

SEATTLE MAY USE TAX FUND FOR CARS

Taxpayers Lose Suit to Restrain Payments.

BONDS HELD FIRST LIEN

Court Declares Authorities Have Not Threatened General Levy to Operate Street Railway.

PUGET SOUND BUREAU

Seattle, Jan. 26.—The city of Seattle will not be enjoined from dipping into the general tax fund for money to operate the municipal street railway system, so far as the superior court is concerned. After several days' deliberation over the case, which was brought to a close last Saturday, Superior Judge Ronald today decided against the 14 taxpayers who have made themselves locally famous by their efforts to keep the railway system off the general tax account.

Cases to Be Appealed.

The contention of the 14 taxpayers has been substantially that all costs of operating and maintaining the system should be paid out of its revenues leaving the residue, if any, for the bondholders. This contention is now upheld by Superior Judge Ronald's decision refusing to restrain the city from applying general tax funds to railway purposes. The two decisions therefore run in the same general direction. Both cases will be appealed. Judge Ronald's comment, however, is designed for the comfort of taxpayers. While he does not take into account the \$2,000,000 drawn from the general tax fund in the past three years for railway replacements and extensions, he finds from the evidence that the city authorities "have not threatened and are not threatening to levy a tax for the purpose of operating or maintaining the municipal street railway and that there is no intention on the part of defendants to do so or to use any moneys heretofore derived from taxation for such purposes."

Receipts Thought Adequate.

The court discovers a cheering view of the situation in finding that "the gross revenues of the system are and will be sufficient to pay the principal and interest of all bonds payable therefor and to cover the cost of maintenance and operation and all other amounts properly chargeable against said system." The court adds that the city council will not presume that the city council will do an unlawful act in the future. But, says the court, if the council fail to meet the maintenance and operation expense it is within the power of the council to borrow from the general fund or to levy a tax direct, provided the limit of taxation is not exceeded.

RAINIER THOUGHT ERUPTING

Mishap at Lighting Plant Causes Startling Illumination. PUGET SOUND BUREAU, Seattle, Wash., Jan. 26.—When a generator grounded and burned out in the Seattle municipal lighting plant on Cedar river Wednesday night the people of Cedar and Snohomish valleys imagined Mount Rainier was in eruption, so brilliant was the illumination. The accident did considerable damage, but did not seriously affect city service, as the new Cedar falls unit was but recently installed and had not been placed in operation. The accident was the culmination of a series of misfortunes. The installation of this new 15,000-kilowatt generator was authorized in 1920 and it should have been in operation months ago. The machinery was in a wreck on route from the manufacturer and had to be returned to them for rebuilding, which caused a delay. When it arrived and was placed on its foundation it could not be made to run without vibration. An attempt to reinforce the base appeared to be successful, but in the installation no switch was placed between the generator and the transformer, an unusual method of installing such a machine. Due to some unknown disturbance Wednesday night the transformer grounded and the generator was unable to bear the strain grounded, too. Short-circuited at the machine, the powerful current jumped to the ground. The transformer and generator immediately burst into brilliant electrical flame. The damage cannot be estimated until a survey has been made. The generator and transformer were installed at an approximate cost of \$100,000.

JUDGE BEAN IS IN SEATTLE

Federal Jurist of Portland Will Help Clear Congested Docket. PUGET SOUND BUREAU, Seattle, Wash., Jan. 26.—Judge Robert S. Bean of Portland arrived here today and assumed a place on the bench of the United States district court to aid Judges Neterer and Cushman in the effort to clear the congested calendar. Judge Bean expects to hold court here during February and March. The first case brought before him was that of the International Lumber Export company against Suzuki & Co., involving alleged breach of a lumber sale contract and \$27,000 damages.

FREED CONVICT RE-TAKEN

Auto Dealers Cause Arrest of Released Federal Prisoner. PUGET SOUND BUREAU, Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 26.—(Special.)—Alleged social importer, ex-convict, army officer, J. Allen Brookes, alias Captain J. Allan Brookes, emerged from behind prison bars at McNell's Island today a free man, after having served a sentence on a charge of having defrauded the federal government, only to be rearrested by William H. Jackson, Cincinnati detective and former chief of police of that city. Jackson served on Brookes a warrant for his arrest on a charge of having defrauded a Cincinnati automobile concern. Brookes introduced himself as a world-war hero and British army officer, Brookes, it was said, "moved in fast circles" in the nation's capital shortly after the war. In the spring of 1920, according to the police, he purchased an expensive touring car from a Cincinnati firm and accompanied the firm's agent to Washington to cash a bank draft. He eluded the agent, it was charged, and escaped with the car. Several months later he was arrested in California on a federal charge. The automobile concern, in the meantime, learning of his whereabouts, took steps to have him rearrested at the expiration of his sentence. The Cincinnati officer has arrived in Tacoma.

POWER OFFER IS STUDIED

ENGINEERS WILL REPORT ON CORPORATION PROFFER.

Tacoma Improvement Clubs Oppose Attempt to Relegate Plant City Is Developing.

PUGET SOUND BUREAU, Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 26.—(Special.)—Ira S. Davison, city commissioner, today announced that he had asked four engineers of his department to study the offer of the Stone-Webster company for the sale of power to the city and advise him. Besides Llewellyn Evans and W. A. Kunick, superintendents of the light and water departments; Norton L. Taylor and C. A. Lund, light department engineers, have been in conference. Preparations for the hearing that will be held later on the issuance of a permit by the state hydraulic engineer for construction of a dam for the Lake Cushman project and the diversion of the water of the Skokomish river, was being made yesterday by J. Charles Dennis, city engineer. The city has completed with legal requirements for a permit, but opposition of the state fish board is delaying the matter as it did in the condemnation of fish hatchery riparian rights. The Stone-Webster interests want to sell power to the city 10 per cent cheaper than the latter can manufacture it. Improvement clubs oppose the offer on the ground that the municipal electric system should be developed.

LUMBER SALES BETTER

SHIPMENTS FOR WEEK MORE THAN PRODUCTION.

West Coast Association Reports Excess of Nearly 5,000,000 Feet Over Mills' Cut.

There was an element of encouragement for the lumber industry of the northwest in the report of West Coast Lumbermen's association mills for the week ending January 21. It showed that nearly 5,000,000 feet more lumber had been shipped during the week than had been produced. The 133 mills which reported had manufactured 76,648,849 feet of lumber; sold 81,444,621 feet, and shipped 72,209,828 feet. Production was 19 per cent below normal; new business was 10 per cent below production, and shipments 6 per cent above production. Thirty-nine per cent of all new business taken during the week was accepted for future water delivery. This amounted to 25,224,621 feet, of which 18,773,948 feet will move coastwise and intercoastal, and 7,451,573 feet overseas. New business for delivery by rail totaled 4,770,889 feet. Fifty-three per cent of the week's shipments moved by water, totaling 38,590,838 feet, of which 28,354,869 feet were shipped coastwise and intercoastal, and 11,175,969 feet export. The rail movement for the week was 1189 cars. In 1921 was only a little more than half the number during 1920, it is shown. In 1920 there were 4,026,739 passengers carried, as against 2,265,114 for 1921, which was also less than 1919, when 2,981,553 patronized the line.

MIXING PLANTS TO BE VIEWED

Tacoma Delegation Sent to Make Investigation in Portland. PUGET SOUND BUREAU, Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 26.—(Special.)—In anticipation of completing the repair work on the South Tacoma boulevard, Edison and Union avenues, and of doing extensive other repairs to asphalt pavements during the current year, starting as soon as weather conditions permit, Commissioner Harrison today sent members of his department to Portland to investigate asphalt mixing plants. A small mixing plant may be purchased for city use. Last year a portable repair outfit was purchased and this will be used on patching work, but where parts of pavements of considerable size must be repaired, a larger outfit is needed for economical construction. Mr. Harrison said. A. Christofferson, superintendent of streets, and C. E. Putnam, assistant city engineer, were delegated to look into the plants available at Portland. They were accompanied by W. D. Vealey, also of the engineer's force.

C. W. JAMES IS INDORSED

Ex-Warden of Penitentiary Out for County Judgeship. NEWPORT, Or., Jan. 26.—(Special.)—The Newport community club, at its regular meeting last night, adopted resolution endorsing C. W. James of this city for county judge to fill the vacancy caused by death of Judge Fogarty, who died suddenly January 22. Mr. James is a man of considerable experience in public affairs, having served as warden of the state penitentiary and as private secretary to George E. Chamberlain in the senate. Others mentioned for the position are O. V. Hill of Waldport, Dr. W. Barry of Newport and W. Bill of Toledo.

Newport Club Indorses Fair.

NEWPORT, Or., Jan. 26.—(Special.)—At the regular meeting of the Newport Community club, held last night, a discussion of the proposed 1922 fair took place. Unanimous indorsement of the project was given but the means to finance the fair could not be decided upon as the club had opposed the direct tax method. The income tax plan was favored. The club directors elected the following officers for the ensuing year: C. C. Presley, president; G. H. Wilcox, vice-president; George R. Dickinson, secretary, and C. O. Hawkins, treasurer.

Salem Schools Held Crowded.

SALLEM, Or., Jan. 26.—(Special.)—George W. Hug, superintendent of the Salem public schools, today told members of the Marion County Realtors' association that some action would have to be taken in the near future to care for fast increasing enrollment in local educational institutions. Mr. Hug said the present enrollment of Salem schools aggregates 4000, which is several hundred more than should be accepted until additional accommodations are provided.

Postmaster Is Veteran.

DALLAS, Or., Jan. 26.—(Special.)—Donald G. White, who was recently nominated by President Harding for postmaster at Falls City, is the youngest of several candidates for that office. He is an ex-service man, having served overseas during the world war with an artillery regiment. His candidacy did not have the indorsement of the Folk county republican central committee, but the American Legion was behind him.

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