

### SHIPPING MEN FORM INDEPENDENT UNION

#### Future Relations of Council With Chamber Have Not Yet Been Decided.

### OFFICIALS INDORSE MOVE

#### Traffic and Transportation Bureau May Be Abolished and All Work of Importance Will Be Independent of Chamber.

Prominent Portland shippers and other business men who have frequent use of the rail and water transportation lines radiating out of this city, yesterday perfected arrangements for organization of a shippers' association, which will have charge of all rate and traffic problems in which the commercial life of the city is interested.

The new organization will be operated independently of the Chamber of Commerce, which heretofore has handled the traffic affairs of the city, and will succeed the Chamber in caring for that kind of work. J. H. Lothrop will be retained as traffic manager.

Many of the prominent members of the traffic and transportation bureau of the Chamber will continue to affiliate with the new association, but will retain their membership in the Chamber.

#### Bureau May Be Abolished.

It is probable that the traffic and transportation bureau of the Chamber will be abolished. Members of this bureau doubtless will transfer to one of the other bureaus. These details have not yet been determined, in fact.

The traffic and transportation bureau now is represented by three directors on the board of the Chamber of Commerce. They are L. A. Lewis, W. H. Mitchell and C. B. Woodruff. It is understood that they will continue in that capacity, but this is another detail that remains to be arranged.

Plans for the new organization were perfected at a recent meeting of the executive committee of the Chamber, which yesterday outlined the new activities as follows:

It has been agreed that the operation of the traffic bureau as a constituent part of the Chamber of Commerce was impractical and inconsistent in many ways.

#### Change Based on Experience.

The experience of the year ended March 31 makes it apparent that the community service required of a traffic organization can best be rendered by an independent organization consisting of those shippers and receivers of freight who are concerned in rates and transportation service.

The arrangement to separate is a decision reached on terms entirely friendly. The plan calls for a division of memberships, which will give the independent shippers' association a sufficient amount of funds for operation. It is made up for the most part of concerns that formerly supported the work of the old transportation committee.

It is contended that while interest in transportation matters will be maintained in the Chamber, no action will be taken in regard to freight rates and rate adjustments. Matters of a general nature will be discussed and passed upon, but it is thought that the proposed independent shippers' organization, having within its membership many members of the Chamber of Commerce well versed in rate matters, can best guard the industrial and commercial interests also of the city. The services of the committee will always be at the command of the Chamber with which it will work in the closest cooperation.

### CHAMBER OFFICIALS INDORSE MOVE

President Colt, Executive Secretary Hardy and L. Allen Lewis, in their director and also chairman of the managing committee of the traffic bureau, express themselves as well pleased with the plan for separation and feel confident that the same friendly and cooperative spirit which has prevailed throughout the negotiations will make easy the completion of the work of separation.

The new organization may be called the "Shippers' Association of Oregon." A meeting of shippers has been called for 8 o'clock today in the members' council room on the fifth floor of the Oregon building, in which the Chamber of Commerce is located.

### BRITISH STICK TO GUNS

#### Arrest of Germans on American Vessel Defended.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—Great Britain's reply to the representations of the United States regarding the 38 Germans who were removed by a British cruiser from the American steamship China, near Shanghai recently, is understood to make it clear that the assertion of the right to remove sub-

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jects of an enemy country from a neutral ship on the high seas is limited strictly to persons who form part of the military establishment of the enemy.

Publication of the British note, which reached the State Department yesterday, had been delayed on account of some obscure passages in the cabined text. It is said, however, that it gives assurance that if investigations show there are among the men removed, any who are not part of the German Army Navy, they will be released. The contention is that there is nothing inconsistent in this attitude with that assumed by the British government in the famous Midson case, arising during the Civil War, when two Confederate commissioners were removed by a Federal warship from the British liner Trent.

Apparently an important factor in the case would be the status of a recruit and the question whether any of these Germans are of military age and are subject to military service on return to Germany.

### EDITOR URGES DEFENSE

#### EDGAR B. PIPER ADDRESSES AGRICULTURAL STUDENTS.

#### Aggressiveness of Growing Nations Cited—Albany Hears Talk on Preparedness, Too.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Or., April 5.—(Special.)—Edgar B. Piper, editor of The Oregonian, gave an address today on "Preparedness" at the mid-week convocation exercises at the Oregon Agricultural College.

Mr. Piper disputed arguments advanced by the pacifists, and called the attention of the large audience to the aggressiveness of the growing nations of the world which had resulted in wars past and present and which there was no reason to believe will not do so in the future. He said preparedness was not necessarily preparing for the slaughter of American young men, but rather other means, such as an insurance against bloodshed.

He also cited numerous instances not included in the college texts where preparedness before wars of past years would have prevented needless destruction of life and property.

Miss Constance Piper played two piano solos at the close of the convocation.

ALBANY, Or., April 5.—(Special.)—Before a large and representative audience of Albany people Edgar B. Piper, editor of The Oregonian, tonight spoke on "Preparedness" in the First Presbyterian Church under the auspices of the Albany Commercial Club, the Albany Retail Merchants Association and the executive board of the Albany Public Library.

Prior to the lecture Mr. Piper was the guest of honor at a banquet given by the Merchants' Association. He was escorted on an automobile ride about the city and spent part of the day visiting at the home of his brother-in-law, Senator E. D. Cusick.

### CITY EMPLOYE REINSTATED

#### Court Issues Mandamus to Restore Place Lost.

Petition for a writ of mandamus to compel Will H. Daly, Commissioner; L. S. Kaiser, superintendent, and E. J. Gray, foreman, of the Water Department, to restore him to his duties in that department and to pay him for 38 1/2 days of time lost, was filed in the Circuit Court yesterday by J. W. Dryden, city employee, under civil service. On motion of Attorney William S. U'Ren, Circuit Judge Morrow allowed the writ and ordered the defendants to employ Mr. Dryden and pay damages within ten days or to show cause for not complying with the order on April 15 at 10 a. m.

### PIONEER OF 1850 BURIED

#### Mrs. Elizabeth Summers Lived in Same House 53 Years.

OREGON CITY, April 5.—(Special.)—The funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Summers, who died Sunday, was held yesterday from St. John's Catholic Church and interment was made in the Mountain View Cemetery.

### WOMAN SUES THIRD TIME

#### Action Brought Against Officials for Damages Alleged.

EUGENE, Or., April 5.—(Special.)—The case of Josie Pullen against the City of Eugene, in which the original judgment in favor of the plaintiff for \$3000 could not be collected because of a provision of the city charter limiting the liability of the city to \$100 in personal injury damage cases, is to be tried for the third time. An amended complaint has been filed in the Circuit Court.

### CORNELIUS CLUB ELECTS

#### Mrs. L. A. Jackson Is President of Civic Organization.

CORNELIUS, Or., April 5.—(Special.)—The members of the Civic Club of this place met at the library Tuesday for their annual business meeting and elected the following officers: President, Mrs. L. A. Jackson; vice-president, Mrs. A. D. Smith; recording secretary, Mrs. W. B. Vickers; corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. Ingebrigtsen; treasurer, Mrs. A. J. Lytle.

### CLARKE LICENSES 629 AUTOMOBILES.

VANCOUVER, Wash., April 5.—(Special.)—Since March 1, when old automobiles expired, a total of 629 automobiles and 42 motorcycles have been licensed in Clarke County. The total fees received by the County Auditor for these licenses was \$3756. The average license fee paid by each automobile or auto-truck has been \$5.98. New automobiles are being licensed at the rate of two each day.

### VERDICT IS GUILTY

#### F. A. Taylor Is Convicted of Embezzling Funds.

### LENIENCY IS RECOMMENDED

#### Lone Juror Holds Out All Day Against Finding in Case of Secretary-Manager of Defunct Portland Concern.

F. A. Taylor, secretary-manager of the defunct F. A. Taylor Company, who has been on trial for embezzlement before Circuit Judge Morrow for a week, was found guilty as charged yesterday, after the jury had been out more than 24 hours. All day the jurors hung 11 to one for conviction, according to Deputy District Attorney Collier. The final verdict of guilty was made with a recommendation for leniency.

Sentence will be pronounced by Judge Morrow on Monday morning. The case was long-drawn-out. Juggling of accounts of the firm was admitted by Taylor, but explained by his contention that he had done all for the good of the firm. Taylor did not deny crediting himself with the firm's money. He said he did it, however, to free it from possible attachment with the assets of the failing concern.

In defense attorneys John Manning and Barge E. Leonard asserted that Taylor was the victim of circumstances; that he was faced with hard times and did the best he could to save the firm from ruin. They pointed out that he had never made any money for himself in the transactions, at least that he had none now to show for it.

The prosecution, conducted by Deputy District Attorney John Collier and Charles Hindman, made capital of the fact that Taylor lived well during all the time the firm was struggling in debt, and contended that he tried to feather his own nest at the expense of the company and E. A. King, a local capitalist, who dropped more than \$48,000 in the venture.

The F. A. Taylor Company was incorporated in Portland four years ago, and went into bankruptcy in September, 1915. Creditors netted between 12 and 15 per cent on their accounts.

In December, 1914, Mr. Taylor discharged his bookkeeper and put his stenographer in that position. Her salary was raised, and shortly afterward he married her. All the accounts of the firm were handled by Mr. and Mrs. Taylor.

### PANTAGES MAKES DEAL

#### FOUR MONTANA THEATERS WILL BE ADDED TO CIRCUIT.

#### Great Falls, Butte, Anaconda and Missoula Are Towns Invaded—Chicago to Get New House.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 5.—(Special.)—As a result of a deal closed in Seattle today, four new theaters will be added to the Pantages circuit, and Pantages vaudeville for the first time will be shown in Montana. The new houses to pass under circuit control, Manager Alexander Pantages announced, are in Great Falls, Butte, Anaconda and Missoula. The theaters, all of which are modern playhouses, heretofore have been operated by the Ansonia Amusement Company, of Butte.

Philip Levy, general manager of this company, came to Seattle yesterday to complete the negotiations. J. E. Oppenheimer, the other member of the Butte concern, is a millionaire mining man with large interests in Montana and British Columbia.

The new arrangement will go into effect the week of April 17, the Pantages shows going from Calgary to Great Falls, to Anaconda, to Missoula and then to Spokane. At present they are making the long jump from Calgary to Spokane.

The adding of the four Montana houses brings the number of weeks booked by Manager Pantages up to 25, his circuit now extending in a great crescent from Detroit out to the Coast, and back East as far as Chicago.

In addition, the Seattle vaudeville magnate is building a new 16-story office and theater building in Minneapolis, has another playhouse under construction in Vancouver, B. C., and the plans are now complete for a new theater in Tacoma. He will soon build a new theater in Chicago.

### TRAP LAID FOR FRAUDS

#### PERJURERS FOR LIQUOR TO BE ARRESTED ON SPOT.

SPOKANE, Wash., April 5.—(Special.)—Persons found making false statements to secure liquor permits will be arrested as they stand at the liquor license window in the County Auditor's office, after this.

Drastic measures to stop the falsifying of records were taken today by Auditor Anderson, who, in co-operation with Sheriff Walker, had the two license clerks, D. P. Fowler and L. Wyland, sworn in as Deputy Sheriffs.

This action was taken only after many persons had been fooled in efforts to obtain permits falsely. It is declared that on several occasions persons have given false names and addresses, or the names and addresses of other residents of the city.

### CAUSE OF ROAD DAMAGE UP

#### Concrete Man Says 12-Ton Road Roller Broke Paving.

Whether or not a 12-ton road roller or the average heavy truck traffic on the Linton road caused breaks in a section of concrete pavement is a question before the County Commissioners and Roadmaster. The maintenance agreement of John Eden, a cement manufacturer of Seattle, enters into the question.

### RAILWAY MEN ASK RISE

#### FORMAL NOTICE IS SERVED ON SOUTHERN PACIFIC.

#### Shasta Division Employees Give Notice of More Pay or Shorter Hours and Set April 20 for Reply.

ASHLAND, Or., April 5.—(Special.)—In common with other railway terminals, formal notification from authorized committees has been served on the Southern Pacific in behalf of the employees of its Shasta division for either shorter hours or more pay. Conductors, engineers and trainmen are involved in this movement for working on an eight-hour basis, with extra pay for overtime. Higher wages for some might reduce the wages for others on this division.

In Ashland, for instance, switch engine crews would be on duty eight hours per day instead of 12-hour shifts under prevailing schedules. For trainmen the demand in the freight service proposes that 100 miles shall constitute a day's run on the eight-hour basis.

C. M. Beitz, promoter of concrete paving, asserts that the pavement has not been treated fairly, having been broken by a heavy road roller and not by usual traffic.

### MISSIONARY FOLK ELECT

#### Mrs. J. W. McMichael Chosen President of Presbyterial.

At the annual meeting of the Portland Presbyterial held yesterday in the Mount Tabor Presbyterian Church, Mrs. J. W. McMichael was unanimously elected president.

Other missionary officers chosen were: First vice-president, Mrs. A. W. Zimmerman; second vice-president, Mrs. M. E. Churchill; third vice-president, Mrs. H. N. Mount; fourth vice-president, Mrs. W. S. Gilbert, of Astoria; fifth vice-president, Mrs. James H. R. Albee; recording secretary, Mrs. Fabian Hysterly; treasurer, Mrs. H. Smith and Mrs. W. J. Kerr; child work secretary, Mrs. F. R. Cook; Christian


### HOUSEWARMING ARRANGED

#### Chamber of Commerce Will Hold Social Tomorrow Night.

Members of the Chamber of Commerce will assemble for an informal housewarming in the chamber's headquarters in the Oregon building at Fifth and Oak streets tomorrow night. The occasion is the annual meeting of the chamber and its varied bureaus, but the formalities of the session will be dispensed with. The time will be given over entirely to social pleasures.

### DALLAS CIRCUIT COURT OPENS TUESDAY.

#### DALLAS, Or., April 5.—(Special.)—Circuit Court for the April term con-



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