

PETITIONS BEING SIGNED RAPIDLY

Papers for Initiative Measure Are Being Circulated in Portland.

CAMPAIGN TO COVER STATE

Members of Independent Retailers' Association Are Behind Movement and Many Signatures Are Obtained, They Say.

Petitions for an initiative measure to go on the ballot at the November general election, repealing and abolishing the Sunday closing law, have been circulating in Portland for three or four weeks.

The initiators of the measure are Dan Kellaher, Ben A. Bellamy, R. H. Nash, C. E. Myers and Lew E. Merrick, members of the recently organized Independent Retailers' Association of Portland, which was formed about two months ago.

The proposed measure provides: "That section 2125 of title 18 of Laws of Oregon laws (as compiled and annotated by William Palma Reed), be and the same is hereby repealed and abolished.

"That all acts or parts of acts in conflict with this act are hereby abrogated, repealed and abolished insofar as they conflict herewith.

"This act is in all respects self-executing and immediately operative.

The initiative says they have obtained many signatures and will soon send petitions to all counties in the state.

"BLUE" LAW UP TOMORROW

Sunday Baseball, Pool, Bowling, Soda, Cigars Hang on Decision.

Baseball magnates, poolroom and bowling alley managers, soda fountain and cigar store proprietors, together with the people who believe the old Sunday "blue" law is an infringement on personal and religious rights, are looking with anxious eyes toward Circuit Judge Gantenbein, whose decision tomorrow on an injunction pending before him will lift or clamp down the lid in Portland.

"Will be influenced by the Federal Court decision on this same question" is a query finding much popular expression.

Judge Gantenbein granted a temporary restraining order to Dan Kellaher some time ago, seven years ago he held that the law was unconstitutional, interfering with religious liberties. No appeal was made from that decision, but should Judge Gantenbein decide in the same way tomorrow it is said the case will be carried to the State Supreme Court.

Federal Judges Wolcott, Gilbert and Cushman held that the law was essentially civil and not religious, and that it was within the police power of a state to enforce such a statute.

The decision of the Federal Court, said District Attorney Evans yesterday, is by no means binding on the state courts. A decision granting a permanent injunction from Judge Gantenbein, if upheld by the Supreme Court of Oregon, would be final, so far as this state is concerned. The Federal Court's decision could be reversed by the light of an advisory conclusion, so far as the state courts are concerned.

SUNDAY PAPER MAY BE HIT

Folk County Sheriff Intimates Rigid Lid at Once.

DALLAS, Or., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—Law enforcement in Folk County is to take a new turn as a result of the Federal Court decision on the Sunday-closing law of Oregon. Sheriff Oye has declared that he will enforce the Sunday-closing law to the letter, and for the first time in the history of the county, confessions and cigar stores will be closed in this city next Sunday. The Sheriff also intimates that he will stop the distribution of the Sunday papers by the private news dealers.

The prosecuting officers in this county have taken the stand that if the people want a Sunday-closing law, they should have it in fact, as well as in name.

RAILWAY WORK CURTAILED

Aggregate for 1915 in Northwest 164.6 Miles With 82.7 in Oregon.

AN aggregate of 164.6 miles of new railroad were built in Oregon, Washington and Idaho during the year 1915, according to compilations just published by the Railway Age-Gazette.

In this total 82.7 miles of first track were built in Oregon, 28.3 miles of first track and 54.4 miles of second track in Washington and 1.75 miles of second track in Idaho.

Table with 2 columns: Location, Miles. Includes Oregon, First Track; Washington, First Track; Idaho, First Track; Oregon, Second Track; Washington, Second Track; Idaho, Second Track.

Hours Bloom in Snow.

RECORDED. On Jan. 6.—(Special.)—Since the first snowfall on the night of December 21, many residents have been gathering snow from covered lawns. No severe cold weather preceded the storm.

MOVING PICTURE NEWS



Pauline Frederick and Vincent Serrano in 'Lydia Gilmore' at Peoples Tomorrow

Vitagraph players, appeared in a one-act skit at the Vitagraph Theater in the Christmas benefit given by that company for the poor children of New York City. The play required them to lie in bed, under covers, and to hide their identities until a waiter walked across the stage clinking a pitcher of ice water. At that welcome sound they sat up in bed, go to their feet and followed the waiter pitcher on the stage.

Carlyle Blackwell, who played opposite Mary Pickford in 'Such a Little Queen,' Famous Players-Paramount production, in his youth was known as a 'rotten' student, and general deviltry seemed to be the study he passed in school. He went to Cornell University until his father decided he was too expensive a luxury.

Anita King, 'The Paramount Girl,' will make her next screen appearance with Victor Moore in 'The Traveling Salesman.' As the roads are so bad and the rainy season has set in it was found that the filming of 'The Traveling Salesman,' the newest Famous-Paramount subject and a starring vehicle for Dustin Farnum.

The trip to the Orient that Henry McRae is expected to take is now a practical certainty, for Sena Owen, formerly with D. W. Griffith, has been engaged to play the leading part of the production, which will be called 'Ond of the Orient,' and it is planned that the opening scenes of the story will be laid in San Francisco.

Oscar Eagle, World Film Corporation director, who returned this week from Savannah, Ga., and Pittsburg, Pa., with a company of 25 people headed by Robert Warwick and Madeline Traversé, has about completed the photo-drama made from the novel of Henry Russell Miller, 'The Ambition of Mark Trullit,' and which will be called 'The Quest Eternal.' Scenes in the steel mills, a realistic character study of Andrew Carnegie, in the role of a steel king, and scenes on the Stock Exchange are some of the features of the film.

'The Rack' Condemned.

The Portland Board of Motion Picture Censors condemned 'The Rack,' the World film featuring Alice Brady, at a private exhibition. This is the second Alice Brady feature turned down in Portland, the last one being 'As Yet Unknown.'

After viewing the picture, which treats of marital difficulties and the arrest and trial of the heroine on the charge of murdering a man with whom she is supposed to have an affair, the censors voted, four to two, to prohibit its screening in Portland. A strong intimation was made that hereafter productions which play a receipt of strictness at the hands of the censors.

Satisfied that there is nothing objectionable in the film, Manager Louis B. Mayer, of the Pickwick Theater, who intended to present the picture Thursday, intends to make a strong fight for its screening. He is making arrangements for a private exhibition given to newspapermen and prominent Portland citizens for Thursday morning to convince them of the absurdity of the censors' ruling.

National Changes Today.

A dual feature programme, starring Jackie Saunders, the 'Halboa Girl,' who has been called 'The Madame Adams of the Screen,' and Mary Fuller, prominent Universal star, will open today at the National Theater. Miss Saunders will appear in 'The Adventures of a Madcap,' a hand-colored four-act Pathé production, while Miss Fuller will be seen in 'The Heart of a Mermaid,' a four-act Universal feature.

In addition to these big features the Animated Weekly will be included, while Miss Dorothy Lewis will be heard in song.

Film Change at Columbia.

The Columbia Theater will make a change in its programme today, retaining the Keystone comedy screen, 'The Submarine Pirate,' and adding 'The Edge of the Abyss.' This is a strong production of American life in society, featuring Willard Mack, the former Portland favorite; Mary Boland, for many years leading woman for John Drew, and Frank Mills.

Screen Gossip.

Vivian Blackburn, featured in 'Excuse Me,' is the daughter of an Army officer, but such was her stage ambition that she defied conventions of the caste-bound Army circle, went to New York and secured an engagement with May Irwin. She also played with John Drew and Anna Held before her two successful seasons in 'Excuse Me.' As 'The Fencing Girl' her likeness, in short skirt, red heart and tawny full cheeks, gave her great prominence throughout the country.

Pedro De Cordoba, who plays one of the prominent parts in 'Temptation,' a Lasky-Paramount production, is a direct descendant of Gonzalo De Cordoba, known in Spanish history as 'El Gran Capitán,' who lived at about the time of Columbus and who became an historic character by driving the Moors out of the southern part of the Spanish peninsula.

Charles Richman, appearing at the Heling in 'The Battle Cry of Peace,' Joseph Kilgore and Antonio Moreno, an Italian scientist has developed a method of identifying individuals by means of the veins in their hands.

BANKER INDORSES GUARANTEE PLAN

State Backing for Irrigation Bonds Deemed Feasible and Advantageous.

DRAINAGE ACTION ADVISED

J. C. Ainsworth Says Bills in Congress Are Not Broad Enough and That Legislation by State Would Hasten Work.

"Let us have state guarantees of irrigation bonds," said J. C. Ainsworth, president of the United States National Bank, yesterday in discussing the recent action of the Oregon Irrigation Congress in advocating the state guarantee plan.

Mr. Ainsworth believes the state should be ready to take advantage of both the Federal and the state guarantee privileges, but declares that the plan suggested by the irrigation meeting last week is superior to either of the plans contained in bills now pending in the Federal Congress.

"The state guarantee principle is the surest and the quickest way of hastening irrigation development in Oregon," said Mr. Ainsworth. "And the action should be broad enough to cover drainage as well as irrigation. There is as much necessity for adequate drainage development as there is for irrigation.

"Under any of the several plans already suggested for state aid it would be necessary, of course, to authorize the creation of a commission of competent persons to pass on the feasibility and the practicability of any project that it is proposed to develop.

"Upon the assurance of this commission that a project can be successfully operated, the state can arrange to guarantee the bonds—both principal and interest.

"As I understand it, the Jones bill, now in Congress, provides only for the Federal guarantee of interest, and not of principal. Now a bond of this kind would be hard to sell. Investors will want assurance that the principal will be paid as well as the interest.

"With the state guarantee behind them it will be possible to sell bonds carrying interest as low as 5 per cent. 'At this figure, I believe, it will be possible to realize a substantial premium. This premium should accrue to the state to reimburse it for its work and for the risk it takes.

"The bonds should run for a comparatively long period—say for 25 years—and the principal should be paid for the first five years. This would give the settler a reasonable time to get his land on a paying basis before being forced to pay on his original investment.

Mr. Ainsworth says that any provision for state guarantee of bonds should carry with it the privilege for the state to handle them when they are first issued. He suggests, for this purpose an enlargement of the provisions of the Hancock act, under which the city now sells improvement bonds.

LOGANBERRY MEN TO MEET

Juice Manufacturers to Organize to Standardize Product.

Loganberry juice manufacturers will meet today at 5:30 at the Chamber of Commerce to perfect a permanent organization to standardize their product and to conduct a general advertising campaign for the Oregon product.

O. L. Farris is the temporary chairman. The plan also contemplates cooperative buying of packages and shipment of carload lots to distributing centers.

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