

BUILDING RETAINING WALLS IS OPPOSED

Contract Let Over Protest of Commissioner Muck.

INJUSTICE IS HELD DONE

Work on Montgomery Drive Averred to Give Some Property Owners What Is Denied Others.

The contract for constructing two concrete retaining walls on Montgomery drive was awarded yesterday by the Multnomah county commissioners to the lowest bidder, M. W. Lorenz, for \$9,733.75. The walls must be built before the paving, which has been awarded to the United Contract company for \$14,200, can be started.

Commissioner Muck lived up to the meeting by stating that he was going to refuse to vote for both the paving and retaining wall contracts.

"What is the matter with these contracts?" he was asked by Commissioner Holman.

Wall Building Opposed.

"I am opposed to building concrete walls on that road within the city limits, when persons out through the country have asked for such walls and haven't received them," answered Mr. Muck. "If we are going to build walls, we should do it in other places where they have been asked for."

Mr. Muck said that for two or three years persons living along the St. Helens road had asked for retaining walls and their requests had not been granted.

The wall on Montgomery drive will be built in front of property owned by J. C. Alinsworth and Alexander D. Charlton.

If voting for the paving contract, Mr. Holman said that he wished to make it clear that he voted for the contract only because he did not wish to see the work delayed, but that he was still opposed to the form of contract which does not include payment of liquidated damages to the county if the work is not completed at the stipulated time.

Paving Plant Planned.

"We are letting this work at the contractors' own price," said Mr. Holman. "This is because we have no competition. We must have competition, and I have begun preparations looking toward including in next year's budget money for establishing a paving plant of our own, so that the county can pave its own roads."

The work of paving Montgomery drive from Sixteenth street to Vista avenue will begin when the retaining walls are in place, probably early in October. The commissioners are eager to get this work done before the winter season.

RETAIL DEALERS ELECT

FOUR NORTHWEST STATES HOLD CONVENTION.

Organization of National Association Is Recommended on Educational Lines.

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 6.—Retail merchants of the four northwestern states in convention Thursday of the Washington State Retailers' association recommended the organization of a national retailers' association along educational lines; reaffirmed the principles of the state association as outlined at the preliminary organization meeting at Seattle last March, and re-elected George A. Phillips of Spokane president.

The convention heard addresses by President Phillips, who spoke on "Market," by Donald K. David, associate dean of Harvard graduate school of business, on "The Retailer's Problem," and by Tom Witten of Trenton, Mo., hardware merchant. Trustees elected from each of the four states chose the following officers in addition to President Phillips: B. C. Beck, Seattle, first vice-president; Frank Carver, Portland, second vice-president; Z. Y. Coleman, Tappan, secretary, and C. W. Rhodes, Tacoma, treasurer.

United States Senator Miles Polinder will address the retailers and the public at an open-air meeting at a local park tonight.

APPLE EXPORTS TO GROW

PRICE CONTROL IS LIFTED BY GREAT BRITAIN.

Hood River Grower Expects Transatlantic Freight Rates Will Decline; Fruit to Sell on Merits.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Aug. 6.—(Special.)—A cablegram was received today by H. F. Davidson announcing lifting price control on apples in England. This news means that exports of apples will revert back to normal and pre-war days, according to Mr. Davidson, local grower, who maintains an export office in New York city.

"Fruit," he said, "will now sell on its merits. Price will be fixed according to grade and pack and the supply available. We will no longer orchard run stock exclusively shipped abroad and selling at the maximum price allowed. I expect the export market to be as good this coming season as on any normal pre-war year."

"While we have no definite information, indications are that the transatlantic freight rate will decline and work as an offset against the increased domestic rail freight. While much has been said about direct water shipments of fruit from Portland through the Panama canal to Europe, I do not look for any refrigerator ships to be available for such shipments this season."

SPEEDING GETS \$25 FINE

Driver Tells Judge He Did Not Know Legal Limit.

Mike DeCicco, who told the judge he was driving for an afternoon paper, was fined \$25 on a charge of speeding yesterday by acting Municipal Judge Delch on the result of his arrest on the Terwilliger boulevard.

W. W. BANKS QUILTS IN RITNER'S FAVOR

Senator Never Was Active Candidate for Presidency.

BIG DRIVE NOW EXPECTED

Race for Senate Leader Narrows Down to Two Men—Quick End of Contest Seen.

W. W. Banks, state senator for Multnomah, Clackamas and Columbia counties, has withdrawn as a candidate for president of the senate for the 1921 session of the legislature. Senator Banks is eliminating himself and is supporting Roy W. Ritner, senator for Umatilla county.

Announcement of Senator Banks' action will change the complexion of the organization contest. The fight is now between Senator Ritner and B. L. Eddy, senator from Douglas county and both have been making an active canvass for support among their colleagues.

Senator Banks had the support of several senators who are now released from their voluntary promise to him. An intensive drive may now be started by both Ritner and Eddy for the presidency inasmuch as they appear to be the only ones left in the field. Senator Banks thinks it wise to end the contest as quickly as possible and probably immediately after the November election this will be done. There are a number of candidates for the senate who will undoubtedly be elected, yet they feel that they already possess a vote in the senate and for this reason they will not commit themselves to Ritner, Eddy or any other person until they have their certificate of election.

Senator Banks' Statement.

In withdrawing, Senator Banks issued the following statement of his reasons, which, by the way, does not show that he was ever an active candidate, although his name was freely mentioned:

"I will give my unqualified support to Senator Ritner of Umatilla county for president of the senate at the coming session of the legislature. Eastern Oregon has not elected a senator since 1903. In reaching this conclusion I desire to state that I have no aspirations of any other candidate. However, Senator Ritner and I have been personal friends for a long time and his intimate knowledge of the needs of the state and wide experience as a legislator qualify him for the place.

My name has frequently been mentioned in the press for this honor. I have at no time been an active candidate, neither have I corresponded with outside senators in relation thereto. I fully and sincerely appreciate the many kind expressions which have come to me from a number of senators and friends who have voluntarily tendered me their support, for it is an honor of which any senator might be proud.

Contest Should End Early.

"It is my opinion that it would be good policy to end this contest as early as possible, at least tentatively, so that the members may give their thought and attention to proposed legislation in the interest of the entire state.

"Senator Ritner will undoubtedly measure up to the responsibilities of the position, including the added responsibility which attaches by reason of the amendment to the constitution, recently adopted by the people of Oregon, and of which amendment I was joint author.

"For these reasons I am glad to aid Senator Ritner's candidacy, and I have no doubt of his election."

preceding day, and sent him to jail for ten days.

For the fourth time in four days Charles Nelson appeared before Judge Delch yesterday morning, on a charge of drunkenness, and asked for "just one more chance."

"We'll give you a chance to get acquainted with us this time," the judge told him. "Thirty days."

CHINESE MERCHANT HELD

Woman Also Is Arrested After Making Complaints to Police.

Chinatown was all agog Thursday morning over the arrest of Won Chan Gow, a merchant, 50 years old, and Won Oi, a Chinese woman, 35 years old. The man was charged with violating the prohibition law and the woman with drunkenness.

The arrest was caused by the woman's report to the police that Gow had stolen money from her. Inspectors Hellyer and McCulloch arrested Gow and found a pint of whisky in his pocket. Gow's friends say the woman quarreled with Gow over a rent bill and put the whisky in his pocket to get him into trouble.

Two Lawyers Apply in State.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 6.—(Special.)—Austin M. Donovan of Klamath Falls and Benjamin F. Lindas of Medford have applied to the supreme court to be admitted to the practice of law in Oregon under the probation rule. Donovan seeks admission on the strength of a certificate of the state of California and Lindas on a certificate of the District of Columbia.

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