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## CALL SPECIAL ELECTION TO SUBMIT CITY BOND ISSUE

City Council Arranges For It  
to Be Held Tuesday,  
August 24.

### USE FUNDS TO REDEEM WARRANTS

Controversy Over City Park  
Referred to City  
Attorney.

Tuesday, August 24, was last night designated as the date of the special election to be held in Marshfield to authorize the issuance of sufficient bonds to wipe out the warrant indebtedness. The voters will be asked to amend the charter so that bonds up to five per cent of the assessed valuation of the city may be issued. The amendment specifies that the total indebtedness must not exceed five per cent of the assessed valuation.

At first it was proposed to have the bonds issued to take up both the warrant indebtedness and the special improvement bonds. Councilman Albrecht, Mayor Straw and others thought that the latter provision would not be advisable. Besides, it was stated that the special improvement bonds would undoubtedly find ready sale as soon as the financial condition of the city is placed on a good basis. The council have had assurance to this effect from local bankers.

The ordinance providing for the issuance of the bonds, if ratified by the voters, provides that they shall not be issued for a less period than ten years or for more than twenty years and that they shall not bear interest at a rate greater than six per cent. It is expected that the bonds can be marketed for less than five per cent.

As judges for this special election, Capt. Lightner, John Bear, A. P. Owen were named while L. Pennock and Roy Lawhorn were selected as clerks.

**Clear City Parks.**

A controversy has arisen between Councilman Albrecht and Robert Marsden about the latter's rights on the city park on Park avenue in North Marshfield. Mr. Albrecht was instructed to clear the property for park purposes and he requested Mr. Marsden to remove his water tower and engine house.

Under the conditions of the deed of the property from the Clemenson estate to the city, Mr. Marsden holds certain water rights from a spring near the property. The city attorney was instructed to investigate these at once and see what can be done about having Mr. Marsden remove the buildings. Mayor Straw was given full power to act in the matter.

**Other Business.**

No action was taken on the city charter last night, owing to City Attorney Snover being absent. It has been decided to submit it at the general city election in December. Some of the councilmen think there is too much in it and that it provides for a lot of things that are not necessary for a city of this size.

The Market avenue grade was fixed last night. It provides for a divided street along the Stigama property.

Anderson avenue was ordered improved from Broadway to Third street. Third street was ordered improved between Central avenue and Anderson avenue. Both will probably be paved with bituminous rock. The grades of Fourth street and Donnelly avenue were ordered reestablished.

J. H. Milner was selected to take J. Albert Matson's place on the board of viewers for the "saw dust" that sewage system. The other viewers are Tom Nicols and S. B. Cathcart.

Leo Smith was ordered paid \$51 for service as special night watchman last winter. Councilman Coke selected to pay it because the city

## 'B' STREET LOT CASE DECIDED

City Given Sixty Days In  
Which to Make Warrant  
Cash Paper.

If the city of Marshfield gets the 'B' street lot which has been in litigation for many years, it must arrange to put up \$10,500 in cash within sixty days. This, in brief, is the decision given by Judge Wolverton in the United States District court at Portland this week after J. D. Goss and City Attorney Snover had argued the matter. Judge Wolverton ruled that the C. A. Smith Company could not be compelled to accept a warrant in payment for the property unless the warrant was negotiable or could be converted into cash. To give the city an opportunity to provide for this, sixty days were granted.

While Judge Wolverton's ruling as to who shall bear the costs of the litigation is not clearly understood here, but it is stated that the city must pay all the costs of the suit, amounting to about \$2,000, whether it takes the lot or not.

City Attorney Snover will probably return Saturday and as soon as he does, the city council will take the matter up.

## MRS. GOULD IS GIVEN DECREE

Granted Divorce and \$36,000  
per Year Alimony From  
Howard Gould.

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, June 25. — Mrs. Katherine Clemmons Gould was today granted a divorce from Howard Gould. She was also allowed \$36,000 per year alimony.

This marks the closing of one of the most sensational divorce cases ever heard in American courts. Howard Gould being a son of the late Jay Gould and worth about \$100,000,000.

Justice Dowling said that all evidence was in favor of Mrs. Gould and that the conduct of Mrs. Gould when it was alleged that she was intoxicated might have been caused by excitement. Referring to the alleged meetings with Dustin Farnum, Justice Dowling said they all occurred since Mr. and Mrs. Gould had separated and that Gould had never objected to them.

The council did not know about the appointment by Mayor Straw and also because, Mr. Coke claimed, Smith did not spend his time patrolling the district below the depot where the alleged holdups took place.

Councilmen Albrecht, Powers and Hennessey were named as a special committee to take up the matter of adjusting the question of the title to the old cemetery property. They will confer with R. E. Shine about it soon.

An ordinance drafted by the fire department and providing regulations for that body was referred back last evening for some amendments. It is proposed to pay the members of the department \$1 for each fire-alarm and fifty cents per hour for fighting fire. Arrangements will be made for other reimbursements for the volunteer department, probably.

## THINK LEON BOUND FOR HAWAII

Mysterious Chinaman Who  
Sailed From Norfolk, Va.,  
Said to Be the Murderer of  
Elsie Sigel.

(By Associated Press.)  
NORFOLK, Va., June 25. — On the Hawaiian Steamship Company's steamer Arizonian, is a Chinaman supposed to be Leon Ling. The name appears on the list of the crew

filed by the master of the steamer in the office of the Collector of Customs as Leon Ling or Lang. The detectives were tracing a mysterious Chinaman to the vessel but arrived at the dock just too late to stop a vessel which sailed for the south. It may be possible to intercept her. The Arizonian is bound for Honolulu via San Francisco. She may stop at St. Lucia, British West Indies, or at Punta Arenas, in the straits of Magellan.

## BREAKWATER IN FROM PORTLAND

Steamship Brings In Many  
Passengers and Large  
Cargo of Freight.

The Breakwater arrived in last evening after a good trip down the coast. She had a large number of passengers and a large cargo of miscellaneous freight.

She brought in five race horses for the races meet here early in July. Messrs. Heavener and Cardwell had four gallopers aboard and a fifth one, "Pacific" was also brought in. Mr. Heavener accompanied the horses.

Two autos were also brought in for parties at Coquille.

The Breakwater will sail for Portland Saturday at 3 o'clock.

Among the incoming passengers on the Breakwater were the following:

A. S. Hammond, M. M. Sweet, W. Hahn, C. F. McKnight, V. Boyd, J. W. Teal, J. W. Teal, M. Minor, J. S. Heringer, W. C. Walling, W. F. Anger, E. R. Crawford, A. G. Hall, Chas. Barr, Mrs. Barr, Miss Hague, Mrs. B. F. Lawrence, M. Meyer, H. G. Hoy, Mrs. Hoy, J. Pontiner, J. A. Todd, Mrs. Haskell, A. L. Anderson, A. J. Hoben, C. Parm, Jno. Brown, Miss Pittman, Jno. D. Enos, Aug. Johansimer, G. W. Curtis, T. Boylan, Mrs. C. Selby, Mrs. Burmeister, V. J. Wilson, Miss McDonald, A. B. Campbell, Mrs. Campbell, Jno. H. Shurr, P. Krable, Mrs. Grisko, J. Sheridan, Mrs. Sheridan, L. A. Wilson, Miss Roberts, W. H. Harris, H. Brinkley, L. York, Mrs. York, L. Harris, Mrs. Harris, H. E. Gussing, F. Urquhart, T. J. Haner, Mrs. Grant, G. Grant, W. Grant, J. Miller, A. Bointen, H. McIntosh, J. Booth, F. Heavener and Jas. Eaton.

## WOULD BUILD TO COOS BAY

Syndicate Backing J. H. Somers' Project Incorporates  
For \$1,000,000.

SALEM, Ore., June 25.—Three companies have organized and filed articles of incorporation within the past week for the purpose of constructing railroads from points in the Willamette valley to the Pacific coast. Two have been projected for the Coos Bay country and one for Lincoln county, the third one having filed papers of incorporation today.

Articles of incorporation for the Coos Bay & Inland Railroad Company were filed this week, it being the intention of the incorporators according to the articles, to construct a road from Coos Bay east to Roseburg, which later may be extended to transcontinental points.

The capital stock of the new corporation is \$1,000,000. The incorporators are Jacob Haas, George S. Taylor and Charles Ringler. The principal place of business of the company is designated at Portland.

The Oakland and Tidewater Railway Company was incorporated last week with a capitalization of \$1,000,000. It is proposed by this company to construct a road from Oakland, in Douglas county, to Empire City, in Coos county.

The Independence, Siletz & Pacific Railroad Company was organized last Monday and is capitalized for \$50,000. Independence capitalists are behind this project and propose to build a road from near Simpson, in Polk county, to a point near Cape Foulweather, in Lincoln county. The road will pass through the rich timber land of the Siletz reservation.

## IS SOMERS' PROJECT.

Coos Bay and Inland Railroad Company Back His Plan.

The Coos Bay and Inland Railroad Company above referred to is the corporation backing the project of J. H. Somers who sometime ago secured options on the Coquille Mill Company and also secured a franchise there for an electric light, power and railway business. Later he was granted a franchise to use such parts of the Coos county roads as he might desire for a right-of-way for a railway to Roseburg, being given the choice of the highways between Eastside and the Douglas county line and the public roads between Coquille and the Douglas county line.

Mr. Somers has been in Portland for the past week or ten days and has made no public announcement aside from what is contained in the above regarding his plans. Jacob Haas is a well-to-do Portland man. Mr. Ringler is a real estate dealer and Geo. S. Taylor is a civil engineer who has long been employed on the Hill lines in the Pacific northwest. He is the partner of F. W. Stevens, a well-known civil engineer who has been located in Marshfield for the past year.

## CAMAS COUPLE WEDS.

VANCOUVER, Wash., June 25.—A marriage license was issued to Frank L. Armstrong and Mabel O. Lake, both of Camas.

Sanitary PLUMBING at MILNER'S

"CASTLEWOOD" at the P. K.

## LOVE, ROMANCE AND MYSTERY SURROUND WOODILL MURDER

### GAGE ISSUES A STATEMENT

Former Secretary Tells of Relations With Mrs. Woodill  
—Knew McKinley.

(By Associated Press.)  
SAN DIEGO, Cal., June 25.—Lyman J. Gage said to the Associated Press today, "My relations with my ward, Mrs. Woodill were perfectly honorable as is well known by those who know us. She was a sweet, lovable girl and when I first met her, I became deeply attached to her. She has been foully murdered and I think it a disgrace that the poor girl's body should be made the basis of an attempted scandal. Further than that, I positively have nothing to say." "Is it true you first met her through President McKinley in Washington when she was about twelve years old?" he was asked.

"Yes."

"Who were her parents?"

"I have nothing more to say," declared Mr. Gage.

### TODAY'S WHEAT MARKET.

(By Associated Press.)  
CHICAGO, June 25.—The closing wheat prices were: July, \$1.16; September, \$1.10 3-4; December, \$1.09; May, \$1.11 1/2; August, \$1.11 7-8.

## STORM HITS WEST POINT

Nebraska Town Badly Damaged By Tornado and  
Cloudburst.

(By Associated Press.)  
WEST POINT, Neb., June 25. — St. Joseph's Catholic Church was destroyed and a dozen residences damaged here by a tornado last night. It was followed by a cloudburst which did great damage. There were no fatalities.

### INVEST IN OREGON.

Dutch Capitalists Send Men to This State.

PORTLAND, Ore., June 25.—Representing large sums of Dutch capital and collecting information that will lead to the establishment of direct trade relations between Holland and the Pacific coast upon completion of the Panama Canal, J. G. Schalvick, president of Wlagmaan's bank, Amsterdam, and G. J. M. Simons, editor of the "Telegraaf," the great Holland newspaper, were visitors to Portland during the past week. In an interview, Mr. Simons said that the trip was made to get in touch with investment opportunities in this state where much Holland capital comes at present through agencies in the east. He also said that as soon as the Panama canal is built, a line of Dutch steamships will be established from Holland to Pacific coast ports that is expected to bring this section in close touch with that country and her people.

In the railway mail service in 1888, before it was brought into the classified service under the law, there was one error in distribution of mail matter for every 3,700 pieces correctly handled; in 1897, some years after the new system became operative, there were 12,000 pieces accurately sorted for every one that went astray.

### Slayer of Woman Either a Suicide Or Killed By Posse Today.

IDENTITY IS NOT  
CLEARLY ESTABLISHED

Dead Woman Was Ward of  
Sec. Gage and Lead Strange  
Career.

BULLETIN.

(By Associated Press.)  
ST. MICHAELS, Md., June 25.—The coroner is in possession of a letter found on Roberts or Eastman addressed to Miss Winnie Bradcombe, care of Klaw & Erlanger, New York, asking the girl to come to Maryland to take charge of his body and his property as he intended to commit suicide. Eastman added that he had been out in a boat with two men and two women, that one of the men struck a girl on the head with a wine bottle and killed her.

(By Associated Press.)  
ST. MICHAELS, Md., June 25.—Emmett E. Roberts, a newspaper correspondent, magazine writer and author, wanted for the murder of Mrs. Edith May Thompson Woodill, daughter of Col. Chas. A. Thompson, was shot to death by a sheriff's posse while resisting arrest off the wharf at McDaniel, Talbot county, at 4 o'clock this morning. Roberts was in a small boat on the river when seen by a farmer, John McQuay, who advised the authorities. A posse was quickly formed and Roberts was allowed to row himself into a trap before he knew he was surrounded. He was commanded to surrender but he fired one ineffective shot and almost instantly fell dead in the bottom of his boat from a bullet fired by a member of the posse.

When the deputies waded out to the small boat Roberts had been shot in the mouth and was dead. The boat was drawn ashore and the body examined. Roberts had a bottle of letters. The body was then brought here.

A further examination of the body leaves some doubt as to whether Roberts was killed by a member of the posse or committed suicide. The motive for the terrible murder may have been jealousy.

Where and under what circumstances Roberts and Mrs. Woodill met are not known here but they are said to have been immediately attracted to each other.

Little is known here regarding Roberts. He claimed to be a newspaper correspondent and magazine writer, was polite and affable and made friends readily but never discussed his personal affairs. From papers found in his pockets, there is reason to believe he was Robert E. Eastman. He stated at different times that he came from Denver.

### MAYBE NEW YORKER.

Murderer of Mrs. Woodill Failed  
Year Ago.

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, June 25.—It is now believed here that the slayer of Mrs. Woodill may have been "Lane Bob" Eastman, the Wall Street broker, who failed a year or more ago.

### LIFE OF LOVE AND ROMANCE.

Dead Woman Protege of Former  
Secretary of U. S. Treasury.

(By Associated Press.)  
BALTIMORE, Md., June 25.—Some acts in the career of Mrs. Woodill in whose brief life, love and

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