

SCENES FROM GRAMMAR SCHOOL TRACK AND FIELD MEET IN WHICH MORE THAN 1200 YOUNGSTERS COMPETED.



### Sweeping Revision of Licenses Begun

#### City Seeks Larger Revenue by Extending Taxation.

### Minor Businesses Hit

#### Under Proposed Schedule Many Classes of Enterprise Would Pay Tribute to Public.

Revision of the license schedules of the city of Portland as the first step by the city council to relieve real estate of the entire burden of providing funds for municipal activities, will be completed within a week or two, according to J. L. Hutchinson, chief license inspector, who is preparing the new lists at the request of City Commissioner Pler.

#### License Revenues Too Small.

Recognizing that real estate is bearing as much of a burden as it can stand, Mr. Pler proposes to make a thorough study of the situation and if possible increase the city's revenues by many thousands of dollars through license charges and fees which will fall upon persons who are not contributing to the support of the city's operations.

In connection with the first move in this direction, Inspector Hutchinson and Commissioner Pler will recommend increases in some of the present charges and inaugurate charges in some cases for certain lines of endeavor which in the past have escaped any tax on the part of the municipal government. The new list will recommend that all gasoline filling stations be required to pay a license fee of \$12 for each pump used in serving motor-propelling fluid.

This proposal, if approved, will place a license fee in every gasoline filling station in the city, whereas at present the city obtains a straight \$12 license fee from owners of filling stations established on the curb and only \$12 a year regardless of the number of pumps used in such station. The filling stations on private property have escaped city taxation entirely, although under the proposed plan such stations will be required to pay at the rate of \$12 per pump.

#### Tax Held Equitable.

Commissioner Pler explains that the tax proposed for filling stations is equitable, inasmuch as these stations are handling a product that is hazardous, thus requiring continual inspection.

Garages and automobile dealers who have been paying the city \$5 a year for a license will be required to pay \$12 a year, such charge to include permission to maintain gasoline pumps within the area of the building, under proper and existing restrictions.

All dyeing and cleaning establishments will be brought into the new schedule, it being pointed out that such establishments carry inflammable and explosive liquids for use in the business which requires protection and inspection. At present (no dyeing and cleaning establishments obtain a permit from the fire marshal's office for carrying gasoline and similar fluids in stock. Such permits cost the applicant nothing.

#### Substantial Fees Provided.

Under the proposed schedule dyeing works and cleaning establishments, or both dyeing and cleaning shops, will be required to pay the city \$10 a quarter, and pressing establishments that do not clean clothes will be required to pay \$5 a quarter.

The council will be asked to approve an amendment to the rooming-house ordinance, which was enacted in the early days of the world war. When this ordinance was enacted a 15-cent charge was made for a license which had for its purpose merely regulatory restrictions. Inspector Hutchinson now proposes that the city increase the license fee to \$5 a year, plus 25 cents for each room, a plan which has been adopted in many of the eastern cities.

It is explained that in the majority of cases the license fee required by the city will be passed along to the ultimate consumer, and in the case of the rooming houses, lodging houses and hotels, it is believed that this additional charge will bring the city treasurer money from many transients who do not aid in any way at present in defraying the cost of operating the many city activities.

#### Vending Machines Included.

Another new feature of taxation is proposed in the new schedules for vending machines, such as washing and gum and candy slot machines, and the like. It is proposed to require the owners of all such machines to pay the city 25 cents a quarter for each machine. No charge now is being made for machines of this character, although a license fee is the source of considerable revenue in other cities.

The license fee assessed against food establishments will be increased from \$3 for a six months' period to \$5. This fee was inaugurated as the means of protecting the public health, but is said by city officials to be below the actual cost of examination and inspection by city officials.

#### Legitimate and Motion Picture Theaters Would Come in for an Increase in Fee.

It is proposed to increase the license fees on all theaters from 2 1/2 cents a seat each quarter to 5 cents a seat. The fire inspection fee of \$5 remains the same in the new schedule. There are between 18,000 and 30,000 seats in the Portland theaters.

#### Certain Advertising Hit.

The license fee for the direct car advertising concession would be increased from \$250 to \$500 a year. The annual fee for the billboard privilege would rise to \$400 under the proposed change.

Dance halls would be required to pay an increased amount in license fees under the proposed plan. The schedule provides for an increase from 50 cents to \$1 for a single dance; an increase from \$6 to \$9 for a dance each week; an increase from \$5 to \$10 for not more than three dances a week; and an increase from \$12 to \$18 for not more than six dances weekly.

#### Brokers Come Under Regulations.

Brokers not engaged in a commercial business under state regulation will be required to pay license fees to the city under the new rates. It is proposed to include money centers, persons dealing in stocks and bonds,

#### persons buying and selling warrants and dealers in securities in the new classifications, and charge each of such lines of business \$5 a quarter.

Stock exchanges will be required to pay the city \$25 a quarter under the new plan.

Formerly Portland had four express companies operating in competition, each paying the city \$25 a quarter. Through consolidation, one company absorbed the other three, and as a result the city lost in revenue, although city officials say that the one company is doing fully as much business as did the four prior to the consolidation. The new schedules provide an increase in the rates for express companies from \$25 a quarter to \$75 a quarter.

#### Laundries Also Affected.

Laundries will be required to pay the city \$10 a quarter instead of \$5 under the new schedule. The gas company will be charged \$25 a quarter instead of \$50, and the telephone company will be required to pay \$75 a quarter instead of \$50.

Licenses for wood sawyers will be increased from \$10 to \$40 a year, and many other revisions will be made and announced as soon as the new schedule has been completed.

#### HUPMOBILE CUTS PRICES

#### Reduction of \$200 to \$325 Due to Increased Production.

Another reduction in the price of automobiles was announced during the last week by the Manley Automobile company of this city on Hupmobile cars. Street between Kearney and Lovejoy, at an approximate cost of \$200,000, has been renewed by Strong & McNaughton. This firm withdrew the application some time ago, when property owners in the vicinity of the site protested before the city council.

#### HOSPITAL PLANS REVIVED

#### Application for Permit to Erect Building Has Been Renewed.

The application for a permit to erect a fireproof hospital building on the corner of the intersection of Kearney and Lovejoy, at an approximate cost of \$200,000, has been renewed by Strong & McNaughton. This firm withdrew the application some time ago, when property owners in the vicinity of the site protested before the city council.

#### 4000 Refrigerator Cars Built.

Four thousand new standard refrigerator cars for use by the Pacific Fruit Express company have been completed. It was announced yesterday by C. M. Seiser, president of the company. Several hundred of them were built in Portland and Seattle by the Pacific Car & Foundry company.

#### JUVENILE SHOW RECORD

#### YOUNGSTERS' FIELD MEET BIGGEST EVER HELD.

#### More Than 1200 Boys and Girls in Contest; Credit for Success Due Robert Krohn.

The annual grammar school track and field meet held Friday on the Multnomah Amateur Athletic club field was the largest field event in number of entries and also of spectators ever staged in this country, according to Robert Krohn, supervisor of physical education in the Portland public schools, who acted as director and starter of the meet.

More than 1200 boys and girls actually competed in the meet, while more than 5000 youngsters were in the grandstand to witness the affair. Early in the season 35,000 pupils were in training for the event. By the process of elimination this number was cut down to 4000. These competed in the sectional tryouts which resulted in the 1200 being picked as eligible for the meet.

The grand all-around championship was won by the Kerns school boys and girls for the second consecutive time. Kerns scored 17 points while Woodlawn was second, with 15. An interesting feature in connection with the work of the Woodlawn school was that all of its points were scored by girls contestants. This also gave the girls trophy to the Woodlawn school, while Creston and Sunnyside tied for the boys' trophy, with 13 points apiece. A cup will be given to each of these schools.

Credit for handling the 1200 youngsters in one body and keeping every-

thing running smoothly must go to Supervisor Krohn. There were no hitches in the programme and every one was in his appointed place at the right time. Mr. Krohn was assisted in staging the meet by principals of the various schools.

Arrangements have been made by Mr. Bronaugh whereby those wishing to bid may inspect the premises and check up on the assets. All information necessary to the bidders will be sent to out-of-town persons who wish to bid. The assets include real property, leasehold estates, furniture, equipment, mailing lists, vaults and bonds debentures.

#### Mayor Has Job for Girls.

Five lonely soldiers back at Camp Jackson, South Carolina, have appealed to Mayor Baker of Portland to furnish some fair-looking correspondents who will bring them some interesting moments. The soldiers are members of the 5th division of the United States army, stationed at Camp Jackson. In the letter signed by the five boys, Mayor Baker is requested to insert their letter in "Portland's most prominent newspaper." The men are Private Charles F. Tummer, Private Delmont Roberts, Private Marion Sanders, Private Ward Stoenberg and Private Richard G. Rasmussen.

#### CLOSER REGULATION AIMS

#### NEW AUTO BUS ORDINANCE IS PREPARED.

#### Measure Providing for Licensing of Vehicles Soon to Be Presented to City Council.

Strict regulation of all automobile buses operating in and out of Portland is provided in a new ordinance prepared in part by Raymond Gill, motor-bus inspector, which will be presented to the city council next week.

Mr. Gill, at the request of City Commissioner Mann, obtained copies of similar ordinances in effect in other cities and compiled his recommendations, which were placed in an ordinance drawn by the city attorney's office.

The new ordinance provides that licenses shall be issued for a period of not less than three months. License fees must be paid in advance on the first day of January, April, June and October. The right to revoke licenses for cause is reserved by the city council.

Vehicles licensed as interurban buses will not be licensed for any other class of service. Owners of such buses are required under the new ordinance to file insurance policies with the city council against damage to either person or property. The maximum amounts that may be recovered under the proposed ordinance are as follows:

For the injury or death of any one person in any one accident, \$5000.

For the injury or death of two or more persons in any one accident, \$10,000.

For the injury or destruction by one of the property of another in any one accident, \$1000.

Proposed routes must have the approval of the commissioner of public utilities and endorsement of the city council, as must rates and time of operation, before a license will be issued.

Daily records of trips and the number of passengers carried must be kept and complete reports of accidents must be filed with the commissioner of public utilities.

#### DECORUM ON CURRICULUM

#### Study Required at Territorial University of Washington.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 21.—Decorum was required subject of study at the territorial university of Washington.

"Frequenting of saloons, attendance upon theaters and balls will not be allowed, but students are required to be at their respective places of abode at stated hours," read an announcement of the school printed in the Seattle Gazette of August 15, 1862.

Other disciplinary rules, according to the announcement, were: "A respectful observance of the Sabbath is required and at 3 o'clock P. M. each Sabbath the students will assemble at the university chapel to study the Scriptures as a Bible class."

"The reading of the Scriptures, regarded as the only safe textbook of morals, will be a daily exercise of the school."

"Two standing rules published in the

#### GRADUATION WEEK ENDS

#### Crook County High School Seniors Receive Their Diplomas.

PRINEVILLE, Or., May 21.—(Special.)—Commencement week for the Crook county high school began last Sunday with the baccalaureate sermon which was delivered by Rev. M. R. Gallagher. Monday evening the newly organized music club gave its first musicale. Wednesday evening occurred the class exercises, which were featured with a gypsy camp for a setting. The Baldwin oratorical contest was held Thursday night. Alice McNeely winning first place, and Hazen Grant, second.

Last night the graduation exercises took place in the legion hall. The salutatory was delivered by William Bowlin, the oration by Ladocia Jacobs, and the valedictory by Clarence Hertsching. Rev. W. L. Van Nuy of Portland gave the address. Professor

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E. E. Evans presented the diploma and at the same time awarded the Kenneth Herberly prize of \$25 to Clarence Wertsching.

#### COURT FLAYS ROOM THIEF

"You're No Good," Says Judge  
Gatens as Sneak Given 7 Years.

George Clark, man of a dozen aliases and a police record in a score of cities, received little sympathy from Circuit Judge Gatens yesterday morning when he appeared for sentence. Clark had been found guilty by a jury of rifling rooms in the Multnomah hotel.

"Seven years. That's the limit. I wish I could give you 20," declared Judge Gatens when Clark stood up to receive sentence. "You're no good."

#### Banks Commencement Held.

BANKS, Or., May 21.—(Special.)—Commencement exercises of the Banks union high school were held last night. The largest class in the history of the school received their diplomas—Miss Alice Thurnher, Miss Nellie Turner, Miss Lucetta Mawhinney, Miss Alice Moore, Miss Verna Redding and Bernard Sellers.

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