

REFERENDUM ON DRY RESOLUTION FAILS

Attorney-General Refuses to Prepare Ballot Title.

LEGAL OPINION IS GIVEN

Referendum Intended to Apply Solely to Lawmaking Power of Legislature, Says Brown.

SALEM, Or., March 27.—(Special).—There can be no referendum on the action of the recent legislature which adopted a resolution ratifying the national prohibition amendment. This is the determination reached by Attorney-General Brown in an opinion given today to Governor Olcott.

Karl Herbing, 612 East Ash street, Portland, sought to have the legislative action referred to a vote of the people. His petition for such a course was filed on March 15, in the office of the secretary of state, but unless the petitioner carries his contention to the supreme court the question will not be placed on the ballot.

"It is manifest to my mind that the power of referendum is intended to apply solely to the law-making power of the legislature and that any attempt to refer under the provisions of the initiative and referendum laws, the transmitted resolution is contrary to the law," reads the attorney-general's opinion.

The legislative declaration that is sought to be referred is not a law nor an act under the name and style of a resolution, but it is in truth and in fact a resolution ratifying the 18th amendment to the constitution of the United States, and is therefore not subject to the referendum.

"The 18th amendment having been proposed by the congress of the United States and having been duly ratified by the legislature of the state of Oregon, the people of the state are powerless to withhold or withdraw such ratification by means of the referendum or otherwise."

"Impelled to keep within the limitation of the law it is my duty as the attorney-general of this state to decline to prepare a ballot title for the petition you have transmitted to this office. Nowhere under the statute or the constitution is there a possibility of the authority to prepare a ballot title for a resolution."

WIFE THINKS SPOUSE ALIVE

George Cody of Marshfield Believed to Be in Portland.

MARSHFIELD, Or., March 27.—(Special).—A new light has been thrown on the disappearance of George Cody, who, it was reported, either drowned or met with foul play last Saturday while fishing for crabs. Mrs. Cody today left for Portland to visit the Apostolic missions there with the belief she will find him. Mrs. Cody, after several days of worry, admitted that Mr. Cody was a student of the Apostolic literature, and being in poor health, thinks he went there with an expectation of receiving treatment.

Mrs. Cody declares that the night before his disappearance Mr. Cody disposed of a power boat for \$180 and therefore believes there is a possibility that he went away to receive treatment without informing her.

MEMORIAL FUND ALLOTTED

Oregon Men in 116th Engineers Will Be Honored.

SALEM, Or., March 27.—(Special).—Oregon men who served in the 116th Engineers will have a memorial of some kind placed in the capitol in honor of their services during the war. Governor Olcott received word today from Lieutenant-Colonel Dewitt P. Olson, commanding officer of the 116th, that a regiment fund of \$192 has been allotted to this state for the proposed memorial. Other memorials will be placed in the capitol of North Dakota and Idaho.

The governor will ask Mrs. R. J. Hendricks, of Salem, president of the state chapter of the American Association of War Mothers, and Will Moore of Portland, president of the Association of Fathers, to name a committee to select a fitting memorial, as requested by Lieutenant-Colonel Olson.

BOOKS ALLEGED FALSIFIED

President of Swine Breeders' Association Faces Arrest.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 27.—Following charges that he violated the section of the penal code which makes it a felony to falsify the books of a corporation, a warrant has been issued for D. R. Riker, president of the Associated Swine Breeders, Inc. here and said to have branches in Salt Lake City, Los Angeles and other big western points.

Discrepancies amounting to \$10,000 have been discovered in Riker's transactions here, postal inspectors announced. Riker has not been seen since March 15, following a visit to his ranch at Mountain View, Santa Clara county, by these inspectors to secure evidence on complaints that he had been defrauding through the mails.

Riker came here from St. Louis early in January, according to the police evidence.

CLOSE CO-OPERATION URGED

Government Ownership of Everything Declared Dangerous.

CHICAGO, March 27.—Close co-operation of the government and the oil industry—but not government ownership—of both capital and government with labor, was urged today by Mark L. Requa, who is retiring as director of the oil division of the fuel administration, in an address to delegates to the national petroleum congress.

"Governmental ownership of everything in general is proposed as the infallible panacea for our alleged national ills. Such action will not benefit humanity, but will destroy the reward of individual efforts," he declared.

The American petroleum league re-elected its old officers, headed by President C. L. Maguire of St. Paul.

CLUB BECOMES CHAMBER

Business Conditions at Roseburg Improve; Cannery Assured.

ROSEBURG, Or., March 27.—(Special).—At a meeting of representative men here last evening the Roseburg commercial club was reorganized and received the title of the Roseburg chamber of commerce. Officers elected were: W. C. Harding, president; G. W. Young, vice-president; C. S. Heinline, secretary; J. M. Thorne, treasurer. The

trustees are B. L. Eddy, R. B. Hermann and George Neuner Jr.

Within the past few weeks there has been a decided improvement in business conditions in this county, largely owing to returning soldiers and war workers. In addition, many persons are coming to Roseburg from the east, looking for farm properties. The chamber of commerce will undertake a campaign to supply the information.

Another feature outlined at the meeting is the necessity of inviting capital here. At the present time the building of a cannery is in prospect, and committees are soliciting funds from business men and farmers for building a co-operative concern here. Most of the stock has been subscribed.

BIG CONTRACT IS AWARDED

Work on Morson Irrigation Project to Begin Shortly.

BEND, Or., March 27.—(Special).—Announcement of the award of a \$275,000 contract to Fordham & McLaughlin, of La Pine, for the completion of the Morson irrigation project, between La Pine and Creswell, embracing 27,500 acres, was made today.

Work on the west unit of the project, including 10,000 acres, will commence within a week and when this part of the contract is finished, at an estimated cost of \$25,000, the completed unit will be bonded to finance the remainder of the state capitol.

It is expected that the contractors will start on the east unit by August 1. Deschutes river water rights cover the irrigation of the project.

ENGINEERS TO BE HONORED

Government Asks Appointment of Committee to Pick Memorial.

SALEM, Or., March 27.—Governor Olcott has requested Mrs. R. J. Hendricks, of Salem, president of the Oregon chapter of the American War Mothers' association, and Will Moore of Portland, president of the Oregon chapter of the Association of Fathers of Soldiers and Sailors, to appoint a committee to decide upon a memorial in honor of the 116th engineers, which was made up of men from Oregon, Idaho and North Dakota. The memorial will be placed at the state capitol.

The plan is suggested by Lieutenant-Colonel Dewitt P. Olson, commander of the 116th engineers, and a regimental fund collected while in France will be used for the purpose.

CITY EMPLOYEES ARE OUT

Commissioner Barber Upheld by Civil Service Board.

The action of City Commissioner Barber in dismissing five inspectors in the department of public works was sustained in a decision given by the municipal civil service board. The decision followed a hearing before the board several weeks ago.

The inspectors ousted from city service are A. L. Powell, C. E. Groce, David Calbraith, William A. Herman and J. N. Wheeler. All have been in the service for many years, according to the records.

The discharged men contended that they had taken civil service examinations in past years which would entitle them to continue in their positions as inspectors without taking additional tests.

BURIAL TO BE AT ALBANY

Oregon Boy Who Died in New York to Be Brought Home.

Funeral services for Lee Logan Wallace, former Portland boy, who died in New York last week, will be held in Albany at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon. The services are to be held at the First Presbyterian church and burial will be in the Masonic cemetery.

Mr. Wallace was second officer on the West Wing, which was built in Portland. He contracted fever on a recent trip to Italy.

Born 28 years ago, young Wallace spent most of his boyhood in Albany. He was the son of Mrs. E. A. Wallace, who resides with her daughter, Mrs. Louise Fuller, at 751 East Twenty-eighth street North.

ALIEN DEPORTATION ASKED

Washington Congressmen Approve Resolution of Lodge.

ABERDEEN, Wash., March 27.—(Special).—More than a score of Pythian lodges in Washington have adopted a resolution drafted by Washburn lodge, Knights of Pythias of this city, asking the deportation of aliens who avoided the draft by having citizen papers canceled. Among the Pythian lodges which have notified the Aberdeen lodge of the passage of the resolution are:

Brakeman Freed of Charge.

SALEM, Or., March 27.—(Special).—Ray Green, an Oregon Electric brakeman, was acquitted by a circuit court jury here today of a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a 16-year-old girl. The jury was out nearly two hours before it arrived at its verdict.

Pythians to Meet in Prineville.

BEND, Or., March 27.—(Special).—dict.



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