

TROUBLE AT FAIR COMING TO A HEAD

State Commission Will Have Important Opinions Tomorrow as to Its Authority.

BELIEVED THAT THEY WILL BE FAVORABLE TO IT

Legislator Who Helped Pass Exposition Measure Writes in Commendation of Stand.

The trouble in the exposition, that which concerns the exposition corporation and the state commission, will come to a head tomorrow, when Attorney W. W. Cotton and Earl A. Minor, retained by the state commission as counsel, will render an opinion as to the respective rights of the bodies. It is understood it is in fact, assumed—that the opinion will be favorable to the state commission and that it will consider the question from all points of view, incorporating the national government act as well as the legislative act of the 1903 legislature.

Hope All Will Be Pleasant. All concerned are hoping that a satisfactory adjustment of the dispute will be arrived at. This meeting of the corporation will argue its case on the basis of the opinion of the attorney-general, dated more than a year ago, which upholds the corporation as the initiative power. That it is such the commission does not deny, but they claim certain rights which the corporation has not as yet seen fit to recognize.

President Jefferson Myers of the state commission this morning received a letter from M. M. Davis, a member of the 1903 legislature who voted for the Lewis and Clark appropriation, in which he says: "Dear Sir—I have just read in today's papers of the controversy between the Lewis and Clark fair corporation officials and the state commission, and I write to commend you and the commission for the stand you have taken, and trust that you will adhere to it to the end."

It appears to me that the corporation officials have forgotten a very important point in the promotion of the fair, and that the attorney-general, as well as the state officials have overlooked the same matter. While it was no doubt better, and possibly necessary, that a corporation should have been organized to exploit and carry on the fair, and that it would have been unwise for the city, or even the state, to take up and assume the whole responsibility of giving it, still all will acknowledge that it would have been an impossibility for the Lewis and Clark fair corporation to have exploited and carried the fair to a successful issue without the guarantee and financial aid of the state of Oregon.

State Aid Necessary. To my mind the provisions of section 6 of the Lewis and Clark bill were wisely drawn. It is a pity that some of the members of the corporation itself, the exhibitors, concessionaires and visitors, the states and foreign countries, would not guarantee that the promises of the fair corporation would be carried out; that the regulations, etc., would be just; that the exhibitors would have just and impartial treatment. The fair board could not give a guarantee that would assure a successful exhibit and attendance, so the aid and the moral support and guarantee of the state was solicited.

The legislators intended the fair with the moral guarantee of the whole state of Oregon and the people have paid \$500,000 in taxes for financial support and the fair is assured; but how could the state guarantee (and assure it) that all these matters would be carried on in a just and impartial manner, except the commission created by the state for that purpose has some voice or advisory control of the regulations governing the fair?

It is simply that now after the fair appears to be a success they assume that they alone have accomplished it, and that they are capable and have the right to assume all the responsibility and reap all of the honors, and this might be all right if they could do so, but this they can not do. The world still holds the state responsible and success is not written till the fair is closed."

FRIEND AND MONEY GONE.

J. C. Burdge came from Oklahoma to Portland a few days ago, accompanied by J. Hoagland, to whom he says he loaned \$100 and took Hoagland's note for the amount. He charges that last night about 10 o'clock, a room in the Kingston hotel, corner Third and Taylor streets, where both were lodging, Hoagland claimed he was ill and got up and went to get fresh air. When Burdge awoke this morning Hoagland had not returned, and his note for \$100, together with \$35 in cash, were missing from Burdge's purse. The police are looking for Hoagland.

NEW CORVALLIS OFFICIALS.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Corvallis, Or., May 16.—City officials elected are as follows: Mayor, A. J. Johnson, by majority; chief of police, W. G. Lane, 43; police judge, E. P. Gifford; treasurer, W. McLagan; councilmen, First ward, George Lilly; Second, G. A. Covell; Charles Hout; Third, Frank Francisco.

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FIREMEN'S WAGES TOO LOW, SAYS CHIEF

Many Resignations in Past Few Months Because of the Poor Pay.

WORK MORE ARDUOUS THAN THAT OF PATROLMEN

Head of Department Makes Strong Plea for Increase for Fire Fighters.

"We have had 61 resignations from the fire department since July 1, 1904," said Chief Campbell today. "The majority were due to the fact that the firemen are not receiving sufficiently large salaries. A man will not work in the fire department for 25 a month when he can get a better job at higher wages on the outside."

Chief Campbell is heartily in favor of the proposed increase in the salaries of the firemen, as he believes that it is the only plan that will prevent the resignations of many of his best men. "I hope the executive board and the council will grant the men the increase," continued he, "for they deserve it. I believe a fireman should receive as large a salary as a policeman, for his work is more arduous and he has greater expense. A fireman will purchase four new suits of clothes while a policeman is wearing one. This is due to the fact that the men spoil so many uniforms while fighting fires."

"When a fireman enters the department he has to purchase a uniform, fireman's hat, rubber coat, mattress and bedclothes, and a whole month's salary is gone before he begins to work. We are now planning to purchase mattresses and blankets for the department, so the men will not have to furnish them. We cannot do all this at one time, but will gradually purchase the supplies."

The chief is in favor of a graduated scale of wages for firemen. He believes a man should be paid \$45 a month for the first six months; \$70 for the second six and \$75 for the third six. He believes in raising the salaries of lieutenants to \$80 a month and captains to \$85.

"I believe such a scale of wages would be very satisfactory," said he. "If a man started to work at \$85 he would know that he would receive \$5 advance if he remained six months and another \$5 if he continued in the department another six months. At the end of 18 months he would receive the sum of \$100 a month, which would be a position which would command a salary of \$80 a month. This would give him some incentive for which to work and would hold the men in the department."

SANITARY CONDITIONS BAD AND CHILD DIES

Little Elva May, the 7-year-old daughter of William May of 250 W. 12th street, died of diphtheria today after a brief illness. City Physician Dr. J. C. Zee, and Dr. Albert E. Fisher, attending physician, went to the May home early this morning. There were very few accommodations for caring for the sick child, and it was decided to remove her to St. Vincent's hospital. Deputy Health Officer W. Beutelspacher was ordered to bring an ambulance, but he arrived at the May home half an hour after the little girl died. The body was buried a few hours later.

A little 3-year-old boy in the family is ill with the dread disease, but the physicians have hopes of his recovery. The sanitary conditions at the house in which the May family resides are very bad. The deputy health officer stated that W. K. Smith, the owner, was notified three months ago to put sanitary plumbing in the place, but the instructions were not obeyed. Plumbing Inspector Hulme will make an examination of the place and will take steps to force the property owner to make the necessary improvements.

FORESTERS SELECT THEIR COMMITTEES

At this morning's session of the grand council of Oregon Foresters of America the following committees were appointed: Credentials, Walter Toose, F. T. Bourgeois and A. L. Brown; Distribution, F. C. Thompson, A. B. Daigly and J. A. Sutherland; Laws and regulations, A. Brauer, J. A. Brown and E. C. Gibson; Acts, George Johnson, E. M. Lance and J. E. West; Appeals and grievances, L. E. Jones, Frank Kennedy and A. E. Wilson; Finance and taxation, E. M. Lance, W. Toose and C. R. Iwan; State of order, D. M. Bain, Dr. N. McLaren and George Johnson; Mileage and per diem, J. L. Yeager, Frank Kennedy and A. E. Wilson; Press, W. E. Snyder, Paul Gysler and G. G. Sackerson; Rules, W. D. Marshall, J. J. Johnson and A. E. Schwafke.

WANT MORE TIME ON PANAMA PROPOSALS

If the dates for consideration of bids for lumber for Panama canal construction are not extended by the canal commission it is believed by Portland firms that the lumber mills of this city will be practically precluded from bidding for the business. The Portland chamber of commerce has telegraphed to the commission, protesting against this limitation, and asking that the time be extended.

TORRENT STATUE UNVEILED.

Memphis, Tenn., May 16.—Tribute was paid today to General Nathan B. Forrest when the Nathan equestrian statue to the noted cavalry leader was unveiled in the presence of thousands of Confederate veterans and other visitors from Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana and other states. The statue is placed in Forrest Park, where a vast crowd of people congregated to witness the unveiling ceremony. The invocation was by Bishop Gallor, and the prayer of the day was delivered by General George W. Gordon.

WALTER INGALLS MISSING.

A report from the St. Charles hotel to the police states that Walter T. Ingalls, who occupied room No. 224, has been missing since April 14, without any known reason. He left his baggage and personal effects in the room. He is 27 years old; 5 feet 10 inches tall; smooth-faced and dark complexioned.

STOLE THE FLOWERS JUST FOR A JOKE

Tom Lewiston Desired to Show Respect for Judge Bellinger's Memory.

HUMOROUS BARTENDERS TAKE THEM FROM HIM

And Then Have Once Wealthy Old Man Arrested for Disorderly Conduct.

When Tom Lewiston had plenty of money and rode around town in stylish turnout he had many friends and was a social lion. Now he is old and sick and dependent, and his friends have deserted him.

Filled with respect for the memory of the late Judge Bellinger, his friend Lewiston walked to the east side and induced a friend named Bancroft to give him some roses from the bushes in his yard. Some roses he intended placing on the grave of his dead friend. But unfeeling bartenders stole his roses for a "joke," and then old Tom Lewiston almost lost his mind. He begged and pleaded for the return of the roses, and when the alleged "jokers" continued to withhold them from him he caught hold of their clothing and followed them around, raving one minute and the next pitifully beseeching the saloonmen to return the roses.

A policeman placed the old man under arrest on the charge of disorderly conduct. He appeared in the police court, almost broken-hearted, to answer the complaint this afternoon. Judge Hogue heard his story, and placed a bartender for a saloon at Fourth and Washington streets, where Lewiston said the roses were stolen, on the witness stand.

The witness testified and squirmed uncomfortably under fire. He was not sure what became of the roses. Finally he expressed the opinion that if they were taken from old Tom, the other bartender took them.

"I will continue this case until tomorrow," said Judge Hogue, sternly. "and I want that other bartender in court at that time. If I find this fellow's story true—and I believe every word he has said—I will make an example of some smart fellows around here that have no feeling at all for an old man who desires to pay his last sad tribute to the memory of a departed friend."

TOO MUCH SILVER IN GOVERNMENT'S VAULTS

Treasury Experts in San Francisco to Devise Better System for Redemption of Coin.

(Journal Special Service.) San Francisco, May 16.—Thomas E. Rogers and G. C. Bruns, special agents of the United States treasury department, are in the city making investigations into the conduct of local treasury officials. Charles H. Kent, assistant secretary of the treasury, is expected to arrive within a few days. It is thought by some that the presence of the Washington men here is to complete an investigation that will cause the turning of government affairs in this city.

On good authority, however, it may be stated that the government agents are here to investigate the accumulation of silver in the San Francisco sub-treasury and devise a better system for the redemption of silver coin. Millions of silver dollars have accumulated in the sub-treasury, the officials of which have refused to take a large quantity of small coin proffered by the street railroads, who are obliged to send the money east, although they made a strong protest.

Not only the sub-treasury, but the mint has also come in for a thorough inspection. Several irregularities in the conduct of federal officers have recently found their way into print, and these will also be made the subject of investigation.

MERRILL SAYS HE WILL NOT BE PUT OUT

A report is current that an effort will be made at the meeting of the city council tomorrow to displace Fred Merrill from membership, on the charge that in the primary campaign he sent to employees of the city letters soliciting their support, contrary to the provisions of the charter. The report could not be verified, although the statement was made positively that such action was contemplated. Councilman Merrill was asked if he had heard such a rumor, and answered: "This is the first intimation that such a report has been started, and I refuse to believe that there is any truth in it. It is not denied that letters were sent me employed by the city, but they were not sent to them as employees, but in common with hundreds of letters mailed indiscriminately to citizens; the names were taken from lists that included men of all occupations."

"If such action were attempted it would fail, and I wish to say further, that if there be such attempted action it will emanate from Councilman Shafter, who does not want me in the council. But there's nothing in the whole business, anyway."

TAFT'S PANAMA RULING RAISES BIG PROTEST

(Journal Special Service.) Washington, May 16.—Secretary Taft's decision to go to the world's markets for shipping supplies for the Panama canal, met a storm of protest from the protection wing of the Republican party. It is understood that all members of the commission except Taft are against the proposition. It is said that strong protest will be brought to the president to overrule Taft's decision.

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CLAIM IS FILED AGAINST ESTATE

Chris Bender, One of the Heirs, Wants Bill Allowed for Services Rendered.

MANY FRIENDS ATTEND FUNERAL OF MRS. DAVIS

Will Hold Eighth Grade Examinations in Linn County Public Schools.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Albany, Or., May 16.—When the late Julius Gradwohl, a pioneer merchant of this city, died he left a will, and one of the legatees was Chris Bender, who received a bequest of \$200. Yesterday Bender filed a claim against the estate of \$146 for services rendered and supplies furnished. The claim had previously been filed against the estate, and the executrix, a niece of the deceased, had allowed \$4.10, and the claim has now been presented in court.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Dora B. Davis, who died in Portland late Saturday night, was held yesterday afternoon at Muddy, 20 miles south of this city, near her old home. A large number of the friends of the deceased attended the funeral from this city. Mrs. Davis was formerly the wife of the mayor of this city, Dr. W. H. Davis, but was divorced from him last fall.

The eighth grade examinations in the public schools of this county, where examinations were not held at the regular time last month, will be held this week, beginning Thursday and Friday. Under the new law the chairman of the board will have supervision of the work in each district. The questions were sent out last evening by the county superintendent, and the work will be undertaken in 25 districts, a total of 175 pupils taking the examinations this time.

E. E. Tilton, E. L. Jones and F. W. Blythe, the three college students who recently went to Gearhart to attend the college Y. M. C. A. convention, returned to this city last evening.

A party of Michigan people arrived here yesterday afternoon and will live at Mill City. The party, headed by George Ewoks, consists of his family, two grown sons, two married daughters with their husbands and children. The Women of Woodcraft last night elected these officers for the coming term of six months, beginning July 1: Mary J. Achenbach, past guardian neighbor; Edna Warner, guardian neighbor; Florence Ross, adviser; Clara Hand, magician; Alice Schoel, attendant; Rebecca Viereck, captain of the guards; Pearl Cameron, usher sentinal; Maggie Moe, outer sentinel; Mary Crowder, manager; Lola Junkin, musician.

ELECTING SUCCESSOR TO CONGRESSMAN HEMENWAY

(Journal Special Service.) Indianapolis, Ind., May 16.—A special election is being held today in the first congressional district to fill the vacancy caused by the election of Representative Hemmenway to the United States house of representatives. The Republican candidate is Judge John H. Foster of Evansville, and his Democratic opponent is Major Guy V. Menzies of Mount Vernon, a non-in-law of the late Governor Hoar of Indiana. The Republicans are confident of suc-

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