

SALARY TANGLE MAY END IN VOTE TODAY

No Settlement Reached at Session to Discuss Increase for City Employees.

FEW WORKERS TO PROFIT

Efficiency Code Adopted Recently Stumbling Block for Commission.

After passing nearly two hours yesterday trying to straighten out the tangle in the city service caused by the adoption of the first of this year of the efficiency system brought here by the New York Bureau of Municipal Research, the City Commission was unable to get any nearer settlement of the problem, involving proposed salary increases aggregating about \$5000 for the remainder of this year.

When the efficiency code was put into force January 1 reductions in salaries aggregating about \$20,000 were made. Those who were cut were led to believe under the provisions of the efficiency code that they would be able to regain what they lost by establishing good records. The first increases were to be made June 1, it was understood.

Instead of following the efficiency system strictly it has been applied in different ways in each department, it is said. Mayor Albee apparently has recommended increases in the salaries of members of the police, fire and health departments in accordance with their efficiency records. One-third of the members of these departments are recommended for increases.

Few Increases Recommended. In the public works department, under Commissioner Dieck, and the department of public utilities, under Commissioner Daly, increases are recommended only for a few. Dozens of men and women who are said to have satisfactory efficiency ratings are not recommended for increases. This fact has caused ill-feeling in these departments. While cuts were made in the Auditor's office and the department of finance, under Commissioner Bigelow, no increases are recommended, although most of the employees have good efficiency ratings.

If the ordinances, which will be up for final passage today, are passed, increases will be granted only to a few. Employees who are not to have their salaries raised declare the Council upon adopting the efficiency system promised them rewards for efficient service and now refuse to grant the rewards.

Commissioner Bigelow is opposing the increase for economical reasons. He says many employees are being paid more than they are paid by corporations for like service. The same view is taken by Commissioner Brewster.

CHINA FLOUR KING DIES

Hang On, Who Rose From Coolie Class to Distinction, Biggest Buyer.

Portland grain men received word by cable yesterday of the death at Hongkong of Hang On, who was the largest dealer in flour in China. Hang On was a buyer of American flour on a very extensive scale, and for many years carried on operations with the leading flour millers of Portland and Puget Sound. He came from the coolie class and was a remarkable type of a Chinese self-made man.

He accumulated a great fortune by his shrewdness. He spoke but little English, but most of the Americans who visited Hongkong became acquainted with him and had a high opinion of his business ability. Hang On was about 60 years of age.

FEDERAL MARKET OPEN

Portland Eligible to Bid When Government Wants Lumber.

Quartermaster-General Ayleshire has informed the Portland Chamber of Commerce that Portland dealers will have an opportunity to bid on all lumber required by the Government departments. Orders to this effect have been sent to Federal department offices at Seattle, Portland and San Francisco, with instructions that whenever there may be a requisition for lumber the Portland Chamber shall be notified, so that the lumbermen of this city may bid on it.

LECTURE GETS INTEREST

Talk on "Tannhauser" to Be Given by Dr. Shaw Tonight.

There is much public interest in the lecture on "Tannhauser" by Dr. Clement B. Shaw, and the rendition of choruses from Mendelssohn's oratorio, "Elijah," to take place tonight at 8 o'clock at Masonic Temple auditorium. The choruses are to be sung by the Portland Oratorio and Handel Societies. J. A. Finley, Dr. Shaw, conductor, is devoted to meet Mr. Finley's deficit on the recent rendition of "Elijah," amounting to more than \$100. Dr. Shaw is an admirably experienced lecturer, and has made a specialty and long study of "Tannhauser." The lecture will be illustrated by colored stereopticon slides, painted by W. L. E. Knowles, of this city.

PERSONAL MENTION.

P. Welch, of Spokane, is at the Oregon. Fred W. Lau, of Stayton, is at the Seward. J. N. Sheehan, of Seattle, is at the Benson. E. B. Pitts, of Corvallis, is at the Seward. E. T. Kiblin, of Eugene, is at the Carlton. E. H. Williams, of Dexter, is at the Oregon. E. B. Jones, of Coos Bay, is at the Imperial. Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Caterlin are at the Benson. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Herman, of San

Francisco, are registered at the Washington. David Wilson, of Spokane, is at the Multnomah. W. F. Stray, of Marshfield, is at the Multnomah. J. M. Dougan, of Tacoma, is registered at the Oregon. A. W. Stone, of Hood River, is at the Nortonia. A. E. Edwards, of Seattle, is registered at the Benson. Dr. J. M. Waugh, of Hood River, is at the Corneliuss. J. C. Hummert, of San Diego, is at the Washington. R. T. Smith and family, of Seattle, are at the Seward. William Brownhill is at the Nortonia from Kent, Wash. D. R. Patterson is registered at the Imperial from Kelso. W. L. Huntley, of Tacoma, registered at the Perkins. Mrs. Ray Gilbert, of Salem, is registered at the Benson. W. E. Wray is registered at the Corneliuss from Silverton. Mr. and Mrs. A. J. King, of Spokane, are at the Perkins. Mrs. H. C. and N. B. Inman, of Springfield, are at the Carlton. Ada J. Randall, of Kent, Wash., is registered at the Nortonia. A. E. Bean is registered at the Nortonia from San Francisco. Mrs. R. S. Handy, of Kellogg, Wash., is registered at the Oregon. Robert Brady is registered at the Carlton from San Francisco. C. E. Turner, a Kansas City hotel man, is at the Washington. L. E. Butz, of Police Kester, of Marshfield, are at the Imperial. Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Pitts, of San Francisco, are at the Multnomah. J. Stitt Wilson, of Berkeley, Cal., Socialist speaker, is at the Seward. George W. Morris, of Eugene, registered at the Corneliuss yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. George H. Robinson, of Oakland, Cal., are at the Corneliuss. Mr. and Mrs. E. Anderson are registered at the Washington from Salem. Hal Conrad, of Medford, auditor of the Pacific & Eastern Railway, is at the Imperial. Mrs. Rolla Fuller, Mrs. J. D. Keys and R. Fuller Keys, of Oakland, Cal., are at the Perkins. William Hellier Ehrman, after a seven months' tour of Europe, is at the apartments at the Carlton. CHICAGO, June 16.—The following from Oregon are registered at Chicago hotels: Portland—Congress, L. M. Jones; La Salle, E. A. Stewart. Medford—Palmer House, Dr. E. R. Zellely.

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RACE MANAGER FREED. E. C. JOHNSON NOW WILL SUE G. N. SMITH FOR FALSE ARREST. Charge of Larceny is Not Proved Before Municipal Judge—Promoter's Offer of Entrance Money Not Denied. A charge of larceny by bailie, made against E. C. Johnson, of the Northwest Automobile Association, was dismissed by Municipal Judge Stevenson yesterday morning when Mr. Johnson came up for trial. G. N. Smith, of the Pacific Tire & Supply Company, who was an entrant in the elimination automobile race in the first day of last week's races, and who won a third prize, had charged Mr. Johnson with withholding \$300, which he declared due him as forfeit and purse money. Mr. Johnson explained to the judge that the \$50 forfeit money and about \$30 in purse money was all that was due Mr. Smith, and that the forfeit money had been offered him, but that the purse money, based on the day's gate receipts, after deducting all expenses, could not be paid until all bills were paid and the net receipts computed. Mr. Smith swore to a warrant before Deputy District Attorney Delch, alleging that Mr. Johnson had kept \$500 from him, all of which was due him, and which he had demanded. Mr. Johnson testified, and was not refuted, that he had offered Mr. Smith his forfeit money and would give him his purse money when the final figures were checked. He had a check for \$50 payable to Mr. Smith in his pocket when Detective Hammerley arrested him Monday night. This was the returned entrance money. "I will sue Mr. Smith for false arrest," said Mr. Johnson yesterday. "He caused me to be arrested when he knew that he had nothing like the sum named in the warrant. I may produce him for perjury, also, because, to obtain the warrant, he must have sworn that I owed him \$300, which I did not owe him."

PORTLAND IS CHOSEN

ATHLETIC POWERS THAT BE TO CONVENE HERE JUNE 22. Championship Programme at 1915 Fair to Be Discussed—Coast Matters Also to Front.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 16.—The greatest meeting ever held of the powers-that-be in far Western amateur athletic circles is scheduled to convene at Portland June 22, when representatives of the far Western associations of the American Athletic Union will convene and discuss the exposition programme for the championships to be held in 1915. According to a decision by Director of Exposition Athletics James E. Sullivan, these championships will include boxing, wrestling, swimming and track and field tournaments. The Rock Mountain Association will be represented by President R. G. Parvin, of Denver; the Intermountain association by W. E. Day, Salt Lake City; the Pacific Northwest association by A. S. Goldsmith, Seattle; the Southern Pacific association by Seward A. Simons, Los Angeles; the Pacific association by William Unmack, San Francisco. Each association is represented by its president, excepting the Pacific. John Elliott, originally named to represent the latter is in Europe. In addition to the championships, the representatives of the various associations will discuss the Pacific Coast track and field championship, the Coast track and field collection championships, the Coast tennis championships and soccer football championships.

STORY DENIED BY THAW

Trip to Pittsburg, Not Abroad, Only Thing in Mind.

GORHAM, N. H., June 16.—In a signed statement Harry K. Thaw denied today a report that he was planning to leave the country. "The only place I am going to is Pittsburg," he said. "As soon as I get permission I am going home to be with my family and look after my business interests. I have no intention whatever of going abroad. Any statement to that effect is fabricated."

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