

FRUIT PEDDLERS SEND UP A WAIL

VENDORS OF GREAT FRUITS ARE VERY INDIGNANT AT PROPOSED ACTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO RAISE LICENSES TO A PROHIBITIVE POINT.

Italian peddlers who left the sunny shores of their native land under the impression that everything in the domain of Uncle Sam was without money and without price have changed their mind. The Portland contingent, which is affected and afflicted by the proposed boost of street vendors' licenses from \$15 to \$100 or more, is sure it has picked the wrong country.

The license committee of the council believes that street vendors are a nuisance. Their souls fail to respond to the appeals of the man who disposes of ancient bananas and who saves oranges from the garbage wagon, and even the man with plaster of Paris casts and the boy with ragged carriages, as well as the candy man, are to be taxed and taxed up to the limit, perhaps even a little beyond it.

The license committee will proceed against the street vendors on the theory that they are vending not for profit and that prohibitive legislation should be enacted. Fees are to be raised from \$15 to \$100 a quarter and if the crop of peddlers seems to be still heavy, other raises will be made.

"Take de men, all time take de mon," scornfully remarked one of the "orange-men" when told of the city's plan. After making this brief remark on the greed of the municipal body he said things in Castile that only a countryman could understand.

Another vendor, who sported a sign that read a block off, "ten cent dose" and which on closer investigation proved to hold the word half before the "dos," had positive opinions.

"I sell banana, what is bad, that in what I get cheap, I sell 'em cheap and poor folks can buy 'em. I have truck from de river and let poor folks have it cheap and they make me pay big. It's nothin' but hold-up that's what it is."

"Candy merchant, sold of working until late at night keeping him and string insects of various sorts from their stocks so that the passing taste for sweets might be satisfied, and informed that they would move their long carts with their loads of various sweets to other climes."

The vendor of plaster busts who sells "de George Wash and de Garibaldi" also "de Saint Pat and de Abe Link" only stared in open mouthed amazement when told that the city fathers had taken a personal interest in his vocation and expected to make him pay dollars where he had paid dimes. He had no remarks to offer, except he suggested that a purchase of "de George Wash" might be a fine investment. Whether a dim idea filtered into his mind that the father of his country might have been easier on a hard working peddler or not, was not evident.

The more intelligent fruit peddlers contend that their business is as meritorious as that of the grocer and the house man and that they are as valuable to the city as the itinerant Chinese "washee" man. They represent that by taking fruit from front street houses just as this fruit is turning to ripe old age, they are not only saving the city of dollars to the commission men and growers, but that otherwise would be lost, but that they enable the poorer classes to have fruit the year round, when if current prices were always to prevail, these people would never know the taste of an orange or banana. But the sentiment of the entire army of street peddlers, and they number several scores, was that they would wash the dust of the ungrateful Portland from

MORMONS TO HOLD CONFERENCE HERE

The annual conference of elders, and laymen of the western district, Church of Jesus Christ, Latter Day Saints, will be held Sunday in the hall in the Alisky building. There will be public services at 10 a. m., 2 p. m. and 8 p. m., besides business meetings for members only.

The conference will be presided over by Joseph E. Robinson of the California and Oregon mission. Elder Robinson is a native of Kanab, Utah. He has served a number of terms as member of the legislature of Utah. He has been engaged in missionary work four years, this part of the west being his particular field of labor. Mr. Robinson is described as being a very eloquent and forceful speaker.

A special musical program has been prepared for Sunday's services. A large number of elders from neighboring missions is expected to attend the conference.

There will probably be 15 elders in attendance from Portland district. About five of these devote their time to work in Portland. At the business sessions new fields of labor will be assigned to the elders.

Elder Robinson will arrive Friday and will remain a short time after the conference to investigate the condition of the work here.



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AT THE THEATRES

"WHAT HAPPENED TO JONES"

For the last week of the Neil-Morocco company's engagement at the Baker theatre they will present the popular Broadway farce, "What Happened to Jones." The play is one that seems with comedy possibilities.

"A GIRL FROM DIXIE"

"A Girl From Dixie" comes to the Marquam Grand theatre tonight and tomorrow night with a special price matinee tomorrow afternoon at 2:15 o'clock.

The plot of "A Girl From Dixie" revolves around the fortune which belongs to Nick Calvert, but which, through a mistake, has been given to Kitty Calvert. Kitty is a southern girl, and when the play begins she is attending a district school at Tamarack, Md. Nick Calvert is her cousin, and although he knows that the fortune given to Kitty is his right, he refuses to claim it. The greater portion of the plot hinges on this event. Among the clever people in the cast will be found Beatrice Bronte, D. L. Don, Thomas J. Keogh, Charles K. French, Charles H. Bower, Charles H. Scheffer, Cecil Leigh, Charles Bentley, Essie Lyons, Olga May and Vlety Gaia. Seats are now selling for the three performances.

SOME GENERALS AT MARQUAM

The Boer war officers, General Joubert and Captain O'Donnell, will give an illustrated talk at the Marquam Grand theatre, Tuesday night, May 10. The Butte Daily Miner, February 18, says: "Both the lectures were full of humorous descriptions of incidents in the war and the speakers were frequently interrupted with applause and laughter. The pictures gave a very vivid idea of scenes and incidents in the war."

TONIGHT AT CORDAY'S

The "Punkin' Husker" is meeting with big success at Corday's theatre. The mirth-provoking rural play and the new scale of summer prices have undoubtedly made a hit.

"MY WIFE" COMING

Commencing next Sunday afternoon the Platt & Stevenson company will present the latest eastern comedy-drama, "My Wife," at Corday's. This comedy is highly recommended by both press and public wherever presented by this company.

"THE SIGN OF THE FOUR"

The Sherlock Holmes play at the Baker theatre is one of the most striking of the Neil-Morocco company's repertoire.

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O. B. & H. Wages Selling Dates for May, June, July, August, September, October.

May 11, 12, 13, June 16, 17, 18, July 1, 2, 3, August 5, 6, 10, September 5, 6, 7 and October 3, 4, 5 the O. B. & H. will sell 90-day return tickets to St. Louis for \$17.50; to Chicago, \$17.50. Stopovers allowed going and returning. Going time 10 days from date of sale. Full particulars of C. W. Stinger, city ticket agent, Third and Washington streets.

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LOW RATES FOR SHIP CHARTERS

FRENCH VESSEL ENGAGED TO LOAD GRAIN FOR ENGLAND AT 125-ANT RATE BELOW 200 IN SAID BY SHIP OWNERS TO BE SE-LOW COST—WHEAT IS TOO HIGH.

That charter rates are steadily on the decline was again shown yesterday when the French ship Marshal de Noailles was engaged to load grain at Portland for the United Kingdom at 125. The vessel was taken by Balfour, Guthrie & Co., and is for immediate loading. The same company chartered a ship a short time ago to load on the sound at the same rate.

With these two exceptions there has not been a vessel chartered during the past two months for spot business at less than 200, while a number which have been fixed for new crop loadings have received as high as 275 60. At the way the quotations stood a month ago the representatives of the shippers were confident that the low rate period was a matter of the past. They were looking forward to the time when there would be some profit to be derived from the operation of vessels, and they were led to believe that such a time was near at hand. But when a rate of 125 is accepted they state that there is no money to be made at the business, and if they should happen to come out even on the deal they consider that they are doing well.

But exporters say that these low rates are not indicative of the true condition of the charter market. Both vessels taken, they explain, are Frenchmen. To the idle for any great length of time means a big loss to them, as their government allows a big bounty for every mile they traverse of the sea. Hence, it is claimed, their owners are desirous to keep them moving in order to bring their earning capacity from the government up to the highest possible figure. The shippers declare that it would be impossible to engage a British or German ship at the present time for less than 200, and for that reason they contend that any rate accepted by the Frenchmen is no criterion of the true condition of the market.

It is the general belief, however, that the rates will remain at a low figure as long as the local price of wheat remains as high as it is. They are of the opinion that it will have to get on a parity with the Liverpool market before there is any material change in the charter situation.

MARINE NOTES

Astoria, May 6.—Arrived at 5 a. m.—Steamer Chico, from Lady Smith, B. C. Arrived down at 5 and sailed at 6 a. m.—Steamer Prentiss, for San Francisco.

Arrived down at 8 a. m.—Schooner C. S. Glendon, from Astoria.

Left up at 9:30 a. m.—German bark Nal.

San Francisco, May 6.—Sailed at 10:40 a. m.—Steamer Alliance, for Portland, at any port.

Astoria, May 5.—Arrived down at 1:30 p. m.—British Steamer Indramanah.

Arrived at 1 p. m.—Barkentine John Smith, from San Pedro.

San Francisco, May 6.—Sailed—Barkentine Northwest, for Portland.

Astoria, May 6.—Condition of the bar at 5 a. m.—Smooth; wind west; weather cloudy.

PLOT OF GAMBLERS

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ran, 30 miles from Corvallis, and had had no opportunity to reply earlier to the paper's inquiry concerning his stand upon the amending of the charter. He was called up by telephone and asked to define his position. Mr. Mays replied that he had always been in favor of having the city elections separate from the county and state elections. "I was a member of the legislature three years ago," said Mr. Mays, "when the effort was made to have a charter enacted, and one of the features that I insisted upon was the separate city elections. At the same session I introduced the bill authorizing the commission which framed the present charter. While I would not say, on any subject, that I would do several months hence, I have always been in favor of separate city elections, and know of no reason to change my position."

Ten Withhold Answers. A. A. Courtenay and Sigmond, each Republican nominees for state senator, and George W. Holcomb, Jr., Thomas Crang, A. J. Capron, S. B. Linthicum, M. F. Henderson, W. R. Hudson, Madison Welch, B. E. Colwell, Republican nominees for state representatives, have refused to place themselves on record.

What is the meaning of their silence? Are these 10 silent candidates already committed to the gamblers' scheme? Perhaps they would have the public understand that they, like the Oregonian, regard it as "impudence" and "gall" for the voters to insist upon knowing the attitude of the candidates who are seeking their votes.

No candidates whose hands are free and whose opinions are his own, can properly refuse his constituents information as to his stand upon an issue so important as the preservation and protection of the charter.

If these 10 nominees have no ideas upon the advisability of retaining the charter in its present form, their ability to serve as legislators may well be questioned. If their votes are already promised to the gamblers' scheme, their unfitness needs no argument. If their silence indicates simply an arrogant indifference to the people's will, they may receive just retribution when the ballots are counted in June.

Preferred Stock Canned Goods. Allen & Lewis' Best Brand.

Successful New Industry. About the first of the year the Western Mantle Company moved into larger and more convenient quarters on East Morrison street, near Grand avenue, where they manufacture the famous fabric called Welsbach Gas Mantles.

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that the output of their factory now holds is evidence that they have carried out their intention to the letter.

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Because Kinloch is not a ready-mixed paint, and in buying it you pay a fair price for the concentrated and Pure Paint alone, and the market price for Raw Linseed Oil, and know what you are getting, instead of paying the ready-mixed paint price for the canned "oil" that constitutes half its bulk, when the market price for the pure oil is only about one-third that you have to pay for the canned oil in the ready-mixed.

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