

RETAILERS TO MEET IN PORTLAND NEXT

Concluding Day of Session at Astoria Includes Trips, Banquet and Dance.

G. C. BARLOW IS PRESIDENT

Tax on Mail-Order Houses, Extension of Small-Claims Court, and Constitutionality of Trading Stamp Law Are Passed On.

ASTORIA, Or., April 27.—(Special.)

The 12th annual convention of the Oregon Retail Merchants Association today closed a successful three days' session.

Officers to serve during the ensuing year were elected as follows: G. Clifford Barlow, Warrenton, president; W. A. Bell, Eugene, first vice-president; W. Marston, Roseburg, second vice-president; R. M. Smith, of Bend, third vice-president; L. R. Merrick, Portland, secretary; Thomas Watts, Reuben, treasurer; F. L. Trullinger, Yamhill; F. J. Jacobs, McMinnville; George Bramble, Mackburg; J. G. Snodgrass, La Grande; A. M. Reeves, Lebanon; C. E. Munroe, Portland; F. X. Beck, Woodburn, directors.

Portland Chosen for 1917. With a unanimous vote, the city of Portland was selected for the place of holding the next convention.

The morning session of the convention was opened with an invocation by Rev. W. R. B. Turrill and the greater part of the morning was devoted to the adoption of resolutions, election of officers and attention to routine business.

E. J. Jaeger, president of the Greater Portland Specialty Dealers' Association, Father Waters, of Astoria, and District Attorney Mullins, also of this city, were the principal speakers.

Attorney Mullins strongly advocated that the law making a small claims court in counties of 100,000 population or more should be amended to make it applicable to all counties of the state.

Mr. Jaeger's address was on the subject of "Commercial Practice in the Retail Trade."

Resolutions were adopted regarding the measure to tax mail-order houses; advocating the establishment of a small claims court in all counties; advocating a semi-monthly pay day for the State of Oregon; advocating the elimination of "free deals"; advocating the elimination of cariage charges by jobbers; advocating the appointment of a committee on grievance; asking Attorney-General E. J. Connelley to determine the constitutionality of the "Oregon trading stamp law"; endorsing the Stevens protective price bill; endorsing one-cent postage for local letters; endorsing the National fake advertising law; asking Congress to permit attachment of Savings Bank deposits and endorsing the Hawley measure to appropriate \$30,000,000 for the establishment of a Naval base at the mouth of the Columbia River.

During the afternoon the delegates made a trip across the bar and to the lightship on the lightship tender Heather, with Captain Hammarstrom in command.

They were entertained tonight at a banquet and later attended a social and dance given by the local lodge of Elks.

LEWIS CAUCUS TOMORROW

Delegates to State Convention at North Yakima to Be Chosen.

CENTRALIA, Wash., April 27.—(Special.)—The Lewis County Republican Convention will be held in the Rose Theater in Centralia Saturday, when 23 delegates will be elected to the state convention at North Yakima.

The various precincts are expected that practically all of these will be in attendance here Saturday.

Centralia is entitled to 111 delegates, and the first commissioner's district, which includes Centralia, 155 delegates.

Many Bull Moose of four years ago have been elected delegates, which indicates that all party lines will be eliminated in the county at the Fall election.

CENTRALIA CLUB IS DINED

Winners in Membership Contest Are Entertained by Losers.

CENTRALIA, Wash., April 27.—(Special.)—The members of the winning committee in the recent membership contest staged by the Commercial Club were the guests of the losers at a banquet held at Hotel Wilson tonight.

The guests at the banquet were: Mace Kent, Miles McGrail, Mel Clark, Theodore Ross, Paul Ross, S. P. Cox, V. B. Neel, George L. Barner, Charles Fowler, William Christensen, George Williams, R. J. Fletcher and Lawrence Gal-

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LEWIS TAX LEAGUE BUSY

Organization Work Will Be Completed at Meeting Monday.

CENTRALIA, Wash., April 27.—(Special.)

The personnel was announced today of the temporary executive committee of the Lewis County Taxpayers League.

The committee, the duties of which will be to draft a constitution and by-laws for submission to the league on May 13, when the permanent organization will be effected, is composed of Mayor John Galvin, of Centralia; Frances Donahoe, of Chehalis; Dr. J. H. Dymon, of Centralia; B. H. Rhodes, of Centralia; J. E. Lease, of Centralia; Lee Proffitt, C. C. Gingrich, of Chehalis; George R. Sibley, of Chehalis; William Christie, Omak; M. L. Carrier, former Lewis County Superintendent of Schools; V. L. Bevington, of Union, and Charles Swartwood, of Centralia. The committee will meet Monday and organize.

IDAHO D. A. R. CELEBRATES

Oregon Trail Marker to Be Unveiled Today at Caldwell.

CALDWELL, Idaho, April 27.—(Special.)—Appropriate ceremonies will mark the dedication of the marker of the Oregon Trail to be unveiled tomorrow and presented to the city by the local chapter of the D. A. R. To fund to erect the marker, a beautiful granite seat, was raised by the local chapter through popular subscriptions.

State and Northwest officers of the D. A. R. will be in attendance. Preceding the unveiling a pageant, participated in by more than 100 school children, depicting the admission of Idaho into the sisterhood of the United States, will be presented on the Court-house lawn.

A half holiday has been declared in the city, and townspeople are invited to entertain thousands of visitors.

WILL RETAIN SMOKE ADS

University of Washington Daily to Keep Tobacco Firm Revenue.

SEATTLE, April 27.—A proposal to forbid the publication of tobacco advertisements in the University of Washington Daily, a student publication, was voted down at the annual election of the associated students of the University of Washington.

The vote was for continuing tobacco advertisements, 1241; against, 555. The campaign was hotly waged, the Daily opposing the proposal to bar the tobacco advertisements, which, it is said, bring the publication \$600 revenue annually.

Supporters of the anti-tobacco campaign relied upon the support of the girl students, but it is said that not over 400 of the 1200 women enrolled voted against tobacco. The vote for tobacco advertisements came largely from the men students.

JAIL BREAKERS CAPTURED

3 Who Escaped From La Grande Sunday Are Taken at Willowa.

LA GRANDE, Or., April 27.—(Special.)—After four days of freedom, three men who broke County Jail Sunday noon by working loose brick out of the wall have been recaptured.

Burrill Tiffany, a La Grande boy, has 15 days to serve. His companions are strangers charged with larceny. Because one of the men's feet gave out, the trio was forced to the Joseph branch at Vincent and there were first seen when the limping fugitive boarded a train into Willowa. His companions followed on a freight and were arrested soon after their arrival there. They say they hid in a clump of bushes near this city all Sunday afternoon and went north at night until they reached Willowa County, 40 miles away.

SPAN TO BE PLACED TODAY

All Made Ready at Vancouver in Hopes of Fair Weather.

VANCOUVER, Wash., April 27.—(Special.)—No span was floated into position in the Columbia River Interstate bridge today, but it is likely one will be placed tomorrow, if the weather is good. Indications are that the weather will be favorable, as the barometer is rising.

The men today were preparing for the span to be floated tomorrow and recuperating from their exertions of last night, when the draw span was almost wrecked during a heavy gale, which broke just as it was being lowered into place.

ABERDEEN ORDERS PIPE

Contract Calls for 2,000,000 Feet of Wooden Staves.

ABERDEEN, Wash., April 27.—(Special.)—The 2,000,000 feet of pipe staves for the construction of the Wishkah system pipeline will be bought through the Pacific Lumber Agency of this city at \$25 a thousand.

The Council last night directed that the order be placed with the agency, following the reading of a letter from the Vance Lumber Company releasing the city from any obligation to make purchase from that company.

GOLD STRIKE IS BIG ONE

M. Barrows Finds Rich Vein in Baker District and Gives Option.

BAKER, Or., April 27.—(Special.)—The long quest of M. Barrows for the hidden gold of the rich Baker district has at last borne fruit. After a four-year search Mr. Barrows has just uncovered a vein near Pleasant Valley and taken out rich ore from his property, which he has named the "Sunny Jim."

Wade & Young, of Colorado, have taken a \$10,000 option on it. They will begin mining the ore as they can get material on the ground.

DRUGSTORE LIQUOR SEIZED

Seattle Police Dump Out 200 Gallons Taken in Raid.

SEATTLE, April 27.—Two hundred gallons of spirituous liquor of many sorts, seized in a raid last night on Smith's pharmacy, on Jackson street, were dumped into a sewer near the Police Station today.

The anti-bootlegging squad of the police force has been placed under the direction of a sergeant not heretofore connected with the work and who has orders to enforce the law strictly.

COUNCIL TO BE JURY

E. D. Van Auker, Accused of Extortion, to Be Heard.

WITNESSES TO BE CALLED

Sentiment at Oregon City Favors Granting Member's Request for Opportunity to Defend Himself From Charges.

OREGON CITY, Or., April 27.—(Special.)

The Council will be the jury and Mayor Hackett will act as magistrate when the charge of attempted extortion, made by I. Shockley, former operator of the city elevator, against Councilman E. D. Van Auker is heard. Leaders of the opposition to Van Auker will prosecute, his friends on the Council will take the defense and witnesses will be examined and cross-examined at the hearing.

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OUTDOOR PLAY IS PLANNED

"Comedy of Errors" Will Be Presented in Amphitheater at Eugene.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, April 27.—(Special.)—The Shakespeare tercentenary will be celebrated at the University this year by the production of "The Comedy of Errors" as the annual commencement play which forms part of the commencement exercises.

Mr. E. W. Allen, who is to take charge of Professor A. F. Reddie's work while he is away, will be in charge of the rehearsal. Weather permitting, the play is to be given in the Amphitheater on the north side of Skinner's Butte, the city park of Eugene.

A feature of the performance will be the interpretative dances between acts.

PENSION GIVEN TO WIDOW

Commission Gives Aid to 2 Orphan Babies Under Compensation Act.

SALEM, Or., April 27.—(Special.)—Pensions of \$30 a month for the widow of James Bell and \$8 a month each for her two baby girls have been awarded by the State Industrial Accident Commission, which set aside at 4 per cent interest \$859.73 to pay the money due the bereaved family under the compensation act.

Mr. Bell was killed April 1, last, while employed by the West Oregon Lumber Company at Clatskanie. Provided that Mrs. Bell lives her life expectancy and does not remarry and the children survive until they are 16 years old, the state will then have paid the family a total of \$15,367.20.

JULY 4 PLANS ARE LAID

Vancouver Merchants Decide to Hold Big Celebration.

VANCOUVER, Wash., April 27.—(Special.)—That Vancouver will have a big celebration July 4, this year, as usual for the past many decades, is evident. At a meeting of the retail merchants' bureau of the Vancouver Chamber of Commerce, all present voted in favor of holding a celebration again this year.

Vancouver Barracks always takes an important part in such patriotic programmes, and while the whole regiment is not here this year, it is probable that the remaining soldiers will participate.

11 CARS DITCHED IN WRECK

Tramp Stealing Ride Is Seriously Hurt in Crash Near Oakland, Or.

OAKLAND, Or., April 27.—(Special.)—At 7:30 this morning an extra through freight was wrecked at Rice Hill, seven miles north of here. Eleven cars were ditched.

One man, a tramp, who was riding in a lumber car, was seriously, but not fatally, hurt. Traffic is being carried on by means of transfer, and the wreck will not be cleared probably until late tonight.

Kings in the earliest days were merely the "fathers of families" and the word is derived from the same source as "kin."

Advertisement for Kirschbaum Vogue suits. Features a large illustration of a man in a suit and hat. Text includes: 'If you have the young man's natural inclination for a sack suit fashion so new that the designer's chalk, figuratively speaking, still lingers upon it—glance at this: The Kirschbaum Vogue. Note the narrow lapels; the two closely spaced buttons; the high waist effect—and then consider how it would look in the new grey plaids, banjo stripes, or color flecked mixtures. \$15, \$20, \$25 or up to \$40. Phegley & Cavender. At the Sign of the Cherry Tree, Corner 4th and Alder Sts. In buying look for the Kirschbaum Price Ticket affixed to the sleeve of the garment at our shops, as a guarantee that it represents full and equitable value to the purchaser at the retail price named.'

SCHOOL FUNDS TANGLED

ELMA DISTRICT IN BAD WAY FOLLOWING EMBEZZLEMENT.

State Examiners Say Board Evidently Paid Little Attention to Business. Rigid Economy Urged.

ABERDEEN, Wash., April 27.—(Special.)—The financial condition of the Elma School District, of which its Clerk, W. E. Donohue, recently confessed to embezzlement, is to be reported to be exceedingly bad, by the state accountants who have just gone over the books.

The report covers 37 closely typed pages. The records are referred to as "incomplete and unsatisfactory," and it is alleged the minutes show no statement of business done. The original contract for building the schoolhouse cannot be found, and if there was any bond given by the contractor, it has not been found.

In one place the report says: "It is evident that the Board, aside from Mr. Donohue, paid no attention to the business of the district."

It refers to Superintendent A. E. Heason's name being on a voucher "O. K.'ing it," made out to the "Steam Rubber Company," with which there had been no business, and says: "To say the least, it is a very serious thing for a man in the position he holds."

The illegal warrants on which payment has been stopped total \$2411.89. Not all of these, however, are warrants on which Donohue is supposed to have realized. He probably benefited to the extent of \$5000.

The examiners do not recommend "no school," but insist there must be the most rigid economy. They recommend no lower standards or inferior teachers, but insist no new equipments be added.

Sunken Dredge Is Raised.

KELSO, Wash., April 27.—(Special.)—The F. G. Marston dredge, which has been lying in the Gray-Gross-Taylor ditch west of town, was raised the first of the week and is now being overhauled. As soon as repairs are completed it will begin building dikes for Diking District No. 1, and will have this work done in about two weeks. It will then be moved to the

CANNING CLUB ORGANIZED

RIDGEFIELD, Wash., April 27.—(Special.)—Thirty-five boys and girls have

organized the Ridgefield School Garden

Bachelor Island, is leader of the agricultural club. Twenty members of the club have selected plots at their respective homes, and the others will take up plots on the school grounds.

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