

COUNTY THREATENED BY STATE OVER FEES

\$174,300 in Vancouver Bridge Tolls Is Overdue.

SAM KOZER TAKES ACTION

Attorney-General Told to Start Something; Bill Dates Back to January, 1918.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 30.—(Special).—Failure on the part of Multnomah county to pay to the state of Oregon the sum of \$174,300.98, alleged to be 75 per cent of the net profits from the operation, maintenance and repair of the interstate bridge between Portland and Vancouver, Wash., today caused Sam A. Kozar, secretary of state, to address a letter to Ralph W. Hoyt, chairman of the board of commissioners of Multnomah county, informing him that the matter of collecting the money had been referred to the attorney-general with instructions to act.

The demand for this money was made upon Multnomah county by Mr. Kozar on December 2 and is alleged to cover the amount due the state from the operation of the bridge from January 1, 1918, to May 28, 1919, when the law providing that the state should participate in the returns from the span was repealed. Mr. Kozar said tonight that in case Multnomah county paid the \$174,300.98 set in the demand on December 2, there would still be owing the state the sum of \$77,790.15.

Letter Sent Attorney-General. Mr. Kozar's letter to the attorney-general follows:

"On January 1, 1920, a statement and report and account of the receipts and disbursements arising out of the operation, maintenance and repair of the Columbia river interstate bridge from January 1, 1918 to and including May 28, 1919, was received in the office of the secretary of state from Mr. Ralph W. Hoyt, chairman of the board of county commissioners of Multnomah county, state of Oregon.

"Under the provision of section 2717 Oregon laws, on December 2, 1920, final demand was made of the county of Multnomah, state of Oregon, for the payment to the state of the sum of \$174,300.98, being 75 per cent of the net profits resulting from the operation, maintenance and repair of the interstate bridge, roadway or viaduct and the approaches thereto in the county of Multnomah, state of Oregon, across the Columbia river on line from Portland, Or., to Vancouver, Wash., pursuant to the provisions of chapter 328, general laws of Oregon 1915, and chapter 352, general laws of Oregon 1919, during the period embraced between January 1, 1918 to and including May 28, 1919, as shown by the sworn statement and report of Multnomah county, state of Oregon, filed in the office of the secretary of state of the state of Oregon, January 2, 1920, pursuant to the requirements of said chapter 328, general laws of Oregon 1915.

Legal Action Is Advised. "The state treasurer having reported that the amount in demand of December 2, 1920, herein referred to, or no part thereof having been received by him from the county of Multnomah, state of Oregon, since the date of such demand, and it appearing that there is now due and owing from the county of Multnomah, state of Oregon, to the state of Oregon, the sum of \$174,300.98, as hereinbefore stated, and the provisions of section 2717, Oregon laws, providing among other things that the secretary of state shall direct and superintend the collection of all moneys due to the state of Oregon, in the matter of the failure of Multnomah county to pay over to the state treasurer of the state of Oregon the moneys due it under the provisions of December 2, 1920, hereinbefore referred to, is hereby directed to your attention, and I am respectfully asking that you take such steps as you deem necessary under the law in order to secure to the state of Oregon the said sum of \$174,300.98 due from Multnomah county, state of Oregon, to the state of Oregon, as hereinbefore recited."

MILITIA CHIEF IS NAMED

President Appoints Pennsylvania Head of New Bureau.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Colonel George C. Richards, Oil of the Pennsylvania National Guard, was appointed today by President Wilson as chief of the militia bureau of the war department.

Colonel Richards, who is a Pennsylvania National Guard officer and attached to the infantry reserve officers' corps, will assume his duties tomorrow, succeeding Major-General Jesse McI. Carter, who goes to a line of command.

Colonel Richards will have the rank of major-general and will be the first National Guard officer to hold this position. Appointment of a guard officer who is a militia officer in the reserve corps to this post is provided for in the army reorganization bill passed at the last session of congress.

BOARD MEMBER RESIGNS

Representative of Employers on Safety Body to Quit.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 30.—Announcement of the resignation of Dr. J. S. Klobner of Yakima, representative of employers on the state safety board, effective December 31, was made by Governor Hart this afternoon.

Governor Hart requests the employers' associations to recommend to the executive two qualified persons from whom an appointee to the vacancy may be made, as provided by the safety act.

The letters state that Dr. Klobner's resignation was tendered December 2 with the request that it become effective December 31, but that it is possible he may continue in office after that time to complete his reports.

ONIONS ARE DEHYDRATED

Process Proves Success and Crops of Growers Saved.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 30.—(Special).—The dehydration of 1000 tons of yellow Danvers onions has been completed at the local plant of the King's Food Products company. The operation is said to be the first successful effort to "dehydrate" onions on a

commercial scale in this country. In successfully processing the onions the King's company saved the onion growers of the Lake Labish region from the certain loss of their crop of yellow Danvers.

One of the remarkable features of the operation is the fact that orders for the product are coming in so rapidly from eastern and southern jobbers that indications are all of the product will have been disposed of within the next few weeks.

It was said today the growth of the business of the King's Food Products company has been so rapid that a large new cold-storage plant will be installed in this city for next season's operations, and that another unit to the dehydrating plant will be

TILLAMOOK'S SHERIFF-ELECT LONG IN PUBLIC LIFE



John Aschm, Sheriff-elect of Tillamook County, Or., Dec. 30.—(Special).—Sheriff-elect John Aschm, who takes office January 1, has long been prominent in the activities of Tillamook county. Coming here as a boy 20 years ago, he attended and graduated from the local high school. Immediately following his graduation he entered the sheriff's office and served three years as deputy. He served the city as recorder for two years and later was deputy state fire warden.

completed before summer to permit the trebling of the output in 1921.

PROJECT PROVIDES WATER

PASSAGE OF PROPOSED BILL BENEFIT TO KLAMATH.

Counties United for Appropriation of \$20,000 for Construction of New Road.

The government appropriation of \$125,000 for the Klamath project, approved by the appropriations committee and referred to the house Wednesday, if passed, will provide for putting water on an additional 36,000 acres in the Klamath Falls district, according to T. L. Stanley, manager of the Klamath county Chamber of Commerce, who has been in Portland attending the state chamber of commerce meeting.

Mr. Stanley said that the government already has \$2,000,000 tied up in uncompleted projects in that district and the new appropriation will mean the completing of these and placing them on a basis where they will begin to bring some return. Much of this work has been lying in an uncompleted state for years, he said, owing to the lack of funds to complete it.

Among the districts to be completed under the programme is the 20,000-acre Tule lake project. The construction of the Horse Fly storage reservoir for the irrigation of Langell valley, comprising 16,000 acres, is also included in the projected work. The funds will also provide for the completion of a new and larger viaduct across the main Klamath project to take care of the increased flow of water necessary.

RELIEF AIDED BY RADIO

Amateur Wireless Operators Spread Hoover Appeal for Children.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Amateur wireless operators over the country tonight assisted in distributing to the American people through the press, radio messages from Herbert Hoover, appealing for relief of helpless children in eastern and central Europe.

Powerful radio stations at New York, Detroit and Chicago and vessels at sea sent the New Year's message broadcast and amateur radio belong to the American radio relay league picked it up.

"Every American who has not yet taken an 'invisible guest' through his house can with \$10 put into effect a New Year's resolution that cannot be broken—a resolution to save a child's life," said the message.

POLICE DRESS AS WOMEN

Chicago Detectives Don Feminine Garb to Tempt Bandits.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Squads from the Evanston tank corps and automobiles manned by policemen armed with rifles, will guard Evanston, Chicago's wealthy North Shore suburb, from the reign of motor bandits who have terrorized women of the town, according to plans of the mayor, H. P. Pearson. The tank corps has one tank.

Detectives, garbed as women, with revolvers concealed in handbags, also will patrol the streets.

IOWA LAW DECLARED VOID

Two-Cent Passenger Fare Statute Held Unconstitutional.

DES MOINES, Dec. 30.—Iowa's 2-cent railroad passenger fare law was held to be unconstitutional this afternoon by Judge Wade of the United States district court. Officials were enjoined from enforcing the law on traffic entirely within the state. The court's action upheld the report of a master in chancery filed some time ago.

STATE TO CHECK UP ON OIL STOCK SALES

Detailed Statements of Assets Are Demanded.

TIME UP JANUARY 15

Mining Companies Also Ordered to Make Reports Under Penalty of Being Excluded.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 30.—(Special).—All oil and mining companies having permits to sell their stock in Oregon, together with dealers in automotive paper, will be compelled to submit to the state corporation department before January 15 a detailed statement of their assets, liabilities, properties and how and where the money received from the sale of stock has been expended or suffer the alternative of having their licenses to operate in this state revoked, according to a statement issued here tonight by T. B. Handley, state corporation commissioner.

"Recently there has been an unprecedented rush on this department by foreign oil and mining companies and other concerns dealing in automotive and similar paper, for permits to sell their securities in Oregon," said Mr. Handley.

Check on Loans Noted. "This is perhaps in a measure due to the fact that many banks and money lenders are placing restrictions on the amounts and character of their loans, thus making it necessary at times for reliable and legitimate concerns to sell their stock to the public for the purpose of raising funds to finance their business. The present abnormal price of oil and oil products also has a tendency to cause speculation on the part of the public in oil stocks.

"Taking advantage of this situation, many unscrupulous promoters and fly-by-night concerns are now flooding the country with literature through the United States mails soliciting subscriptions to their stock securities. These concerns are generally unreliable and have no real or tangible assets, yet they guarantee to the public large dividends and promise enormous profits on the investments. The result is that Oregon people are sending thousands of dollars out of the state to be dissipated by these promoters in other states.

Another Evil Is Bared.

"Another existing evil in this connection is the fact that many of the concerns are operating, from the state of Washington. These companies have their agents stationed in Vancouver, with the result that they cross the river into Oregon, pass a few hours with prospective clients, enter into a contract with the subscriber for the purchase of stock and then return to Vancouver, where the transaction is completed by mail. In this way they escape the blue-sky law, as the corporation department has no jurisdiction over transactions carried on through the mails.

"Probably among the worst offenders are the so-called common law trust companies, organized under a declaration of trust in some other state. There are also those who are selling leases and units in alleged valuable oil holdings in other states. As a general thing these concerns are absolutely worthless and an investment in them is so much money thrown to the wind."

Restrictions Are Imposed.

In issuing permits to the few oil and mining companies now operating in Oregon Mr. Handley said in each instance they received permission to sell their stocks under certain conditions and restrictions. These permits, he declared, were permissive only and signified that the companies had complied with certain provisions of the corporation law. Because of complaints reaching the corporation department A. E. Gebhardt, special investigator, was sent to Texas a few months ago to study conditions there and report on the status of a number of concerns that had requested permission to operate in Oregon. In Portland Mr. Gebhardt said he found hundreds of oil concerns and in some instances their total assets apparently consisted of a small office, a desk and two chairs. A large quantity of misleading literature. These companies, Mr. Gebhardt reported, were operating through the United States mails and were not under state regulation.

Thorough Investigation Urged.

Mr. Handley said tonight that all oil and mining companies operating in Oregon were not bad, but that prospective purchasers in the stock of these concerns should conduct a thorough and independent investigation before turning over their money. While having no available figures to show the amount of Oregon investments in Texas oil stocks, Mr. Handley said tonight that from reports received at his office thousands of dollars had been paid for these securities.

Upon receipt of the statements showing the assets, liabilities and properties of the several mining and oil companies now holding permits to operate in Oregon, they will be checked up carefully, and if found to be unsatisfactory to the commissioner, they will be revoked.

NOTED RIVER MAN DEAD

John Wiest Makes Possible Victory of Steamboat Robert E. Lee.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 30.—John Wiest, 81 years old, who was second engineer on the steamer Robert E. Lee, when she won from the steamer Natchez, in the famous race from New Orleans to St. Louis, on the Mississippi river, in 1870, died last night.

Wiest's work in repairing a broken water pipe and stopping a leak in the boiler during the racing of the Robert E. Lee, he was the last surviving participant in the race.

RAISIN TRIAL DUE SOON

Attorney Delegated to Prosecute California Company.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 30.—John H. Atwood, special assistant attorney-general, will take charge of the prosecution of the California Raisin company of Fresno under the government's amended complaint charging violation of the Sherman anti-trust act, according to information received today. Mr. Atwood is expected in Los Angeles Saturday and the amended complaint is to be filed in the United States district court here Monday.



Last Times Today

FATTY ARBUCKLE in "THE ROUND UP"

The Liberty's Educated Horses

Other Numbers

Programme Includes

Ladies' Symphony Orchestra (30 Pieces) Direction Mrs. E. L. Knight

Keates and Our Giant Organ

Gaymon and Gaymon—Steel Guitar Specialists

Geo. Abbott and His Funny Whistle

Billie Carr—The Cowboy Violinist

Dorothy Lyons—Portland's Premiere Danseuse

La Veilla—The Magic Doll

The Liberty Presents

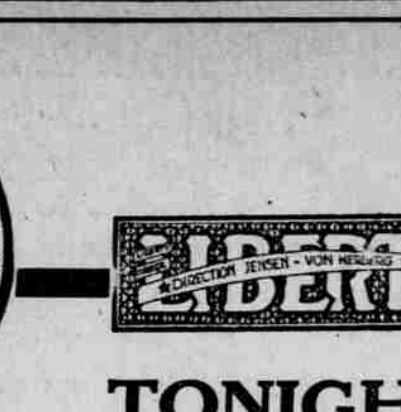
"A Night in a Harem Up to Date" Premiere Presentation of Mack Sennett's "Love, Honor and Behave" (5 Reels)

And Plenty of Amateurs

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TONIGHT

STARTING PROMPTLY ATELEVEN-THIRTY

THE LIBERTY'S ANNUAL MIDNIGHT FROLIC OF FUN

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BANK EMPLOYEES CHEERED

LADD & TILTON MEN TO GET NEW YEAR BONUS.

180 Attaches of Institution 'Strung' for While by President, Then Good News Comes.

When Edward Cookingham, president of the Ladd & Tilton bank, appeared before the 180 employees of that institution at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon and delivered a talk featuring the outline in silk shirts and other commodities affecting the pocketbooks of the average man and hinted that conditions now enabled people to live more luxuriously, he was greeted with a cheer.

But, after "stringing them along" in this vein for a time, Mr. Cookingham brought them back to earth by adding, "But the directors, after discussing the matter, decided that—that we would give you the usual bonus of 19 per cent."

"I congratulate you upon the splendid success achieved this year," said Mr. Cookingham, after the applause died down. "It has been a great business year for the bank and you have helped to make it so. Your co-operation is keenly appreciated. During 1920 we have opened bond and safe deposit departments and both have proved very successful."

The 10 per cent bonus announced yesterday makes a grand total for 1920 of 40 per cent of each salary, including the Christmas bonus of 10 per cent and other regular bonuses.

Divorces Are Obtained

Blanche M. Bartholomew Says She Had to Live in Sheep Camp.

A divorce was granted yesterday by Circuit Judge Gates to Blanche M. Bartholomew, who sued Harry E. Bartholomew on grounds of cruelty. It was charged that Bartholomew provided her with a sheep camp for a home, although he could have procured better quarters. The couple are well known in Pendleton, Or., where the defendant resides.

Other divorces granted yesterday by Judge Gates were: To Bessie L. Rogers from Frank L. Rogers, and Elva D. Skothelm from O. H. Skothelm. Presiding Judge Tazewell granted.

Now Gets 48 Eggs a Day Instead of 3

Mr. Vincent Cured His Hens of the Laying Habit. Easily Done.

"My egg supply has increased wonderfully. Early in January I started laying 3 eggs every other day from 70 hens. By noon of January 1 I was getting 30 eggs a day. In two weeks more I was getting 48 a day."—G. W. Vincent.

Mr. Vincent's results, in January, prove that you can get the eggs when eggs are high. It's no trouble and costs nothing to try.

Give your hens Sunb and watch results for one month. If you don't find that it pays for itself and pays you a good profit besides, simply tell us and your money will be cheerfully refunded.

Don Sunb (Chinese for egg-laying) is a scientific tonic and conditioner. It is easily fed. It had been getting the hen's health and makes her stronger and more active. It tones up the egg-laying organs and makes the eggs no matter how cold or wet the weather.

Don Sunb can be obtained promptly from your druggist or poultry remedy dealer, or send 25 cents for a sample package by mail prepaid. Burrell-Dugger Co., 214 Columbia Bldg., Indianapolis, Ind.—Adv.

BURGLAR PLEADS GUILTY

Robert Campbell Gets Four Years in Penitentiary.

Robert Campbell, companion of Thomas G. Cullen in robbing of the home of Ding Wing, Chinese merchant yesterday appeared before Presiding Judge Tazewell and entered a plea of guilty. He was sentenced to four years in the penitentiary.

Cullen was tried last week before Circuit Judge Morrow and found guilty, but has not yet been sentenced. He and Campbell entered the Wing home on Salmon street late at night and removed from it a safe, containing a quantity of money. They took to Oswego, Or., where they blew it up and removed the loot.

Robbers to Get Hearing

Confessed Holdups Certain to Be Bound to Grand Jury.

Abe Weinstein and Joe Greenberg, youths who hid up and robbed Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Cleveland, 448 Eleventh street, late Monday night near Eleventh and College streets, will probably appear before Municipal Judge Rosman today for preliminary hearing, and are certain to be held to the grand jury. Both have confessed.

Two of the three diamond rings taken in the robbery have been recovered by the police. They are valued at \$1500. Statements made by the two men concerning other missing property, taken in the hold-up, are that the smaller ring and \$150 in bond coupons, were thrown into a doorway on Stark street, between Second and Third streets, the night of the robbery. This plunder, they said, was in a gray suede purse taken from Mrs. Cleveland.

Farm Crossing Petition Granted.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 30.—(Special).—The Oregon public service commission, in an order issued here today, granted the application of J. H. Eccleston for a farm crossing over the tracks of the Oregon Electric company at a point a short distance north of Milron station. Under the order the applicant must pay for all labor incident to establishing the crossing, together effective January 1.

Plans for Revolution Declared to Have Been Unveiled.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 30.—Plans for a sensational revolution in Norway, OPEN TONIGHT

Today--Last Day!

Sale of Used Pianos

A Few Good Ones Still Unsold

They're going like hot-cakes. And no wonder. The prices have done the talking. So has the quality of the instruments. Those who have come and seen the remarkable values we have to offer are not slow to realize the advantage to be gained. Tonight's the end. Every piano to go at these extremely low prices will be sold before the close of business tonight. Come! Count the money saved a Christmas present from us.

Here are some prices on those still remaining:

\$185-\$265-\$335-\$195-Etc.

YOUR OWN TERMS IN REASON

Bush & Lane Piano Co.

"The House of Harmony"

Bush & Lane Bldg. Broadway at Alder

Were you an Alcazar fan?



JOHN R. BRITZ

whose genius as musical director contributed so largely to the popularity of the Alcazar Players last winter, is now in charge of the splendid new Peoples Orchestra. By request of a number of former Alcazar fans he is playing as a CONCERT INTERMISSION NUMBER each week a special arrangement of the hits from one of their plays. This week enthusiastic applause has greeted his rendering of "Flora Bella," next week, beginning tomorrow, we particularly invite you to hear his selection from Friml's "Firefly." Played at every performance at which the orchestra is in attendance.

PEOPLES

West Park near Washington, Direction Jensen and Von Herberg

TOMORROW

DO YOU KNOW NEW YORK?

Its bright lights and black shadows. Its Gay White Way. Its underworld.

"WHILE NEW YORK SLEEPS"

A picture sensation, starting tomorrow.

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LIONEL BARRYMORE

IN "THE MASTER MIND"

Columbia Picture Players Always

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TONIGHT!

The Annual Jazz Riot!

MAJESTIC'S FAMOUS MIDNIGHT MATINEE!

17 Acts Girls! Dancing!

All Kinds of Girls! All Kinds of Dances!

Noisy-makers and Serpentine Free to Everybody!

Direction of Jensen and Von Herberg

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