

TO OUST CERTAIN OFFICERS

Vancouver Citizens Will Proceed Against Three City Officials by Tomorrow—Sensations Looked for.

Charge Is that Members of the Board of Aldermen Sell Supplies to the City Contrary to State Law.

Later on May Come a Charge of Misdemeanor—A Brewery Concern Said to Be One Cause for Coming Fight.

(Journal Special Service.) VANCOUVER, Wash., June 19.—Three members of the City Board of Aldermen are threatened with impeachment proceedings and are charged with violating the state law that provides that no city official shall sell, or cause to be sold to the city, any supplies whatsoever.

The aldermen may have only been following an old custom; they may have recognized only the fact that the city was a customer, and may have given good measure and full value, but the hand of the law is about to descend, however innocent their intentions, and before more than a few days pass a writ of ouster will be filed in the Superior Court against J. A. Webber, George Crawford and John Huston.

The fight is being made by one, or at most, two citizens, who allege that the board members have discriminated against them for their detriment and that they will call into account these members for their illegal selling of supplies to the city. Henry Van Atta is the chief complainant and has placed the entire matter in the hands of Portland lawyers. When seen yesterday Mr. Van Atta said:

Will Expel Three Men.

"Yes, I am going to start a suit to expel three men from the City Board of Aldermen, and later I am going to charge them with a criminal action as the statutes provide. Why do I do this? Well, partly because I think no city official should try and get patronage out of his place, of office, and also because these same councilmen have posed as believers in public morality to such an extent that they shut off all saloon license applicants, when I had invested hundreds of dollars in refitting and stocking a new saloon, understanding that I would be allowed a license. When they cut me out through the petty spite of four members of the board on the plea of civic righteousness, when up to a few weeks ago these same men

collected a secret fee from cutthroat gamblers skimming victims here in hidden places, then I decided to act.

"Until my application for a license came up we never heard of the theory that there were too many saloons here, and though I knew that some aldermen boasted that I would never get a license, I did not think the board would listen to their spite. Any man in Vancouver knows that I am responsible, that I have always conducted every enterprise in a decent manner, and even the board does not dare to intimate that I would not conduct a straight place."

Another Cause.

Mr. Van Atta also gave a bit of inside history regarding the fight the proprietor of his restaurant, Mr. Owen Mulligan, and a certain brewery had carried on which was, he alleged, also back of the board's refusal to allow him a license.

Said Mr. Van Atta: "Mr. Mulligan had crossed swords with the brewer over an old dispute, and when I started to stock my saloon he placed me under a bond of \$1,000 not to sell a certain brand of beer. The brewery learned of this and I understand gave some of their subjects on the board to understand that my license must be turned down. I have proof enough against all three men and may later ask the impeachment of another member. Every one of the three handled city contracts, and from what others have told me I believe they have not underbid the prevailing prices to any marked extent."

Mr. Webber is a blacksmith, Mr. Crawford a grocer and Mr. Huston a lumber dealer. The three men have so far only heard rumors of Mr. Van Atta's contemplated action, and prefer to wait until the cases against them are filed before making complete statements.

REGATTA AT ASTORIA

Balloting For the Queen—Great Preparation For a Big Time This Year.

(Journal Special Service.) ASTORIA, Or., June 19.—The regatta committee is up against a pretty hard proposition, and Chairman Brown is wondering what the end will be. Music is always the principal feature of the carnival, for great crowds must be constantly entertained. Accordingly, it was arranged to engage the local band and also to enlist the services of the Nineteenth Infantry Band. The Astoria band is first-class in every respect, but it was deemed advisable to engage two bands.

When the local musicians' union learned of the determination of the committee, Secretary West was notified that the Astoria band would be unable to fill its contract if the Nineteenth Infantry Band were engaged. It was explained that the musicians' unions all over the country had long since decreed against Army and Navy bands, and that no union organization would be allowed to officiate in co-operation with a band representing the Army or Navy.

This ultimatum has come as a serious setback to the regatta committee, which had been congratulating itself on the success of its efforts to secure the very best music obtainable. As the committee does not relish the idea of a boycott by the musicians, they will probably submit to the demand that the contract with the Army band be annulled.

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VANCOUVER A SCHOOLHOUSE THAT'S ROTTING

Main Building at Vancouver Declared Dangerous by Director, Who Speaks Plainly of the Facts in Case.

Has Stood for 23 Years Without a Repair—Tomorrow the City Will Vote for a New One and Will Probably Get It.

(Journal Special Service.) VANCOUVER, Wash., June 19.—Tomorrow the city will ballot on the question of voting \$14,000 in bonds for the erection of a new school house. The bonds proposed will be paid annually in installments of \$2,000, the first payment being made two years from the date of issue; to raise this sum a two-mill levy will be needed from the district.

According to A. L. Burnham, County Auditor, and a member of the Board of School Directors, the present central school is dangerous and unfit for any use whatever. This morning Mr. Burnham said:

"The building was erected 23 years ago, and as far as I know, the only repair made during that time has been the application of \$70 worth of plaster. The building has not been painted in a decade, the steps to the basement and the main entrance are in such a state that you can see through them, the foundation on one side has settled several inches and the floors of the second story rooms incline at an abrupt angle because of this settling. The plaster is entirely in places and is hanging by a thread in others; nothing has been done for so long that we can do little with the old building, though it might be made to answer if extensive repairs were made. Even if all our present buildings were in the best of condition, we would need the new school house, for every room, except the school on the east side, has an average of 55 pupils in it and even the basement is filled. The condition must be remedied before fall and I sincerely trust the bonds will carry."

The directors plan to build a schoolhouse similar to the one at Woodlawn, but to only build four rooms next year and to add to the building as the need permits. Generally there is little opposition to the bond issue except among those who live east of the garriçon and who have ample school facilities.

GENERAL FUNSTON RELEASES ROBBERS

Three Fort Flagler Soldiers Under Severe Sentences Set Free by Commander.

(Journal Special Service.) VANCOUVER, June 19.—According to special orders today made public, the private and two corporals, recently sentenced severely for alleged conspiracy to rob a fellow prisoner and aiding in such robbery by deceiving him to a place where he was assaulted and relieved of his possessions, have been released from punishment by order of Gen. Funston.

The men were Private J. A. Gover, Corporal E. C. Baker and Corporal B. F. Oliver, all of the Twenty-sixth Company Coast Artillery. Baker was sentenced by a Fort Flagler court-martial to dishonorable discharge and three years hard labor. Gover was discharged and received a three-year sentence and Oliver was given the same punishment. The commanding officer states that, while there is strong evidence of a conspiracy to rob, it is not conclusive enough to warrant conviction in any of the cases, and Gover and Baker are released from confinement; Oliver has his sentence mitigated, but because it was proved that he assaulted a fellow soldier and robbed him he will be reduced to the ranks and will labor for 10 months.

Officers' Movements.

VANCOUVER, Wash., June 19.—The following movements of officers of the Department of the Columbia have been authorized by special orders: Sergeant C. Harrod, Hospital Corps at Fort Stevens, Or., to Fort Columbia, Wash., to relieve Sergeant B. E. Hare, who will proceed to Fort Egbert, Alaska; First Lieutenant J. R. Thomas, Jr., as judge advocate and First Lieutenant N. I. Barron as member of court-martial at Fort Wright to relieve First Lieutenant J. E. Bell and Second Lieutenant W. N. Harkell; Contract Surgeon W. E. Parkham will report at Fort Lawton on the 21st to accompany Company L, Seventeenth Infantry, to San Francisco; Second Lieutenant Bruce Cotton, Artillery Corps, will proceed to Fort Lawton and conduct a detachment of recruits for the Eighth Infantry at Camp Skagway, Alaska.

Local Happenings.

Tonight the Order of the Eastern Star gives a ball at the Auditorium. This is the closing ball of the season to be given by the order, and the members expect to make it a gala affair of more than usual interest. Mt. Hood Lodge No. 23 A. F. & A. M., conferred the third degree last night at their regular session.

FORGERS AT ASTORIA

(Journal Special Service.) ASTORIA, Or., June 19.—The forger who passed a worthless check for \$20 on P. S. Kenney was not the only artist who worked this city during the week. A few nights ago a man went into a saloon owned by F. E. Peterson and presented a check for \$10. Mr. Peterson declined to cash the check, as he did not know the man. Later the fellow returned with a friend known to Mr. Peterson and the check was cashed. When presented at the bank the paper was pronounced worthless. The bank officials are anxious to bring about the arrest of the forger, who has not since been seen.

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SALEM LAND BOARD IS READY TO BUY

Preparing to Take Up Bonds of Several School Districts Under Law Enacted by Last Legislature.

Irrevocable School Fund Will Be Used to Help Public Institutions of Learning Wherever Wanted.

(Journal Special Service.) SALEM, June 19.—An act of the last Legislature provides for the investment of moneys, held in the irrevocable school fund, university fund or agricultural college fund, in school district warrants or bonds, and under this act the State Land Board is now preparing to take up the bonds of several districts in the state.

The act (H. R. No. 46) provides that any surplus of the irrevocable school fund, university fund or agricultural college fund, or any other fund, held by the State Land Board, not loaned in accordance with the provisions of law, should be invested as far as possible in bonds and warrants issued by the various school districts within the State of Oregon, under the direction of the State Land Board.

The act provides that before school district officers offer any such bonds or warrants for sale they must give notice to the State Land Board of such issue, and the amount thereof, and the State Land Board shall have the preferential right to purchase of bonds or warrants offered, out of any of the funds in the hands of the Board, the bonds to bear interest at 5 per cent per annum, and to be bought by the board at par.

The bonds so to be purchased are not to exceed the sum of \$10,000 each, and the State Land Board is authorized to sell the same at any time before maturity.

In compliance with this act two school districts in Oregon have already taken steps to issue bonds, these to be sold to the State Land Board, and the first issue of such bonds under the new law will soon be made.

The act of 1901, the State Land Board purchased one \$400 bond from a school district in Harney county, bearing 6 per cent interest, and this is the only school bond at present in possession of the Board.

ALMOST A TORNADO

(Journal Special Service.) PENDELTON, June 19.—Unroofed buildings, uprooted and twisted trees and broken-down fences in Walla Walla and the rural districts was the result of a fierce gale which swept over the valley early Wednesday evening, says the Walla Walla Statesman. The roof was torn from the Kauffman Meat Company's slaughterhouse east of the city, and the foreman's house was partially wrecked. Mr. Kauffman estimates his damage at \$200.

The Yenny warehouse in Baker street was badly twisted, and telegraph poles and trees were knocked down in that vicinity. The presidential arch in Main street went by the boards at 7 o'clock. Its destruction was watched by 100 people on the streets. The debris was allowed to remain in the street today.

At the corner of Pleasant and Broadway streets several huge palm trees were leveled in the street and interrupted travel until this morning, when workmen broken them out.

Chopped trees and fences are reported from all parts of the city where the gale almost reached the proportions of a cyclone. George LaDue, residing in Fern avenue, had a narrow escape from a falling tree. Several trees on his place were stripped of huge limbs.

STATE NOTES.

The Socialist party cast 1,900 votes in the reelection in the First Congressional District.

According to Frank Lockwood, who farms on a big scale near Walla Walla, there will be a large crop of wheat in this section. The recent rains saved the crop.

Railroad building in Harney County is the principal feature under consideration at Burns. The people there want the electric road built from Baker City. Over 2,000,000 pounds of wool are annually shipped from Harney County.

Thirty thousand head of cattle are annually taken from the ranges around Burns and put on the beef markets of Portland, Seattle and the East.

Promoters of the electric line from Baker City to Burns have figured that the mail contracts that would be secured would amount to \$10,200 annually.

A bunch of horses were recently sold from the ranges of Harney County and Lake Counties for \$30,000 cash. W. W. Brown of Wagonville having disposed of them to Chicago horse dealers.

L. E. Baker, former school superintendent of Harney County, committed suicide at Boise, Idaho, rather than face a criminal charge of having altered a school warrant from \$6 to \$26.

The first automobile to traverse South-eastern Oregon passed through recently with Dr. N. H. Jackson, who is making a trip from San Francisco to New York.

Silvies River has been stocked with catfish which were secured from Chewawee and Lewis and Clark Clubs have been organized in almost every hamlet in the state.

The O. R. & N. is putting in a new steel bridge near Huron across Meacham Creek.

It is said 50 houses will be built in Forest Grove during the summer. The cold rains of last week are said to have damaged the cherry crop in many localities.

Lightning struck in Forest Grove during the storm Monday night. It is the first time it is ever known to have happened.

HOT LAKE.

People contemplating a visit to Hot Lake should notify the management at least one day in advance. The new bathhouse is completed. Rates \$11.50 to \$16.50, including baths.

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OREGON CITY SUICIDE OF VERY PROMINENT WOMAN

Mrs. Godfrey Boese Takes Her Life by Hanging Herself in a Room of Her Residence Near Oregon City.

A Month Ago Her Husband Committed Suicide and Since That Time the Old Lady Has Been Very Despondent.

OREGON CITY, June 19.—Mrs. Godfrey Boese, who lived about three miles east of Damascus, committed suicide yesterday by hanging. She retired to her room upstairs and hung herself to a nail in the ceiling. When discovered she was cold in death. She was the widow of the late Godfrey Boese, who hanged himself to a fence stake a little more than a month ago. She was about 55 years old.

Mrs. Boese had been for some time slightly deranged. She had frequently declared that she would kill herself. She and her son lived together with no one else in the house since the death of her husband. The family is German and quite well-to-do. Godfrey Boese was the owner of several hundred acres of choice land in the Damascus and Boring neighborhoods. Godfrey Boese, Jr., is the sole surviving heir to the estate.

Coroner Holman went to the scene of the suicide and held an inquest yesterday. A verdict was rendered to the effect that deceased came to her death by her own hands. This is the second Clackamas county suicide within a week and the fourth in six weeks.

Mr. Story Shows Up.

OREGON CITY, June 19.—After being absent from the office for several days George L. Story, City Attorney for Oregon City, has again shown up. He returns a married man instead of a bachelor, which he was when he disappeared. His law partner, G. R. Dimick, has been busily explaining to inquiring friends for the past week that Mr. Story was certainly ill at his home and that he hoped he would be better by the latter part of the week. The bride is a teaching young woman, Mrs. Bertha Gibson, well and favorably known to the people of Oregon City.

Wedding Announcement.

OREGON CITY, June 19.—Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Mary E. Stuppell to Mr. Gasser White, Sunday, June 21, 10:30 o'clock at the First Baptist Church in Oregon City. The wedding ceremony will be solemnized by Rev. J. H. Beaven. Both parties are well and favorably known.

New Lodge of Workmen.

OREGON CITY, June 19.—A new lodge of Workmen has been instituted at Wilamette Falls. The new lodge starts off with 17 charter members. It will fall under the name of Crystal Springs Lodge, No. 144. The following officers will preside during the first six months: Ernest Mass, Past Master Workman; Frank Harris, Master Workman; A. Buckles, Foreman; James O'Brien, Overseer; M. Manning, Recorder; J. T. Gary, Financial; E. P. Burdine, Receiver; J. Christensen, Guide; Harry Burdine, Inside Watchman; J. Rauch, A. Fromong, A. Buckles, Trustees, for one, two and three years respectively; T. E. Beard, Medical Examiner.

Dedication.

OREGON CITY, June 19.—The First Methodist Church of Oregon City will be rededicated Sunday morning with elaborate ceremony. Bishop Earl Carlson will deliver the dedicatory sermon. In the evening there will be a sermon by Rev. J. R. T. Lathrop of Portland. At 7 o'clock in the evening special league services will be conducted by A. Fiegel of Portland. The public has been cordially invited to attend and especially the congregations from other churches in the city. The Methodists announce that there will be no begging for funds as is usually the case on such occasions, as they are amply able to pay for their church without outside help.

Notes of Interest.

OREGON CITY, June 19.—Johnson & Andrews, contractors, who have charge of the remodeling work going on at the Court House, will be completing progress with the work, which will be completed in a few weeks.

A large force of men is busily engaged on the new sewer work in this city. The city has been very fortunate in being expended in sewer construction this summer. Laborers to work on the sewer are hard to find and the employment agencies of Portland have been resorted to.

More than 20 new residences have been constructed in Oregon City this season and many more are under course of construction. It has been one of the busiest building seasons in the history of the city. Not only is the city growing at a rapid rate in residences but many new business enterprises have been established. Two new furnishing goods stores have been established and half a dozen smaller stores have also been started. In every respect Oregon City is growing more rapidly at the present time than ever before in her history.

TORNADO AT MEACHAM

(Journal Special Service.) PENDELTON, June 19.—One of the most severe wind storms in the history of the county visited the Blue Mountains between Meacham and Huron Monday night.

From Huron eastward, along the sides of the mountains, hundreds of trees were twisted down and uprooted. The telegraph and telephone lines were almost completely wrecked for a distance of eight miles through the heavy timber, and at least a dozen trees, tree tops and masses of broken limbs fell across the railroad track between Huron and Meacham.

The severity of the wind may be guessed from the terrible work it did at places. Large pine trees at least three feet in diameter were twisted off and hurled down the mountain sides. In places small groves of black pines were all blown down and every rotten treetop on the mountain was broken off.

At Meacham at least one-fourth of the magnificent black pine grove in the O. R. & N. station and hotel reserve was uprooted or broken down.

The wind came from the northwest and lasted for about an hour; at its worst stage.

The damage case of G. W. Allen of Kamela against the O. R. & N. for the killing of a deaf and dumb child by an engine near Kamela in 1901 was postponed at Union.

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GRADUATION DAY AT O. A. C. OF CORVALLIS

Twenty-nine Members of Class Given Diplomas—Prosperous Institution.

(Journal Special Service.) CORVALLIS, Or., June 19.—The closing exercises at the Oregon Agricultural College which occurred Wednesday were largely attended by the many friends and relatives of the graduating class, besides a large number of people from Albany, Salem and Eugene. The salutatory by Miss Mable Abbe, was beautifully rendered, and John Edwin Johnson as valedictorian, delivered his oration with much feeling and carried his audience with him to the end.

The address to the class by Governor George E. Chamberlain was full of good advice to the young people who were about to launch out into the world to shift for themselves.

Hon. James K. Weatherford, President of the Board, presented the diplomas, after which the degrees were conferred upon the 29 members of the class by President Gatch of the O. A. C. One of the most interesting features of the morning program was the vocal selections by Mrs. Jennie Houghton Edmundo of Seattle. She has a brilliant voice, full of pathos and sweetness of tone, which goes down deep into the hearts of her hearers.

In the evening was the reunion of the alumni at which the new class of 1903 were presented to their alma mater. Thus closes one of the most successful school years of the O. A. C. The enrollment during the year was over 500 students. Every county in the state of Oregon is represented in the school. Ten states of the United States and also Japan come in for recognition.

FIRST AUTOMOBILE SEEN

BURNS, June 19.—A real live automobile caused considerable stir on our streets last Monday afternoon. It was known it would arrive as the chauffeur had come in Sunday night after gasoline, the tank having been punctured at Silver Creek allowing all the fuel to leak out. It was in charge of N. H. Jackson, who is trying to make the trip from San Francisco to New York in an automobile, a feat that has never yet been accomplished. He came via Lakeview and Burns, all former attempts to make the trip in an automobile have failed on account of the sandy deserts of Nevada. He has traversed the roughest part of his route and from here it is quite probable the machine will have no trouble in making the last hour. The machine only stopped a half hour or so, but long enough for many who had never seen an automobile to examine it. It left for Ontario and will follow the line of the O. S. L. and U. P. Railroads. This was the first automobile to visit Harney County and many old men had never seen one.

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