LOWER COUNTIES HELP RAISE FUND

Robert Yount Collects $325 for Road Survey in Rainier in Less Than Half-Hour.

OTHER TOWNS WILL GIVE

Farmers in Columbia and Clatsop Enthusiastic Over Proposed Highway to Be Built From Portland to Seacoast.

Residents of Rainier and other Columbia River points are so enthusiastic over the projected construction of the Columbia highway from Portland to the sea that they are voluntarily subscribing to the $7500 fund that is to be used for a survey of the proposed road by the state highway engineer through Columbia County.

In less than half an hour yesterday Robert Yount, a prominent business man of Rainier, collected $325 from residents of that city. People at Scappoose, St. Helens and Clatskanie also are enthusiastic over the plan and are contributing substantial amounts to the fund.

Residents of Multnomah County, however, are so far the heaviest contributors. They are eager to have the highway built in less than a year and are showing their good faith to the people of Columbia and Clatsop counties by paying a liberal share toward the survey.

Officials of the Columbia Highway Association met yesterday in the office of Julius L. Meier, president of the organization, and discussed the plans with Major Bowlby, state highway engineer. Others present at the meeting were A. S. Benson and E. E. Coovert, both of whom are among the most active supporters of the movement. They expressed confidence that the funds for the survey by the state highway engineer will be forthcoming, and Major Bowlby is preparing accordingly to place a force of men to work in Columbia County as soon as the fund is raised. It will require about two months, he estimates, to complete the survey.

Meanwhile the people of Columbia County can proceed with the bond election. It is proposed to vote on the bond issue November 4, the date of the state referendum election. This will provide funds for the actual construction of the road. It will be possible then to proceed with the permanent work.

If the bond issue carries and no delay is experienced in selling them it is believed that the work can be completed within a year, the time limit set by the Columbia Highway Association at its meeting at Gearhart last week.

More than $3600, or nearly half of the $7500 that is needed to make the survey already has been pledged. In this sum Samuel Hill heads the list of contributors with $150. He was the first to give. Subscriptions of $500 each have been made by A. S. Benson, H. L. Pittock, Paul Wessinger, the Oregon Journal, James Muckle and the Meier & Frank Co. The McCormick Lumber Company has given $50. Several other substantial contributions have been promised and will be delivered within the next few days.

"The people along the Columbia are mightily in earnest in their desire to get this road built," said Robert Yount in a telephone communication with Mr. Meier yesterday. "Everyone in Rainier is enthusiastic over it. I have been talking to the farmers of the county and they are eager to have the work done. We propose to do a lot more road work than that required by the Columbia highway. We want to build laterals connecting the southern part of the county with the main highway along the river.

"I am glad this fund has been started. I have had little trouble in collecting money for the survey among the people of Rainier. If I can get $325 in less than half an hour I am sure that I can greatly increase that sum if I devote half a day to the work."

Active committees also are at work in the several other towns along the Columbia. Their efforts combined with those of the officers in Multnomah County is expected to provide the necessary funds before the end of the week.

MINIMUM WAGE IS FIXED

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vides a penalty for conviction of violation of the commission's ruling of a fine of not less than $25 nor more than $100 or imprisonment in the County Jail for not less than 10 days nor more than three months, or by both fine and imprisonment.

Any employer who discharges or in any other manner discriminates against any employe because she has testified or is about to testify, or because the employer believes she is about to testify, in an investigation or proceeding under the law shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not less than $25 nor more than $100.

Any woman worker who is paid by her employer less than the minimum wage to which she is entitled under the Commission's ruling may recover in a civil action the full amount of the minimum wage, less what she has already been paid, together with such attorney's fees as may be allowed by the court. Any agreement for her to work at less than the established minimum wage shall be no defense in such action.

The commission will call separate conferences as soon as possible for each of the several industries affected by its ruling, to determine what should be established as a proper minimum rate for piece work for average workers in those industries. The minimum wage of $8.64 a week for straight time work will be considered so far as practicable as a basis for the determination of the proper piece work rate in each industry.

The question of apprentices will also be taken up later by the commission and it will be determined by conferences for the various industries what shall constitute the apprenticeship period for workers of average ability.

The question of the lenght of lunch period was put before the meeting first by Chairman O'Hara, of the commission, as being the least important of the three things to be considered.

Miss A. Bolda, who served in the factory conference as one of the three representatives of the workers, said that she did not consider 45 minutes sufficient for the lunch period, as many of the workers have to walk some distance. She said that she did not believe the lunch period should be less than an hour, but hers was the only voice raised against the recommendation.

Passing to the question of hours, a spirited discussion was precipitated. G. H. Mayes, of Lowengart & Co., wholesale milliners, called attention to the fact that the commission, on its own initiative, as provided under the law, has already rendered a ruling that the maximum hours for all minor workers shall be 8 hours and 20 minutes. He said that this would cause confusion in factories employing both adult and minor workers.

"For instance, with both classes of employes employed in the same department," he said, "it will be neecssary, if both rulings are in effect, to allow the minors to go 40 minutes before the adults. The balance of the working day will be disorganized in consequence, and we will be unable to get team work and results."

Chairman O'Hara suggested that the discrepancy in the rulings would not prevent the employers from cutting down the time of all employes to 8 hours and 20 minutes. E. J. Hammond, a working man, who appeared at the meeting as an interested member of the general public, indorsed the suggestion as being the way out of the difficulty.

Mr. Mayes said that many piecework workers would want to work the full nine hours, and asked if the wage could not be adjusted on an hour basis, with a wage of 16 cents an hour.

W. B. Ayer, who acted as chairman and was a representative of the public in the conference which made the recommendation, explained that it was the understanding of the conference that if an employe worked less than nine hours a day she should be paid at a rate of 16 cents an hour.

Everett Ames, manager of the Ames-Harris-Neville Company's bag factory, said that the existence of the two rulings would mean one of two things—either the factories must dispense with the employment of minors, or all employes must work a day of 8 hours and 20 minutes.

"Would it be possible for the commission to rule that employes could work 9 1-2 hours a day, with a half-holiday Saturday afternoon, making a 54-hour total for the week?" asked Mr. Mayes.

He explained that this system is now followed in many places, particularly in Summer, and that the employes welcome the chance for a day and a half holiday at the week-end. He said that from personal observation he had found the plan to be of great advantage, as it gives the workers an opportunity for a touch of outdoor life, and also gives the owner of the plant an opportunity to overhaul machinery and make repairs without loss of working time.

The question as to whether the hearing could make a recommendation to the commission came up on Mr. Ayer's motion, seconded by Miss Bolda, for the adoption of the conference recommendation.

Chairman O'Hara explained that, while such a motion might be adopted, the Commission would act on its own judgment in making its ruling.

However, he allowed the motion to be made, and when he put it there was a faint "Aye," Mr. Ayer's and Miss Bolda's voices leading, and a distinct "No" from a number of manufacturers' representatives.

Then it was that Mrs. Nina A. Fallman, whose testimony as a member of the factory conference was a feature of its meetings, broke silence.

"I worked for the Pacific Coast Biscuit Company two years ago," she said, "It is true that it was under different management then, but we were to get this weekly half-holiday. In nearly four months' work I got it twice, and even worked Sunday to help out in the holiday season. Therefore, this proposal looks like a joker to me. I would rather work nine hours straight and take no half-holiday."

Mrs. Millie R. Trumbull, secretary of the State Child Welfare Commission, took a lively part in the discussions, particularly in that referring to the employment of transient trimmers, Mr. Mayes explained that they are paid but $6 a week while in the wholesale house learning the styles before going to the season's work in the country towns.

CLARKE FAIR ON; EXHIBITS ARE LARGE

Grange Displays of Higher Standard Than on Previous Occasions.

500 BIRDS MAKE SHOWING

Bride of Three Months, Mrs. Gordon Stuart, Has Best Loaf of Bread on Exhibition — Races Today for $500 Purses.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Sept. 9.—(Special.)—The fourth annual Clarke County Fair started today in reality with the weather all that could be wished and the crowds large. That Wednesday and Thursday will be twice as large in attendance as Tuesday is the prediction of J. O. Wing, manager. There were so many features today that it would be hard to pick out the leading one, outside of the good races.

The judging of the Grange and individual farm exhibits by points will not be completed before tomorrow. The Grange exhibits and the individual farm exhibits this year are higher in standard than last year, though there are not so many farmers entered. The railroads have offered cups and special prizes in addition to the liberal cash prizes offered by the fair management.

The poultry show judging will begin tomorrow, but cannot be completed in one day, owing to the large number of birds—about 500. While the chickens are moulting at this season of the year, the show is unusually good. The livestock exhibit is one that draws admiration from those who take the time to pass through the stables.

The best loaf of bread on exhibition was baked by Mrs. Gordon Stuart, a bride of three months.

Between races this afternoon, the Astoria girls' hose cart team won a race from a team composed of men on the racetrack in front of the grandstand, and, too, after three of their number had fallen out, one being run over and two others had fallen down near the finish. The girls also gave an exhibition after all of the races had been run. They will give an exhibition tomorrow.

One of the big features of the fair will be a roping contest of a steer from an automobile Thursday and Friday afternoons by Archie West. The steer will be liberated and chased and roped from a machine, something never before attempted in this section of the Northwest.

The races tomorrow will be:

Harness 2:12 pace, purse $500—Entries, Mac M., Daniel S., Harold, Welcome, Haledo.

2:25 trot, purse $500—Entries, Katie Guy, Duford Boy, Song Sparrow, Benton Boy, Zonita, Prince Seattle and General B.

Running race—Entries, Dave Webber, Hector, Arnold, Bhaon and Pearl.

The "Guideless Wonder" will give an exhibition half-mile run and return in front of the grandstand.

HANFORD, BRYAN DOUBLE, TAKES BRYAN'S STATION

Noted Actor Relates How He Fooled Colonel Blethen, of Seattle, at Gridiron Club Banquet, When He Sat in Seat Set for Secretary of State.

BY LEONE CASS BAER.

THE oldest inhabitant is out of the running with Charles B. Hanford, lecturer for the Captain Scott Antarctic pictures, now at the Heilig. When it comes to reminiscences, Charles B. is there. His annals of early Portland days, when he trouped up and down this Coast and the more recent years when the younger generation has met him across the incandescent in Shakespearean guise, are more accurate than some of our best little local historians hit it off.

He looks so much like William Jennings Bryan that I felt it was up to me to comment on it. Mr. Hanford gave a complacent smile and said: "I am often mistaken for Mr. Bryan, although it has never come to my hearing that he has been mistaken for me. We live on the same street in Washington, D. C., within a block of each other, and are friends of many years' standing."

Then he told me a funny little incident which will fit right in here. It seems the Gridiron Club at Washington—a club made up of newspaper men—gave a big banquet, at which the guest of honor, besides President Wilson, was Mr. Bryan. Now, the Great Commoner couldn't get to the banquet before 10:30. He was probably lecturing at a Chautauqua somewhere, or figuring up the week's expense with the hired help. Anyway, he couldn't join the festive banqueters until 10:30, so the newspaper men hit on the brilliant idea (ideas are always brilliant in story-telling) of having Charles B. Hanford, also a guest, to impersonate William J. With the aid of a bit of makeup, Mr. Hanford made himself into a perfectly correct imitation of the Secretary of State and sat at the left of the club's president, Rudolph Kauffman, managing editor of the Evening Star. Everyone but the Washington newspaper men thought it was W. J. B.

"Among others present who were fooled, only for a minute, however, in this instance, was Colonel Blethen of the Seattle Times. He and Bryan have been friends for years, and when he passed Hanford's chair Mr. Blethen bent over and whispered something of a personal nature, and with a word of out-spoken greeting passed on to his seat. Hanford merely bowed in a most formal manner, because, of course, he didn't know who Colonel Blethen was.

"And last week in Seattle Colonel Blethen told me," laughed Mr. Hanford, "that he was highly indignant for a minute and that upon taking his seat had remarked to his neighbor: 'Well, I've known William Bryan for a good many years and I never saw him so up stage as tonight'—and then the neighbor, who was one of the newspaper men, told him to wait a few minutes and he'd see why Mr. Bryan was so set in his demeanor.

"When the real Bryan arrived the surprise was stupendous, said one banqueter.

"'Why that's the Secretary of State,' pointing to Hanford. 'That is not,' said Mr. Bryan, 'that is my good friend Charles B. Hanford, and I warn him he cannot break into American politics as my understudy.'"

"What did you say then?" I asked Mr. Hanford.

"Well, someone just then asked me whatever had induced me to practice such deception upon the assemblage, and I hastened to answer that it was my professional ambition. 'William Jennings Bryan is the only classic role I've never played, and I'm anxious to add to my repertoire.'"

"You'll have to find your regular seat now said the club president—and to that I quoted from one of Bryan's speeches, 'I yield reluctantly but with no harsh feelings toward any man.'

Charles B. Hanford, Actor, Who Often Is Mistaken for His Good Friend, William Jennings Bryan.

"It was some satisfaction to recall that I was not the only man in the Democratic party who has had to get up to give Bryan a seat."

"Then what did you do," I asked.

"Oh, we shook hands, someone shouted 'the two Dromeos'—and we were given an ovation," said Mr. Hanford, smiling as he remembered it all. And then President Wilson leaned over and said: "Mr. Secretary, your understudy has had a hard time since he's been here. He hasn't been able to drink a drop of anything but Apollinaris Water."

LICENSE IS REVOKED

Milwaukie Mayor and Two of Councilmen Resign.

TAVERN GRANT IS CAUSE

Promise of Proprietor to Make Respectable Place of Resort Led to Permit to Reopen, Says Official, Who Resents Criticism.

MILWAUKIE, Or., Sept. 9.—(Special.) The liquor license granted Isaac Gratton for the reopening of the Milwaukie Tavern, at the special meeting of the Council on September 2, was revoked tonight at the regular meeting, and Milwaukie is minus a Mayor and two members of the Council.

Smarting under what they considered unjust criticism in connection with the license granted at the special meeting, Councilman F. R. Mitchell resigned verbally and this was followed by the resignation of Mayor E. T. Elmer and Councilman Charles Counsell. The license was granted at the special meeting by the votes of Councilmen Mitchell and Counsell.

The meeting was the most exciting ever held in the town. More than 250 men and women filled the hall. The resolutions adopted by the Milwaukie Grange and the East Milwaukie Club condemning the Council for granting the license to reopen the Tavern were read. Then a remonstrance, signed by several hundred citizens, against the license was read by the Auditor, demanding that the license be revoked.

Councilman Mitchell made a personal explanation. He said he thought he was working for the interest of Milwaukie in voting to grant Mr. Gratton this license, as Mr. Gratton had agreed to make it a respectable, high-class resort, take out the bedrooms, keep women away from it, and, in other words, "redeem the Milwaukie Tavern."

"I have been criticised, and my character has been attacked, for the first time in my life," declared Councilman Mitchell, "and I will not stand it. I am done. I submit my resignation. I am out. I did not want this place, and now I am out."

Following this came remarks to the same effect from Mayor Elmer, who said that he thought he was working for the best interests of the town.

"I submit my resignation as Mayor," said Mr. Elmer, "and you can elect a new Mayor."

"Well," said Councilman Charles Counsell, "I give my resignation also. I don't think I can do anything here with these out."

Whether the resignations of Mayor Elmer and Councilmen Counsell and Mitchell will stand remains to be seen. All were made verbally. If they do, a special election will have to be called to fill the vacancies.

CLARK EXPLAINS DELAY

Opposing Counsel and Defendant, He Says, Drew Wrath of Judge.

Attorney Clark, of Seitz & Clark, called attention yesterday to the fact that it was opposing counsel and the defendant, not his firm, who drew the wrath of Circuit Judge Davis because of failure to proceed with a case recently set for Monday morning, thus leaving the Judge without anything to do for the day. Seitz & Clark represented the plaintiff.

"The oposing attorney told me on the eve of trial that his client was away from the city and that the trial could not go on,' said Mr. Clark. 'Judge Davis was willing for us to take judgment by default, but I refused. Instead I took a non-suit without prejudice.'

San Francisco May Get Branch.

A branch office of the National Chamber of Commerce for the Pacific Coast will probably be established at San Francisco after the first of the year. A. H. Averill, president of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, says that when the National Board of Directors visited the Coast recently and held their annual meeting in San Francisco, it was strongly urged that a branch office be established on the Coast. No vote on the matter will be taken until after January 1, but it is thought that San Francisco will be elected.

BEST SHOW IS PLAN

Festival Association to Have Home in Morgan Building.

ROSE DISPLAY TO BE BIG

Rosarians Will Be Consulted Regarding Entertainment for Out-of-Town Visitors—Decorations to Extend to Residences.

With quarters in the Morgan building, the Rose Festival Association will launch its preparations for the 1914 Festival next week. The building will not be entirely completed before October, but arrangements have been made whereby the Festival Association will be able to move in before the builders move out.

J. A. Currey, president of the Portland Rose Society, is outlining plans for the show, and efforts will be made to unite all districts of the city in a movement which will culminate next June in the greatest Rose Show ever held.

W. E. Coman, director of entertainment and a member of the Royal Rosarians, will hold a meeting next week with the Rosarians to lay plans for the entertainment of out-of-town visitors, and C. V. Cooper will begin to prepare for the river sports, over which he has charge, by a conference with the Yacht, Rowing and Motorboat clubs.

W. F. Woodward, who has charge of decorations, plans to have homes as well as business houses bedecked next year, and will call a conference with the Portland chapter of the American Association of Architects to map out a general plan for the dressing of the city in proper holiday garb for the occasion. This part of the work, being one of the most comprehensive and elaborate features of the Festival, will be given the first attention of the Festival Association.

Before the end of the present month it is thought that the general outline for the entire Festival will have been mapped out and the work of preparation will be ready to proceed throughout the Winter.