

MAJOR UNRAVELED BY RECALL STEP

Action by Central Labor Council Fails to Disturb City's Head.

ITS IMPRESSION WRONG

Simon Points to City Hall Records. Crookwell Says Resolution's Water Rate Doesn't Count—Water Rates Cut 25 Per Cent.

Mayor Simon is not at all agitated over the action of the Central Labor Council in attempting to initiate proceedings for his recall because of alleged complicity in alleged unfair dealing in connection with the Woodmere Water Company. In fact, the Mayor, when asked regarding the subject, said he presumed the temperate action of the persons behind the resolution did not understand the facts, but acted under misapprehension.

"For example," said the Mayor, "they based their action largely upon the supposition that George W. Brown is a member of the Water Board, and as such, manipulated the situation so as to benefit the Woodmere Water Company, of which he is president. Nearly everyone knows that Mr. Brown has never been a member of the Water Board, but is one of the 10 members comprising the Executive Board, having nothing whatever to do with business affecting the Water Board. As the Labor Council, therefore, was under a wrong impression, I regard the action in adopting a resolution condemning the Mayor as calling for no further statement from the Mayor. The facts in regard to the action of the Water Board and the Woodmere Water Company are of record and may speak for themselves."

Theodore B. Wilcox, who acts as chairman of the Water Board in the absence of the Mayor, is out of the city. He took much interest in furnishing the Mount Scott district with Bull Run water from the city mains, at the request of the Mayor, and carried through the negotiations which resulted in giving the people there more and better water at cheaper rates than previously prevailed.

"The fact that Mr. Brown is not a member of the Water Board, and that our resolution declaring he does not change the principle of the thing," declared J. D. M. Crookwell, who introduced the condemnatory resolution in the Labor Council Friday night. "It is the fact that the city, through its Water Board, sells Mr. Brown, of the Woodmere Water Company, Bull Run water at a certain meter rate, when Mr. Brown retails that same water to his customers at a much greater rate. I consider this a dirty grafting trick, and that is why I introduced the resolution asking for the recall of Mayor Simon."

Mr. Brown had nothing to say regarding the subject, except that all of the transactions were conducted by the Water Board in public sessions, and that all of the documents are on file at the City Hall, and are open for the inspection of the people.

Reference to the proceedings of the Water Board show that there was a clamor for more water in the Mount Scott district, which is served by the Woodmere Water Company, a private concern, of which George W. Brown is president. People appeared at every meeting of the Water Board and petitioned for relief. Finally, notwithstanding the fact that the district is to become a part of Portland by annexation, and would not, in the usual order of things, obtain water from the Bull Run system, the Board decided to grant temporary assistance. A special 12-inch main was run from the Mount Tabor reservoir to connect with the Woodmere system, and since then there has been plenty of water. The Board, at Mayor Simon's request, cut the rates about 25 per cent, so that the people affected are receiving more and better water at reduced rates.

Archbishop Christie said he was free from pain, and it will be merely a matter of time until there is a complete recovery. His physicians mention two weeks as the probably time of convalescence.

Examination of the injured shoulder by X-ray showed that the setting made at Oswego by Dr. E. A. Sommer, of Oregon City, shortly after the accident was perfectly satisfactory. No attempt will be made to reset the member, said Dr. A. C. Smith yesterday, who is acting jointly with Dr. Sommer.

CONVENTION WON FOR CITY

John Matthiesen Secures German Societies in 1911.



John Matthiesen, Who Attended Convention of German-American Alliance.

John Matthiesen, who returned last week from attending the convention of the German-American Alliance, held in Cincinnati, has been honored with the election of president of the Arion Society, of this city, a strong German musical and social organization. The general executive committee of the Consolidation of German-Speaking Societies, which met Tuesday night at the home of President Kieeman, adopted resolutions thanking Mr. Matthiesen for the effective manner with which he represented the Oregon Consolidation at the meeting of the German-American Alliance.

Mr. Matthiesen made a hard fight to secure the convention of 1910 for Portland, but was defeated by Milwaukee by a small margin. He obtained a promise that the alliance will meet in Portland in 1911. The alliance is the central body for all the German-speaking societies in his country. Mr. Matthiesen was made a member of the extension committee, which is one of the important committees of the alliance. It will be part of his duty to enlarge the membership of the German societies in the Pacific Northwest.

EDITOR IS DISCIPLINED

Suspended and Paper Suppressed for Satire on "Danger Mark."

BERKELEY, Cal., Oct. 23.—(Special.)—Upon the recommendation of the undergraduate student affairs committee, R. E. Fay, 16, editor-in-chief of the Pelican, the comic paper of the University of California, has been suspended from the university until August 15, 1910.

In order to satirize what he thought was an immoral story, Fay rewrote "The Danger Mark," a story by Chambers, which recently appeared in a well-known periodical. After reading Fay's version of "The Danger Mark," the committee on student affairs immediately

VETERAN RAILROAD MAN OF PORTLAND MEETS TRAGIC DEATH



W. H. Middlemiss, Killed Near Palermo, Cal.

The news of the tragic death of W. H. Middlemiss, freight conductor, a veteran railroad man of this city, who was killed by a Western Pacific train near Palermo, Cal., the night of October 14, was a shock to his many friends here. His life was crushed out while he was en route to his home, the fatality occurring soon after his promotion. Mr. Middlemiss had a few days before received an appointment as trainmaster of the Marysville division of the Western Pacific, and he contemplated assuming his new duties on November 1. Several years ago Mr. Middlemiss married Miss May Isabella Harris, of Dayton, Wash., afterwards moving to Portland, where Mr. Middlemiss followed his vocation for several years with the O. R. & N. Company. He subsequently became connected with the Western Pacific Railroad and moved to California. He is survived by his wife and two children. Mr. Middlemiss was prominent in fraternal and railroad circles and was a member of the Knights of Pythias and a Mason. He was also prominently identified with the local branch of the Order of Railroad Conductors. The remains were cremated at San Francisco last Tuesday.

ARCHBISHOP IS IMPROVED

Setting of Broken Shoulder Made by Dr. Sommer Satisfactory.

Most Reverend Alexander Christie, archbishop of the Catholic diocese of Oregon City, who fractured his shoulder by a fall at Oswego, where he had gone to open an orphanage Thursday afternoon, was resting easily at St. Vincent's Hospital yesterday afternoon.

PERU'S PORTS OPEN

Consul Vejar Advises Oregon to Seek Southern Trade.

MUCH LUMBER IMPORTED

Representative of South American Republic Also Calls Attention to Opportunities for Investing Capital.

A. R. Vejar, local Consul of the Republic of Peru, is endeavoring to interest Portland capitalists in the many opportunities that await development in his country. Consul Vejar would also like to see closer trade relations established between Portland and the Peruvian ports, and thinks that much of the trade going to Puget Sound should be diverted to Portland.

The large field which the Consul says is open for investment in Peru includes opportunities for the establishment of furniture factories, modern hotels and the developing of thousands of acres of petroleum lands. The climate of the country is ideal, he says, owing to the fact that it is situated at a very high altitude, close to the equator. The farms in the coastal districts average about 1200 acres in size, and the land is adapted for the raising of almost every kind of fruit and cereal.

"Good roads are the rule throughout the larger part of the country, and the facilities for transportation from the coast to the inland are fair, although there is much room for the establishment of railroads and electric lines," said Mr. Vejar.

"Railroad development in Peru is in its infancy, there being only three roads at present in the whole country. The opportunities for civil engineers are excellent. The Orova Railroad crosses the Andes at an elevation of 15,642 feet. The country has the honor of having the oldest university in the New World. The University of San Marcos was established in Lima in 1551.

"The government of Peru is doing all within its power to bring about more active trade with this country. The government is also encouraging the cause of immigration, as well as the development of agriculture. Schools and experimental stations in this important line are maintained, and have been of vast assistance in the promotion of agriculture throughout the nation, especially in the cultivation of sugar cane, cotton and stockraising.

"White immigrants are welcomed to the country, and settlers are encouraged to take up good lands. The government proposes to construct irrigation works, furnishing agricultural colonists with good-sized lots of irrigated land at small cost, payable on easy terms.

"There are also many other lucrative industries inviting foreign capital, such as the vast coal and petroleum deposits recently discovered in several parts of the country. Samples of coal and crude oil, in their analyses, compare favorably with the best grades of bituminous coal of the United States.

"The government has contracted for the survey of a new railway from Paiza, on the Pacific Coast, to Masanon, in the Amazon Basin. The proposed railroad from Cerro de Pasco to Ucayli probably will receive a subvention of \$2,000,000 in 5 per cent bonds. There are more than five new railroads in process of construction which in a few months will be completed.

"The foreign commerce of the Republic at the end of 1908 amounted to \$10,671,337, consisting of imports to the value of \$5,253,625 and exports aggregating \$5,417,712.

"From practical observations as well as by statistics we see that Peru is a good market for pine lumber, but most of the orders are filled in Puget Sound, where the Oregon lumber is as good as that of the neighborhood states. Oregon should get this trade by entering the Peruvian markets.

"American inventors will find in general the Republic of Peru a promising field for investigation and industrial development."

Railroad Man on Rampage.

Jim Soulls, a railroad man from out of town, who, the police say, gets on a drunken rampage frequently, was arrested yesterday afternoon for wrecking the California rooming-house. Soulls, who is 31 years old and of powerful build, was in an intoxicated condition. He went to this house, the landlord says, and because he could not find a man he was seeking, got into a quarrel with a roomer on the top floor. When they tried to eject Soulls, he kicked in the doors of a number of rooms, dragging the furniture out into the hallway and breaking it up. He is said to have created \$200 damage before the police responded to the riot call which the excited hotel people sent into the police station.

Coquette Fined \$50.

For flirting from the front door of the Hotel Richelieu, at Sixth and Couch streets, Louise Gantler, the proprietress of the hotel, was fined \$50 yesterday morning in the Municipal Court by Judge Bennett.

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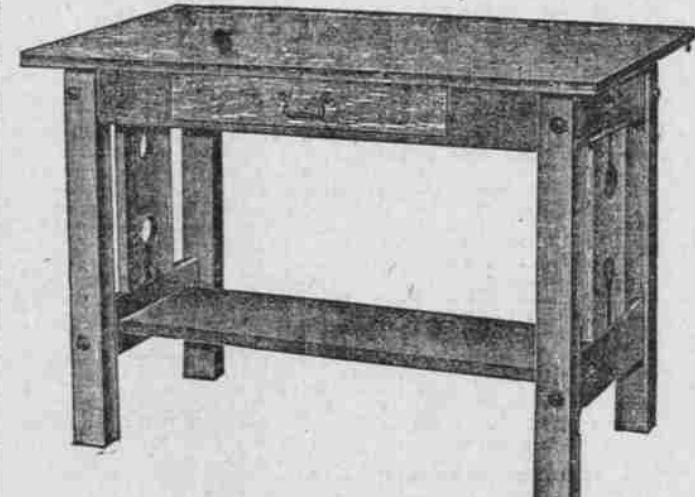
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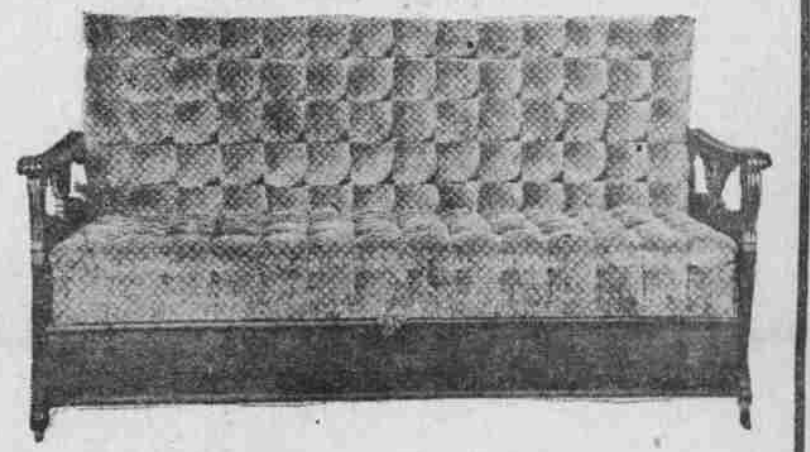


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MILLS WILL DIRECT BAND.

BERKELEY, Oct. 23.—(Special.)—H. B. Mills, a graduate of Pacific University and well known in Oregon intercollegiate athletic circles, has been chosen to direct the University of California brass band this year. The organization consists of some 35 or 40 musicians and is known as one of the best college bands in the West.

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