

INTEREST IS TOO HIGH

COUNTY JUDGE WOULD SUBSTITUTE BONDS FOR WARRANTS.

Bill Has Been Prepared Which Provides That Multnomah County Shall Change Financial System.

A bill providing for the issuing and sale of bonds to raise funds to pay the indebtedness of Multnomah County, amounting to over \$300,000, will be introduced in the Legislature this week. The measure will be advocated by County Judge Webster, who states that the outstanding warrants drawing 6 per cent interest should all be called in, and warrants hereafter paid by the County Treasurer when presented. The bonds will run for five years and may be called in at any time in part, when the surplus money in the hands of the County Treasurer.

Judge Webster states that it is not a healthful condition of things to keep on issuing warrants, as has been done for years past, stamped not paid for want of funds, and increasing the indebtedness year after year. He also states that the tax levy this year will be sufficient to pay the annual expenses and leave a small surplus. The expenditures will be kept within the sum raised by taxation, unless some extraordinary event should occur, such as the destruction of bridges by fire, or something of that kind. Last year the tax levy brought in a little over \$300,000, and the expenditures for the year were about \$270,000. The deficit is represented by outstanding 6 per cent warrants.

Judge Webster says there is no sense whatever in carrying on county affairs in such a manner, and it must stop. The bonds will draw 4 per cent interest.

SAYS HE IS A USURPER.

Stockholder Wants Secretary of Mining Company Removed.

E. N. Wheeler has filed a suit in the State Circuit Court against E. J. McKittick to have him ousted from the position of secretary of the American Gold Mining Company, and to compel him to surrender the books and papers of the company.

The complaint sets forth the fact of the organization of the company with a capital stock of \$1,500,000, and that McKittick was chosen acting secretary. The first annual meeting of the stockholders, it is alleged, was held on the first Thursday in January, 1902, when the following named persons were elected directors: Levi Tillotson, J. M. Long, E. N. Wheeler, E. J. McKittick, and C. A. Patterson. Tillotson was elected president.

A few days subsequently there was a directors' meeting at which Tillotson, Wheeler and Long were present, and Patterson and McKittick failed to attend. The meeting was adjourned until January 12, and they were notified to be there, but paid no attention to the summons. It is stated further that at this last meeting Long, Tillotson and Wheeler elected the latter as secretary. Afterwards Tillotson and Wheeler called upon McKittick and demanded the books and papers, but refused to give them up. McKittick asserted that he had been elected secretary of the company at a meeting participated in by himself, Patterson and A. F. Field. McKittick is charged with usurping the office and the court is asked to furnish the necessary relief.

COFFEE GOES FREE.

Case Against Alleged Diamond Thief Is Dismissed.

The information against Frank Carter charging him with the theft of a diamond from S. P. Hanawalt was dismissed by Judge George yesterday on motion of Deputy District Attorney Spencer. At the trial several days ago, the defendant made out a pretty good alibi, and the jury stood six to six. The prosecution dismissed the case, thinking that under the circumstances it would be difficult, if not impossible, to secure a conviction. It came out at the trial that Carter's real name is Coffey. His father, who is a well-known citizen of Spokane, came to assist him. Harry Thomas, charged with the same offense, was tried and convicted several weeks ago, and was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary. Thomas was the real thief, and Carter was supposed to have been an accomplice.

Court Notes.

Judge Sears will announce a decision on Monday at 2 o'clock, in the suit of P. A. Marquand vs. Title Guarantee & Trust Company et al., on the demurrer to the complaint.

William E. McIndles has sued Elizabeth McIndles in the State Circuit Court for a divorce because of desertion, beginning in September, 1902. They were married in Portland in 1894.

Maud Acker has filed suit against Charles W. Acker for a divorce because of desertion. She asked for the custody of their child. The complaint states that they were married in 1892, and that he abandoned her over a year ago.

Bessie Schmidt has filed suit against Louis Schmidt for a divorce. She says he deserted her in August, 1901. She asks for the custody of a minor child. They were married in this city in 1888.

William La Force, an attorney, has commenced an attachment suit in the State Circuit Court against Dorothea Wetmore to recover \$256 balance due as fees. He appeared for her in a divorce suit and also in a proceeding to recover real estate, and was successful.

NEWSPAPER ARTISTS.

First Annual Exhibition to Be Given Early in April.

Local newspaper and magazine artists composing the Newspaper Artists' League, will hold their first annual exhibition of original drawings in black and white at Portland, early in April. The members will contribute studies in pen and ink, pencil and wash drawings, water-colors and some oils. This being the first exhibit the members of the league have entered into it with considerable zest and a determination to show the art-loving public that their work, as originally produced, is of high character and possesses real merit.

Few people who buy the daily newspapers glance over their columns, densely crowded with the world's happenings and illustrated with line and half-tone engravings, and then relegate them to the waste basket as things not worth the keeping, ever stop to think of the artistic work that enters into their composition.

One does not look into the newspapers as a rule for pictures of a quality worthy to live in private or public galleries. Yet it is a fact, no less true than surprising, that the original of many a newspaper has artistic qualities superior to much of the work that emanates from the studios and finds a place in art stores and properly matted and framed would be appropriate in the most artistic home. In short, newspaper artists, like newspaper writers, are able men, whose work is little appreciated. These statements are made apropos of the growing practice of newspaper artists to make exhibitions of their better work. At the forthcoming exhibition one can see how the wild-eyed newspaper artist, with his hair standing on end, his sleeves rolled up to his elbows, his collar unbuttoned, his fingers covered with pencil black, and the sweat of honest and rapid toil upon his brow, catches "the next edition" with the sketch that is made in 15 minutes under the glare of the electric light.

There, also, can be seen the sketch as it went to the etcher, and you buy it if you like. You can also have the pleasure of seeing the artist—not in his natural state, but clad in a frock coat and a white waistcoat—and you can even speak to him if you please, and asked him how he learned to do it. You will find that he will treat you graciously and expand under your sympathetic curiosity into a

general warmth of communicativeness that will send you home with the whole system of picture making all straight in your head. One of the features to be shown at the exhibition is the various processes of reproduction, from the original drawing through its various stages and finally as it appears in the daily paper. Altogether the display will be unique, novel, instructive and entertaining, and one of the leading social and artistic functions ever given in the community.

Different artists who will enter their work in the exhibition are: F. A. Routledge, P. A. Shorten, Chap. Chapin, R. Irwin, Lute Pease, Milton Werschul, H. W. Bailey, E. S. Payne, Miss N. C. Mullen, Mrs. J. P. Wager, M. C. Perley, Harold E. Craft, Murray Wade and others.

BIG LIONS IN THE CITY.

Supreme Lodge Holds Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Supreme Lodge of the Order of Lions was held in rooms 600-601, Chamber of Commerce, yesterday, and was attended by the following members, whom the committee on credentials had decided to seat:

Robert D. Inman, supreme president; P. A. MacPherson, supreme president; Horace D. Ramsdell, supreme vice-president; Alex. Sweek, supreme secretary; Ralph W. Hoyt, supreme treasurer; Herman B. Biersdorf, supreme medical director; J. M. Long, supreme lecturer and legal adviser; George E. Chamberlain, supreme auditor; J. H. Ackerman, supreme chaplain; J. L. Mitchell, supreme sergeant-at-arms; John T. Wilson, supreme doorkeeper; C. W. Miller, supreme financial officer; P. O. Downing, supreme chairman finance committee; E. A. Baldwin, supreme official printer; C. B. Moores, supreme representative from district No. 1; Cella D. MacPherson, supreme representative from district No. 1; W. J. Schaner, supreme representative from district No. 2; Major T. J. Buford, Mrs. A. M. White and R. H. Shannon were the alternates.

The reports of Supreme President MacPherson, Supreme Secretary Sweek, Supreme Treasurer Hoyt and Supreme Medical Director Biersdorf were referred to the committee on distribution, which, as appointed by the chair, consists of: Professor J. H. Ackerman, of Salem; Charles B. Moores, of Oregon City; John T. Wilson and S. W. Miller, of Portland; and J. W. Schaner, of San Francisco. Committees were appointed as follows: Millage and per diem—J. L. Mitchell, Alex. Sweek and Charles B. Moores.

On the state of the order—Horace B. Ramsdell, Cella D. MacPherson and John T. Wilson.

Appeals and grievances—J. H. Ackerman, E. A. Baldwin and R. D. Inman. On finances and accounts—H. D. Ramsdell, George E. Chamberlain and C. B. Moores.

Law—J. M. Long, C. W. Miller and J. H. Ackerman.

A resolution was presented and adopted setting the day for the annual election on Monday. Last night the work of the order was considered, and tomorrow morning the session will be continued.

FOR RELIEF OF SUFFERING

Portland Scandinavians to Aid Distressed Countrymen.

Scandinavians of Portland are doing much to assist in the relief of the sufferers in Northern Sweden, and expect to forward a second donation to the general fund in Stockholm, by giving an entertainment at the Hotel Hamilton, Sunday night, January 25. An excellent program has been prepared and many performers of note have volunteered their services.

Tickets have been placed on sale by Messrs. C. B. Borquist, 231 Washington street, and O. H. Anderson, Sixth and Burnside, who were selected to handle the proceeds, and at the rate they are being purchased it is evident that the spacious hall will be crowded to the doors upon this occasion.

People are buying tickets in blocks of 10 and 20, says Mr. Borquist, and he feels confident that several hundred will have been disposed of before the date of the benefit.

Municipal Judge Suspects Perjury.

Municipal Judge Hogue had different stories as to an assault case told him yesterday by a white man and a Chinaman, and he said he believed the latter. John H. Tannese, a saloonkeeper, was accused by his Chinese waiter, Yan Jim, of assault. Yan Jim said: "My boss he owe me six dollar for 'w.k.' an' he pay me five dollar. When I ask him dollar he kick me." "Never did anything of the sort. Never struck that Chinaman," was the gist of the defendant's testimony. "I think you have perjured yourself, and am of the opinion that you did strike the Chinaman," remarked the Judge, sternly. "This case is continued for further evidence."

Made Threats to Kill.

A landlord row was afoot at the Municipal Court yesterday, when Mrs. E. J. Rice accused her landlord, Dr. Paul Cromwell, colored, of having threatened to kill her. "He has been in the building owned by Cromwell, and for months he has never left me at peace. On one occasion recently he told me he would kill me when he got a chance," she said. "I had no 'keshun' or 'cabin' out mah throat. Judge. That woman struck me on mah head with an 'ax handle.' Deed she did," said the defendant. The case was continued.

Two Girls Want Homes.

The Oregon Children's Home Society receives homeless and neglected children from anywhere in the State of Oregon, boards, clothes and places them in good family homes until of legal age. We receive children of all ages. Eleven children have been placed in homes within a few weeks. Two girls of 14 and 15 years are now ready for homes. One desires wages and the other without wages would be specially helpful in the care of children. Address the superintendent, I. F. Tobey, 605 Marquam building.

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WHY MORTIMER MITCHELL ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

Recent Religious Convert Hovers Between Life and Death as a Result of Bullet Wounds.

Suffering from some unknown sort of religious trouble, Fred Mitchell, 24 years old, a motorman, attempted suicide yesterday morning at the Merchants' Hotel, on Third street, by sending one bullet through his left breast, near his heart, and another bullet into his forehead. He was taken to the Good Samaritan Hospital, where it was stated that his chances for life and death are about evenly divided. When asked the reason for his having attempted to take his life, Mitchell answered: "None of your business. Attend to your own affairs. I've troubles of my own."

Mitchell was employed as motorman on the Lower Albina run, and up to quite recently was known as a man of a jovial disposition, but within the past few days he acted strangely and talked in a rambling way about religion. Friday he informed Superintendent Seligert that he was going to quit, and did so, although he failed to mention any reason for this course. Previously he had told his friends that some things were not satisfactory about his work. Friday night Mitchell rented a room at the Merchants' Hotel and paid for two nights in advance. His trunk was brought to the hotel, and it was assumed that he was going to live there.

Early yesterday morning, probably about 4 or 5 o'clock, he fired two shots which he hoped would end his earthly career, but nobody heard the reports of the revolver at that time, and he lay bleeding until about 8 o'clock, when a chambermaid unlocked the room door to make up his bed, supposing that he had already left to go to work. She summoned aid, and Jailer Roberts arrived and found a 38-caliber revolver lying beside the bed. Roberts summoned Holman's ambulance and the wounded man was taken to the Good Samaritan Hospital. Here he refused to explain what had caused him to attempt suicide.

A letter found in one of his pockets, from a friend in Idaho, stated that the writer was glad that Mitchell was converted, and continued in a religious strain. The wounded man's father is Charles Mitchell, of Danville, Ill., and his brother works in a lumber mill on the East Side.

BOTH MEET SUCCESS.

Fair Commissioners Encouraged in California and Idaho.

The reports which have been received by the Lewis and Clark Fair committee offer a favorable prediction of the success of the 1906 Fair. Writing from Sacramento under date of January 13, Special Commissioner John E. Knapp said: "I am pleased to report that in conference with Governor George C. Pardee and Senator R. T. Devlin and Representative P. E. Dunlap, respectively chairmen of the committees on finance and ways and means today, that I found them most agreeable indeed to the proposition of including in the St. Louis World's Fair Bill that of the Lewis and Clark Centennial. But as the assembly committees have not been appointed, I would suggest that we have a representative on hand the fore part of next week to appear before the committee, as will be asked also of the St. Louis exposition people."

In answer to Mr. Knapp's communication it was stated that a strong representative of the 1906 Fair Association will appear before the California Legislature immediately.

C. H. McIsaac, writing from Boise, Idaho, under date of January 13, says he is meeting with good success and is receiving the cordial support of the leading citizens of the city. Among his supporters are: Judge J. H. Richards, one of Idaho's commissioners to the Fair, Mrs. Greene, a commissioner to the St. Louis exposition; and Mrs. Hutton. Mr. McIsaac is working for an appropriation of \$5,000 by the Idaho Legislature, and he has great hopes of getting it. Bill making the appropriation will be introduced in the Senate by Senator R. F. O'Neil, of Wallace, and in the House by Francis Jenkins, of Moscow, chairman of the ways and means committee.

"A. C. Moore, the Democratic leader of the House," writes Mr. McIsaac, "is in favor of an appropriation of from \$5,000 to \$10,000, and will use his best endeavors with his friends and associates to secure the passage of our bill."

Mr. McIsaac is still at work in Boise, and he is interesting business men in the Fair, another report may be expected from him soon.

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