

MARKET ROAD FUNDS KEPT FROM STATE

Use of Money on Highways Ruled Illegal.

LANE COUNTY CASE ENDS

Supreme Court Decision Declared Menace to Programme Outlined for Oregon.

SALEM, Or., July 29.—(Special.)—Oregon's road-building programme received a severe blow today, officials said, when the supreme court affirmed a decree of Judge G. F. Skipworth of the Lane county circuit court in which he held there is no provision of law whereby market road money may be expended in the construction and improvement of state highways.

The case originated when the Lane county court, some time ago, made provision to the effect that market road funds in the construction of a bridge on the Pacific highway near Cottage Grove, S. M. Calkins objected to the proposed expenditure and filed injunction proceedings against the Lane county court and the state highway commission.

The state highway commission has no authority over the construction of market roads, said Justice Bean's opinion in which the commission is required to furnish plans and specifications therefor upon the request of the county. It does not change the market road county court of Lane county has by resolution designated a portion of the Pacific highway as a market road.

Funds for Specific Purpose. "The Pacific highway was established by law for a specific purpose, and the money cannot be used for any other purpose than provided by the law," Justice Bean said in his opinion.

As a result of the opinion, officials of the state highway department have said that the work now in progress in Polk county probably will cease, and that much other road work contemplated in different parts of the state this year will be abandoned.

In the past counties have prepared the grades for highways out of market road funds, while the state, under the direction of the highway department, has laid the pavement and constructed the bridges. Under the supreme court opinion this cooperative work will not be possible, and as a result many of the counties will find themselves unable to finance improvements contemplated for this season.

Other Opinions Given. Other opinions handed down today follow: State of Oregon ex. rel. George Bates, plaintiff, vs. Albert B. Ridgeway, defendant, proceedings in disbarment; proceeding dismissed in opinion by Justice Bean. Fred C. Fetsch vs. Clatsop county, appellant, appeal from Washington county, suit to recover value for services performed in connection with the opinion by Justice Randal, Judge George R. Bagley reversed. Cannon Sales company, Inc., appellant, vs. Sam A. Koser, secretary of state, suit to restrain secretary of state from enforcing motor vehicle law in collection registration fees. Opinion by Justice Brown; appeal dismissed. Vincent Smith vs. industrial accident commission, appellant, appeal from Multnomah county; action to recover bridge's bill; opinion by Justice McBride, Judge Walter H. Zerbe, collector and case dismissed. Donald Young, administrator of the estate of James J. Evans, deceased, appellant, vs. Sarah J. Evans, appeal from Lane county; opinion by Justice Burnett, Judge G. F. Skipworth affirmed. John W. Brunell et al., appellants, vs. Minnie E. Tonole et al., appeal from Lane county; controversy over land; opinion by Chief Justice Burnett, Judge G. F. Skipworth affirmed.

PROMOTION LIST LIKED

Weeks for Retention of Present Army Plans. War Secretary Bases Views on Findings of Officers Who Made 10 Months' Study.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 29.—Retention of the present promotion list for army officers has been recommended to the senate military committee by Secretary Weeks in answer to the committee's request for his views on the question.

The secretary's statement, based on the findings of a board of army officers who recently completed a ten months' study of the subject, was made public today by Chairman Wadsworth of the committee.

The board's conclusions accompanied the secretary's letter and were to the effect that while there were many cases of "plain injustice" and "numerous instances" of "hardship worked by the hurried manner in which the army was increased in the world war," it regarded the single promotion list as "highly important to the efficiency of the army."

The committee's request for a new survey of promotion conditions was based, Mr. Wadsworth said in his original letter, on the fact that there had been many complaints against the arrangement.

UNIVERSITY HAS BLAZE (Continued From First Page.) The fire was first discovered at 4 o'clock in the cupola of the art building, it being presumed that it was caused by a spark from the power plant adjoining. A high wind fanned the flames and in a moment

the entire structure was ablaze. The fire spread quickly to the frame building adjoining. While some of the contents of the art building were removed, nearly all of Professor Albert Schroff's paintings, as well as over \$1000 worth of drawings owned by Miss Maudie Kerns, instructor in art, were destroyed. The old Washington hand press, used for half a century, more by the late Harrison Kincaid, pioneer journalist, and which was one of the first presses brought to Oregon, was thrown out of the window of the journalism building and was saved. President Campbell, after the fire, said that a conservative estimate of the loss to the university would be between \$40,000 and \$60,000. Others place the loss at a higher figure. The state carries its own insurance on the buildings.

CHINESE COUPLE WED

STATELY CEREMONY HELD IN MULTNOMAH HOTEL.

Rose Barbara Leong Married to Lawrence Ming Chang, Now of Fargo, N. D.

In the presence of a stately throng of Chinese notables and their families and some invited American guests, in an impressive and beautiful ceremony held in the grand ballroom of the Multnomah hotel last night, Rose Barbara Leong, winsome Chinese maid, became the bride of young Lawrence Ming Chang. More than 300 guests were on hand to witness the nuptials, and many outsiders crowded for a peep at the bride, beautiful and shy, yet charming as an oriental princess.

The ceremony was as modern and elaborate as could be staged by Americans. Wang and Miss Pearl Moy, followed by the maid of honor, Miss Helen Moy, lovely in a gown of oriental beaded cloth. Preceded by two little flower girls, Lily Leong and Hazel Lum, strewing rose petals before her, came the bride on the arm of her father, Leong Huang. The father, bridegroom and ushers were all garbed in American dress suits.

The bridegroom met his bride at the altar and the marriage vows were exchanged. After the ceremony a grand reception was held, with all the Chinese and American friends rushing in to offer congratulations. At the reception a banquet was held for the party and the guests, and later a truly occidental bridal ball, with dancing to American jazz, was the feature.

The bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leong Hung, is well known and very popular in the Chinese circles. The bridegroom, but 19 years of age, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Chan Ming, wealthy Chinese, of Fargo, N. D., where young Chan is in business.

GIRL, AGED 10, MOTHER

BIRTH OF SEVEN-POUND BOY IS ANNOUNCED.

Case Is Declared to Be Without Parallel in Annals of Medical Profession.

(By Chicago Tribune Leased Wire.) CLEVELAND, O., July 29.—After three Sidney, Ohio, physicians today confirmed the birth of a seven-pound boy to 10-year-old Elizabeth Irwin of Hardin, Ohio, stating that they had been in attendance upon the child from the time she was 17. Ohio physicians declared the case to be without parallel in the annals of medical practice.

"The most amazing phenomenon of the age," said Dr. H. H. Ryan, head of the obstetrics department of McKinley hospital, at Columbus. Dr. Ryan said he had been present at the birth of child. "I had the case occurred in the tropics," he said, "I would not have been surprised." Dr. Ryan said the child, the equator girls mature much earlier and often bear children very early. Such cases in the far north, however, are most unusual.

Elizabeth is the stepdaughter of Rev. L. W. Irwin of Hardin. The Irwins moved here from Harrod, Allen county, October 21 last. The baby is in fine health. The three doctors at one time despaired of saving the mother's life, but she is now able to be about.

AIRPLANE LINE DOOMED

Wreck Leads Germany to Abolish Entire Service.

(Chicago Tribune Foreign News Service.) (By Chicago Tribune Leased Wire.) BERLIN, July 29.—A series of airplane accidents in Germany, culminating yesterday in a crash of passenger planes on the Berlin-Hamburg route, resulting in the death of a young American, Ralph S. Murrill, Charlotte, N. C.; two other passengers and the pilot, has caused the government to decide to abolish the entire airplane post and passenger service in Germany next week.

The high cost of operating and maintaining has required the government hitherto to subsidize the commercial lines in order to enable them to make passenger fares and postal charges reasonable. The sole route left open will be the Koenigsberg-Moscow route, which does not take passengers, only post couriers and diplomatic servants.

Fur-Seal Bill Deferred. WASHINGTON, D. C., July 29.—The senate commerce committee deferred Friday to next session consideration of the Johnson bill affecting the taking of fur seals in the Pribilof islands and their seals. The department of commerce, the committee was advised, is opposed to any change in the present system.

Swiss Picnic Today. The United Swiss societies of Portland will gather at Crystal Lake park today for their annual picnic and social meeting. A programme has been arranged for the afternoon and a basket lunch will be served at night.

STREET CAR FARES BOGEY IN SEATTLE

Conservative City Council Radical for Reduction.

MAYOR IS CONSERVATIVE

Positions Are Reversed, Though Both Sides Agree on Terms to Restore 5-Cent Rate.

PUGET SOUND BUREAU, Seattle, Wash., July 29.—Seattle's conservative city council majority seem inclined to a radical reduction of fares on the municipal street railway system and Seattle's supposedly radical mayor is warning the council to be cautious and conservative in the matter and let the fares stand as at present until there is better assurance that they may safely be cut.

This situation discloses a complete reversal of official form. When Peter Witt, the Cleveland traction expert, turned in his \$10,000 report, an ordinance was introduced for the immediate restoration of the 5-cent fare. This ordinance was defeated by an eight-to-one vote.

Mayor Reverses Position. When Dr. Edwin J. Brown was making his campaign for mayor last year, one of his most alluring assurances was that he would make an immediate effort for lower car fares. When Mayor Brown took office it was generally believed that the cut back to 5-cent fares was imminent. At hand, now the council is ready to cut, but the mayor is reluctant.

Street car fares form the topic of almost daily discussion in council committees and in conference between the mayor and council members. Of course, everyone wishes to see the 5-cent fare restored.

Litigation Others Executive. The discussions relate to the legal and economic expediency of immediate action to that end. Mayor Brown has been urging that nothing of the kind be attempted until after the circuit court of appeals has passed upon the decision of the federal district court, which holds the city to "specific performance" of the terms of the contract by which the railway system was bought. This contract calls for maintenance of a rate of fare that will cover all the obligations of the system.

At the present time the system is on a warrant basis. Wages and other bills are being paid by warrants in order that cash may be accumulated sufficient to meet the semi-annual interest payment on the railway bonds.

Present Revenue Satisfactory. The city accounts show that railway revenues, at the present 1-3-cent fare, are somewhat more than sufficient to meet all obligations, but the figures indicate that any fare reduction would put the system again in the red. The sufficiency of the 5-cent fare, or of any fare lower than 1-3 cents, at Fargo, N. D., where young Chan is in business.

Pass System Is Advocated. The ordinance under consideration in the council provides for a 5-cent fare, with a 3-cent cash charge for each ride. The ordinance would depend upon an increase of patronage. The increase in the number of riders would have to be big.

All parties at interest agree that there would be more street car riding at 5 cents, but whether there would be enough more to pay the bills is cognized as a gambling proposition. No one knows.

Mayor to Back Council. At the city hall today it was said that Mayor Brown practically has agreed to let the council majority have its way, and to sign any ordinance that may be passed, with the understanding that the fare reduction and any incidental provisions shall be considered expedient and that the council will act promptly to meet any emergency that may be created in the financial condition of the railway system.

Obituary.

Jay Myers Shoemaker. Funeral services for Jay Myers Shoemaker were held at Cornelius, Or., last Monday at the Methodist Episcopal church. Rev. J. W. Warrell officiated.

Mr. Shoemaker died at his home in Cornelius July 29. He was born in Ohio in 1858. He was from early in life a member of the Christian church and was interested in the young people's work of that institution. He taught school in Ohio and Pennsylvania until he came west to Kansas. Later he moved to Colorado and engaged in business. He was married in 1890 to Miss

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There is the difference, however, that Mr. Harding remains much more accessible than did Mr. Wilson in those troublesome days. As grave as the situation is in the present labor situation, the president is not difficult to see and there is a more noticeable coming and going at the White House than he did in the past. President Wilson, pictured as the "one man in the White House," shut away from everybody, was penning notes to the imperial German government without so much as consulting members of his cabinet.

Harding Meets Executives. One or more members of the cabinet may be seen going into the executive offices at almost any hour of the day and it is not unusual for the versatile and resourceful Mr. Hoover to call during the evening as well as the day. President Wilson, it is pointed out, had Hoover in his cabinet and in mitigation for his failure to consult his cabinet as freely as Mr. Harding the palliating circumstance is now offered that some of his selections proved so disappointing that he did not care to associate himself with them. It was complained that one of them had the vulgar habit of disturbing cabinet meetings by snoring.

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Labor's Power Strong. Since the day when Grover Cleveland ordered troops into Illinois, labor has been organized and organized until it possesses a power within itself that must not be underestimated. Likewise labor has developed a class-consciousness that amounts almost to fanaticism, it is pointed out, and such controversies cannot be attacked with force until the public, as well as certain of the more sober-minded members of organized labor, is shown that the president has undertaken to apply every available peaceful means for ending the strikes.

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GINGHAM Porch Dresses—all new this season—and there's months of wearing time still ahead—Porch Dresses up to \$6.95 will go for \$3.95. A handful of Tweed Suits for women—we counted 'em last night—twenty-five all told—a few Tricotone Suits in the collection—these were as much as \$35—Take your choice tomorrow for a ten-dollar bill!

ALSO there's a group of all-wool Jersey Sport Jackets—all the wanted colors—of excellent quality and fine style—ideal for cool days—at \$3.75 apiece. Most good stores are asking \$6 for them. Another prize will be found in this group of Coats and Capes of Velour, Chinchilla and Tweed—bought to sell

for \$20 and worth the money—yet they will be sold at \$4.95 apiece.

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IN THE Big Downstairs Parlor there are two attractions—New Hats for early fall, and the last of the summer Hats so reduced that women buy them—whether they need them or not. Of course there will be many days—the Indian summer is still to come—where a gaily colored sport Hat will be appropriate. And so what seems to be an extravagance becomes the part of wisdom, after all. Who wouldn't want a pretty hat when one can get it for a dollar ninety-five? One pretty miss declared she "could get a dollar's worth of wear in one day!"

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