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COUNCIL CAN'T ELECT MAYOR

Oregon Supreme Court Renders an Important Decision on City Officials

A PENDLETON CASE

Chairman of Council Succeeds to Place Made Vacant By Mayor's Death

RESOLUTION OF NO EFFECT

Man Who Was Elected Mayor by Resolution of City Council is Ousted and Chairman Confirmed Mayor by Court's Decree

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

SALEM, April 13.—That John W. Dyer, chairman Pendleton City council, was acting mayor and had been since the death of Mr. Matlock, was the opinion of the supreme court today. After Dyer assumed office, R. F. Kirkpatrick was elected mayor by a resolution passed by the city council. A contest ensued in which the circuit court decided in favor of Dyer. The supreme court also affirmed the circuit court's decision in the case of W. L. Bowlby, convicted of violating the ordinance regulating pawnbrokers. Bowlby contended the ordinance invalid because it was signed by Dyer.

WEST IS A WITNESS

EX-GOVERNOR TESTIFIES IN SALOON CASE

Says He Knew From Experience Whiskey and Ammunition Mixed Makes Trouble

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

BAKER, April 13.—"I know from experience that whiskey and ammunition mixed make trouble, and I wished to close those saloons so as to remove one thing that might make trouble," said ex-Governor West on the stand in the circuit court in explanation of his action in closing the Copperfield saloons. He was on the the stand all morning in a damage suit brought by William Wiegand, saloon keeper. He said many persons in Copperfield carried arms and that it was necessary to use strict measure to enforce the laws.

MORE INDIANA OFFICIALS SENT TO PENITENTIARY

Twenty in All Are Sent to U. S. Prison in Leavenworth and Others Given Fines and Sentences

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

INDIANAPOLIS, April 13.—Lewis Nunley, assistant City Engineer; Elmer E. Talbot, former City Controller; Hilton Redman, son of Eli Redman; John E. Green and William S. Crockett were each sentenced to two years and fined $100. Maurice Walsh, County Sealer of Weights and Measures; John M. Mannelink, City Inspector of Weights and Measures; Charles Houghton, assistant custodian of the city hall; Joseph O'Mara, street commissioner; Alexander Acsel, inspector of street paving; Arthur Gilb, Progressive clerk on the election board; Joseph Strauss and George Sovern were sentenced to one year imprisonment and fined $100. Chief of Police Hallet, who pleaded guilty, was given a year and a day and fined $1.

Twenty in all were sentenced to Leavenworth prison, and four were given suspended sentences. Judgment was reserved in the cases of Jap and (illegible) were given either sentence in jail or fines. Notice of appeal were filed by the men sentenced to the penitentiary.

PROTESTS RAILWAY RATES

Pacific Coast Cities File Remonstrance Before Commission

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 13.—Representatives of Pacific Coast cities and cities some distance back in the interior, protested before the Interstate Commerce Commission today against the proposal of Eastern railways to raise the rate-making basis from Eastern points to the Pacific back-haul territory in the usual and interpretable styles.

PASSENGERS SAFE

THERE WAS NO PANIC ON THE STEAMER MINNESOTA.

One Hundred Transferred to Steamer Oanfa Beach Kobe—Rescue Steamer Standing By.

VESSEL FLOATED

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

SEATTLE, April 13.—The Great Northern Steamship company was advised today that the liner Minnesota, which ran on soft ground and bent several plates, is only slightly damaged. She is leaking in hold No. 1, but pumps have no trouble in keeping the water down. Part of the cargo will be removed to float her and she will be docked at Nagasaki.

MINNESOTA WAS THE LARGEST AMERICAN MERCHANT VESSEL

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

SEATTLE, April 13.—The Minnesota, the largest merchant ship flying the American flag, had a gross tonnage of 20,718. She was built in 1904 and was a sister ship of the Dakota which struck a rock near Yokahoma, March, 1907, and total loss. The Minnesota cost over $4,000,000 and was well insured.

100 PASSENGERS RESCUED

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

KOBE, Japan, April 13.—There was no panic on board the steamship Minnesota when she ran on the rock off Iwajima at the entrance to the Inland Sea Sunday night, according to the passengers who were brought here by the steamer Oanfa. About one hundred passengers were transferred to the Oanfa and arrived here today. Among them were Mrs. Francis Burton Harrison. Fifty steerage passengers are still aboard the Minnesota with the Yakumo standing by.

STRICT WAR REGULATIONS

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

KOBE, April 13.—A German governess of the Harrison children was detained aboard the Oanfa with two other German passengers, because of war regulations requiring special permits for Germans to enter Japan. At the request of the American embassy, however, the Foreign Office granted permission for the governess to land and other German passengers will also be permitted to do so if they decide. Persons brought here probably will be sent to the United States aboard other steamers.

TO MAKE REPAIRS

COMMANDER OF GERMAN CRUISER ASKS PERMIT

Kron Prinz Wilhelm Escaped Pursuing Warships Because of It's Speed

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 13.—The German embassy today transmitted to the State Department a formal request of Captain Thierfelder of the Kron Prinz Wilhelm for permission to have his vessel examined at Newport News to see what repairs were necessary to render her seaworthy and also for permission to have those repairs made.

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

NEWPORT NEWS, April 13.—"The Wilhelm seemed to be better than the pursuing warships," said Chief Engineer Gow, of the British steamer Cymric, now in the South Atlantic, "for at time went on the lines of the warship grew dimmer until she disappeared. Our escape to this port was marvelous. We were cruising with all lights out at top speed from 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon when we headed directly west."

BOMBARD MATAMORAS

Villa's Army Begins Throwing Shells Into Mexico City

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

BROWNSVILLE, April 13.—The bombardment of the Matamoras trenches by Villa's army began today. Before the range of the Carranza trenches was obtained, four shells burst over Matamoras, one of them above a French theater near the American Consulate.

CARPATHIAN BATTLE STOPS

A Lull in the Strenuous Fighting for the Mountain Passes Into Hungary

RUSSIANS CHECKED

Offensive Attacks Brought to a Standstill and Counter Attacks Break Russ Line

OSSOWETZ AGAIN STORMED

Another Battle Now in Progress for Possession of Important Russian Fortress——Fighting Continues In Le Pretre Forest

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

LONDON, April 13.—Vienna today reported that the Russian offensive in the Carpathians has been brought to a standstill and counter attacks have broken the Russian line in several places. The German attack on the Russian forces in the north, near the Prussian frontier, have resumed and another battle is in progress for the possession of the important Russian fortress of Ossowetz. In Bujowina heavy fighting is in progress according to a Bucharest dispatch.

In the West Paris says the French captured a German trench near Berry Au Bac, but this is denied by Berlin. The German report mentions numerous French attacks around Verdun, but says they were repulsed.

Fighting continues in the Le Pretre forest.

RUSSIANS MAKE DENIAL

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

LEMBERG, Galicia, April 13.—Russian armies made successful advances along a wide front from Bartfeldt to Uzsok, the greatest gain being in the direction of Gumenno. At this point the Russians descended the Southern slope of the Carpathians, forcing the Austrians back with heavy losses. At the same time the Russians advanced along the line between Dukla and Svednik, where the Austrians abandoned their stores and transports in their retreat.

AN OFFICIAL REPORT

WAR NEWS AS PASSED BY THE CENSORS

Conflicting Claims Issued by the Belligerents—Both Sides Given Here

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

PARIS, April 13.—The official statement this afternoon says "Between the sea and the Aisne River there are no activities but a few artillery duels. East of Dury Au Bac we gained possession of a German trench. In the Argonne there were mining operations and engagements of bomb and grenade throwing between our men and the enemy's trenches. Between the Meuse and Moselle Rivers we succeeded at several points in coming in contact with German wire entanglements."

GERMAN CLAIMS

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

BERLIN, April 13.—(Wireless to Bayville.)—The official statement today says: "The French yesterday attacked at Four Dury Au Bac and between the Meuse and Moselle Rivers, near Bulvoy, which is east of Verdun, near Marchenille, which is southeast of Malvoy, on the front between Malvoy and Marchenille, and north of Hartmann's Weilerkopf. Everywhere they were repulsed.

"French airmen threw nine bombs in the eastern suburbs of Brugge and two near Brugge, without doing damage. German troops have thrown large quantities of bombs into Pupernhoed, Pasebrook, and last night in the La Pretre forest, in which the Germans slowly gained ground. There has been no change on the eastern front."

A transmitter for supporting electric lamps around the globe of an oil lamp so that other kind of light can be used, has been patented by a Connecticut inventor.

EDITOR IS DEAD

W. R. NELSON OF KANSAS CITY STAR PASSES AWAY

Was Man of Lofty Ideals and Wide Influence—Did Much to Improve Conditions In Home City

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

KANSAS CITY, April 13.—Funeral arrangements for William Rockhill Nelson, editor of the Star who died this morning, were completed by the family today. He had been unconscious since Thursday. Death was due to uraemic poisoning.

William Rockhill Nelson was the founder, owner and editor of the Kansas City Star. Although he did not enter the newspaper business until he was nearly 40 years old, he brought to it such originality, ability and energy that he built up one of the greatest newspapers of the country.

Mr. Nelson was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana, March 7, 1841. He came of two centuries of American ancestors. His maternal grandfather, William Rockhill, settled in Indiana when that state was a wilderness in 1819, and was the first farmer to plant a thousand acres of corn. His father, Isaac DeGroff Nelson, was identified with the upbuilding of the state and took an active hand in its political life.

William Rockhill Nelson was educated at Notre Dame University. After a short experience as a youngster in cotton growing in Georgia, just after the war, he returned to Indiana and became a general contractor. He engaged in the building of roads, pavements and bridges, and was associated in a contract for the construction of the Southern Illinois state penitentiary.

Intense admiration for the reform work of Samuel J. Tilden brought him into contact wit that great Democrat and when only 24 years old, he became Tilden's Indiana campaign manager. His interest in political leadership made him turn to newspaper work as the best way to influence men in the mass. He bought an interest in the Fort Wayne Sentinel and a business reverse determined him to devote all his time to journalism.

He soon became convinced that the opportunities in Fort Wayne were too small, and after looking the field over, he decided on Kansas City as the most promising field of the country. He persuaded his Fort Wayne partner, Samuel E. Morss, to make the venture with him. They sold their Fort Wayne interests, went to Kansas City and started the Evening Star as a little four-page afternoon newspaper, on September 18, 1880. Mr. Morss withdrew from the enterprise after a few months on account of ill health, and Mr. Nelson continued as sole owner and editor-in-chief.

Essentially a builder, he took an intense interest in the development of the city. Almost from the first issue the Star urged the necessity of paving the streets, of getting a park system, of building attractive houses, of planting shrubbery and trees. Mr. Nelson himself had the trees set along the first Kansas City boulevard. He was constantly instituting movements for city betterment.

One of his achievements was the residence district which he laid out near his home as an example of what could be done toward city beautification. He built nearly a hundred modest houses along roads which he lined with stone walls covered with honeysuckles and crimson ramblers. He was intensely interested in fine pictures and he made a collection of reproductions of European masterpieces done by the best artists who could be found, which he gave to Kansas City.

In politics he was, as he often said, "independent but never neutral." But he would never consider any election or appointive position. Early in President Taft's administration the suggestion was made in newspaper reports that he might be appointed Ambassador to France. He commented editorially as follows: "The editor of the Star is amply satisfied, contented and satisfied with his present job. He regards himself as holding a place of greater responsibility and influence than any within the gift of the President or the electorate. Not only has he never been a candidate, active or receptive, for any office, but he never asked for the appointment of any one else."

In 1881 Mr. Nelson married Miss Ida Newman. They one child, a daughter, Mrs. Irwin H. Kirkwood, live in Kansas City.

GERMANY MAKES PROTEST TO U. S.

Says America Fails to Stand On Its Rights to Export Food to Germany

SHIPS AMMUNITION

Continues Shipping War Supplies to Allies in Unlimited Quantities

THE NOTE IS MADE PUBLIC

Action of German Ambassadors In Washington in Accordance With Instruction from Berlin

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

WASHINGTON, April 13.—German embassy officials stated that the Ambassador acted under instructions from the Berlin foreign office in presenting the recent note to the State Department, complaining that while the United States had failed to maintain its right to export foodstuffs to Germany, American manufacturers were permitted to continue shipping munitions of war in unlimited quantities to Great Britain and the Allies. The note was made public last night.

DOCKET HEAVY ONE

CIRCUIT COURT TO HAVE BUSIEST SESSION IN YEARS

Sheriff Johnson Serves Jurymen for Grand and Trial Juries; Big Mill Starts Next Monday

The coming circuit court and grand jury will face the largest docket of years according to Sheriff Alfred Johnson, who this morning served summons on men for the grand and the trial juries. Ten persons are in jail waiting trial and eight more are out on bail pending the turn of the wheels of justice. This is only the criminal docket and does not include the civil cases set for this term of court.

Next Monday, April 19, the old grand jury will convene at the county seat and for a week will review the cases held over from the last session of the circuit court and then, with their work out of the way, will be dismissed and make way for the incoming grand jury to be selected on the following Monday, April 26.

D. J. Keeler, of Bandon, charged with wife desertion has gone back to his helpmeet, according to Sheriff Johnson. The man, about 40 years of age, was apprehended in Roseburg but allowed to go on his own recognizance and was at no time in jail.

On his return to Coquille Keeler told the sheriff that he and his wife had talked over their misunderstandings and deciding to part. He then divided their property and gave her a check for $2,100 and left. It was shortly after this that the wife changed her mind and issued the warrant for his arrest.

The majority of the names drawn in the jury venire are of farmers. Out of the list of 21 names, seven men will be drawn for the grand jury and 12 for the trial jury.

Those who are on the list for appearance April 26 at Coquille are: from Marshfield, Dave T. Mallard, E. W. Bennett, Oscar Gulmont, Thomas J. Gordon, C. E. Powers, Dean Lewis Reed, V. E. Watkins, Albert Kingston, Garfield Shepard, Tom Sweden, E. L. Robbins, E. C. McKinnis, Leo Barrows, William Le Gore, W. C. Wagner, Eastside, Frank A. Romney, Myrtle Point; H. F. Darlow, Myrtle Point; J. H. Burton, Myrtle Point; J. M. Arrington, Myrtle Point, Fred Barker, Coquille; J. H. Hermes, Coquille; Charles E. McCurdy, Coquille; W. H. Myers, Lee; E. W. Pelz, Coquille; J. F. Cunnia, Empire; C. T. Ketchum, Sumner; Dale Adams, Tenmile; Fred Saunder, Bandon; E. A. Smith, Riverton; T. P. Gage, McKinley; C. A. Goodman, Prosper.

A safety gas stove invented in Holland is claimed to prevent the possibility of asphyxiation and to indicate the loss of environment gas by leakage or otherwise.

Times Want Ads for results.

SKERRETT AGAIN

IMPLICATED IN SHADY DEAL IN PORT TOWNSEND

Police of Washington City Say Received $2,000 For Death of Friend; Now in Canada

Another chapter to findings, charges and investigations that have followed his career from the cradle and over half the American continent, to Coos Bay and out again, has been added to the history of Charles Skerrett, who a month ago left here for parts unknown after leaving behind him a host of unpaid bills. He had then just been through an examination in connection with the Bunker Hill boarding house fire in which seven men lost their lives. Word has been received from the police at Port Townsend, Wash., where Skerrett formerly lived which tends to throw another clue on his record.

Two weeks ago an anonymous letter was turned over to the police in which the writer asked that the Port Townsend police be written for information. Back came a letter which has just been received here. It states that Skerrett, as a member of a fraternal order, he belonged to several, had his life insured in favor of a friend, the friend in turn insuring his life for about $2,000 in favor of Skerrett.

The friends disappeared, as the letter states, has not been seen since, is supposed to have died, and it is claimed the money was collected by Charles Skerrett. It is understood on good authority here that a request has been sent here asking for a photograph of Paul Ziefkie, who left with Skerrett, the two may bring companions.

Immediately after the fire at Bunker Hill the coroner's jury had Skerrett arrested on an arson charge. An investigation was made, nothing but strong circumstantial evidence could be obtained and he was released.

The insurance company after sending a man here, refused to pay the fire claim and turned the matter over to the arson committee of the fire underwriters. Skerrett left soon after, about a month ago, going over land after officers had received orders to keep him from leaving on the Nann Smith and out of the state. It is said that he is now in Canada.

Deputy Sheriff Heath, Oakland County, Michigan, has written the officers that while living there Skerrett sold mortgaged property, property that did not belong to him and left without paying a bond bill. It is understood the officers here are making further investigations.

C. A. SMITH TO REST

HEAD OF BIG INDUSTRIES WILL TAKE NEEDED VACATION

Leaves His Home in Berkeley Today on an Extended Recreation Trip.

C. A. Smith, head of the varied Smith industries, having got his large business interests in shape will leave today on an extended recreation trip. His surrounding associates in business the past several months has made a real drag his affairs gather a necessity.

With the conditions remaining in charge of the General administration and the organization which is so effectively and carefully built up, in charge of the business Mr. Smith for the first time in years feels himself in a position to take a much needed rest.

His thousands of friends on Coos Bay will write in wishing him a most pleasant vacation and a safe return to the head of his industries his health has developed and his energy built up.

ST. LOUIS OFFICIAL CHARGED WITH FORGERY

President-Elect of Board of Supervisors Indicted by Grand Jury for Serious Crime

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

ST. LOUIS, April 13.—Indictments charging forgery in the first degree, were voted by the grand jury today against A. H. Frederick, president-elect of the first board of aldermen chosen under the new charter. The indictment carries a long years imprisonment.

Times Want Ads bring results.

ITALY NEARER WAR EVERY DAY

Army Officers Directed to Dull Metal on Their Uniforms Preparatory to Service

EVE OF WAR ORDER

This is a Measure Only Adopted When Resort to Arms is Imminent

MASS MEETINGS ARE HELD

Notwithstanding Government's Injunction, All Attempts are Made to Hold Public Meetings to Discuss Intervention

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

ROME, April 13.—An order is printed in the military journal directing all army officers to dull the metal on their uniforms and scabbards of their swords. This is a measure usually adopted on the eve of war.

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

ROME, April 13.—Notwithstanding orders issued by the police, attempts were made yesterday by persons both for and against intervention by Italy in the war, to hold public meetings in all parts of the country. The crowds which gathered were charged and dispersed by the troops, but few persons wounded, although some arrests were made.

AMERICAN STEAMERS IN WAR ZONE SEEK RELEASE

Crew Vessels Detained in Kirkwall, England to Appeal to American Embassy at London

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

LONDON, April 13.—The American steamers Navajo, Joseph W. Fordney and the Lenox, appealed to the American embassy here to execute their release. All three are being detained at Kirkwall.

HUERTA IN THE U.S.

FORMER MEXICAN DICTATOR IS CLOSELY WATCHED

Says His Business is Purely "Personal and Family" But There Are Suspicions Abroad

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

NEW YORK, April 13.—Gen. Victoriano Huerta, former president of Mexico, today began attending to business which brought him to New York and which he described as "personal and family" was said by agents of the federal government who are keeping close watch upon his movements.

WATCHED BY GOVERNMENT

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

NEW YORK, April 13.—Despite the fact of Huerta's announcement that he would go anything to escape the secretary of the United States, it was reported in Washington circles that important conferences would be held at once to determine whether the time was ripe for Huerta to return to Mexico, early on and indications and attempt to get control of the country.

U. S. WARSHIPS SAIL TO SANTO DOMINGO

Note Mysterious Revolutionist Is the Rights Republic and Protection Requested

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 13.—The reports from Monroe Diplomat of the new revolutionary outbreak in the Dominican Republic, the fifth inaugurated today against the president Don Wenceslao de Marco Jimenez, Hayes. The national Republic is already off the Dominican capital.

WATERFRONT NEWS

The work has been resumed by the Aldrich boys of the Carlos and the opinion is expressed that she will be ready for loading immediately. The crew schooner set her tops and nearly had completed her work when the gale came on.