CITY WILL ABOLISH PURCHASE AGENCY

Official Drawing $3600 Yearly Will Be Dropped From Payroll December 1.

MR. BIGELOW TO DO WORK

Several Matters Said to Have Displeased Commissioner, Including Cordwood Scandal and Gasoline Disbursement.

J. R. Wood, for three and a half years purchasing agent for the city, is to be dropped from the service and his $3600-a-year position abolished on December 1. This is the programme of City Commissioner Bigelow, who has charge of the purchasing bureau. He intends to take over the work himself.

Although no public announcement has been made and plans have been arranged quietly, it became known yesterday that Mr. Bigelow had conferred with members of the City Council on the subject and has obtained sufficient support to put it through. Whether the change will carry with it a cut in other purchasing bureau forces remains to be worked out. The bureau has a payroll of more than $10,000 a year.

While curtailment of expenses is to be the ostensible purpose of the change, it is said Mr. Bigelow has not been satisfied with the bureau for some time past, owing to a number of things. Among them was the manner of handling the sale of the city's cordwood, cut at the unemployment camps, and another was the manner of handling the disbursement of gasoline at the municipal garage.

It was reported that the change was planned for a year ago, but the plans went awry and the position was continued. Appropriations were made to cover the period until December 1 of this year, which is the end of the city's fiscal year.

The purchasing bureau came into existence with the commission form of government. Formerly purchases were made by the City Auditor and in some cases by the various departments. All purchases were centralized and an expensive bureau built up. Mr. Wood was purchasing agent for the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company when he was offered the position with the city at an advanced salary. When he took office he built up a bureau which now costs better than $10,000 a year in salaries alone.

Mr. Bigelow has the smallest department of any of the City Commissioners and has time to handle the work of the purchasing bureau. The plan is to have him designated purchasing agent by the Council and to have all of Mr. Wood's work pass through his hands.

J. R. Wood, City Purchasing Agent, Whose Position Is to Be Abolished.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Ezra Meeker, of Seattle, is at the Perkins.

Harvey Carson, of Silverton, is at the Perkins.

Ross A. Farr, of Astoria, is at the Imperial.

Bruce R. Kester, of Vale, is at the Imperial.

Fred B. Swan, of Seattle, is at the Portland.

H. A. Symes, of San Francisco, is at the Eaton.

S. G. Nell, of Philadelphia, is at the Multnomah.

George K. Vinnicum, of Seattle, is at the Nortonia.

C. W. Walls, of Fossil, is registered at the Imperial.

Miss Alice K. Turley, of Pendleton, is at the Oregon.

Dr. Edward C. Kilbourne, of Seattle, is at the Seward.

T. G. Kelly is registered at the Eaton, from The Dalles.

W. S. Farr, of Condon, is registered at the Washington.

M. A. Rickard, of Corvallis, is registered at the Oregon.

M. J. David is registered at the Nortonia, from Seattle.

Roy Wimbler, of Astoria, is registered at the Perkins.

H. P. Sootheran is registered at the Eaton, from Seattle.

Walter L. Tooze is registered at the Imperial from Salem.

Fred Struble, of Pendleton, is registered at the Nortonia.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Clark, of Spokane, are at the Multnomah.

R. F. O'Neill is registered at the Oregon from Fallbridge.

William Young is registered at the Portland from Gardiner.

L. H. Benson is registered at the Perkins from Dayton, Or.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Shaver, of Astoria, are at the Portland.

Kenneth McKay, of Hood River, is registered at the Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Holling are registered at the Cornelius from Washougal.

Paul E. Simonds is registered at the Eaton, from Riverside, Cal.

N. A. Nelson is registered at the Multnomah from Coos Bay.

Raymond Criswell, of Everett, Wash., is registered at the Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Browning, of Baker, are at the Cornelius.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sherman, of Astoria, are at the Cornelius.

Ray H. Wisecarver, of McMinnville, is registered at the Cornelius.

J. J. Jacobus, a business man of Tacoma, is staying at the Nortonia.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gardner, of Los Angeles, are at the Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McCoy are registered at the Seward from Seattle.

Dr. and Mrs. F. F. Snedecor, of Birmingham, Ala., are at the Seward.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Rowan and Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Handley, of Astoria, are registered at the Seward.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Whitson are registered at the Multnomah from Seattle.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Williams are registered at the Washington, from Ilwaco.

Mrs. J. M. Wells left for the North, Sunday morning, where she will make a visit with her sister, Mrs. Aubrey Elliott, of Vancouver, B. C. She will visit later in Seattle, and will return to Portland in time to vote for Hughes.

PANTAGES BILL PRAISED

LONG TACK SAM AND CHINESE WONDER WORKERS PLEASE.

Eva Shirley Is Fascinating Prima Donna—Five Other Numbers Complete Unusual Programme.

Pantages does itself proud this week with its excellent bill. Long Tack Sam, with his aggregation of Chinese wonder workers, is one of the headliners while Eva Shirley, a most fascinating prima donna, is the other.

Eva is dainty and demure and sparkles with personality. She is beautiful to look upon and her soprano voice is a revelation in melody.

As for Long Tack Sam, that clever Oriental is well known for many seasons as one of the biggest and best Chinese acts in existence. With a big band of Chinese men, all graduates in mysticism, acrobatics and feats of skill of various sorts, Long Tack Sam presents a big, colorful act. It goes rapidly and amazes and delights.

Dooley and Nelson are out-of-the-ordinary chaps, clean-cut and smart in appearance. They do a little bit of everything and do every little bit remarkably well.

Joe Keno and Rosie Green are a capital pair, who work hard and give a big programme in one act. Their whirlwind dancing is distinctly original, their patter exchange bristles with new comedy and their personal appeal is great.

Two "corking girls," because they are blackface and also because they offer a corking act, are Bonnie Gaylor and Iva Lanceton, who present a novelty turn.

The opening act is a dandy, too. Bessie Gilbert, a cornetist of note, and Louis Wills and company present a wonderful and sensational acrobatic and balancing act.

"The Crimson Stain" continues to hold concentrated interest.

STYLE TIPS FROM PORTLAND STORES

THIS has been termed "Dress-Up Year" by fashion designers. Everything is better made, better designed, and more appropriate. Women's wearing apparel, they say, has undergone a revolution. Heretofore women's clothes were impractical if lovely, and set and stiff if sensible. Now the manufacturers have come to an understanding with designers and things must be both wearable and attractive to be salable. Such is the case with the 1916-17 suits. They are both smart and dressy and yet durable. Although this happens to be a year in which coats are exceptionally good, suits also are popular.

Velvet suits for dress occasions are now being displayed in the shops, in black, brown, blue and purple, all furtrimmed. Some quite wonderful broadcloth models are seen, too. One velvet suit that is notable is a departure from the regulation suit-coat length. The skirt of the coat comes clear to the knees. Great skunk collar and cuffs, horizontal pleats on the sleeves and smocking with invisible stitchings, are features. The dark brown is lined with dull yellow and the skirt is high, full and gathered.

Another attractive suit is odd, with light gray mole collar and cuffs and large novelty pockets of mole. The two pockets are L-shaped and finish near the belt with a covered mole button. Another high-class suit is maroon broadcloth with Australian opossum collars. The long-skirted coat is edged with a broad band of the gray, full in the back only. The suit is not gathered or pleated in any place, but cut to flare in the coat, while the skirt is quite narrow. Steel-blue broadcloth and beaver oddly designed—is another smart good suit.

Only a few suits of heavy corded gabardine can be had and they are stunning. Purple is good in the suits and odd shades of dark blue are lovely. Brown and green are extensively used for suits. New velours and tweeds are also arriving at the shops.

BRITISH SHIP DISGUISED

Precautions Taken by Vessel Bringing More Than 200 Americans.

NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—The German submarine activity off the American coast caused the British steamship Bermudian, which arrived today from Bermuda, to disguise herself.

The red and black stacks were painted coal gray, port holes and deck windows were painted black and lights were lowered. The passengers included more than 200 Americans.

LOOK AT CHILD'S TONGUE IF SICK, CROSS, FEVERISH

Hurry, Mother! Remove Poisons From Little Stomach, Liver, Bowels.

Give "California Syrup of Figs" at Once if Bilious or Constipated.

Look at the tongue, mother! If coated, it is a sure sign that your little one's stomach, liver and bowels need a gentle, thorough cleansing at once.

When peevish, cross, listless, pale, doesn't sleep, doesn't eat or act naturally, or is feverish, stomach sour, breath bad; has stomach ache, sore throat, diarrhoea, full of cold, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," and in a few hours all the foul, constipated waste, undigested food and sour bile gently moves out of its little bowels without griping, and you have a well, playful child again.

You needn't coax sick children to take this harmless "fruit laxative"; they love its delicious taste, and it always makes them feel splendid.

Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly on the bottle. Beware of counterfeits sold here. To be sure you get the genuine, ask to see that it is made by "California Fig Syrup Company." Refuse any other kind with contempt.—Adv.

S. & H. Green Trading Stamps Given With Purchases Amounting to 10c or More—Stamp Books Redeemed in Cash on the Fourth Floor
Rest Rooms, Retiring Rooms, Public Telephones, 2d Floor—Carpets, Rugs, Draperies, 3d Floor—Model Grocery on the Fourth Floor

For the Best Lunch in Portland

Come to our Tea-room on the fourth floor. Superior service, unsurpassed cuisine, reasonable prices. Luncheon served from 11:30 to 2:30. Afternoon tea from 2:30 to 4:30. All foods prepared under rigid sanitary inspection. —A good place to meet your friends.

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The Standard Store of the Northwest.

Reliable Merchandise *Reliable Methods.*

Bedding Sale!
Department Third Floor

$1.10 Mottled Gray Blankets, pair, 79¢
$1.15 Gray or Tan Cotton Blankets 84¢
$2.50 Plaid Woolnap Blankets $2.15
$3.50 Plaid Woolnap Blankets $2.75
$4.00 Cotton-Filled Comforters $2.90
$6.50 Cotton-Filled Comforters $5.75

New Dress Skirts to Sell at $5 That Are Remarkable Values

Garment Salons, Second Floor

See these Skirts at your first opportunity, for they are sure to sell rapidly at the price. Several attractive styles in the line—all new, cut along newest lines—some in plain flare effects, trimmed with buttons, pockets and fancy belt—others in plaited style. Materials include cheviots, flannels, gabardines, serges and poplins. Plain colors, stripes and checks. Some in combinations of various materials. A full range of sizes for women and misses in this special showing. Priced at $5.00
—Other models in Dress Skirts priced at $5.50 up to $25.

Betty Wales Dresses

Sold Exclusively at This Store

—BETTY WALES Dresses are made in great variety of different styles from the serviceable models in wool serge for school girls to dainty party dresses. The styles are original and distinctive to a degree. Mothers with girls going to school are cordially invited to come and see these attractive new Betty Wales frocks.

Betty Wales Book Free

to those purchasing Betty Wales Dresses. There are eight books in the series—delightful stories of American college girls. Start a Betty Wales Club with seven of your friends.

Women's Bath Robes at $5
Silk Petticoats $3.89

Second Floor—Women's Bath Robes in great variety of materials and patterns. Styled with large shawl collars and deep cuffs trimmed with satin. Shown in all the dainty soft shades. Moderately priced at $5.00

Second Floor—New Silk Petticoats in latest Fall styles, with deep flounces, trimmed with narrow ruffles, plaiting, etc. Taffeta and messaline silks. Plain colors and changeables. Priced special at $3.89
—NEW SWEATER COATS of Angora with large collar, belt and sash. Others of Shetland wool, silk and wool, all silk and fiber silk. Some have cap and scarf to match. Shown in various colors and combinations. Ask to see these new Sweaters in the Dept. on Second Floor.

New Fall Waists $4.75

Second Floor—Exquisite new models in Georgette crepe, crepe de chine and taffeta silks. Smart tailored styles with large shawl collars; also novelty styles for party and evening wear. Effectively trimmed with embroidery and hemstitching. Shown in flesh, white, maize; also in the pretty plaids, stripes. $4.75

Portland Agents for LACKAWANNA TWINS UNDERWEAR. See Special Advertisement On Page 12 This issue.

"Butter Day" Tuesday

—Experienced telephone clerks at your service, 8 A. M. to 6 P. M.

Glenwood Butter 2 Lbs. 82c

Fourth Floor—Put up by one of Oregon's largest creameries expressly for this store and priced special, 2-lb. square 82c
—OWK SPECIAL Butter Tuesday, 2-lb. square for 72c
—Glendale Oleomargarine at 50¢
—California Figs, 3 pkgs. at 25¢

Men's $2.50 Slippers $1.89

Bargain Circle, 1st Floor

—Profit by this sale and buy Slippers now for the holidays. Made of soft kid in brown and black. Flexible hand-turned soles. Three styles—Romeo, a high-cut with elastic sides; Opera, a low-cut style, and Everett, in medium height. All sizes. Standard $2.50 Slippers at, pair $1.89

We Give S. & H. Green Stamps.

Women's $1.35 Slippers At 98c Pair

—Women's Boudoir Slippers of kid or felt. Convenient slip-on styles, warm and comfortable for Winter wear. These must be seen to be appreciated. Regular $1.35 Boudoir Slippers specially priced today at only 98c

—INDIAN MOCCASINS for women, children; special prices. —Lot 1, $1.29 pr.; Lot 2, $1.48 pr.

—Women's pink and red Vici Kid Slippers with Pompon on toe. $1.50 grade at $1.29

New Bath Robe Flannels

In Immense Assortments, First Floor

—NEW BATH ROBE FLANNELS in great assortment of patterns and colors. Priced for this sale at, yard 40¢
—BATH ROBE BLANKETS in assorted patterns and colors with trimmings to match. See these Robe Blankets.
—NEW FLANNELETTES in vast assortment of patterns and colors suitable for house dresses, comforters, etc. 34 inches wide. The yard 15c

—OUTING FLANNELS of extra good heavy quality for night gowns, pajamas, skirts, etc. Assorted patterns. Special now, yard only 10c

$2 Chinchilla Cloth $1.48

Main Floor—54-inch white wool Chinchilla Cloth for coats and jackets. Excellent $2.00 quality. Specially priced today, the yard $1.48

Choose Holiday Linens Now

—LINEN HUCKABUCK Toweling in all the wanted widths for gift articles. Shown in plain and novelty weaves.
—HANDKERCHIEF Linens in a vast assortment of widths and grades. The prices range from 65¢ to $3 a yard.

—FANCY TOWELS of all linen in beautiful range of patterns and all sizes. Hemstitched ends. 60¢ to $1.50
—FANCY BATH Towels in various colors and patterns with face cloth and hand towels to match.

VOTERS SCAN ISSUES

Committeeman Williams Says Campaign Interest Deep.

REPUBLICAN SIGNS GOOD

Demand for Buttons and Literature Without Precedent—Beveridge Speech Draws Many Doubtful Ones to Hughes.

Ralph E. Williams, Republican National Committeeman from Oregon, says he never before has seen a political campaign in which the voters have taken so deep and thoughtful an interest in the issues as they are doing this year. He considers it a very favorable sign for Republican success.

"I have assisted in the management of the last four National campaigns in Oregon," said Mr. Williams yesterday, "and there has been plenty of enthusiasm in some of them. But never before have I seen the amount of interest taken that there is at present.

"In some previous campaigns the state committe has found it hard to dispose of all the lithographs of the candidates, campaign buttons and literature at its disposal. This year the demand from all over the state is so insistent that it is hardly possible to keep up with it.

Button Demand Overwhelms.

"It is next to impossible, in fact. Take the call for Hughes buttons, just for example. This has been unprecedented, not only in Oregon but all over the United States. The button manufacturers have been swamped under the orders for buttons and more buttons and have been unable to keep up with the demand.

"Here in Oregon we have already bought and distributed 150,000 buttons and we are still several thousand short. No matter how many buttons we get, we simply cannot keep in stock.

"It is the same story with Hughes lithographs and Republican campaign literature. Republicans are taking more interest in this campaign than they have taken in any National campaign for 16 years. It is a remarkable indication of how the people feel about Mr. Hughes. They want him.

"Farmers, merchants, working men, voters of all occupations in Oregon are waking up to the tremendous importance of this year's campaign and election.

Beveridge Sways Many.

"Since the Adamson bill has been shown in its true light, as not in any sense an eight-hour measure, but as a wage-fixing measure, the people are coming to understand its true significance and sentiment in regard to it has changed radically. One of the clearest explanations of the Adamson bill was given Saturday night by Senator Beveridge in his speech at the Armory.

"It is remarkable how many persons who previously were in the doubtful column or were inclining towards Mr. Wilson have come out for Hughes since they heard or read the unanswerable arguments in that great speech. It was, perhaps, the greatest political address ever made in Oregon—certainly the greatest I ever heard.

"All the county committees throughout the state are working earnestly and in entire harmony with the state organization. They are attaining splendid results. All parts of the Republican party in Oregon seem united and in harmony as never before.

"We have not had, in my recollection, covering a period of more than 20 years, such unity among the Republicans of Oregon as there is at the present behind the candidacy of Charles Evans Hughes."

J. C. DYER IS RECAPTURED

Man Who Betrayed Friend in Need Taken at Camas.

When J. C. Dyer was returned to Portland from San Francisco June 17 to face charges of forgery, a friend, J. D. M. Crockwell, interceded for him. The result was that Dyer was paroled to Mr. Crockwell on the promise that he would pay back the $200 to a local bank and tread the straight path in the future.

Three weeks ago Dyer left Portland precipitately after signing his benefactor's name to checks aggregating $75, it is charged by the authorities, and taking with him a ring and other property of Mr. Crockwell. He was taken into custody in Camas, Wash., Sunday night and brought back to Portland yesterday morning by Deputy Sheriff Beckman.

$1,000,000 BUY DELAYED

Eastern Investors to Submit Deal Here to Directors First.

N. J. Upham, of Duluth; C. F. Harrison, of Omaha, and C. L. Simpson, of Kansas City, wealthy realty men, who have been in Portland considering an investment that involves almost $1,000,000, left for their respective homes last night without announcing their plans.

Those familiar with the deal say that the prospects are exceedingly favorable. The three visitors are executive officers of the International Realty Associates and, in view of certain matters which have come up, they will have to obtain the sanction of 17 directors residing in as many different cities.

RECITAL IS FAREWELL

MISS LEAH COHEN PLEASES HEARERS AT MULTNOMAH.

Portland Singer Demonstrates Fine Dramatic Soprano Voice and Qualities of Prima Donna.

Enthusiastic applause from many devoted friends greeted Miss Leah Cohen, dramatic soprano, on the occasion of her song recital yesterday morning at the Multnomah Hotel auditorium. It was quite an event in her musical experience, as it is the last time, probably, she will sing in recital in this city prior to her departure for New York City, where she plans to engage in vocal study, preparatory to commencing a professional vocal career. Miss Cohen was assisted by James R. Hutchinson, piano accompanist, whose splendid, artistic work at the piano was a treat. In this line Mr. Hutchinson has few equals and no superior in the Pacific Northwest.

Miss Cohen has clearly and distinctly a place as a singer. She is a natural vocalist, gifted with a fine dramatic soprano voice yet in the process of tone-placing and tone-building, so that she has not come into her complete musical heritage as yet. She is a long way on the road, and can be trusted to give a good account of herself.

Her voice is midway between lyric and dramatic soprano, with emphasis on the latter quality. Her singing is a great pleasure to listen to, and it is an additional distinction for musical Portland that she is one of its recital soloists. Miss Cohen demonstrates that she has all the mental and vocal equipment for a young prima donna in the making. It is her opportunity now to make good.

Miss Cohen's programme was one of variety, yet it was serious, high-class from beginning to end. She sang with spirit and fine concept of the religious significance of the text in "The Lord Is My Light" (Allitsen), and she was quite successful, doing some of her best work in the German songs by Jensen and Heuschel. "My Lover, He Comes on the Ski" (Clough-Leighter) and Tom Dobson's "Bread" were brightly rendered. In vocal declamation Miss Cohen's best number was the well-known and difficult-to-sing "Cry of Rachel" (Salter.) Her audience was large and cordial.

Miss Cohen's recital was a nerve-trying experience for so young and untried a singer, and she came out of it with flying colors.

Miner Has Second Mishap.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Oct. 16.—(Special.)—Robert Clark, a miner employed by the Washington Union Coal Company, sustained his second serious accident in two years at the Tono mines Friday, when a chunk of coal fell from the roof of a tunnel and broke his leg. In December, 1914, Clark was caught by a fall of coal and laid up for several months.

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Save one-twelfth of your annual insurance premium monthly, putting the money in a savings account where it will earn interest until used.

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Mark this Well!

The fastidious hostess invariably serves **Swastika Biscuits** to her guests and friends—simple because these wonderful dainties are always crisp, fresh and delicious beyond compare. Try them and you will know exactly why a million good housekeepers call **Swastika Biscuits** "The Purest of all Pure Foods."

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