

### CANDIDATES TAKE STAND ON LEAGUE

#### Questionnaire Sent Out by Hoover Republican Club.

### ONE STRONGLY OPPOSED

#### None Seeking to Be Delegates to Convention Want Pact Without Reservations.

The Hoover Republican club of Oregon yesterday sent letters and telegrams to the candidates for delegates to the republican national convention asking their views on the league of nations issue.

The questionnaire sent out was as follows: "In view of the fact that you are a candidate for delegate to the republican national convention, we beg to ask you the following questions: First—Are you in favor of the league of nations with senate reservations adopted by the majority of the republican senators?"

"Second—If elected a delegate to the republican national convention will you favor the adoption of a plank in the republican platform endorsing the prompt ratification of the treaty and approving the reservations favored by the majority of the republican senators?"

"As we intend to make your answer public, we would appreciate the courtesy of an immediate response."

"Hoover Republican club of Oregon; Chester G. Murphy, chairman; G. C. Lester, secretary." Answers were received yesterday as follows: "Baker, May 15.—Answering your telegram of May 15, I beg to state I am not in favor of the league of nations with or without senate reservations. I believe the doctrine announced by Washington is a safer guide for us to follow than the hysteria so prevalent at this time. You are welcome to give this as much publicity as you desire."

"JOHN L. RAND." "Enterprise, May 15.—Am writing you my position in detail. Will be glad to have you give it publicity."

"Ontario, May 15.—Am opposed to present league of nations treaty unless thoroughly Americanized by adoption of Lodge reservations or other adequate reservations fully protecting our sovereignty and interests and believe the convention should adopt a suitable plank in accordance with these views."

"W. H. BROOKE." "Salem, May 15.—I am in favor of league of nations with senate reservations. If elected delegate to republican national convention will favor adoption of plank in platform endorsing prompt ratification of treaty with the reservations favored by the majority of republican senators."

"FRANK T. WRIGHTMAN." "Tebano, May 15.—My answer to questions in your telegram is yes."

"DR. J. C. BOOTH." "Eugene, May 15.—I favor a league of nations with the following conditions: standing armies and navies and the cost of maintaining them. The details of forming such league without involving our republic in foreign quarrels I prefer to leave to senators chosen by the people and upon whom responsibility rests. I favor a plank in the platform endorsing the prompt ratification of such a treaty. I also favor the following planks of interest to the west: Elimination of all tolls on American shipping through the Panama canal; the annual extension of federal aid in the construction of roads to and through federal reserves equal to at least to the taxes these lands would pay if subject to taxation; elimination of bismuth on American soil; and adequate preparation for defense of the Pacific coast and laws that will permit the development of our great natural resources for the service of our people."

"E. J. ADAMS." "STATE PREPARES DEFENSE" "Warren Brothers Will Be Asked to Make Complaint More Definite."

"SALEM, Or., May 15.—(Special).—Attorney-General Brown today started preparing legal papers to oppose the suit brought by Warren Brothers against Oskar Huber, a state contractor, from using a patented pavement alleged to be owned by the plaintiff corporation and to recover damages. Under a state law Mr. Huber is released from all financial responsibility in the suit, and the action will be defended by Mr. Brown. It is said that royalties approximating \$120,000 for the use of this pavement in Oregon are involved, and the testimony will center about the validity of the patent."

"It is understood that the attorney-general's first move will be to present a motion asking that the complaint be made more definite."

"SENIOR PLAY IS FUNNY" "The Man on the Box" Is Well Presented at Week-End."

"UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, May 15.—(Special).—Senior class furnished the entertainment for Friday evening of junior week-end, according to annual custom, by staging "The Man on the Box" in the Eugene theater. The play, which gives wide opportunity for comedy, was well presented and the action which packed the theater seemed to enjoy every minute."

"Lyle McCroskey of Salem and Miss Alice Sutton of Portland had the leading roles."

"\$1000 CHECK IS REFUSED" "Ex-Governor West Makes Claim in Excess of \$19,000."

"MARIETTA, Or., May 15.—(Special).—A county order for \$1000 tendered Oswald West, in full payment for his services in connection with the collection of southern Oregon back taxes, has been returned. The ex-governor refused to accept that amount. He asked for a sum in excess of \$19,000."

"VETERANS FIGHT PARDON" "Grand Army Men Object to Presidential Interference."

"Opposition to any attempt to obtain a pardon from President Wilson for Henry C. Alberts, wealthy Portland miller convicted under the espionage act and sentenced to the federal penitentiary, was voiced by George Wright Post No. 1, Grand Army of the Republic, at a recent meeting. The following resolution was adopted: "Resolved, That George Wright Post No. 1, Grand Army of the Republic deprecates unqualifiedly any attempt to secure the pardon of Henry C. Alberts, convicted of treasonable conduct against this government during our late war with Germany, believing as we do that when a man by fair and impartial trial in the federal courts is found guilty of such a crime, that setting aside the findings of said courts is a dangerous use of the pardoning power, subversive of good citizenship, law and order."

A. C. SLOAN, Adjutant Commander.

### PROBE RESULT FLOUTED

#### SPOKANE DISTRICT ATTORNEY REITERATES HOUSER CHARGE.

#### Charles Leavy Declares Accused Man Gave Facts Leading to Exonerations.

SPOKANE, Wash., May 15.—The report of the department of justice exonerating Max H. Houser of Portland, Or., vice-president of the United States grain corporation, of charges made by a federal grand jury here accusing him of having profited by price manipulation, was flouted today by Charles Leavy, assistant United States district attorney here, as "a brazen whitewash."

Mr. Leavy assisted in the presentation of data concerning the wheat price situation to the grand jury which made the report.

In a formal statement Mr. Leavy declared that the department's report was based on "the findings of a grand jury made by a federal grand jury here accusing him of having profited by price manipulation, was flouted today by Charles Leavy, assistant United States district attorney here, as "a brazen whitewash."

The statement reiterates the charges of the grand jury and adds: "At least it would seem that the Portland investigators might have found that M. H. Houser, the private citizen, had interests antagonistic to and inconsistent with H. Houser, the United States government official, and that whatever Mr. Houser's grain and milling business was at the expense of the grower and consumer, who were forced to look to him for protection in his official capacity as a government official."

### CONVICT IS RECAPTURED

#### F. W. Bauer Caught by Prison Guard Near Jefferson.

SALEM, Or., May 15.—(Special).—F. W. Bauer, alias Fred Reisinger, who escaped from the penitentiary brickyard Thursday, was captured at Jefferson late last night and returned to the prison today. Officer Hubbard captured the convict as he was walking along the Southern Pacific railroad tracks.

"Bauer was sent to the penitentiary from Linn county on September 2, 1916, to serve an indeterminate term of from two to five years for burglary. Previously he was committed to the prison from Washington county on March 24, 1909, following conviction on a charge of larceny, but escaped from the institution in August of that year. Two years later he returned to the prison voluntarily and surrendered to the officials."

Although Bauer has been working night and day, nothing has been heard of P. E. Nugent, who escaped from the prison farm last Wednesday. Nugent was committed to the prison from Lane county on June 9, 1915, to serve an indeterminate term of from one to seven years for larceny from a dwelling."

### FURNITURE MAN ARRESTED

#### Fire Marshal Takes Proceedings Against William A. Healy.

William A. Healy, manager of Healy Bros. Furniture company, was served with a warrant yesterday by Captain Roberts, assistant fire marshal, charging him with violating an ordinance in the aisle leading to the fire escape in the building occupied by the firm at Thirteenth and Hoyt streets.

The arrest is the outgrowth of a fire in the establishment last Tuesday which resulted in the death of John Kampf, a workman, and loss estimated at \$75,000.

It is alleged that there was furniture piled in the building in such a manner that the aisle leading to the fire escape were not so wide as provided for by the ordinance. A coroner's jury over the body of Kampf declined to hold the management of the concern criminally liable.

### FRENCH FORCE REPULSED

#### Column of 3000 Routed by Nationalists Near Killis.

CONSTANTINOPLE, May 15.—(By the Associated Press).—A French column of 3000 soldiers which left Killis, Asia Minor, May 9, to relieve the garrison at Aintab, about 39 miles north of Killis, was met by a strong nationalist force when 10 miles from its destination and was compelled to return.

The nationalists were equipped with 1000 cannon, outraging the French by and kept up a continual attack upon the French.

Advisers received here describe the situation at Killis as critical and that at Aintab as desperate.

### DEATH CAUSED BY HEROIN

#### Mysterious Case on Pullman Coach Leads to Inquiry.

DENVER, May 15.—Agents of the bureau of investigation of the department of justice and narcotic squad of the bureau of internal revenue are investigating the mysterious death of a man believed to have been Ernest Millard of San Francisco. The man died in a Pullman car near Rawlins, Wyo., early Friday.

The man, who was said to be living under the name of Fred Gordon, is thought to have died from the effects of heroin. Whether the drug was self-administered has not been determined.

### CURRENCY REPORT ASKED

#### Deflation of Credit by Federal Reserve Is Basis.

WASHINGTON, May 15.—The federal reserve board was requested in a resolution introduced today by Senator McCormick, republican, Illinois, to report what steps are contemplated to deflate currency credit. A report on steps to mobilize credit for moving the 1920 crops was also asked.

### FREIGHT RATE RISE

### HARDSHIP FORESEEN

#### J. N. Teal Declares Pacific Coast Will Feel Brunt.

### STUDY MADE IN EAST

#### Increases Would Mean Approximately \$1,000,000,000 Additional to Income, Is Declaration.

Freight increases for which applications were recently filed by the railroads with the interstate commerce commission at Washington will, if granted, work a particular hardship to the people of the Pacific coast, according to J. N. Teal, who has just returned from a month's trip to Washington and other eastern points. Mr. Teal brought back word with him that the hearing on the application of the railroads had been set for May 24, and he also brought with him the hearing on the first copy of the application for the rate increase seen in Portland.

The railroads are asking freight increases which, if granted, will mean an increase of approximately \$1,000,000,000 a year in income. Mr. Teal said yesterday that the applications are listed under three classifications—those affecting the initial or eastern roads, those affecting the middle or western roads west of Chicago, and it is probable that the applications will be taken up at the forthcoming hearing in the order named, he said.

Regardless of the question as to whether or not the increase is justified and even assuming that such an increase in revenue is necessary for the roads, it behooves the people of the Pacific coast to study the matter of rate increases thoroughly, as such a percentage of increase as asked for will affect the far west "both coming and going," he said. Far western points, located much farther away on the average from both the point of origin of the vast quantity of goods brought here for consumption and from the point of marketing to which much of the goods produced here are shipped, suffer by a much greater freight increase under the application than do points in which only short distances are involved in the interchange of goods.

"The increases in revenue to the railroads may be necessary," said Mr. Teal, "but we should be sure that the increases are made in an equitable way and in a way that will disturb conditions the least. No increase on passenger service is asked, for instance, and it might well be asked that freight should bear the entire burden of increased rates."

It is up to the master plumbers to take steps to rectify this situation by devising means to raise prices for service so as to make them more equitable."

Officers were elected as follows: Charles Fullman, president, Portland; P. M. Barr, vice-president, Salem; E. J. Rowe, secretary, Portland; and Ernest Ruddy, treasurer, Portland.

The plumbers and their wives were entertained at a banquet tonight at the Elks club. More than 150 delegates attended the sessions, which closed tonight.

### PLUMBING MAY ADVANCE

#### COAST OPERATORS' GAINS HELD INADEQUATE.

Master Operators Advised to Rectify Situation by Raising Charges for Service.

SALEM, Or., May 15.—(Special).—Plumbing and heating costs throughout the United States will not be reduced, although costs in other lines may revert to normal, according to William J. Woolley of the trade association of the Oregon Master Plumbers' association today. He said:

"Heating and plumbing costs in Oregon are far below those in the eastern states and the master plumbers of this section are not receiving the high prices they are entitled to."

"Plumbers in the west and middle west who transact a business of less than \$50,000 a year do not receive a profit corresponding to the importance of their business and the returns from other lines of industry."

### COMAN RAPS ROAD PLAN

#### GOVERNMENTAL CANDIDATE SAYS SCHEME NOT FEASIBLE.

#### Washington Senator Opens Campaign With Address at Walla Walla Before Republicans.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., May 15.—(Special).—The Carlson road plan was attacked and a budget system of state finance favored by Senator Coman of Spokane, who opened the gubernatorial campaign in southeastern Washington here last evening. The meeting was held under the auspices of the republican club of Walla Walla county.

Senator Coman insisted he is enthusiastically in favor of good roads and of extending the state's system of hard surfacing, but he declared the Carlson plan would embarrass the state by limiting building material to cement, would saddle a burden upon the state of \$20,000,000 bonded indebtedness requiring an additional \$12,000,000 in interest and would only speed up the present road building program five or six years at the most. Owing to the present shortage of labor and road-building machinery, he said current road taxes and revenues from automobile licenses would provide funds as rapidly as they could be expended efficiently.

In referring to the state's present system of finance, he declared there was much duplication of effort and that waste was rampant. The present method of collecting revenues for the state public school system and the manner in which these funds are distributed were denounced. He expressed the belief that by the adoption of a revised school system code, higher salaries to teachers and better educational opportunities afforded more of the children.

### STREET MAY BE CLOSED

#### Ordinance to Be Considered for Erection of Grandstand.

An ordinance closing Lowndale street from Morrison to Alder during the week of the Shrine convention and Rose Festival will be considered by the city council Wednesday. It is proposed to close the street in order to permit the erection of a grandstand at Lowndale and Morrison streets.

Another ordinance granting a permit to Ira P. Powers, chairman of the automobile committee of the Shrine convention, to park automobiles on Seventeenth street from Jefferson to Madison and on East Forty-third street from Hawthorne avenue to Madison street has been prepared by City Commissioner Barber.

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### SENIORS WILL BE GUESTS

#### Chiropractic Students to Give Dance to Graduating Class.

To honor the May 1920, graduating class of the Pacific chiropractic college, the student body of the school will entertain with an informal dancing party and banquet tomorrow evening in the Eagles' hall, Third and Morrison streets. Graduation exercises for the class will be held Thursday evening, May 20, in the First Congregational church.

Members of the class are: H. R. Spencer, Kathryn Baker, Lucy Elysaethe Humphreys, Douglas H. Nell Jamieson, Albert R. Pinney, E. R. Angell.

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