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CARBARE REDUCTION IS OPPOSED.—Resolutions opposing a reduction of streetcar fares in the city of Portland in the belief that such reduction would also make for a reduction in the wages of the men employed by the street car company were adopted at the meeting of the Building Trades Council Monday. The resolution, which was introduced by J. D. M. Crockett and P. C. Stearns, delegates from the Inside Electrical Workers' union, called attention to the fact that the Central Labor council had previously adopted a similar resolution opposing a reduction of fares. The action of the labor council came following an investigation made by a committee from that body.

AUTOMOTIVE EXPERT TO SPEAK.—Gordon Lee, chief of the automotive division, bureau of foreign and domestic commerce, Washington, D. C., will be the speaker at the luncheon of the Ad club at the Benson hotel today at noon. Arthur H. Brown, president of the Automotive Dealers' association of this city will be chairman of the day. Mayor Baker will deliver an address of welcome. Miss Graham, contraalto of New York city, will sing, accompanied by Alex. Reilly.

CONDUCTOR DIES ON DUTY.—Carl Keller, 31 years old, a streetcar conductor on the Albina line, died dead from heart disease yesterday at Albert street and Union avenue. He was stricken on his car while at work and the car stopped in order that he might get medical aid. The deceased was unmarried and lived at 1206 Missouri avenue. He is survived by his parents, who live at Gresham, and by two sisters in this city. The body was removed to the morgue. There will be no inquest.

MULTNOMAH COUNTY FAIR DATE SET.—The Multnomah county annual fair will be held at Gresham this year during the week of August 8 to 12 inclusive. Entries are coming in and space for both exhibition and concession purposes is in great demand. A large and attractive premium list has been published. The secretary-manager, C. D. Hinton, is located at the hotel, and everything is rapidly being put in order for a successful fair week.

AUTO HITS COMMISSIONER PIER.—S. C. Pier, city commissioner, was cut slightly and bruised yesterday when he was struck by an automobile in front of his home, 187 East Thirty-first street. The machine was operated by W. H. Norman, 124 East Thirty-first street. Mr. Pier saved himself from serious injury by clinging to the bumper of the machine. His injuries did not prevent him from being at his office at the city hall.

POULTRY EXPERT TO LECTURE.—George W. Wood, secretary of the Poultry Producers of Central California, an organization which produces \$5,000,000 worth of eggs annually, arrived in Portland yesterday. Mr. Wood will deliver a series of illustrated lectures before poultrymen's organization in eight Oregon counties. They will begin July 21 in Clackamas county and will continue three weeks.

TILLAMOOK TO HAVE GUARDSMEN.—A new company of national guard will be mustered in for federal recognition at Tillamook, Or., in the near future. Adjutant-General White has authority from the war department for the formation of an infantry company at that place. Sergeant George Bates was sent there a few days ago to assist in the enlistment and taking care of the necessary paper work.

KILLER OF ELK FINED \$750.—An announcement came to the offices of the game commission yesterday of the fining of Bruce E. Bates at Astoria for having killed an elk last winter. Bates killed the animal near Elk creek at Cannon Beach, but was not apprehended until three weeks ago, when he was found at Klamath Falls. He was found guilty and was fined \$750 by the court.

PROWLER GETS SIX MONTHS.—John Diaz, suspected hotel-room thief, was sentenced to six months in jail yesterday, when he was found guilty of trespassing, in municipal court. The Mexican was caught prowling about a room in a Japanese hotel at Front and Yamhill streets and was captured by the police after he had been chased from the house.

YOUNG WOMAN HELD AS FORGER.—Ole Lacy, 21 years old, was arrested late Monday by Police Detective Swennes on a forgery charge. The woman had been found confessed to forging the indorsement on a \$15 pay check issued by the American Car company. The check was issued to another girl, and it was Miss Lacy lives at 321 Broadway.

WOMAN WHO INHALED GAS DEAD.—Mrs. Regina Johnson, 60 years old, who inhaled gas last week in an effort to end her life, died yesterday at a local hospital. Dependence caused her to kill herself. She was a widow and lived alone at 1218 Sixteenth street Southeast. There will be no inquest.

IF YOU WANT TO HEAR THE GOSPEL of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, preached in its beauty and simplicity, hear the Very Rev. Dean Ramsey at pro-cathedral, corner of Thirteenth and Clay streets, Sunday at 11 A. M. and 7:45 P. M. Take either Sunnyside car or 13th-st. car, get off at Clay. Seats free.—Adv.

RADIO SET STOLEN.—A radio set valued at \$100 was stolen from the home of C. R. Myers, 875 East Kelly street, sometime Monday night. It was reported to the police yesterday. The prowler tore a screen from a rear window to gain entrance into the house.

DR. KATHERINE S. MYERS HAS RETURNED.

FIGHT ON PRIMARY WILL BE LAUNCHED

Nonpolitical Body Formed to Overturn System.

STATE MOVEMENT BEGUN

Restoration of Convention and Return to Party Supremacy Object of Organization.

A campaign to rid the state of Oregon of the direct primary and return to a convention system, so selected as to be representative of party membership, has been inaugurated by the Representative Government bureau of Oregon. Offices of the new organization have been established in the Pittcock block, and Eugene E. Smith, well known in labor circles and ex-state legislator, is director in charge.

"The bureau is strictly non-political in character," said Mr. Smith, "and it will not serve the political purposes of any special interest or that of any group, element or party. Its members are voters of various political faiths—all pledged to the proposition of real representative government."

Primary Law Disruptive. Party conventions, Mr. Smith declares, will bring Oregon politics out into the light of day. The primary law, he says, has disrupted all effective party organization of voters and has compelled them to use their churches and their lodges for political purposes. Or, if this is not done, Mr. Smith says, self-chosen and secret committees, created by the party, are attempting to dictate the political policies of the day.

The direct primary, he says, has proved a short cut to office for many and has brought no relief from burdens to the people, as was promised. But with properly constituted party conventions, together with provision for independent office seekers, there is no need or place for the direct primary.

People to Be Enlightened. The newly established bureau will gather data, opinions and facts in relation to politics, election laws and the administration of government in Oregon and its political subdivisions and disseminate such information among the people.

The bureau, Mr. Smith states, will not act as a propagandist in the evil sense of trying to put over anything on the people for any special or selfish interest. All persons honestly interested in the furtherance of the bureau's program are invited to co-operate with it.

NOTORIOUS FORGER DEAD

CHARLEY WHITE SUCCUMBS EN ROUTE FROM CHINA.

Man Exiled Under 5-Year Prison Sentence for Shrine Conclave Operations Dies at Sea.

News of the death at sea of Charley White, super-forger, whose criminal activities were long known to police blotter as early as 1893, was received by Sheriff Hurlburt yesterday. White died March 25, at the age of 49 years, on the steamer Montague, en route to the United States from China. He was banished from the United States by terms of his agreement with ex-Circuit Judge Kavanaugh by which he received his freedom.

White served in a score of penitentiaries spending half his life since 1893 behind the bars. He was arrested in Portland while planning a coup during the Shrine convention in 1920. With forged letters of credit and Shrine credentials, indicating that he had \$50,000 on deposit in El Paso, Tex., banks, he was ready to "clean up" when private detectives cut short his criminal career.

It took Deputy District Attorney Pierce 20 minutes to read the man's criminal record to the court. His life since 1893 behind the bars. He was arrested in Portland while planning a coup during the Shrine convention in 1920. With forged letters of credit and Shrine credentials, indicating that he had \$50,000 on deposit in El Paso, Tex., banks, he was ready to "clean up" when private detectives cut short his criminal career.

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