

BIGELOW EXPECTED TO OPPOSE PROJECT

Action on Contagion Hospital Wednesday Likely.

MATTER LONG HELD BACK

Intimation That County Intends to Provide Institution Given as Reason for Fight.

Rumors that City Commissioner Bigelow next Wednesday will oppose passage of the ordinance appropriating \$20,000 for the erection of a contagion hospital adjacent to Kelly State because of an alleged promise by one member of the county commissioners that the county will begin immediately construction of a contagion hospital in connection with the new county hospital were circulated in the city hall yesterday.

Mr. Bigelow admitted having discussed the matter with one member of the county board, but said that he could not make a statement until he had conferred further with the county commissioners.

The appropriation ordinance will come before the city council Wednesday for final passage and but three votes are necessary to pass it. Commissioner Bigelow has stubbornly fought the proposal to build a contagion hospital unless such a hospital was in the form of a temporary structure costing not to exceed \$5,000.

Project Long Held Back.
For more than two years the proposal for a contagion hospital has been before the city council. Inaction has featured the conduct of the city commissioners in dealing with the question, for at least five times announcement has been made that construction of an adequate hospital would begin immediately, only to be followed later with news that counter proposals or new plans had resulted in halting construction.

That Commissioner Bigelow will have little support from his colleagues unless he can produce proof that the county will begin immediate construction of a contagion hospital is certain. Mayor Baker and Commissioners Pier, Mann and Barbur announced yesterday that they would not countenance any further delay without a guarantee that the county was prepared to act.

Ralph W. Hoyt, chairman of the board of county commissioners, said yesterday that it would be impossible for the county to begin construction of a contagion hospital adjacent to the county hospital within two years. He explained that money was not available, property needed had not yet been decided, and that it would take at least a year after money was available before plans could be completed and materials necessary acquired.

Bigelow Held Obstructor.
Belief is general in the city hall that Commissioner Bigelow is simply continuing his efforts to block construction of the contagion hospital, by presenting an impossible proposal. When the first serious thought was given to methods by which such a hospital could be built, Mr. Bigelow opposed its construction because he said the city did not have sufficient funds. When appropriations in the budget were canceled, he still maintained that funds were not available and after the county commissioners had agreed to underwrite the city \$25,000 in meeting the cost of hospital construction, Commissioner Bigelow announced that he would vote against any appropriation from the city's fund, and giving no reason for his attitude.

AUTO THEFT SUSPECTED

Three Youths, Trying to Sell Machine, Are Arrested.

James Garden, 19, Joe Dieringer, 21, and J. Donalds, 21, were arrested at Front and Taylor streets yesterday by Detectives La Salle and Schuplus and are being held for the Olympia, Wash., authorities on the charge of having stolen an automobile there last Monday.

They were trying to sell a machine, said to be the one stolen at Olympia, for \$200 at the time they were placed under arrest.

The Olympia authorities were advised and will send a man to take the trio back there for trial, it was announced.

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Geraldine Dare

Geraldine Dare will leave for New York Tuesday morning to continue her theatrical career. She is going by way of Omaha and Denver, where she will pay brief visits to relatives and then go on to New York, where she will be under the management of Chamberlain Brown.

Miss Dare played seconds at the Baker theater part of this last season and the year before was in connection with the same company, prior to that being in motion pictures in California. She also appeared with the Alcazar Musical Stock for a fortnight's special engagement.

CONSOLIDATION PLAN PUT UP TO VOTERS

Constitutional Amendment Is Now Being Drafted.

NEW CHARTER NECESSARY

State Constitution Does Not Permit Proposed Merger and Consent of People Must Be Obtained.

Authority to consolidate the city of Portland and the county of Multnomah and power to create a charter committee to formulate a new charter for the operation of the consolidated government, will be provided for in a constitutional amendment to be presented to the voters at the November election by City Commissioner Barbur. The amendment, which is now being drafted by City Attorney La Roche will, if passed, provide for the amendment of the state constitution so that consolidation of the city and county may be possible. The amendment will provide for the creation of a charter committee, to be appointed by the mayor, to draft a new charter, which must be approved by the voters before consolidation can be effected.

People Must Give Authority.
No definite plan of consolidation has been worked out by Commissioner Barbur, he believing that this will be the function of the charter committee. At the present the state constitution does not permit the merger proposed, and the state legislature has refused to aid in gaining the authority, hence the presentation of the measure to the people.

"Under my plan," said Commissioner Barbur, "the amendment will provide for the appointment of at least three property owners in the rural sections, thus insuring the county outside of the city limits of Portland and equity in the drafting of the new charter."

"The amendment will also provide for a zoning system of taxation, so that rural property will not be called upon to bear the burden of city taxes brought about by the improvements and facilities which the city enjoys. This zoning system of taxation would also protect industries now located in

the county, but not within the city of Portland."

Mr. Barbur would not commit himself to any general plan of consolidation of city and county offices, saying that this would be a problem to be solved by the charter committee in the event of the passage of the constitutional amendment. He said that he did believe that many departments could be merged, however, and that large savings could thereby be effected.

"I am not certain that all of the work of the sheriff could be taken over by the chief of police of Portland," said Mr. Barbur, "but I cannot see why the police department could not assume the criminal work now handled by the sheriff."

"Likewise I am not certain that the city auditor could perform the duties of county clerk, but it is certain that under consolidation much duplication could be avoided."

Saving May Be Effected.
"Take in the matter of road building, there is much opportunity of avoiding duplication of effort and effecting savings thereby. All of this work, however, must be carefully mapped out by the charter committee."

"My effort now is in obtaining authority to bring about consolidation, and I have no desire to attempt to dictate the terms under which such consolidation is to be effected. This is a matter in which all the taxpayers of both the city and county must study. When the time arrives, I am certain that a committee representing all interests can be appointed to work out a modern plan of consolidation, which will save both duplication of work and waste of funds."

A woman in Lowell, Mass., replied to the census taker's question, "To what race do you belong?" by writing down "Brunette."

PROPOSAL TO DIVIDE SESSIONS DRAFTED

Petition to Be Circulated Within Thirty Days.

BALLOT TITLE AWAITED

Final Form of Amendment Does Not Differ Essentially From Text Printed Some Days Ago.

Petitions to place on the ballot the proposed constitutional amendment for a divided session of the Oregon legislature will be in circulation within the next 30 days, it is expected. The measure, as prepared by the executive committee of the State Taxpayers' League, has now been completed in what is expected to be its final form.

The amendment will be forwarded immediately to the attorney-general at Salem, so that a ballot title may be given it, after which steps will be taken to get the initiative petitions in circulation. The final form does not differ essentially from the text as printed in

The Oregonian last week. It provides for a session of not more than 40 days, to begin the second Monday in January, at which certain appropriations may be made but no other legislation completed. Bills that receive a majority affirmative vote are to be brought up for final consideration at the second session, which is to begin the third Monday in April. At this second session no bill or resolution

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WHERE? West end, first floor, county courthouse, Fifth and Salmon streets. Open Saturday afternoons.

Registrations to Date.

Male	Female	Total	
Republicans	22,794	21,583	44,377
Democrats	10,873	7,827	18,700
Other parties	2,359	1,304	4,184
Grand total	71,987
Increase over Friday	213

tion of the state of Oregon shall be and hereby is amended to read as follows: Section 10. Regular sessions of the legislative assembly shall be held biennially at the capital of the state on the second Monday in January in the year 1921, and on the same day of every second year thereafter.

Biennial sessions of the legislative assembly shall consist of two periods, namely: an opening period of not more than 40 days, commencing on the second Monday in January, and a closing period of not more than ten days commencing on the third Monday in April following. During such opening period bills may be passed appropriating money for the expenses of the session or for the expenses of the state government or of state institutions previously established, but no legislation relating to any other subject shall be enacted. All other bills and all joint resolutions which during such opening period shall have received the affirmative vote of a majority of all members elected to each house voting by yeas and nays shall be continued for final action at the closing period, but no bill or joint resolution not receiving such affirmative vote shall be so continued. The legislative assembly shall reassemble in the closing period for the sole purpose of taking final action upon the bills and joint resolutions theretofore so continued, and during such closing period no such bill or joint resolution shall be amended except by the affirmative vote of four-fifths of all the members elected to each house.

At extra sessions the legislative assembly shall have no power to legislate upon any subject not specified in the proclamation of the governor convening such extra session. Members of the legislative assembly in attendance at any regular session shall be entitled to mileage allowance for attendance at each period of the session at the same rate as before provided, and to per diem compensation at the rate of \$2 for each legislative day.

Tornado Kills Five Negroes.
GREENVILLE, Miss., March 12.—Five negroes were killed, between 25 and 35 injured and 25 tenant houses were destroyed by a tornado near Perry Friday, according to reports here last night.

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