

### VAGRANT OVERFLOW BURDEN TO PISGAH

#### Colony Needs Financial Aid to Care for Unemployed.

### COUNCIL ASKED FOR HELP

#### Young Men Without Work Should Not Be Humiliated, Declares Head of Settlement.

Portland's unemployed problem cropped up again in city council yesterday, when Mrs. Hattie B. Lawrence, head of the Pisgah colony, appeared before the commissioners with a request for appropriations for the support of young men sent to the colony by Judge Rossman of the municipal court.

Action on the request was deferred, when some of the commissioners showed indications of opposing the application, and the councilmen agreed to consult with Judge Rossman before taking any definite steps in the matter.

The men sheltered in the colony, according to Mrs. Lawrence, range in ages from 18 to 25 years. They are young men unable to find employment, who have been picked up by the police on vagrancy charges. With the city jail filled to overflowing, Judge Rossman has been sending them to the colony, which is situated in the mountains in Columbia county, eight miles back from Scappoose.

#### Excellent Work Being Done.

"The colony undoubtedly does a good work," remarked Commissioner Barber, "but it is out of the jurisdiction or control of the city of Portland, and I do not see how we can legally appropriate money to send young men there. I would like to provide work for these men so they would not have to live on charity."

Commissioner Bigelow opposed the plan for economic reasons. "This matter deals with a floating population," he said. "If we provide a city home for that element in Portland we will have all the vagrants this side of the Rocky mountains rushing here to take advantage of it, and the situation will be worse than ever. I have had previous experience with this same condition, since I have been in office, and I know what the result would be."

Commissioner Mann's contribution to the discussion was brief. "I'd put them to work on the rock pile," he asserted.

#### Americanism Is Injested.

"You will never make American citizens of the rock pile," Mrs. Lawrence interrupted. "The class of youths who are now coming to me is different from any other class I have ever dealt with before. They are upright young fellows, who are not able to find legitimate employment. If nothing is provided for them they are apt to be forced to turn to lawless means for their very existence."

Mayor Baker was inclined to side with the view taken by Mrs. Lawrence.

"I do not want to influence the decision of you gentlemen," he said, addressing the council, "but I do think it would be a good plan to have a little more personal knowledge of the situation before you decide it."

His invitation to the other commissioners to visit him at the police station and discuss the matter first-hand with Judge Rossman was accepted and action was deferred until tomorrow afternoon.

### CITY TO BE REPRESENTED

#### TERMINAL DEBATES INTEREST MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.

#### Commissioners Order Attorney to Attend Railroad Sessions on Ouster Order.

Frank S. Grant, city attorney, was ordered by city council yesterday to request the privilege of attending the conferences of the railroad officials on the Portland terminal controversy.

"Make the request as diplomatic as you want to," said Commissioner Bigelow, who proposed the move, "but let them understand that we want to be represented."

As far as Commissioner Barber is concerned, the present fight as to whether certain railroads are to be ousted from the terminal is a mere tempest in a teapot. The real battle in which he expressed himself as interested was in obtaining for the city a new passenger terminal and better freight handling facilities. "I will send the communication to the railroad officials," said Mr. Grant at the conclusion of the discussion, "and I am willing to attend the meetings if they will let me, but at the same time I would like to have the mayor go with me. Not that I am afraid, but I would like to have the moral support of his presence."

### "RED" CONTROL ALLEGED

#### Speaker Says Non-Partisan League Is Run by Radicals.

Discussion of the non-partisan league as observed in North Dakota and other states where it has gained a powerful hold on the farmers and on the political affairs of the states was presented by Jared Wenger of Portland at the retail druggists' luncheon held yesterday at the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Wenger stated that A. C. Townley and the men working under him in direct control of the league affairs were I. W. W. and radical socialists. The league itself was branded by him as a "sugar-coated pill" handed the farmers as a means of putting over socialist doctrines. Mr. Wenger declared that political control had been utilized to instill radical doctrines in the schools and spread discontent while stores and newspapers, subscribed to by the farmers, are under absolute control of the I. W. W. leaders of the league.

Present labor conditions, with 2,000,000 idle men in the United States, open up a fertile field for the radicals to work upon, and make the spread of radicalism a real menace, Mr. Wenger pointed out.

### TEST OIL WELL STARTED

#### Drill Declared to Have Reached Depth of 150 Feet.

The test oil well four miles south of Astoria, just off the Seaside high-

way, has been started and a depth of approximately 150 feet has been reached, according to announcement made yesterday by G. A. Sarles of Portland, who is connected with the Lower Columbia Oil & Gas company. Mr. Sarles said the well probably would be 2000 feet deep.

The company has taken a lease on 6000 acres of land in that vicinity, and has announced that a number of wells will be drilled. The drilling was started on December 18, and since that time six different strata of petrified wood have been penetrated. The drill has now struck a sandy formation, and it is expected that better progress will be made. Another drilling crew has been put on and the company intends to drill 24 hours a day.

Officers of the company are K. F. Johnson, county commissioner of Clatsop county; N. Smith, plumbing contractor of Astoria, vice-president; Gilbert Richards, secretary-manager, and J. M. Anderson of the Astoria National bank, cashier. The board of directors includes the officers and R. C. Phillips, general manager of the Clatsop Lumber Mills of Astoria, and A. S. Skyles, president of the Rowan Skyles Auto company of Astoria.

### POOR FARM AHEAD \$9341

#### FOREMAN ESTIMATES PROFIT FOR YEAR 1920.

#### County Commissioners Order Halt in Pension Granted Hitherto to Blind Man.

Net profits from the operation of the Multnomah county farm during 1920 totaled \$8441.42, according to the report of U. G. Smith, foreman, submitted to a meeting of county commissioners yesterday. He estimated the total value of products at \$26,144.57, of which \$25,013.15 was the wholesale market value of food articles supplied and \$1134.57 the amount sold for cash, against which total operating expenses of \$17,902.15 were charged.

After passing a resolution to employ ten instead of 15 clerks asked by Sheriff Hurlburt for extra duty in the tax department during the rush season, and fixing their salaries at \$100 a month instead of \$115, asked, the board was visited by the sheriff and was moved to reconsider the action and vote on it at the next meeting. The men would be employed at night work of six hours a night. They were paid \$100 last year, but salaries for regular clerks doing somewhat similar work have been raised from \$120 to \$135 since then, according to Sheriff Hurlburt.

The request of the child welfare commission for two rooms in the courthouse for headquarters was denied. The stipend of \$100 being granted Walter Courter, blind man, for the support of himself, his wife and five children, was ordered discontinued on February 1, so that new arrangements could be made. Courter had represented that he could not live on less than \$123 a month, and that his earnings were \$75 a month from selling newspapers. The public welfare commission reported that he earned \$95 a month from sales on an average, not including gratuities.

### FARMERS' ROADS WANTED

#### Yamhill Forum Asks That Half of Money Be Spent on Byways.

DAYTON, Or., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—The Yamhill county forum, composed of members of every school district and city in the county, has adopted resolutions asking the legislature to provide for development of strictly agricultural roads, and enact a state marketing law similar to that of California.

The resolutions were adopted unanimously at a meeting at McMinnville. Members of the forum declared that the legislature probably would authorize a bond issue for road work. The resolution included a request that 50 per cent of the money be spent on lateral, cross and feeder roads instead of on the main highways. Another resolution asked that buyers of supplies of public use be required to advertise for bids on all machinery and supplies purchased in amounts costing more than \$500.

### GALE AT ASTORIA ABATES

#### City Slips Back to Oregon Weather After Mercury Goes to Freezing.

ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—After two days of low temperatures Astoria stepped back into the Oregon weather column last night. Yesterday the temperature which had been below freezing started up, the wind shifted to the southeast and shortly before midnight had become a howling gale, accompanied by frequent showers of rain and hail.

The wind at North Head registered 60 miles an hour as the maximum. This morning the wind outside, which had shifted to the west, was blowing at a 20-mile rate and the barometer started up, while the sun was peeping through the clouds.

### COUNCILMEN TAKE OFFICE

#### New City Government Installed in Philomath.

PHILOMATH, Or., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—The members of the new city government, who took office recently, were Dr. Jayne, mayor; E. C. Golden, recorder; Dr. Henderson, treasurer; W. H. Morgan, marshal, and J. S. McMurtry, W. Henry, C. W. Davis, C. T. Whittlesey, F. H. Burns, and H. D. Moorland, members of the council.

The city was incorporated in 1882. J. E. Henkle, one of the retiring councilmen, was a member of the first council, and has served on the council at different times since its organization.

### Commercial Club Organized.

TIMBER, Or., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—A mass meeting held here Friday resulted in the organization of the upper Nehalem commercial club, representing the business interests of the following towns in Washington county: Hulbert, Timber, Westtimber, Wedeburg, Reliance, Douy and Cochran. Officers were elected as follows: N. Bangs, president; George

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### SILENCE CAUSES ARREST

#### Man Declares Refusal to Talk, Due to Activity of Relatives.

KELSO, Wash., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—V. Tikkanen of the upper Lewis river country was brought to Kalama Monday by Sheriff Hoggatt because of his persistent refusal to talk.

Tikkanen would make no reply to questions until he was brought before J. E. Stone, court commissioner, to whom he explained that he was acting before this way because relatives wanted to sell the home place and divide the money so as to settle an estate. Tikkanen said he had done most of the work of improving the place and felt that he was entitled to most of the place. He was discharged, but even after his release continued his refusal to talk.

McGee, vice-president; L. R. Hoelhoff, secretary; A. C. Shives, treasurer.

### Dempsey to Leave for Portland.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 12.—Jack Dempsey, heavyweight champion, planned to leave tonight for Portland, Or., where he is scheduled to meet Jerry Kellar in a six-round exhibition bout January 25.

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