson was granted a conditional pardon. He went to Portland. Some time later Gibson was arrested at an East Portland home which he had rented. In the court an array of chicken heads gave evidence of his offense against the conditions of his pardon and the laws of the state. It developed that he had been "lifting" chickens from the roost of a neighbor. A search resulted in "Chick" Houghton being found in the house. Gibson was returned to the prison but Houghton was given a stay of grace and was later returned from California. He had eloped in violation of his parole. Gibson, it is understood, is to go to California and for evermore desist from being an incubator on Oregon soil. He was recently taken to Portland from the Oregon prison by ex-Superintendent Curtis.

SALARY PLAN OUTLINED

GOVERNOR WEST CLASSIFIES OREGON COUNTIES.

Multnomah Officials Only Would Draw "First-Class" Pay, if Proposed Plan Becomes Law.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special).—Governor West has completed a tabulation showing the outline of his proposed uniform salary plan for county officials. This tabulation shows the percentages of area, population and assessed valuation for each county in relation to the entire state and also shows the averages for the three in relation to the entire state being found in each respective county will come under.

Multnomah County will be in the first class and stand alone in that class. All counties showing from 4 to 5 per cent will be in the second class; counties from 3 to 4 per cent in the third class; counties from 2 to 3 per cent in the fourth class, and counties under 2 per cent in the fifth class.

The tabulation as completed by the Governor, showing the location of each county as follows:

Table with columns: COUNTY, Assessed Valuation, Population, Area, and Average. Lists counties like Baker, Clackamas, Clatsop, etc.

CHILDREN ARE HELPED

FUNDS FROM SALE OF COOK BOOK WILL AID.

Council of Jewish Women Working for Benefit of Neighborhood House Youngsters.

The Neighborhood House will receive the benefits derived from the sale of a cleverly compiled cook book, which has been published by the Council of Jewish Women. The book will be on Monday. The women have worked diligently to make their book perfect in every detail. At the Neighborhood House, children are being taught sewing, cooking and manual training in all its branches. The boys have a well equipped carpenter shop and printing room and the girls have the domestic science department have the use of gas stoves and tin pans and dishes, all clean and in order. Numerous clubs for sewing, reading and gymnasium work are organized and are as well attended as are the entertainments and stereopticon lectures.

In a large and well-stocked library are to be found volumes in English and in Yiddish beside all the best magazines. The gymnasium is excellently appointed and the study rooms are an interesting department. Here nearly every night, under the direction of Miss Carrie Meyers, are to be found a half hundred foreigners, mostly Russians, men, women and children, aside by side, learning to speak and write the English language.

In the playroom is a piano and usually some young member of the council is to be found playing for the tots who gather for an afternoon's frolic. When some popular air is struck it is most amusing to see a wee little of three or four years start to dance a "rag." Teddy bears, dolls and other toys are much in evidence and no poor hard-working mother in the neighborhood has to worry about her children when they are in the hospitable shelter of the house.

In the manual training hall a stage is erected and the boys are now painting scenery to be used at the big show that will be the important event of New Year's eve. These and many other activities going on at the Neighborhood House all require a large amount of funds and it is to augment their working capital that the Council of Jewish Women decided to sell to the public the choicest recipes, which are to be found in their unique cook book.

BUILDING IS BLOWN DOWN

Raymond Lodge Loses Home to Have Been Occupied January 1.

RAYMOND, Wash., Dec. 20.—(Special).—With a crash that could be heard for blocks above the roar of the gale that was blowing, the partially completed two-story frame building of the Woodmen of the World was blown from its foundation and completely demolished. The building, which was 30 by 100 feet, located next to the Eagles' hall, on Sixth street, had just been turned over to the lathers and plasterers to finish the interior. The building was to have been occupied about January 1. While the wind blew unusually hard last night, it is thought that the building must have been weakened in some other way.

No definite plans for its rebuilding have been made yet, but it is safe to say that it will be replaced immediately.

ARREST OF 2 HANGS ON JURY'S VERDICT

Charge of Murder May Be Placed in South Slough Joyner Case.

SEVERAL DAYS' PROBE SEEN

Marshfield and Coos Officials Mystified by Disappearance Problem. Question of \$600 Reward Also Awaits Action—Puzzle Real.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special).—Whether or not two prominent South Slough men will be arrested on the charge of murder and a reward of \$600 be given to the Foster boy, who found a dead body in Coos Bay, depends on the Coroner's Jury deciding that the body now being held at the morgue is that of William Joyner, who disappeared last August and who was supposed to be murdered.

MEDFORD MISS ONE OF OREGON'S YOUNGEST RED CROSS SEAL SELLERS.

Rowen Gale.

MEDFORD, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special).—Rowen Gale is the youngest and one of the best Red Cross seal sellers in Oregon. The little miss is only 6 years old and with a sprig of holly in her bonnet, a Red Cross emblem on her arm, she attracts attention in crowded stores and streets. Her winning smile and her plea to "please buy some seals to help the poor sick and people," causes hurried shoppers and busy men to stop and invest in Red Cross seals.

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FRUIT MARKET ASSURED

SPOKANE MEN PROPOSE BIG CENTRAL AGENCY.

Aim is to Store Product, Maintain Prices and Save Growers From "Dumping" Crop on Markets.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 20.—(Special).—The organization of a large central marketing and fruit storage association with headquarters in Spokane was assured today, when Oris Dorman, vice-president of the Fidelity National Bank, announced a working committee of nine to take up the matter of incorporation.

The Spokane men propose to form an immense storage organization and to finance a chain of warehouses to take care of the fruit crop of the Spokane country co-operating with the growers who assembled in Spokane in conference on December 16, thus bringing about a practical solution for handling and financing the apple crop.

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