

CITIZEN RIGHTS, SAYS LEWIS

Portland Man Tells of Effects of Rate Decision.

HUGE TERRITORY GAINED

J. H. Lothrop, City Attorney and Others Speak at Chamber of Commerce Forum Meeting.

"We got back only what belonged to us," L. Allen Lewis told the members of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday afternoon at the jubilation meeting over the recent rate decision. "There is nothing like actual possession," he said. "Potentialities are all right, but Portland will never let her rights get away from her in this respect again. The decision, dry as it may seem to many, is equal to a cash discount for all merchants who can do their trading through the Portland gateway, and we must not be lulled to rest and sleep on our rights as we did in the past."

Mr. Lewis formerly was chairman of the transportation committee of the Chamber of Commerce, the body that did most to put the rate decision through before the formation of the present Portland Trade and Transportation Association. In addition to Mr. Lewis, J. H. Lothrop, city attorney, who assisted in the preparation of case, spoke and all united in rendering tribute to Joseph L. Lewis for his untiring efforts that now have been crowned with success.

Newell Exhibit Unanswerable.

"It means a new page in the history of the city," said Mr. Lathrop in telling of the fight for rate recognition. "It has given merchants here renewed courage and has undone an injustice that was done to Portland many years ago. It has established the principle that costs bear some relation to railway rates, and Seattle experts could not answer it. A new exhibit, which was the one thing that really clinched the award for us. The growth of any community depends on the back country and Portland now has an undivided territory all her own. The committee that waged the fight got action and asserted and gained its rights. It is an engendered a feeling of moral courage that is priceless to Portland. In the future, imbued with renewed courage, this city will obtain what belongs to it."

A 10 per cent discount for trading through this city is sound, being placed the graphic lesson of the rate award before his auditors. "Portland now has 100,000 square miles of the richest and most productive territory and the effects of the new rates will not be fully realized for several years. We must advertise our products here for distribution. Instead of Seattle having a parity with Portland over the immense inland territory it now has a rate advantage over only some 35,000 square miles and in the rest of the northwest Portland either has an advantage or is on an equal footing."

Big Territory Gained.

"This is simple and shows what Portland has gained, an immense territory bunched with wealth. Fifteen million bushels of grain in the Portland territory should come here in the future as it gives the grower a cent and a half a bushel better rate than the south. What we are now fighting for is to have an arrangement with one of the railways coming into here so that some of their freight will seek this harbor."

F. B. Jones presided at the luncheon yesterday and the members cheered John Douglas, their vice-chairman, who has been ill for some time, who was present yesterday. Frank Andrews, who has been chairman of the membership committee of the chamber for the past year, received a vote of thanks for his service. George Rancho, the new chairman, took hold of the job and declared he had a difficult contract to equal the record of his predecessor. Robert Strong and A. H. Devers spoke for the European relief campaign and James J. Rafferty, commercial agent for the Philippine islands, who was a visitor in the city yesterday, told how the Asiatic possessions of the United States would welcome visits of Portland shippingmen and how they were trying to get lines established from the coast to the islands.

POLICE CHANGE FAVORED

Mayor Baker Approves Removal of Women's Protective Division.

Approval of the proposal of Mrs. Lolo G. Baldwin, head of the women's protective division of the police bureau, that the offices be removed from the police station to the Worcester building, Third and Oak streets, is given by Mayor Baker in a telegram received yesterday by Chief of Police Jenkins.

Mayor Baker, who is now enjoying a vacation in California, notified Chief Jenkins that he believes the change is for the best interests of the women's division. The chief yesterday inspected a suite of offices preparatory to the change, which will be made shortly after the first of the year.

The mayor also advised Chief Jenkins that the crime wave in California at the present time is frightful and that many of the criminal element are heading north.

"Be on alert for tough characters as looting at Santa Rosa has caused hundreds to leave for other sections," reads the telegraphic warning.

TRAFFIC FINES ARE \$147

Record for Violation of Minor Rule Is Set.

Automobile owners paid tribute totaling \$147.50 into the traffic bureau yesterday for traffic violations not serious enough for police court action and yet too flagrant to escape without punishment of any kind. This is by far the largest amount ever received in one day by the traffic bureau, according to E. E. Johnson, an adviser of the police traffic department.

Double parking and lack of headlights were the two principal offenses found by the police during the week-end. More than 500 automobiles were "tagged" Saturday and Sunday and all day yesterday there was a steady stream of owners standing at the traffic desk reporting violations and paying from \$1 to \$5 each because of their disregard for the minor features of the traffic laws.

SOCIETY NEWS

SOCIETY is busy with preparations for Christmas, but finds time daily to dispense hospitalities for the bride-elect, the young folk home from college, and for those who have returned after a considerable absence.

Mrs. Frederick Klehls, who was in the east for a few months and who returned a few days ago, was honored last Saturday at a luncheon given at Alexandra court by Mrs. Folger Johnson. Mrs. Estes Snedecor (Rachel King), one of the season's brides, who recently returned from her wedding trip, is another who is being feted. Mr. and Mrs. Preston Smith entertained for Mr. and Mrs. Snedecor at a dinner last Saturday.

Prominent women of the city are giving considerable time and energy, and money, too, toward the fund for the starving peoples of Europe, in whom Herbert Hoover has taken so great an interest that he has the entire country organized to help. Mrs. William C. Alvord and her committee will meet today to confer on this matter.

The local relief work is not being forgotten, and necessities are being appealed for to help the poor of this city. The women of the Elks' Card club are asked to meet tomorrow, Thursday and Friday mornings at 10 o'clock to assist in arranging the baskets for the Christmas tree entertainment. There will be no card party for these club women Thursday.

The Christmas play, "The Trimming of the Tree," to be presented at the Hellig theater tomorrow night, is in the form of a quaint Elizabethan interlude. The play is to be given by the Young Women's Christian Association, with the co-operation of the Portland Drama League, for the benefit of the association girls' hall, which is greatly needed in Portland to meet the pressing demand for accommodation for many young women. An intensive sale of tickets will be conducted in the department stores today and tomorrow, and tickets also may be had at the Hellig. Sherman & Clay's and the Young Women's Christian Association.

The play is the story of Father and Dame Worden, Oregon pioneers of 1833. Indians are introduced and the early day hardships are depicted, with everything ending happily in the appearance of the Christmas star.

Miss Arnes McBride, who has been visiting in New York for several weeks, will stop at Palm Beach before returning to Portland.

The many friends of Mrs. Fred Raech will be glad to know that she is recovering from a surgical operation and will be at home tomorrow or Thursday.

Mrs. W. T. Bushong and Mrs. Warren E. Thomsen left yesterday morning for a trip to the east. They will be gone about two months and will visit in New York and other large cities.

PROSSER, Wash., Dec. 20.—

A novel party took place at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Dean Gilkey Friday evening. Understuffed apple boxes afforded the guests comfortable seats while they ate and talked. Lighted the occasion. It was a dress affair and many novel costumes of rags and old shoes graced the guests in the spirit of the times. Appropriate games held the interest of the guests and much enthusiasm was raised over the peanut race. A dining lunch was served by the hostess at which time favors were awarded—wrist watches to the ladies and "Missouri Meerschaum" to the gentlemen.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Dec. 20.—

(Special) Mrs. W. W. Kennedy, pioneer Methodist circuit rider and author of "Pioneer Campfire Tales," a book which has been a best seller, and Mrs. Kennedy have gone to Portland to spend the holiday season with their son, Dr. W. S. Kennedy, past grand excelsior ruler of Oregon Elks, and family. Later Rev. and Mrs. Kennedy will leave for Salem for a visit. They expect to remain there for a portion of the legislative session.

Archibald Kingsley will arrive home next Thursday to pass the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Kingsley of Alexandria court.

Unusual interest attaches to the meeting of the MacDowell club today, as it has been two seasons since Mrs. Henry W. Metzger, who is to be heard in recital, has appeared before the club. Mrs. Metzger is one of the directors of the club, and is a very popular both musically and socially, and it is expected a large audience will greet her. The club will meet in the ballroom of the Hotel Multnomah and the programme will begin at 3 o'clock.

Kenton club will give its Christmas dinner tomorrow evening. Hosts will be Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Topping. The festivity will be held in Kenton clubhouse.

Leland and Virginia Penton, son and daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Hicks C. Penton, will entertain on December 29 at Warrier Country club.

Miss Dorothy Metchan, who returned Friday from Mill college, will be hostess at a dance at the Multnomah hotel on December 30.

Dr. and Mrs. A. P. Thatcher and their daughters, Edicta and Josephyn, have returned from an extended eastern trip, and are at home at 701 Washington street.

Miss Sally Hart has arrived from San Francisco and will be with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Hart, until January 7, when she will return to continue her social service work.

Miss Dorothy Shea will entertain on December 28 at a dance for several of her friends of the suburbant estate.

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Legislation Satisfactory to Four States Is Aim of Conference; Measure Being Drafted.

To obtain, if possible, uniform laws covering automobile traffic, the secretaries of state for four northwestern states are in conference at the Imperial hotel. The meeting, which was suggested by Sam Zoser, secretary of state for Oregon, is attended by J. Grant Hinkle, secretary of state for Washington; Charles T. Stewart, secretary of state for Montana, and Robert O. Jones, secretary of state for Idaho, and various traffic officers. The meeting will conclude today.

The one thing decided on yesterday was that there will be an exchange of information between the motor vehicle departments of the four states. The licensed machines and their owners printed lists of the states are to be asked to act as secretary of state, will be sent to the secretaries in the other states.

Traffic Laws Differ.

What is giving the conference most concern is some uniform traffic law. The traffic laws in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana are not alike. They differ in many respects, and, again, they differ in the cities in some of the states. A driver going from Oregon to Montana, and passing through Idaho and Washington encounters four different kinds of traffic laws. How to harmonize these traffic laws is one of the important questions to be discussed. A traffic law is worked out which is satisfactory to all four states the legislatures of the respective states next month will be asked to enact the measure.

Some discussion has been held as to license fees, but there is not likely to be any uniform scale recommended. Oregon, for example, has scheduled its license fees so as to meet the interest and principal on the road bond issues. Other states have no such arrangement, and in Montana the proposed road bond issue was defeated.

Beating Down Fees to Halt.

One matter which the conference wants to check is the habit of people living in one state and taking out automobile licenses in the adjoining state when the latter has a lower license rate than in their own state.

Others, in addition to the four secretaries of state, in attendance were: L. D. Conrad, superintendent of the motor vehicle department of Washington; T. A. Rafferty, chief inspector of the Oregon motor vehicle department; Jay Saltzman, inspector of the eastern division of Oregon; Captain H. E. Lewis of the traffic department of the Portland police; Chief of Police Jenkins of Portland; Lieutenant Carr, chief of the Seattle police traffic department; H. P. Coffin, public safety commission, Portland.

Women's Activities

Hawthorne Parent-Teacher Association.

will meet this afternoon at 2:45 o'clock in the school assembly. A programme has been arranged and coffee and sandwiches will be served during the social hour.

A splendid programme has been arranged for the central Woman's Christian Temperance union Christmas entertainment tomorrow at 8 o'clock in room A, central library. The business session from 2 to 3 p. m. will be an important one and all members are urged to attend. Friends of the union are invited to come for the programme which will include: Piano solo, Mrs. Glennie McCormick, vocal solo, Mrs. M. Jasper; address, "Christmas," Rev. H. H. Griffin, pastor of the First Christian church; vocal solo, Mrs. Mattie Barzinger; reading, "The Thin Santa Claus," Miss Grace Stevens.

Mr. J. C. Robertson will play on his old-time dulcimer, an instrument seldom seen in these days. Mrs. Louise Nule, will present Mrs. Cora Ponnay, president of the union, with a Woman's Christian Temperance union life membership certificate, voted to her by the members.

Members of the Ladies' auxiliary to the Oregon growers will meet this evening in these days. Mrs. Louise Nule, will present Mrs. Cora Ponnay, president of the union, with a Woman's Christian Temperance union life membership certificate, voted to her by the members.

The housewives council will meet for its regular business session today at 2 P. M. in the story hour room of central library.

ST. HELENS, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special)—The recently elected officers of the Pythian Sisters are: Effie Brown,

Poultry Raisers Organize.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Dec. 20. (Special)—With about 50 ranchers present, some of them from remote upper valley sections, the Hood River Valley Poultry association was organized at the rooms of the Commercial club. E. M. White was elected president, and Edward Thornton was named secretary and treasurer. The new organization will hold a second meeting Tuesday, December 28.

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COUNTY TENANTS IN ROW

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