

### SUSPENSION OF TWO POLICEMEN TO BE HELD

#### Mayor Is Not Expected to Discharge Accused Men.

### ELLIS MAY BE REBUKED

#### Good Record of Patrolmen Is to Be Taken Into Consideration but Police Will Be Warned.

A suspension for at least 30 days probably will be the punishment meted out to George W. Russell and Frank W. Huntington, patrolmen, as a result of giving 12 quarts of whisky to Jim Marshall, known bootlegger and stool pigeon. It is not probable that either of the two officers will be discharged, primarily because of the excellent record which the officers have attained in police work.

Mayor Baker yesterday said that he had not yet come to a decision. He said that he did not like to discharge the two officers, although he did intend to take such action as would break up the practice of dividing "spoils" with stool pigeons.

"Police Hold Two Zealous. I feel that Patrolman Huntington and Russell were overzealous in their efforts to apprehend bootleggers," said Mayor Baker yesterday, "but they were trying to make a record for themselves and the department. Because of the conscientious work that has been performed by Huntington and Russell I do not feel like discharging them because of this offense."

"Police officers are made by bitter experience. If we were to discharge every officer because of error of judgment we would be doing nothing but training new men. I do not feel that we could easily replace Huntington and Russell, because they are exceptional officers."

Their record for the year from September 1, 1919, to September 1, 1920, shows that they made 317 arrests of liquor law violators. In making these arrests that were instrumental in bringing to the city and the government a total of \$14,164. They seized seven automobiles, 1419 quarts of whisky, 1919 gallons of wine, 1000 quarts of beer and confiscated 41 complete stills and ten parts of stills. For three months alone the police records show that the two officers seized 1923 gallons of mash.

Department to Be Warned. "Discharge of two men of this type, even though they are good men of judgment, in my mind, would be a tremendous victory for the bootleggers."

"However, I am opposed to the practice of dividing the spoils with stool pigeons or protecting the informers in any way. I have not decided what I will do in the case of Huntington and Russell, but if I decide not to discharge them, I will do so with a flat ultimatum to the entire police department that any violation of this order will not be entered into between police officers and stool pigeons will result in summary dismissal."

"It has come to my attention that officers have been in the habit of carrying drugs in their pockets to give to addicts for information. This is a reprehensible practice and must stop."

Deals Not to Be Tolerated. Mayor Baker held a conference with Chief of Police Jenkins yesterday, at which time he issued orders for further deals of any kind between officers of the police department and stool pigeons would be tolerated. Mayor Baker admitted that the use of stool pigeons by the police was, perhaps, a necessary evil, but that division of spoils as a matter of reward was a vicious practice which cannot continue.

In connection with the Huntington-Russell case it seems almost certain that Sergeant Ellis, in charge of the moral squad, will come in for a severe reprimand from the mayor. Sergeant Ellis works directly under the mayor, and although the mayor is mentioned in the hearing Friday, when asked about any dealings with Marshall, said that he has the remotest acquaintance with him.

### 3 INDICTED AS FORGERS

#### True Bill Charges H. A. Walters With Policeman's Death.

Three indictments for forgery were returned yesterday by the grand jury, which brought in eight true bills altogether. George Dwyer is charged with uttering and publishing a forged check for \$70 and with writing one for \$25. Clarence Waldren is alleged to have written a check for \$20. Two indictments were against Hunted A. Walters, alleged slayer of Patrolman Jerome Palmer, and two charged Percy Losey with statutory offenses.

Charles Simmons was indicted for violation of the blue sky law and pleaded guilty to technical irregularities in selling oil stock. Upon recommendation of the state corporation commissioner he was fined \$25 by Presiding Judge Taswell.

City Hall Work Near Finish. HOOD RIVER, Or., Nov. 20.—(Special.)—Plasterers are completing their work, and lighting fixtures are being installed in Hood River's new \$20,000 city hall, built by Baldwin & Swope, local contractors. City Water Superintendent Price has been in Portland this week purchasing furniture for the new structure, which in addition to providing council chambers will house the city jail, a comfort station for visiting motorists and a home for the volunteer fire department. By the time the quarters for the firemen are ready the members of the department expect to celebrate by receiving a new \$10,000 motor-driven fire engine, ordered several months ago.

Aged Woman Gets Divorce. Susan Engle, aged 73, yesterday obtained a divorce from C. V. Engle, aged 75, when Presiding Judge Taswell heard the plaintiff's story through her attorneys. She was unable to appear in the court room and her testimony was taken at home. Trouble between the couple, which eventually resulted in her leaving her husband, began when she declined to sell a farm left her by her first husband.

### PORTLAND GOOD ROADS ADVOCATE WHO ACCEPTS APPOINTMENT TO STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION.



JOHN B. YEON.

### YEON ACCEPTS ROAD JOB

#### EX-ROADMASTER YIELDS TO GOVERNOR'S REQUEST.

#### Successor to Mr. Benson Is Well Known for Devotion to Good Roads; Former Service Cited.

(Continued From First Page.) Mr. Yeon was appointed roadmaster of Multnomah county in 1913, when the building of the Columbia river highway was contemplated. He served without salary and paid his own expenses for four years. During the war he served as a dollar-a-year man in getting out spruce for airplanes and was offered a commission as major but refused it.

Devotion Well Known. Mr. Benson, the retiring commissioner, and Mr. Yeon have been closely associated in the road development of Oregon and when he contemplated leaving the commission Mr. Benson went to Mr. Yeon and urged him to be his successor, a proposal which Mr. Yeon refused to entertain. As the builder of the Columbia river highway Mr. Yeon gained a national reputation as a road man and he fairly lived on the highway from the time the grading started until the highway was completed to the last guard fence.

When the highway commission met November 5 no date was decided on for the next meeting, but in view of Mr. Yeon's appointment, Commissioner Booth and Kiddle probably will call for a conference with Mr. Yeon within a short time.

### GOVERNOR OLCOTT PLEASSED

#### Telegram Announcing Mr. Yeon's Acceptance Received.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 20.—(Special.)—Governor Olcott tonight received a telegram from John B. Yeon of Portland announcing that the latter had accepted the office of state highway commissioner to succeed S. Benson. Mr. Benson resigned from the commission Thursday. In his letter of resignation Mr. Benson stated that he was relieved of his duties immediately, and a commission will be mailed to Mr. Yeon Monday.

Mr. Yeon was prominent in the construction of the Columbia River highway and is well versed in road matters. He was offered a seat on the commission at the time Mr. Benson resigned, but refused to accept it because of persons to whom business matters needing his attention. Later Eric V. Hauser was tendered the position, but he was unable to accept the offer because of his plans to be absent from the state during the most of next year.

Governor Olcott then offered Mr. Yeon the appointment for the second time and urged him to accept the office in order that the good roads campaign now in progress in Oregon might be carried on without interruption.

Governor Olcott was elated tonight when he received the telegram that Mr. Yeon had decided to accept the office and would qualify as soon as his commission is prepared by the executive department.

### TEAL CALLED TO CAPITAL

#### Shipping Board Members to Meet in Washington December 1.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 20.—Joseph N. Teal of Portland, Or., and Chester Rowell of Fresno, Cal., newly-appointed members of the United States shipping board, are to confer here Monday with shipping board officials. They will go to Los Angeles Tuesday for a similar conference.

Joseph N. Teal left Portland yesterday for Washington, D. C., by way of San Francisco and Los Angeles. He will stop over in those cities for the purpose of studying at first hand the conditions of the shipping industry.

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### LICENSES MAY BE INCREASED BY CITY

#### Higher Scale Is Proposed to Meet Budget Shortages.

### DRINKS MAY BE AFFECTED

#### Commissioner Pier Considers Way to Get More Money Through Greater Permit Charges.

A general increase in all classes of licenses in the city is contemplated by S. C. Pier, commissioner of finance, who yesterday announced intention of conducting a survey leading to a new schedule of license charges.

In reviewing reports from other coast cities it develops according to Commissioner Pier, that Portland can make fairly substantial increases in all license charges, and yet charge the lowest fees of any city on the Pacific coast.

"It is not my idea to prepare charges which in anyway will become a burden upon the various lines of business in Portland," explained Commissioner Pier. "However, I am firmly of the opinion that the present charges have been made by the city council simply as the means of having legislative power over certain establishments."

Soft Drink License Small. "Take the soft drink establishments. The fee charged to them is insignificant and records show that the charge is at the minimum as the council would have the privilege of issuing a license which might be revoked for cause. Such a plan is proper, of course, but such institutions should be willing to pay a higher license fee to help in the support of the city. No such establishment in Portland, worthy of consideration, would be hurt by a change of this kind."

However, in this connection, it would not be my idea to charge an excessive price which would give the owners of such establishments the least thought or excuse for dealing in the sale of liquor or intoxicating drinks.

City Health Officer Parrish stands in favor of a new scale of license charges for restaurants to cover the cost of inspecting the various eating houses and also allowing a surcharge to Los Angeles, where a large part of revenue used by the municipality is derived from license fees from restaurants, cafeterias and soft drink establishments. At present the restaurants in Portland, regardless of size, are charged \$6 a year for a license and inspection.

Some license fees to come under the investigation to be made by Commissioner Pier and his Hutchinson, chief license inspector, would include junk dealers, second-hand men, fruit and vegetable peddlers.

Before steps are taken to place any increase of prices into effect it would be necessary for the city council to approve the scale. Should the new scale appear to be fair, it is not believed that the council will hesitate to make the change, if for no other reason than to bring additional revenue into the city coffers. For at no time, it is said, has the city faced as many problems and necessary activities with as little money as has been provided in the 1921 budget of expenditures.

### CREW AT WORK ON SLIDE

#### Debris on Terwilliger Boulevard to Be Cleared Away Quickly.

Early yesterday a crew of men was dispatched to Terwilliger boulevard to clear the debris resulting from Friday night slide which caused a blockage on the roadway.

The work of clearing was being performed under the direction of Assistant Park Superintendent Wiegand, who said that he expected to have the work completed before this morning. This slide is the first serious one on Terwilliger boulevard this year.

### Hood Potatoes 100 Per Cent.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Nov. 20.—(Special.)—Upper Valley potatoes, which have won a widespread fame in California, are to come here again scored. W. O. Bestbin, pastor of Upper Valley Union church and leader of the Parkdale Potato club, was notified by H. C. Seymour, of the Oregon Agricultural college, that the exhibit from the district had scored 100 per cent.

### List of Importers Obtained.

Frank Ira White, manager of the foreign trade department of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, has received from Swayne & Hoyt, San Francisco, Pacific Coast agents for the Pacific-Argentine-Brazil steamship line, a complete list of Argentine houses interested in import business. The list is available at Mr. White's office.



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### BRIDGE PLAN SUBMITTED

#### PUBLIC HEARING CALLED TO DISCUSS STRUCTURE.

#### Estimated Cost of Building River Span at Cascade Locks Over Half Million.

Plans for a bridge across the Columbia river in the vicinity of Cascade Locks have been submitted to the United States engineer's office here, and a public hearing relative to the proposed bridge has been called for December 6, at 10:30 A. M., at room 216, new postoffice building, according to an announcement sent out by Colonel J. B. Cavanaugh, district engineer, yesterday.

The plans have been submitted by the Interstate Construction corporation, which was given authority by act of congress, approved February 3 of this year, to construct, maintain and operate a bridge across the Columbia at a point not over two miles westerly from Cascade Locks.

When the company received the authority to build the bridge a provision of the act required that any plans must be first approved by the chief of army engineers and the secretary of war, in order that the bridge will not interfere with the interests of navigation of the river, and it is in conformity with this provision that the plans have been submitted.

### postoffice building on Monday, December 6, at which time all parties interested are invited to be present and facts and arguments both oral and written may be submitted, the engineers will take the plans under advisement. It is expected, and after a period of study will announce approval or disapproval of the plans as presented.

Michigan Educator to Speak. President M. L. Burton of the University of Michigan has been obtained by the Oregon State Teachers' association as one of the speakers for the annual convention, to be held in Portland, December 29, 30 and 31.

Peeping Is Charged. Harry Fox, Royal Hotel, was arrested early yesterday by Motorcycle Patrolman Wag of the east side station and charged with disorderly conduct. According to complaints made by P. Bitch, 445 East Yamhill street,

and Adolph Riger, 472 East Yamhill street, Fox was peeping in windows about the neighborhood. The case will be heard by Municipal Judge Rossman next Friday. Fox is at liberty under \$250 bail bond.

Bakery Driver Arrested. E. P. Horn, driver for a Vancouver bakery, was placed under arrest at Vancouver early yesterday on a charge of reckless driving. He is alleged to have tried to run down Patrolman Knalson of the Portland police force on Alberta street. Motorcycle patrolmen were in the neighborhood investigating a robbery, on Ainsworth avenue when Horn is alleged to have made his attempt to run over the patrolman.

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