

State Capital News Letter

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Stalemate Possibility
Over State Capitol
Building Seen

SALEM—There appears to be a serious possibility of a stalemate over the state capital issue, Governor Martin in his message to the legislature declared himself as unalterably opposed to the erection of a new state house on the old site. Close friends of the governor have intimated that he might go so far as to veto the capitol construction bill if it provided for the use of the old site without any additions. On the other hand the State Grange, through its legislative lobby and its spokesmen on the floor of the house and senate, have served notice that they were prepared to throw a monkey wrench into the machinery if the session voted for more ground on which to build the new capitol.

In either event there would be no new capitol as a result of the special session, or at least not for some time. While grange representatives hint at a referendum to carry the capitol site issue to the people, any such move would be easily defeated by merely attaching the emergency clause to the capitol construction bill. There would, however, remain recourse to the courts in an injunction proceeding to test the validity of the appropriation of plans and submission scheme the session might adopt, a proceeding which would delay the capitol program if not actually defeat it.

Four capital bills are now before the senate and house committees dealing with this subject. Two of these—one by Senator Burke and the other by the joint committee—provide for reconstruction on the old site; a second committee bill provides for construction on an enlarged site including Willamette university campus. The third committee bill provides for construction of the new state house on the Candalaria Heights site, south of Salem.

Sentiment among the legislators appears to favor the old site, with the expansionists divided as between the campus and Candalaria.

State Treasurer Holman has publicly declared himself as emphatically opposed to any more interest bearing debts. The people of Oregon he points out, are now paying \$10,000,000 in interest on the bonded public debt of the state, counties, school districts and other subdivisions.

Hilhi Eleven Seeks Scalp of Beaverton

Local Gridders Determined to Wipe Out 1934 Defeat Friday Afternoon

St. Helens Trounced Blue - White Team Scores 7-0 Victory Over Rival

Determined to avenge the 12 to 0 defeat suffered last year, the Hilhi gridders have spent a busy week preparing a warm welcome for the Beaverton eleven when the two teams clash on the local gridiron at 3 p. m. Friday. The visitors have a team of veterans and have made an imposing record this season, but Coach B. M. Goodman declares that his Blue and White squad is in good condition, ready to give Beaverton a real battle.

Hilhi lost to the powerful Beaverton team last year on a field that was a sea of mud and swept by a driving rain. Emmons, the husky fullback that scored both touchdowns against the locals, is again in the line-up and is declared to be an even greater scoring threat than last season. Beaverton's ace pass-thrower, Barron, is also in uniform this year, strengthening the visitors' offensive line.

Wahner Recovers

Performance of the powerful Hilhi line to date shows promise of offsetting much of Beaverton's highly touted attack. In addition the locals have Wahner, a plucky speedster, in the backfield. He should be fully recovered from the shoulder injury suffered in the Salem encounter and ready to turn on the heat by Friday afternoon.

Rainier is the only team that both Hilhi and Beaverton have played this season. Beaverton won from Rainier 7 to 0, while the locals came out with a 0 to 9 score. The visitors defeated the strong Vernonia team 13 to 7 and trounced Milwaukie 13 to 0. They have lost only to Corvallis and that by a 7 to 0 count.

Although Beaverton is favored to repeat last year's victory, fans are promised a bang-up game of football if the locals can even approach the heights to which they rise in tying Salem 13 to 13, they have a good chance to score a victory.

Local Harmonica Specialists Can Strut Stuff Here

Harmonica players of Hillsboro and vicinity will be given an opportunity Wednesday night, November 6, to show what they can do before the Venetian theatre audience. Schools especially are invited to enter their talent in the contest sponsored by the Venetian and The Argus. Winners will receive prizes.

The occasion is the appearance of the Clyde "Windy" Fuller troupe of cowboy entertainers known as "The Original Radio Players." Fuller is the Hohner Harmonica national champion among professional radio entertainers. His group has been broadcasting in Pacific northwest for the last eight years. Fuller is from Spokane and is a representative of the Hohner Harmonica company. Of his playing, Major Bowes, famous for his amateur hour Sunday afternoon shows on the radio, said: "Fuller starts playing his harmonica where other harmonica players stop. His repertoire ranges from cowboy ballads to the most difficult classics."

The Pioneers present a varied program of singing, playing and dancing and feature popular music as well as songs and music of the plains.

Three prizes will be given; \$3 and harmonica for first; \$2 and harmonica for second, and harmonica for third. Entries may be made at either the Venetian theatre or The Argus office until 8:30 o'clock Wednesday night. Fuller and his audience will be judges.

The whole troupe will play next Wednesday at the high school assembly and will entertain the Rotarians at their luncheon November 7.

Ober Freed of Charge in Fatal Crash

Jury Deliberates Five Hours in Weighing Testimony on Truck Wreck

Defendant Heard

Says Girl Accidentally Hit Arm, Upsetting Control

Deliberating six hours following closing arguments by attorneys, a jury in circuit court Friday night returned a verdict of not guilty in the case of Vincent Ober, charged with manslaughter following the death of Ralph Epling of Gaston in a truck wreck July 15.

The accident happened just east of Gaston when the truck, driven by Ober, turned over in the ditch loaded with 12 young people on the way to a swimming party. Russell Morgan, district attorney, indicated that Ober would not be retried on the second count of the indictment in connection with the death of Lester Winner, 17, another victim of the wreck who died in a hospital later.

Trial Proves Long

Attorneys concluded their argument at 4:15 p. m. Friday and the jury returned with its verdict at 11 p. m. The hearing, first expected to be of short duration, lasted five days during which time nearly 30 witnesses were called by both sides.

In addition to several witnesses called by the defense to testify to Ober's good character, witnesses were called to substantiate testimony brought out by E. B. Tongue, defense attorney, on cross examination of state witnesses, that Sheila Laughlin, had turned around in the seat of the truck at the time the truck went out of control.

The defense contended that her action jostled the driver, Ober, in his testimony, told how the Laughlin girl accidentally struck one hand and caused him to lose his grip on the wheel.

War Chaplain to Speak Here on Armistice Day

Armistice observance plans under the auspices of Hillsboro Post, American Legion, are nearly completed. It was announced this week by chairman of the various committees, Hillsboro patriotic organizations have been asked to join the Legion in observance.

Speaker of the day for the public address and program in the Venetian theatre, will be Major John W. Beard of Portland, former A. E. F. chaplain. Speaking will follow the flag ceremony at the Post house flag post. Helvetia band will lead the parade and furnish numbers for the program, according to R. J. Searce, program chairman.

Beside the speaker, a number of vocal selections are being arranged and there will be group singing led by G. Russell Morgan.

Members of the Legion and other organizations participating will assemble at Veterans' hall at 10:30 o'clock the morning of Armistice day where the parade will form under the direction of Arthur Kroeger, parade chairman.

From Veterans' hall the parade will pass down Main street to Third avenue, up Third avenue to (Continued on page 2, column 4)

Rural Group Asks County Farm Study

Farmers Want Plans Made for Development of Agriculture

Enschede is Leader

Work to Follow Conference Held 10 Years Ago

Representatives of every type of farming in Washington county met Friday at the county agent's office and requested that an agricultural economic conference be held for the purpose of making a careful study of the farm situation and to develop recommendations for agricultural development of the county, according to W. F. Cyrus, county agent.

W. J. Enschede, Hillsboro, route 4, was elected chairman of the general committee. A tentative list of commodity committees representing dairy, poultry, general livestock, farm crops and horticulture were made up and will be announced as soon as the appointments are accepted.

Conference Not New

"Conferences of this nature are not new in Oregon or in Washington county," says Cyrus. "From 1924 to 1928 at least one such conference was held in practically every Oregon county. In Washington county these studies were made and the final reports made public January 28 and 29, 1925."

"Careful study was made of the economic principles involved in the production and marketing of agricultural commodities. A report issued by the committees of farmers made up a printed report that has been in much demand since that time and has been particularly requested by prospective new people coming into the county. In addition it has served as a source of information to anyone interested."

"Since that date conditions have changed, we have had a prolonged period of depression and it seems appropriate to take stock and do a little planning again. In looking over the old report it is interesting" (Continued on page 2, column 5)

Portland Police Character Was Prisoner Here

Jack Justice, Portland character held by Seattle police in connection with a Bremerton mass murder, once spent some time inside a Washington county jail, according to records here.

Justice, together with Jewel Bowen, was arrested at a house on the outskirts of Tualatin on the Tualatin-Sherwood road on November 11, 1925, by former sheriff J. E. Reeves and deputies for possession of a large still, mash and liquor. He was indicted, plead guilty, and paid a \$500 fine in cash on one of the indictments.

Justice also appears in another liquor case the same month when Reeves arrested Oscar W. Bowen, brother of Jewel, at his home in Tualatin on the river in the east part of town. Bowen said that he knew the man and seems to have attempted to put the blame for his trouble on Justice.

Reeves is now of the opinion that Oscar was producing liquor for Justice.

The Portland man is described by Reeves as a dapper gentleman who sold his wares in the better Portland circles, where he seems to have been somewhat of a figure in the illegal distribution of whiskey.

Voters Pass Federal Aid Sewer Offer

Total of 369 Voice Desires at Election; Majority Favors Sanitation

Plans, Specifications Must be Ready November 1

Castings a total of nearly 369 votes, Hillsboro citizens Friday agreed that a new sewer system was needed for the city. The vote on the bond issue of \$102,000 was passed 234 to 132 against, and the advisory vote instructing the city council to proceed with plans was 227 to 132 against.

The vote permits the city to proceed in accepting an offer of the federal government granting the city \$83,450 and making a loan of the remainder to be paid back by revenue collected from charges for connections to the sewer.

Next Step Cited

Next step in obtaining the sewer is the preparation of plans and specifications which must be in the hands of PWA officials by November 1, unless an extension of time can be obtained. The rules and regulations also specify that work must be begun by December 15.

George McGee, city engineer, now is faced with the task of meeting government regulations in the preparation of plans and submission to the government within the time limit. It is understood that an extension of time will be asked.

Part of the work necessary already has been done through an SERRA project carried on last spring and summer in which necessary surveys were made throughout the city and engineering data as to elevations gathered and computed.

Local Rotarians to Attend Meet

Local Rotarians will meet with other Rotarians of this section at a dinner meeting at the Portland Golf club Friday night. A tournament will be played in the afternoon. No meeting will be held here today.

Organized Development Plan Would Make Paradise of Valley

Painting a glowing vision of possible development in the Willamette valley, W. D. Dodson, executive secretary of the Portland Chamber of Commerce spoke Monday noon before the local chamber of commerce.

Bank Corn Show Exhibits Go East

Lawrence and Gervais Jansen of Verboort and Amos and Elmer Bierly of Kinton have each entered a ten-acre exhibit at the National Corn show held in connection with the Chicago International Livestock Exposition, according to Al. Francis, assistant county agent.

Scouts Get Awards Local Honor Court

Honors and advancements were earned by 10 scouts here Thursday evening during the first Hillsboro district honor court this fall.

Places Found for Idle Men

Five WPA projects, giving employment to an additional 34 men and women, are scheduled to start soon after the Governor according to K. E. Tiltonson, resident engineer for WPA. A total of 80 persons in the county now are employed, according to figures compiled by Miss Grace Rucker, who has charge of the local office of state and national employment service in the city hall.

Wheat Checks Coming Soon

Checks covering the first adjusted payment on the 1935 crop and the last adjusted payment on the 1934 crop will be handed to distribute to wheat contract signers at a series of meetings to be held Saturday, Monday and Tuesday.

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