

POLICY IS UPHELD

E. J. Adams Defends Highway Commission's Actions.

SUGGESTIONS ARE COURTED

Commissioner Replies to Attack on Board by Gus C. Moser, and Says Records Are Open to Inspection by Assailant.

EUENE, Or., Jan. 5.—(Special).—In reply to an attack by Gus C. Moser, of Portland, upon the State Highway Commission's policy in road work in the state, E. J. Adams, a member of the commission, takes issue with Mr. Moser and declares that the commission has at all times acted fairly and to the best interests of the state. Mr. Adams asserts that Mr. Moser's attack is an effort to find fault with the Governor, who named the Highway Commission.

"I have read the announcement of your desire to be Governor in Sunday's Oregonian," writes Mr. Adams. "In it you speak about 'free, fair and open competition' in letting contracts for highway work; say that we are paying more than California and Washington charge the State Highway Commission with favoring one type of pavement over all others and solemnly declare we are not getting a dollar's worth of road for the dollar spent.

"Let us analyze your statements: (a) 'Free, fair and open competition.' The state highway department prepared, printed and furnished to all interested parties, standard specifications for eight types of hard surface, as follows: No. 1—One-course Portland cement concrete. No. 2—One-course Portland cement concrete with bituminous surface. No. 3—Asphaltic concrete. No. 4—Brick pavement. No. 5—Wood pavement. No. 6—Broken stone macadam, water bound. No. 7—Broken gravel, water bound. No. 8—Broken gravel, water bound.

"In addition to these, specifications for Hassam and bitulithic were furnished by J. H. Crane and W. B. Warren, respectively, with a request that the State Highway Engineer approve them as to engineering features, and attach them to the state's standard specifications, which was done after consulting the Attorney-General of the state.

"All advertisements invite bids for any one or all of the types mentioned above and permit bids for any other type if the bidder will furnish the specifications, thus throwing the door wide open for competitive bids on any kind of a road it is possible to make.

"To insure absolute fairness to all bidders, big or little, rich or poor, the commission adopted a rule at the very beginning of their work that all bids must be presented by the bidder or his agent, at the time and place advertised for receiving them, and that no person connected with the highway department would be permitted to receive a bid before that time or to act as an agent for a bidder. These bids are then opened and immediately read aloud in the presence of the bidders and the public.

"Can you suggest anything more to be done that will induce 'free, fair and open competition'?"

"(b) 'Oregon paying more than California or Washington.' 'By what authority do you make this statement? I am sure every member of the commission would like to know it and wherein the difference lies. We are each and all doing our utmost to get the most for the money it is possible to get, and any information you or anyone else can give will be most gladly received.

"(c) 'Favoritism.' 'Tell me how, under the system adopted by the commission, it would be possible for any member of the commission to show favoritism even if he were so inclined? 'If it is true that every piece of hard surface contracted for this year is bitulithic, though laid by different contractors (and it is, except the concrete laid by the state near Sheridan), it is only because the bids for bitulithic were in each case the lowest in competition with all other types. This indicates that royalties have not been added to cost, or that the bids on the other types were excessively high; which does not seem to be the case when we compare prices with those paid by cities and counties in past years, when labor was more plentiful, materials lower and general conditions for construction work much better than it has been this year.

"Every engineer without exception has told us that bitulithic was a good pavement, regardless of the type he favored, and the only objection was the price, on account of it being a patented pavement. When it was offered to us at the lowest price we had a right to feel that we were getting a good pavement at a low price. If you kindly point out wherein and how the commission has favored bitulithic?"

"(d) 'No getting a dollar's worth for a dollar.' 'Every contract let this year for any kind of road work has been awarded to the lowest bidder and that on the very day the bids were opened, thus giving the successful bidder the opportunity to close his contracts for material and labor without delay and at the current prices upon which he had based his bid. This means that the bidders every chance to play safe and thereby make close bids, to the advantage of the state.

"Will you kindly point out wherein it is possible to show favoritism to any bidder under this system or how the commission could have obtained lower bids, better prices or more actual road work for the money?"

"Suggestions Are Invited. 'If you desire to serve the state, you will promptly advise the commission what it can do to obtain more 'free, fair and open competition,' avoid favoritism and get more for the money. Your suggestions and advice will be most gratefully received.

"The commission has held 41 lettings, opened 99 bids and you are the first one to charge or even insinuate favoritism or an irregularity of any kind.

"I understand that your effort is to find some fault with the present Governor, who appointed the commission, and are using the Highway Commission as a football. If this is all the fault you can find with Governor Withycombe, after three full years of service as the chief executive of the state, then he has a mighty clean record.

"Get busy, be constructive and let the people be attracted to you by your good works.

"The commission will meet in Portland Wednesday, January 9, in Mr. Benson's office, 1301 Yeon building, and I have requested the secretary to have there present all the papers, bids and records to verify all I have said herein. You are urged to examine them to your full satisfaction and submit any suggestions you may have to offer that

HIBERNIANS TO INSTALL

Ceremonies Will Be Followed by Short Talks on War.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Ladies' Auxiliary will install their officers-elect Monday night, January 7, in Hibernia Hall, 240 Russell street. The officers chosen for the coming year are as follows: Division No. 1, A. O. H., president, E. H. Deery; vice-president, J. R. Murphy; recording secretary, E. J. Murnane; financial secretary, Thomas Maguire; treasurer, J. E. Coffey; sergeant-at-arms, Thomas Dougherty; sentinel, R. L. Day; chairman standing committee, Thomas Touhey; Ladies' Auxiliary, A. O. H., Mrs. Hedra Lillis; Mrs. Katie Murray; Mrs. Celia Hunter; Mrs. Fannie Deery; Miss Katie Dowd; Mrs. A. McLoughlin; Miss Annie Donovan and Mrs. T. S. Hogan.

Mr. J. D. Dwyer and Mrs. Mary Limerick, presidents, respectively, of the two organizations, will act as installing officers. Visiting members of the Knights of Columbus will deliver short addresses pertaining to the war, and the part taken by the Hibernians and Knights of Columbus. Records show that in Massachusetts alone more than 2000 Hibernians are with the colors.

END DUE IN 18 MONTHS

Sir Frederick Smith Sets Time for War Decision.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 5.—Sir Frederick Smith, in a speech here today, said that the next 18 months will show which is the most resolute—autocracy or democracy.

"The purpose of England is as unbroken today," Sir Frederick said, "as it was when she entered the war, and nothing can make her deviate from the path of suffering and sacrifice that will lead to victory.

"The alliance between England and the United States has meant more than any other alliance effected in the world. There is no reason why this understanding, now happily cemented, cannot last forever.

"We have suffered much, our suffering is yet to come, and in the bloody horrors which will follow I know that the Americans will set a higher standard of courage than has ever been achieved heretofore."

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WATER WHEEL EXHIBITED

Irrigation Congress Sees Invention of James P. Murphy.

James P. Murphy, of 668 Northwick street, is the inventor of a water wheel that can be anchored in the middle of a stream and will pump water for irrigation and at the same time generate electric light and power.

Mr. Murphy introduced the big water wheel to the Irrigation Congress at their session yesterday and explained its workings.

According to the inventor, a wheel costing about \$5000 to install will generate 1000 horsepower and pump 1000 gallons of water a minute. Mr. Murphy took the idea for his water wheel from the paddle wheel of the common Willamette and Columbia River type of river steamer.

Frank W. Cole, a Chicago engineer, is a joint owner with Mr. Murphy in the patent rights.

CAVE-IN COSTS FOUR LIVES

Unusual Accident Reported at Pennsylvania Coal Mine.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Jan. 5.—The lives of four miners are believed to have been lost in an unusual accident today in the Barnum mine of the Pennsylvania Coal Company, near Pittston. There were about 100 men and boys working when the middle vein collapsed. The passage way was not entirely filled and all but four of the workmen were rescued. Two of those believed to have been lost are William Knott and Michael Rock, who lived at Duryea, Pa.

The accident was due to the fact that the four men in the mine were working toward each other. They came too close together and suddenly there was a great rush of coal and rocks from the roof caved in. About 500 yards of material came down.

CITY PLANT LIFE FOOLED

Vegetation Buds Forth in Belief That Spring Has Arrived.

The weather camouflage the last few days has been successful in deceiving the plant life of Oregon.

W. P. Swank, 120 West Russell street, in the Kenton district, carried a big bundle of budding raspberry bushes and pussy willows to the city yesterday and reported that almost every bush in the patch was "busting itself budding."

The weather has been so balmy that almost all the berries and the pussy willows, not to mention other plant growths, are budding, Mrs. Swank said. It isn't any wonder when you consider we can go in our shirtsleeves, so to speak, from 6 o'clock in the morning to 9 o'clock at night and do without a fire in the house."

Church to Dedicate Service Flag.

The service flag of the Westminster Presbyterian Church will be dedicated at this morning's service at 10:30 o'clock. The flag was made by Mrs. P. W. Paris and contains 33 stars. She was assisted by Mrs. George Youell and by the members of Mrs. Paris' Sunday school class. It will be raised by Mrs. J. C. Mann, who has four sons in the service, and Mrs. John G. Mulrden, who has three sons in the Canadian service.

Suspected Alien Buys Bonds.

Purchase of \$1000 in liberty bonds was made yesterday by William Kuhn, on whose person the Federal authorities found \$6000 when they arrested him a week ago as a supposed violator of the alien enemy act. Kuhn says he accumulated the small fortune by working in logging camps for several years past. His citizenship status is at present being investigated by immigration officials.

Winlock Postal Business Grows.

WINLOCK, Wash., Jan. 5.—(Special).—The books of the local postoffice show a growth of receipts for the last quarter of 1917. Postmaster Wall reports that for the period the stamp sales were \$1429.34, as against \$1123.03 for the last quarter of 1916. During Christmas week about 200 sacks of mail were handled. Postal savings deposits have been increased 73 per cent since a year ago.

Portland Woman Is Married.

Mrs. Maude Reames, of 243 Broadway, and James P. Wilson, of Seattle, were married in Seattle yesterday. Mrs. Wilson is the daughter of Mrs. O'Brook, of this city, and Mr. Wilson is a traveling salesman for a large Eastern firm.

FEW SOLDIERS ILL

Camp Lewis Health Conditions Show Improvement.

Weekly Report Shows Disease Rate Below Admission Figure of Other Mobilization Points During Same Period of Time.

CAMP LEWIS, Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 5.—The report of Lieutenant-Colonel L. L. Smith, division sanitary inspector at Camp Lewis, for the week ending January 4, shows for 32,000 men a comparatively small amount of illness.

Scarlet fever of a mild type made its appearance among the members of the medical department attachment, and a total of 23 cases developed in the entire camp.

The report on communicable diseases follows: "Cerebro-spinal meningitis, three cases; German measles, 146; lobar pneumonia, 6; scarlet fever, 23; mumps, 31; diphtheria, 5; chickenpox, 1.

"The German measles cases show a marked decrease during the week. There were no cases of genuine measles. The report adds: "As the number of cases of scarlet fever is not on the increase, it may be assumed that the disease has probably reached its maximum and that there will be a decrease during the ensuing week.

"Six cases of lobar pneumonia were reported during the week, with no deaths. Three cases of cerebro-spinal meningitis were reported during the week, with one death.

"The latest weekly report received from the Surgeon-General's office on January 3 shows that the disease for Camp Lewis is below the average admission rate of other cantonments for that period."

SMALL DEALERS OUSTED

METHODS OF BIG PACKERS DISCLOSED AT HEARING.

Prosecutor Heney Declares That Many Retailers Are Afraid to Come Out and Testify.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 5.—Testimony introduced today at the big meat interests of the country had driven small dealers in this city and vicinity out of business was submitted at the final session here today of the Federal Trade Commission, which is investigating the operations of large packing-houses in this country. The Commission will begin hearings at St. Paul, Minn., next Wednesday.

Francis J. Heney, counsel for the Commission, read several letters into the record from persons and firms complaining against alleged encroachments by the packers. One letter, signed by R. G. Pentecost, of Pittsburg, says that Armour & Co. own a number of tanneries in Pennsylvania.

Mr. Heney said that many of the smaller firms are afraid to come out and make their accusations. "They have a wrong impression as to the powers and desires of the Commission," Mr. Heney said. "The Commission has power to stop unfair practices and it will prosecute when the facts justify such action."

RED CROSS IS INSULTED

Cartridge Hurling Through Window in Albany at Emblem.

ALBANY, Or., Jan. 5.—(Special).—A 38-caliber cartridge was thrown through a window of the residence of G. A. Hinder, in this city, which was striking a window at a point where a Red Cross emblem was displayed. It is presumed the act was done by a pro-German as an insult to the Red Cross.

The police have been unable to obtain any clue thus far to the perpetrator.

PERSONAL MENTION.

A. Dwyer, of Seattle, Wash., is at the Ritz. J. P. Cutler, of Baker, is at the Portland. R. E. Miller, of Hood River, is at the Palace. S. E. Wagner, of Alpine, is at the Oregon. A. M. Orcutt, of Roseburg, is at the Seward. W. J. Scofield, of Salem, is at the Seward. John Wunderlich, of Banks, is at the Palace. J. A. Bahr, of Yakima, Wash., is at the Carlton. C. D. Moore, of Bridal Veil, is at the Washington. John Lentz, of Camas, Wash., is at the Easton. J. L. Fenster, of Lebanon, is at the Oregon. H. G. Bolton, of St. Louis, Mo., is at the Portland. W. M. Fargher, of The Dalles, is at the Cornwell. Joseph Kelly, of San Francisco, Cal., is at the Ritz. G. R. Benson, of Portland, was recently a guest at the Hotel Virginia, Long Beach, Cal.

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cently a guest at the Hotel Virginia, Long Beach, Cal.

Frank Birchler, of Vancouver, Wash., is at the Ritz.

Bert Draper, of San Francisco, Cal., is at the Ritz.

C. F. Smith, of Raymond, Wash., is at the Park.

E. B. Lenox, of Seattle, Wash., is at the Washington.

Mrs. J. Vanauale, of Hood River, is at the Perkins.

Mrs. F. A. Rice, of Redmond, Or., is at the Norton.

H. M. Burlingame, of Berkeley, Cal., is at the Palace.

E. L. Kenner, of Los Angeles, Cal., is at the Seward.

Mrs. W. S. Woodhouse, of Silverton, is at the Perkins.

H. S. Wall and Mrs. Wall, of Early, are at the Easton.

J. H. McKinley, of Seattle, Wash., is at the Multnomah.

F. M. Ross and Mrs. Ross, of Seaside, are at the Carlton.

C. R. Mason, of Spangle, Wash., is at the Washington.

Fred Johnson, of Baker, is registered at the Washington.

E. E. Wellington, of Seattle, Wash., is at the Cornwell.

F. C. Dillard, of Medford, is registered at the Seward.

C. R. Askrene, of Billings, Mont., is registered at the Palace.

Dr. O. A. Shanahan, of Spokane, Wash., is at the Carlton.

Edward Peterson, of Hood River, is registered at the Perkins.

John Amfield, of Cleveland, O., is registered at the Multnomah.

D. V. Fendall, of Newberg, is registered at the Multnomah.

Alexander Kagas and Mrs. Kagas, of Seattle, Wash., are at the Carlton.

C. C. Kleck and Mrs. Kleck, of Albany, are registered at the Easton.

F. L. Holmes and Mrs. Holmes, of Spokane, Wash., are at the Seward.

Mrs. William Darch and daughter, of Goldendale, Wash., are at the Carlton.

J. E. Marks, a Grant County attorney, is registered from Canyon City at the Imperial.

F. S. Curl, a prominent wheatgrower of Umatilla County, is registered from Pendleton at the Imperial.

F. H. Ryder, one of the proprietors of the Ryder Bros. Printing Company of Baker, is at the Cornwell.

Newton Burgess, a prominent citizen of Eastern Oregon, is registered from Pilot Rock at the Imperial.

Lieutenant Paul E. Terry, of the aviation corps of the United States Army, is at the Oregon.

Mrs. Julius Friendly, with nurse and child, of Portland, recently visited San Francisco, Cal., and were guests at the Hotel Virginia.

G. Walter Gates, C. H. Davis, Jr., and E. J. Brazz, all of Portland, recently visited Del Monte, Cal., and registered at Del Monte Hotel.

H. K. Clark, Mrs. D. J. Condon, J. W. Leung, Mrs. Vera Cole, Mrs. R. F. Jones and Mrs. G. E. McGill, all of Portland, were recent guests of the Hotel Clark, Los Angeles, Cal.

Robert Rogers and Mrs. Rogers, of California, are at the Hotel Seward. Rev. and Mrs. Rogers are Christian workers. Mr. Rogers has held important pastorates in Chicago, San Francisco and other cities around San Francisco Bay.

R. S. Eccles and Mrs. Eccles, of Baker, are at the Multnomah. Mr. Eccles is the younger generation of the Eccles family that controls the Sumpter Valley Railroad and various other industries in Baker County and other parts of Oregon.

Lieutenant-Colonel John McMillan, Major F. B. Edwards and Captain E. G. Cook, all of the United States Army and lately returned from France, are at the Multnomah. They are guests of the state of Oregon in the interests of the State Council of Defense, and will deliver numerous lectures during their stay.

Thirty eating houses have signed the contract, and in the future union help will not work in the non-union houses. The local union has a membership of 200.

Insurance features with sick benefits have been re-established by the Spokane local, after eight years without them. The new schedule was adopted November 1, and immediately after Christmas was laid before the employers.

"All of the houses on our old list and some new ones signed the agreement," said George Petty, of the rate commission today. "There were no difficulties, for the demands of the union were reasonable and just, and there was cause as little inconvenience as possible. It is the first rise we have received in eight years, and it is only reasonably commensurate with the advanced cost of living. The insurance feature has been revived and our local is in a vigorous condition."

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- \$3.50 Arrow Shirts.....\$2.35
- \$4.00 and \$4.50 Arrow Shirts.....\$3.85
- \$5.00 Arrow Shirts.....\$4.00
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BANK HOLDS MONEY

Gaston B. Means Accused of Misappropriation of Funds.

SUDDEN AFFLUENCE SEEN

Confidential Agent of Mrs. Maude A. King, of Whose Murder He Was Acquitted, Called to Account for Handling Estate.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—As an aftermath of the recent trial of Gaston B. Means, acquitted at Concord, N. C., of the murder of Mrs. Maude A. King, an affidavit was filed in the Supreme Court here today alleging, in effect, the appropriation of funds belonging to Mrs. King and her estate by Means for the benefit of himself and his wife.

The affidavit was made by the temporary administrator of Mrs. King's estate in an action in which it is sought to prevent Mrs. Means from drawing out money deposited in her name in the Corn Exchange Bank here. The bank refused to honor a check of hers against the account on being notified that the United States Court for the Western District of North Carolina had issued an order restraining Mr. and Mrs. Means from interfering with any of the property of Mrs. King's estate. Mrs. Means began suit against the bank to compel it to honor her check. The affidavit alleges that a sudden change from humble circumstances to

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BANK ROBBERS GET \$1000.

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—Automobile bandits raided the Phoenix Building & Loan Society offices today and escaped with approximately \$1000 after locking an aged cashier, the only occupant of the offices, in a vault.

There's A Good Reason for the unequalled quality and value in my special \$50.00 and \$100.00 Diamond Rings. The knowledge and experience of a lifetime are used for your benefit, and my special credit selling plan gives all an equal opportunity to buy without extra charge.

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