ALL TO GET ADVICE ON FIRE PREVENTION

Mayor's Committee of Business Men to Spend Week Mailing Lists.

INSURANCE CUT IS HOPE

Campaign Will Culminate Saturday, Anniversary of Chicago Conflagration, in Effort for Reduced Rates.

FIRE PREVENTION ADVICE.

Clean out the flue and moss from the roof.
Remove old papers, rags and waste from basement.
See that the furnace pipes are all riveted.
Be sure the ash receptacle is of metal.
Open the windows when cleaning with gasoline.
Do not use coal oil or gasoline stoves.
Do not use dangerous rubber tubing to connect gas stove.
Never use oil to start a fire.
Do not hang clothing too near stoves.
Be careful to close the door of room when you go out and leave gas burning.
Keep matches from children.
Remember the fire department can be reached by calling Main 7700 or A 1323.

Yesterday the Mayor appointed a committee of business men who are going to spend the week in sending advice like the foregoing to every home in Portland. It is part of the clean-up campaign that will precede fire-prevention day, fixed for next Saturday.

Saturday will be the anniversary of the Chicago fire, and it is going to be celebrated in Portland by a determined effort to reduce the rate on fire insurance.

J. A. Jamieson, C. F. Patton and F. C. Moore have been appointed a committee to represent the association of credit men of the city for the purpose of carrying the campaign to the board of underwriters. Yesterday Chairman Jamieson announced that his committee had determined to follow up every complaint of excess fire insurance rates where the complainant had responded to the call and had done his best to eliminate dangerous exposures around his property.

All Are Urged to Aid.

"What we hope to do is to have every business man and every home owner clean out all fire exposures during the coming five days," said Mr. Jamieson. "The credit men of Portland have been working for five years to eliminate or reduce fire losses, and since we began the work the annual fire-prevention day has been inaugurated in most of the cities of the country.

"The Governor has designated the day in Oregon, and it has been indorsed by the Mayor of Portland. Now we ask the support of every business man and every home owner.

"It is almost unbelievable that the fire losses of this city should have been reduced in less than one year from $6.67 per capita to less than $2.50, while not a single life has been lost in Portland this year. But that is the record.

"The firemen of the city are this week calling on residents and going over their homes with them. It is a friendly tender of services for the benefit of the home owner, and it is a visit that should be received as would the friendly visit of the family physician. These men are being educated as experts in fire prevention, and we ask the people to make use of them this week, if they never did before. Call in the captain of the station in your district and get his advice as to how a fire might be prevented.

Fires Due to Carelessness.

"Most every fire that breaks out is caused by carelessness. It may be that the merchant or home owner cannot agree with that statement, but after the fire is over it always is easy to see how it might have been prevented. A consultation with the captain at this time may prevent a future fire."

Fire-prevention day and clean-up week will come to an end on Saturday with a luncheon at the Chamber of Commerce for Fire Marshal Jay Stevens and his 100 deputies, when the men who run with the fire-fighting apparatus will give an accounting of their work and when hundreds of Portland men are expected to be present to tell what they have done to make property safe.

Walter H. Evans, District Attorney, will be the chief speaker, and will give the inside history of the "arson ring," which has recently been broken up in Portland. Mr. Evans will submit ideas for a number of new laws which will be proposed as a result of the campaign against fire losses.

Schools to Have Part.

To arrange for observance in the schools a large committee has been named, of which Orlando W. Davidson will be chairman. A committee on co-operation on the part of the Chamber of Commerce comprises E. L. Thompson, George L. Baker and George E. Hardy.

The committee on legislation comprises Harry L. Corbett, H. P. Boardman, Julius L. Meier, William Albers and H. E. Plummer. The state-wide co-operation committee comprises E. M. Underwood and J. A. Jamieson. Other committees will be named later. These committees will serve after Fire Prevention day as well as before, it being Mayor Albee's plan to keep up the fire prevention campaign throughout the rest of this year.

The general committee appointed to handle plans for the observance of Saturday as Fire Prevention day includes the following:

Arthur M. Churchill, chairman; J. C. Ainsworth, William Albers, L. R. Alderman, A. H. Averill, George L. Baker, C. A. Bigelow, Walter E. Bliss, H. P. Boardman, B. F. Boynton, H. R. Burke, G. T. Brown, Frank Burckhalter, John F. Carroll, Police Chief Clark, H. P. Coffin, J. C. Coleman, C. C. Colt, Harry L. Corbett, H. M. Covey, Marshall N. Dana, Orlando W. Davidson, Robert G. Dieck, Fire Chief Dowell, Robert G. Duncan, J. D. Dundore, A. L. Dupuy, Roy Edwards, Walter H. Evans, William N. Gatens, Horton N. Graham, George E. Hardy, Hugh Henry, Chester Hogue, Thomas H. Hurlburt, Frank Irvine, J. P. Jaeger, J. A. Jamieson, Jacob Kanzler, A. J. Kirkpatrick, F. C. Knapp, Antoine G. Labbe, Assistant Fire Chief Laudenkloss, A. G. Long, James N. McEwen, R. F. McFaul, Dr. Henry H. Marcott, Julius L. Meier, Captain John T. Moore, Edward Moriarty, Mrs. F. S. Myers, Harvey O'Bryan, W. P. Olds, R. H. Pier, E. R. Piper, H. E. Plummer, Ira F. Powers, Horace D. Ramsdell, Ira Reynolds, T. C. Richards, Frank C. Riggs, Charles W. Robinson, Frank E. Smith, Mrs. Alva Lee Stevens, J. H. Stevenson, Fred H. Strong, Guy W. Talbot, Horace E. Thomas, R. H. Thomas, E. L. Thompson, Sidney A. Turner, E. M. Underwood, Dean Vincent, Lloyd Wentworth, E. A. West, Robert L. Withrow and John E. Yeon.

State Official Makes Plea.

SALEM, Or., Oct. 4.—(Special.)—Declaring that more than $400 worth of property was destroyed and wasted every hour through fires in Oregon last year, Harvey Wells, State Insurance Commissioner, today issued an appeal to the people of Oregon to observe "Fire-Prevention day," which in a recent proclamation by Governor Withycombe was set for next Saturday.

Commissioner Wells advises people generally to inspect their homes and places of business to see that danger of fire is eliminated.

"Care should be taken to clean up yards, and burn accumulated rubbish away from buildings or fences where a fire might be started," advises the Commissioner. "Fires should not be made on days of high winds. Gather the trash in piles on a bare space and burn when some grown person is on watch; see that no child plays with burning brands and that the fire is quenched before leaving it.

"Some day we shall come to full realization of the great unnecessary loss entailed by fire and shall begin the right sort of preventive campaign to lower it. One place to begin is in the schools. By teaching the children, some of whom will in a few years administer the laws, a long stride toward fire prevention will be taken, and the children, while being taught, will interest parents, who will, as never before, recognize the importance of the question, and rather than plead ignorance on such an important subject will aid in the campaign for fire prevention."

CLUB OFFICIAL RESIGNS

EDITORIAL DUTIES DEMAND TIME OF C. D. McCLURE AT HOQUIAM.

During Regime of Four Years Commercial Organization Is Said to Have Forged Ahead.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Oct. 3.—After four years of continuous service as secretary of the Hoquiam Commercial Club,

C. D. McClure, Who Has Resigned From Secretaryship of Hoquiam Commercial Club.

C. D. McClure presented his resignation Thursday at the opening weekly luncheon of the club for the Fall and Winter season. His reason for resigning was the fact that his work on the Grays Harbor Washingtonian, of which he is night editor, hereafter will require so much of his time that he will not be able to do justice to the Commercial Club's work. The resignation is to be effective as soon as the board of directors can find some one to fill the position.

During Mr. McClure's secretaryship the club has seen its most active period, and has been built up from a demoralized organization to one of the strongest and most active commercial bodies in Southwest Washington. He became secretary in September, 1911.

The club has been active during the four years in all lines of work for the development of the city and tributary territory, and toward gaining publicity for the district. Factory development has been active, and efforts for the settlement of the agricultural districts have been carried on with considerable success. One of the principal activities of the club for local development has been in the matter of roads.

When Mr. McClure became secretary of the Commercial Club it had less than 50 active members. There are now on the club rolls about 350 members.

DIVORCE CASE STOPPED

SPOKANE BANKER'S WIFE DISSATISFIED WITH SETTLEMENT.

Mrs. R. L. Rutter, in Tears, Asserts Her Attorneys Have Not Acted Fairly by Her.

SPOKANE, Wash., Oct. 4.—(Special.)—Trembling violently with emotion and excitement and with tears streaming down her cheeks, Mrs. Isabel Rutter, wife of R. Lewis Rutter, vice-president of the Spokane & Eastern Trust Company, rushed into the courtroom of Presiding Judge Bruce Blake, of the Superior Court, this morning and sobbingly accused her attorneys, Robertson & Miller, of having proved false to her interests and pleaded that her divorce suit against the banker be dismissed. Judge Blake granted her request.

At the entrance to the Courthouse Attorney Richard Nuzum, of Mr. Rutter's counsel, attempted to serve upon Mrs. Rutter a cross-complaint, entered by her husband, countering Mrs. Rutter's action filed last week petitioning for a divorce on the ground of desertion, but Mrs. Rutter brushed him aside, refusing to accept the service.

As she stood before the judge's bench the banker's wife was supported by her daughter, Miss Carol Rutter, who clung to her mother's arm until the judge had granted the plea for the dismissal of the case.

"I do not want this case to proceed," Mrs. Rutter pleaded, as she appeared before the court. "I want to dismiss this action for divorce that I have brought against my husband. I have not been dealt with fairly by my attorneys. The property settlement that they induced me to sign is not a good one.

"I asked Mr. Robertson this morning to come here with me to ask for this dismissal, but he wouldn't and I had to come myself."

KISS ENDS DIVORCE SUIT

Couple, Married Seven Years, Make Up and Case Is Dismissed.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Oct. 4.—(Special.)—After having been estranged a few days, during which time an attempt was made to obtain a divorce, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Fisher kissed and made up, and the result today was that the case was dismissed.

The couple are about 45 years old, and were married in Hillsboro, about 1907. They have several children.

TRADING STAMP ACT DECLARED INVALID

Three Federal Judges Concur in Declaring Law Violation of Equality Clause.

27 DECISIONS FAVORABLE

Manager of Coupon Concern Says Business Will Be Continued as Before—Costs of Suit Are Charged to Complainants.

On the ground that the anti-trading stamp act passed by the last Oregon Legislature is in contravention of the equality clause of the 14th amendment to the Constitution of the United States, the act was declared void in an opinion handed down by Federal Judge Wolverton yesterday.

The opinion, which directs the entering of a decree permanently enjoining the enforcement of the anti-trading stamp law, was unanimously concurred in by Federal Judges Bean and Gilbert, who heard the case with Judge Wolverton.

The purpose of the law was to legislate trading stamps, certificates, coupons or tickets redeemable in merchandise, given by merchants to customers with their purchases, out of business. To this end it imposed an annual tax of 5 per cent of the gross receipts both of merchants using them and the company or companies issuing them.

It is this tax which the court holds to be in violation of the Federal Constitution.

Law Never Enforced.

Though the law became effective last May 24, it has never been in force. On the morning of that day, Woodard, Clarke & Co. and other firms using green trading stamps, representing about 300 firms in the state, applied to Federal Judge Bean for a temporary restraining order to enjoin the Sperry & Hutchinson Company from violating its contract with them by redeeming the stamps in cash instead of merchandise, as it contemplated doing in order not to break the law.

Another temporary restraining order enjoining Attorney-General Brown or District Attorney Evans, of Multnomar County, from enforcing the law was also applied for. Both these orders were granted by Judge Bean, and have been in force since. Their effect has been to permit the redemption in merchandise of trading stamps and other merchandise certificates or coupons without hindrance pending the court's decision.

"It is at once apparent," says Judge Wolverton's opinion, which is brief, "that the tax levied was intended and designed by the Legislature to be of such proportions as to be inhibitive of the use of such trading stamps within the state.

"In a case of like nature, arising under similar coditions in the State of Washington, the law was held by the District Court for the Eastern Division of Washington, three judges sitting, to be void as in contravention of the equality clause of the 14th amendment to the Federal Constitution."

Washington Case Cited.

After naming the case, that of Litttle vs. Tanner, decided July 24, 1913, the opinion continues:

"Without, therefore, entering upon further discussion of the controversy, we hold the act in question to be without validity and void. Let a decree be entered enjoining the enforcement of the act, as prayed, with costs to the complainants."

Two of the Federal Judges in the present case, United States Circuit Judge Gilbert and United States District Judge Wolverton, also sat in the Washington case cited in Judge Wolverton's opinion. The third Judge in that case was United States District Judge Rudkin, of Washington.

"The decision of the United States Court declaring the anti-trading stamp act invalid, leaves the trading stamp situation in Oregon just as it was before the law was passed," said F. A. Kress, Oregon manager for the Sperry & Hutchinson Company, yesterday.

"Of course we shall continue to redeem trading stamps in merchandise just as we have always done. We have had no doubt at any time that the law would be declared unconstitutional, as it was exactly parallel to the Washington case decided by the United States Court in 1913.

"This is the 27th decision by state or Federal courts in the last few years declaring anti-trading stamp laws unconstitutional. It would seem that the lesson ought to be impressed on State Legislatures by this time."

Sales Manager Comments.

D. A. Dinsmoor, sales manager of Olds, Wortman & King, who figured prominently in the case as the largest distributors of trading stamps west of Chicago, declared the court decision to be of the greatest importance.

"It is a sweeping victory for the Sperry & Hutchinson Trading Stamp Company, and it affects many retail merchants, as well as thousands of people who have saved up the little green trading stamps with a view of getting a piece of furniture, rug, dishes or other articles of value for their homes," he said.

"The law was passed by the Legislature in the face of petitions against it signed by approximately 40,000 persons. Now that the law has been knocked out, the Sperry & Hutchinson Company will prove a valuable asset to Oregon manufacturers.

"They are now giving away in premiums rocking chairs that are made in Portland. Samples of Oregon-made chiffoniers, dressers and sideboards have been forwarded to New York for inspection by their purchasing department with a view to supplying their entire Pacific Coast needs in furniture from made-in-Oregon goods. This aggregates between $250,000 and $500,000 a year and is only a stepping-stone to the great possibilities presented to the Oregon manufacturer.

"The president of the Sperry & Hutchinson Company will be in Portland soon and we will make it our business to see that he is apprised of all the merits of Oregon-made goods and the advantages of buying here for their Western distribution, instead of shipping across the continent."

Robert G. Duncan, secretary of the Retail Grocers' Association, said the court's decision was welcome news to him.

"I have been severely criticized for maintaining that this law was unconstitutional," said Mr. Duncan. "It was worse than that. It was a farcical arrangement and no law at all. It attempted to impose a heavy tax on a merchant's whole business, when he might be giving trading stamps on a portion of it only."

Cartridge Workers Resume Tasks.

LOWELL, Mass., Oct. 5.—Several hundred striking employes of the United States Cartridge Company's plant returned to work here today, joining approximately 2000 who went back last week. It was stated that the entire force, consisting of 5000 men, would be at work by tomorrow.

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MR. HILD SAYS GOODBY

TRIP TO DENVER TO ASSUME NEW POST BEGINS THIS MORNING.

Presentation Made by Officials and Employes of Portland Company and Mr. Griffith Gives Dinner.

F. W. Hild, retiring general manager of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, will leave at 10 o'clock this morning for Denver where he will assume his new duties as general manager of the Denver Tramway Company to which position he was elected a few weeks ago.

Mr. Hild continued at work in the Electric building all yesterday and until late in the evening, closing up his affairs with the local company. He was busy most of the time, however, receiving friends who had come to say goodby.

Officials of the company yesterday morning presented Mr. Hild with a substantial testimonial of their esteem in the shape of a handsome leather traveling bag and a toilet set. The employes gave him a pair of field glasses in a leather case.

Mrs. Hild and her mother, Mrs. J. F. Markey, who has been visiting her here for the last few weeks, will leave Portland on Thursday for Chicago, Mrs. Markey's home. Mrs. Hild will remain in Chicago for several weeks before going to Denver to join Mr. Hild.

On the eve of his departure from Portland last night, Mr. Hild expressed his keen regret at leaving a city where he has had such pleasant experiences and a place that presents such manifest possibilities for substantial future development.

Franklin T. Griffith, president of the Portland company last night gave a dinner at the Arlington Club in compliment to Mr. Hild.

FRANKLIN NEEDED BADLY

HIGH SCHOOL TAXED TO LIMIT TO CARE FOR STUDENTS.

North Portland Commercial Club to Meet Tonight to Discuss Plan for Jefferson Addition.

Not until the completion of the new Franklin High School building will the congestion in the Portland high schools be relieved. As the Franklin High will not be ready for occupancy at least before the beginning of the February term of school, portable units are being used at the other high schools.

At Jefferson High, where the congestion is most felt, three portable buildings are in use. Fifteen hundred and forty-seven students have registered there, and unless other provision is made the congestion will not be relieved until the completion of Franklin. Many of the students who are now enrolled at Washington will then be transferred to Franklin, and Washington will, in turn, receive part of the students registered at Jefferson. A plan has been conceived by the North Portland Commercial Club to provide an addition to the Jefferson High to accommodate the excess in registration, and a meeting of that body will be held tonight to discuss the plan.

There are approximately 5000 students enrolled in the five high schools in the city—Jefferson, Lincoln, Washington, Franklin and James John.

ACTRESS TELLS SECRET

A Well-Known Actress Tells How She Darkened Her Gray Hair and Promoted Its Growth With a Simple Home-Made Mixture.

Miss Blanche Rose, a well-known actress, who darkened her gray hair with a simple preparation which she mixed at home, in a recent interview at Chicago, Ill., made the following statement: "Any lady or gentleman can darken their gray hair and make it soft and glossy, with this simple recipe, which they can mix at home. To a half pint of water add 1 oz. of bay rum, a small box of Barbo Compound, and ¼ oz. of glycerine. These ingredients can be bought at any drugstore at very little cost. Apply to the hair twice a week until it becomes the required shade. This will make a gray-haired person look 20 years younger. It is also fine to promote the growth of hair, relieves itching and scalp humors and is excellent for dandruff and falling hair."—Adv.

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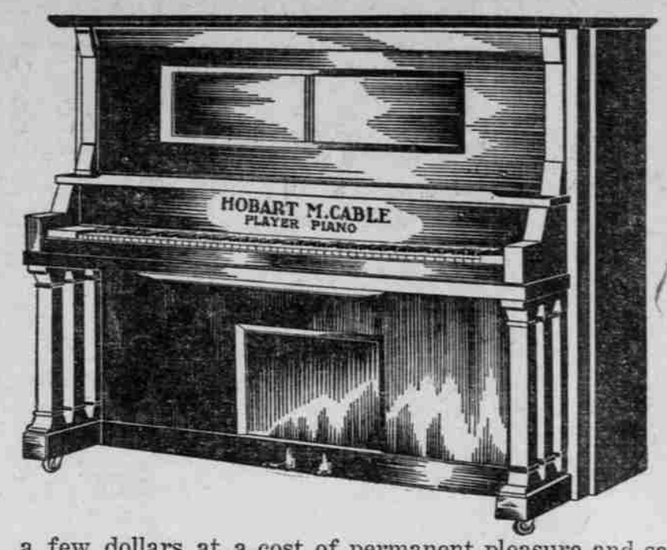

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MEDFORD LOSES CASE

CITY IS DIRECTED TO CARRY OUT 25-YEAR LIGHT CONTRACT.

Judge Wolverton Orders Decree in Favor of Power Company as Acting in Good Faith.

A city has no right to repudiate a contract which has been in force for several years on the ground that it was entered into contrary to the provisions of the city charter.

This point was involved in an opinion handed down by Federal Judge Wolverton yesterday in which a decree was ordered, directing the City of Medford, Or., to live up to the terms of a 25-year contract for lighting the city, with the California-Oregon Power Company.

The contract was entered into between the city and the Condor Water & Power Company, predecessor of the California-Oregon Power Company, in 1907. The company agreed to lease the municipal lighting plant for 25 years, with an option to purchase it for $20,000 within five years, the city to be permitted to repurchase it at the expiration of the contract if desired.

The ordinance granting the lease and repealing such parts of the charter as might be in conflict therewith, was presented to the people by the City Council for referendum. It was carried, and the contract was made. At the same time the City Council also granted the company a franchise for 25 years.

In 1912 the city owed the company $17,605 for power and the company offered to pay the balance of $20,000 in cash, take over the plant as its own and cancel the city indebtedness to it. This offer was not accepted and the city attempted to have the contract declared void on the ground that the charter prohibited the Council from entering into public utility contracts for longer than 10 years.

Judge Wolverton ruled that though this clause in the charter is valid, the Council had tried to get around the 10-year provision by referring the ordinance to the people, who passed it, and that the company accepted in good faith. He said that the company was entitled to buy the plant under its option on the terms it proposed, and directed that the city must live up to its contract.

Oakville Fair Opens Thursday.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Oct. 4.—(Special.)—The fifth annual exhibit of the Oakville Fair Association will open Thursday morning. With practically all of the available space gone indications point to a successful fair. The display of agricultural products promises to be one of the best ever known in Western Washington. The premium list was issued Saturday. Plenty of amusement has been provided for the fair visitors.

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