

BRIDGE ENGINEER IS NOT NAMED YET

Interstate Commission Holds Lengthy Session, but Defers Action Until Saturday.

TWELVE FIRMS COMPETING

Eastern Men, for Whose Benefit Hearings Were Delayed, Attend Meeting and No New Candidates Will Be Considered.

For more than three hours yesterday the Interstate Bridge Commission, behind closed doors, considered the proposals of 12 applicants for the position of engineer of the new interstate bridge, and adjourned without making any selection. The Commission will reconvene Saturday morning, at which time it is believed an engineer will be chosen.

Although the engineer will not be named until the meeting Saturday, the hearings are closed, and only propositions will be discussed from the 12 engineering firms which have representatives before the Commission.

"At the special request of two engineers who were not able to get here to be heard at our last meeting we postponed the closing of the hearings until today," said Commissioner Holman yesterday, "but no more will be heard now. We gave all candidates ample notice and have not rushed any of our proceedings. According to our former announcement we will not hear any more engineers, but will devote our time between now and Saturday to considering the terms and propositions which have been submitted in writing by the engineers we have heard."

The consideration of the propositions yesterday was by the full board, Governor West being in attendance for the first time since the joint board was organized. At the previous meetings, Major Bowley, state highway engineer, has represented the Governor. At the hearing at yesterday's meeting besides Governor West were Commissioners Secretary, Rawson and Lindsay, of Clarke County; Commissioners Holman, Hart and Lightner, of Multnomah County; and Auditor Marshall, of Clark County, secretary of the Commission.

At yesterday's session J. B. Strauss, of the Strauss Bascule Bridge Company, of Chicago, and Henry B. Seaman, consulting engineer of bridges in New York City were heard by the Commission. It was for these two that the time was allowed, they had registered before the time limit expired, but wrote that they were unable to get here sooner.

The 12 firms whose representatives have appeared before the Commission, and from whom the engineer will be chosen, are:

Ralph Modjeski, Chicago; J. B. Strauss, Chicago; J. W. Bowerman, of Bowerman & McCloy, Seattle; H. S. Crocker, of Crocker & Moore, Denver; and Portland; Elliott Construction Company, Portland; C. E. Fowler, Seattle; Lucius & Lucius, Portland; Hedrick & Cochran, Kansas City; A. C. O'Neil, Portland; Henry Seaman, New York; Waddell & Harrington, Kansas City, and George Roe, Portland.

CHRISTMAS IN JAIL SAVES

Five Men Will Thus Forego 50-Day Sentence or \$100 Fine.

By spending Christmas day in jail, five men charged with illegal liquor selling will save themselves a sentence of 50 days in jail or \$100 fine, Municipal Judge Stevenson announced yesterday, when he put over the cases of Jay DeSpain, Fred Merchant, George F. Swan, Jack Remington and John Moloney.

December 23 and directed that defendants be held in jail until the hearing. The fine for first offenses in the practice of "bootlegging" is considered too severe by Judge Stevenson, and it was to obviate the enforcement of it that he caused the postponement.

They were quite happy at the prospect, for they will receive a Christmas dinner behind the bars of much better quality than they would get if at liberty.

VAGRANTS SENT TO JAIL

Suspected Holdup Men Put Out of Harm's Way Over Holidays.

Severe sentences were meted out to a party of vagrants, supposed to be holdup men, arrested by Detectives Craddock and John Moloney.

Judge Stevenson sentenced George Passett to 90 days in jail and a fine of \$200. Walter Garthley, of Condon, Or., was allowed his freedom because he was considered ignorant of the character of his associates. Naid Han, an Arabian, was sentenced to 30 days in jail. Will McCauley was given 30 days in jail, and thanked the court for the sentence. J. A. McGinley was released on a suspended sentence.

BLACKMAIL CHARGE DENIED

Two Attorneys in Los Angeles Enter Pleas of "Not Guilty."

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 22.—C. S. McKelvey and W. H. Stevens, attorneys indicted on charges of having used the mails in an attempt to blackmail, pleaded not guilty in the United States District Court here today. Their trials will be set later.

The indictments grew out of the trial of George H. Bixby, a Long Beach millionaire, who was acquitted of charges of having contributed to the delinquency of young girls.

PRAYER FOR AGED SENT UP

Mrs. Morgan Deplores Fear of Death and Undue Love for Life.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—A special prayer for those who have passed or nearly reached the allotted span of life has been sent to Rev. Earl Riland, rector of St. George's Episcopal Church, by Mrs. J. Pierpont Morgan, widow of the financier.

In the prayer Mrs. Morgan asks for divine help to "make the noblest use of mind and body in our advancing years," and also the close she implores aid to "take from us all fear of death and all despair or undue love of life."

DERBY TO FURNISH ROCK

Main Trunk Highway in Jackson County to Have Crushed Bed.

ASHLAND, Or., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—The extensive quarries near Derby in this county will furnish a good share of the crushed rock to be used on the main trunk highway through Jackson County. The present capacity of the crushers is 100 tons daily, and this output will be increased to 150 tons a day by January 1.

Proprietors of these quarries have been awarded the contract for furnishing this material throughout the length of the Pacific Highway coming under the jurisdiction of Jackson County, and a force of men will be employed all winter in getting out material ready for the Spring's operations in road making. The Derby quarries are equipped with every requisite, and the stone is not only superior in quality but practically unlimited in quantity.

The plant is located near Derby, on the Pacific & Eastern, 20 miles distant from that road's connection with the Southern Pacific. Heretofore these ORPHEUM MANAGER TO DIRECT MIDNIGHT SHOWS.



Frank Coffinberry.

Frank Coffinberry, manager of the Orpheum, has been appointed generalissimo plenipotentiary of the midnight matinee to be staged by the Theatrical Mechanical Association of Portland at the Orpheum, Empress and Pantages Theaters December 31.

It will devolve on Mr. Coffinberry to select the Orpheum acts that are to shine in the midnight matinee and to act as chairman in the deliberations over the arrangement of the programme of the all-star show.

As the artists are to appear in the midnight matinee will have to hie from the Orpheum to the Empress and thence to Pantages to present the three-in-one show, expert management of the various acts will be required to stage the performances without a hitch.

George L. Baker also received an appointment from the association yesterday. He is to be the official announcer.

CHRISTMAS IS ON TODAY

ROTARY CLUB BEGINS OBSERVANCE BY ENTERTAINING WAIFS.

Big Tree, Thousand Toys and Sweets and Theater Parties Features Arranged for Day.

Christmas begins at 11 o'clock today and continues until Christmas night—in the Portland Rotary Club.

All the inmates of the various children's homes will be the special guests of the Rotary Club in its celebration of the Christmas Eve. At 11 o'clock they will be escorted to the Columbia Theater, where a special Christmas programme, with selected films, will be given, and thence they will go to the Oregon Hotel, where they will be guests of honor at the luncheon. D. L. Williams is the Rotary Santa Claus, and will distribute among them 1000 sacks of Christmas sweets and toys. The members of the club also will be "in" on the distribution of presents, but their interchange of gifts will be more inclined toward the burlesque.

The Rotary Club has bought out the Baker Theater for the performance tonight, and here the children will be given the entire gallery. The celebration of Christmas holidays will close tomorrow night with the singing of Christmas carols in the street at Broadway and Oak which will be closed to traffic and occupied by a great stand for the bands and singers. A big Christmas tree will be installed with five little trees revolving about it like satellites, to illustrate the Rotary idea, and the tree will blaze with electric lights.

The Rev. J. H. Boyd will be master of ceremonies and many of the prominent singers of the city will participate in the programme.

POSTMASTER PROXY SANTA

Many Persons Call to Get Letters Addressed to Kris Kringle.

Busy as he has been ever since the Christmas rush at the postoffice began, Postmaster Myers put in his busiest day since taking office yesterday. He passed the day playing the role of a proxy Santa Claus.

All day people called on him for one or more of the letters that have been received, addressed to Santa Claus, and telling of the things their young writers desire for Christmas.

One man asked for a number of letters from little girls.

"You see, we had a little girl with us for seven Christmases," he said, "and this Christmas there is no little story left to tell."

The postmaster gave him his pick of the several hundred letters.

Anyone who feels that he or she would like to help make Christmas merry has but to apply to Postmaster Myers, on the first floor of the postoffice building.

Talent Cannery Does Big Business.

ASHLAND, Or., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—The Talent cannery has shipped out 16 cars of its products thus far this season, averaging 25 tons to the car. Two cars have been shipped to Portland and one to San Francisco. The middle West also will be invaded, two cars having been shipped to Chicago, with more to follow. These cannery products embrace apples, pears, peaches, plums, beans, tomatoes and pumpkin. A lot of vinegar is also being forwarded to various markets.

J. B. Baker, of Hutchinson, Kan., raised 30 bushels of tomatoes off 80 vines this summer. The vines grew on trellises and were 14 feet high.

PLANS ARE LATER

Greater Portland Body Considering Public Auditorium.

SITE SUGGESTION OFFERED

Attention of City Commissioner of Public Affairs Called to Location of Old High School by Head of Association.

At a meeting of the executive board of the Greater Portland Plans Association, held yesterday in the Journal Building, J. B. Laber, Arthur Langguth and Robert H. Strong were appointed a committee to receive suggestions and plans for the building of a public auditorium. Members of all civic organizations and any private citizen will be at liberty to offer suggestions and send them to J. B. Laber, Corbett Building.

Marshall Dana presided and Mrs. Bertha Taylor Voorhorst acted as secretary. Mr. Strong asked the chair if the suggestion made by the president regarding the adaptability of the old Lincoln High School site as a location for the auditorium was an official recommendation from the association and Mr. Dana explained that it merely was a personal suggestion and that many others brought forth and sifted down by the committee just appointed.

The following is the communication of Mr. Dana to the association officers to W. L. Brewster, City Commissioner of Public Affairs:

I invite your attention to our communication of December 14, and in view of certain requests for an explanation we desire to say that the suggestion of the association officers to W. L. Brewster, City Commissioner of Public Affairs, is a personal suggestion and that many others brought forth and sifted down by the committee just appointed. The suggestion contained in the communication was merely to add you in the consideration of all sites recommended. Neither the president nor the secretary of the association has the power to speak for the association, and no such authority has been given at any meeting held.

MAYOR HAS MAN OUSTED

OFFICIAL FOR CORPORATION IS EJECTED FROM SEATTLE OFFICE.

Cottrell Resents Charge He Is Tool of Labor Unions, Made by Tracton Company Man.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—W. J. Grambs, superintendent of light and power for the Puget Sound Traction, Light & Power Company, was ejected from Mayor Cottrell's office by several members of the Employers' Association, who charged that he was a tool of the labor unions.

The trouble which culminated today began a week ago, when Mr. Grambs called on Mayor Cottrell in company with several members of the Employers' Association, to discuss the teamsters' strike. The Mayor charged that Grambs asserted that city officials, the City Council, the Civil Service Commission and employees all were dominated by the labor unions.

"Mr. Grambs concluded his assertion by declaring that you, too, Mr. Mayor, are controlled by the labor unions," the Mayor said today.

"When Mr. Grambs made the statement I requested him to say no more, and that I did not intend to stand for insult from any man."

"When the committee came in to my office Mr. Grambs insisted on accompanying me. He said: 'I have been invited by me to do so. I then requested my secretary to call a policeman and Mr. Grambs was accompanied from my office. There was no confusion and no words.'"

"Even the Mayor of a city may resent an insult such as Mr. Grambs offered me in the presence of others. I do not propose to stand for that sort of thing a minute. I shall be pleased to see Mr. Grambs in private, if he wishes, but I will not submit to discussion of such matters before a body of citizens."

SANTA CLAUS AWAITED

HOME OF BOYS' AND GIRLS' AID SOCIETY ON HIS LIST.

Youngsters Will Pass Today as Guests of Rotary Club, and Will Have Fun and See Sights of City.

The receiving home of the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society is overflowing with the Christmas spirit, and the children are in a great state of expectancy, looking forward to the coming of Santa Claus on Friday evening, December 26, at 7:30 o'clock. E. V. Floyd, of the Young People's Society of the United Temple, has announced that it will be impossible for Santa to reach the receiving home of the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society before that time.

The Young People's Society of the United Temple will have charge of the Christmas festivities, as they have for many years. The other young people's societies who assist in the Sunday School work and are helping with the Christmas cheer at the receiving home embrace the Centenary Methodist, Third Presbyterian and Unitarian churches. The things the children most require—nuts, candy, oranges, mittens and gloves of all sizes, stockings and shoes, and any such gifts—will be acceptable and will be called for if Superintendent Gardner is notified by phone, East 5 or B-1404.

Today will be a day of pleasure for the children who are invited by the Rotary Club to a Christmas tree at noon in the Oregon Hotel fountain grill, where each child will receive a Christmas bag, after which it is the intention to give them an afternoon looking around town and at the picture shows.

Eleven children have been invited out for Christmas, which Superintendent Gardner says is more than ever before invited since he has had charge of the work. One man and his wife have invited two children, brothers, to go with them to Newport for the holidays. They have one boy of their own and it is their intention to take another little boy for company, but on seeing the two brothers they concluded

to take both. Another friend is going to take two little boys to his home at McMinnville and make them happy, as he has no children of his own. Other parties are taking two children each, with one exception, and they are taking one little girl. There are now 40 boys and 23 girls in the receiving home.

TITLED YANKEES RETURN

Two Duchesses to Pass Holidays at Home—Manchester Expects War.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Two Duchesses, both American girls, came home for the Christmas holidays on the steamer George Washington today. They were the Duchesses de Chaulnes, formerly Theodora Shonts, and the Duchess of Manchester, before her marriage Miss Zimmerman, of Cincinnati.

The Duke of Manchester came to this country with his wife, but their four children were left at Tandrage Castle, on the Manchester estate in Ireland. Lord Faulkner, a young English nobleman, was with them.

"There certainly will be a fight in Ireland," said the Duke. "If the home rule bill goes through, Ulster has 100,000 men ready to fight and fully 50,000 of them are trained. They can cope with any kind of troops."

Hand waxes of on Chaulnes was accompanied by the Duc de Chaulnes, her 7-year-old son, and her sister, Miss Margarita Shonts.

PIONEER WOMAN IS DEAD

Paralytic Stroke Kills Mrs. Dunham Wright, of Medical Springs.

MEDICAL SPRINGS, Or., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Mrs. Dunham Wright, 67 years old last May, a pioneer of Oregon and wife of one of the most prominent citizens of Baker County, died here yesterday afternoon as the result of a paralytic stroke at breakfast Saturday morning. She had been ill for three years, but was able to be up and around until the stroke Saturday. The funeral was held here this afternoon. Mrs. Wright was born in Missouri. Her maiden name was Missy Duncan. She came to Oregon while a child and in July, 1867, was married to Dunham Wright, who is one of the heavy property owners of this section. Besides Mr. Wright, one daughter, Mrs. Grace Foye, of Medical Springs; three brothers and a sister survive. The brothers are Fred P. Duncan, of Union; Winn Duncan, of Montana, and Richard Duncan, of Medical Springs. The sister is Mrs. Della Murphy, of Cove.

MAIL CONGESTION DENIED

Burleson Says Despite Volume Increase Facilities Adequate.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Reports from the principal points throughout the country where the holiday mails run heaviest, were received today by Postmaster-General Burleson. Practically without exception they showed that conditions are better than during many years previous and at no point has the volume of mail exceeded the distribution facilities.

"We have no congestion, either in the dray mail service or in postoffices," said Mr. Burleson tonight. "The increase in the volume of mail has been phenomenal, the data that we have at hand indicating that it is 75 per cent greater than during the holiday season of last year."

Cincinnati, New York, Boston, Omaha, St. Louis, Fort Worth and Seattle reported the conditions to be better than in seasons past, despite increased volume of mail.

DUFUR TAX LEVY IS LOWER

Council Decides 6 Mills Enough on Higher Assessment.

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