

MEMBERS HOLD BAYER RESPONSIBLE FOR BILL

Disgruntled Contractor, They Call Him, and Declare the Provisions of the Measure Now Before Legislature Would Largely Increase Expenses of School District.

Members of the city board of education are extremely indignant over the introduction of house bill No. 219, which provides, among other things, for increasing the membership of the board from five to seven, and for the election of an architect who must be a member of the American Institute of Architects.

The three members of the board who were seen today expressed themselves as strongly opposed to the bill and to the American Institute of Architects. J. C. Bayer, who introduced the bill to vent a personal spite against the present board.

"It is simply a scheme on the part of certain people to get their anger in," said Herman Wittenberg. "I blame Bayer more than anyone else. Bayer has always been a disgruntled contractor and I have no objection in saying that he has more than any other person, been disrespectful and ungentlemanly in his actions toward the members of the board."

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LINE DEFINITELY PROMISED TO TAP MINES NEAR MEDFORD.

Chapin Bill Invalidates All Passes and Solons Must Pay Fare Going Home.

Exhaustible supplies of coal lie in the mountains back of Medford, according to H. C. Garnett, of the southern Oregon city, who is in Portland with Mrs. Garnett. Mr. Garnett says that a railroad will be in operation between Medford and the mines by July, and that the coal can be distributed to all parts of the state. In speaking of the resources of the mines and the development of the Rogue river country, Mr. Garnett said: "The greatest thing that has happened to Medford in a long time has been the opening of the coal mines. They lie about six miles southeast of the city on the wagon road, but when a railroad is constructed the distance will be cut down to four miles. The supply of coal is inexhaustible. Experts have found a vein of coal 15 feet deep and superior to any in the northwest. A regular fact connected with the development of the mines is that the Southern Pacific owned the property and about four years ago attempted to open it up. The company failed in its attempt and for several years nothing was done with the property. Then we secured possession of the land and went about three-fourths of a mile farther up the mountain, where the best vein was discovered."

Head Now Assured. "Since the discovery we have attempted to have the Southern Pacific build a line out to the mines, but we have countered the same delay that has characterized the operation of the copper mines all over the state. We now have the assurance that they will either build for us or allow us to use steel rails which they have there, so we can run our own line, which we will probably do."

Then we have the Blue Ledge copper mines, about 35 miles from Medford. There are 1,000,000 tons of ore lying on the ground and the work of building a smaller has been started. A railroad will be built out to the copper mines by spring and development of the property begun. "The people who own the copper mines also own the coal mines, and a large gas plant is to be built at the coal mines, which will supply the men and furnish gas for fuel purposes to Medford, Ashland, Central Point, Jacksonville and other towns and cities in the valley. "Agriculture is still booming. One company which already has 400 trees set out has 60 men at work grubbing and clearing the ground for extensions to their orchards. "We have wide-awake city officials, who are doing everything to advance our city and country, and we are growing rapidly. A fine new school building has just been completed and two new bank buildings have been completed recently. We are all prosperous and happy, and live in content in the knowledge that we have the best climate and country in the world. Also because we grow the finest apples and pears in the country."

Mr. Garnett is in Portland attending the hardware men's convention and Mrs. Garnett is visiting with friends in shopping. They are at the Imperial hotel.

Mulkey Reads Memorial to Congress. (Journal Special Service.) St. Paul, Feb. 14.—William J. Bryan, who was delayed in this city today, en route to Neillville, Wisconsin, to lecture, addressed the Minnesota editorial association this morning. He said: "Newspapers are becoming more business enterprises, losing political power, and in general deserting the field of moulding public opinion, to exclusively seek financial gain. "The man smart enough to edit a paper rarely has money enough to conduct it, and the man with money enough to own one, rarely has enough sense to run it. "Bryan says that President Roosevelt has done much and is doing much that is meeting with his approval."

Merry Couple Will Wed Anyhow. (Journal Special Service.) Wednesday, D. C., Feb. 14.—Senator Mulkey today presented a memorial from the Oregon legislature setting forth the fact that the state has become more populous since the establishment of the rural free delivery, but that the compensation of carriers is inadequate for a direct vote of the people and congress is therefore asked to propose an amendment to the federal constitution to be submitted to the several states for ratification.

Fatal Gas Explosion Occurs in Los Angeles. (Journal Special Service.) Los Angeles, Feb. 14.—An explosion of leaking gas in a restaurant near the corner of Second and Main streets in the heart of the city yesterday killed three persons, horribly injured a fourth, and half dozen others, seriously injured nearly a score more and completely wrecked a two-story brick building in which was located four small business concerns.

Object to Brix Bill in Klamath Falls. (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Klamath Falls, Or., Feb. 14.—Representative Brix's bill concerning streams capable of floating logs becoming public highways has met with a general resistance here because of the history in connection with Link river, which in its length of less than a mile and a half has a fall of 56 feet. It connects the upper Klamath lake with Lake Ewans, the latter being the source of the Klamath river.

Thaw Case Postponed Until Next Monday. (Journal Special Service.) New York, Feb. 14.—Upon agreement the attorneys in the Thaw case decided to take the deposition this afternoon of Drs. Deemer and Hageman so they can return to their homes in Pittsburgh. The testimony relates to collateral issues until Monday at 10 o'clock. In the meantime the jury will be allowed to separate and will not be confined nor under guard.

Harvest Tax Roll in Years. (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Corvallis, Or., Feb. 14.—Tax collecting is in progress at the Benton county sheriff's office. The total of taxes to be collected is \$27,337.25, the largest amount ever collected in Benton county, including the county school tax for the county purposes is \$86,543.69; for the city of Corvallis, \$5,867.25; for the city of Philomath, \$1,046.75.

By a Staff Correspondent. Salem, Or., Feb. 14.—The house has agreed to adjourn also on Saturday night, February 23, at midnight, a concurrent resolution by Northrup being adopted to that effect this morning. The house also adopted a resolution providing that no bills, except those introduced by committees, should be presented during the remainder of the session. The house is now far behind and swamped by its own business, no consideration having yet been given to senate legislation. The defeat of the Freeman compulsory pass bill by the senate practically causes the stringent anti-pass provisions in the Chapin commission bill to become ineffective at once, the Chapin bill having an emergency clause which will be operative when the governor signs. The Chapin bill anti-pass clause was amended to except officials, to whom the giving of passes is required by law, and the defeat of the Freeman bill this morning means that there will be no law requiring the issuance of passes, so exceptions in the Chapin bill will not be effective.

After the Chapin bill is signed by the governor it will be unlawful for public officials to accept or use a pass and legislators may not be allowed to return home on the passes they now hold. An effort is being made to have the senate to reconsider the vote by which the compulsory pass bill was defeated. It is hoped that a new vote may result in passing the bill.

Will Prosecute Land Fraud Cases Where He Has Secured Indictments. Francis J. Heney will return to Portland to prosecute the remainder of the land fraud cases wherein he secured the indictments. This announcement was made today by United States District Attorney W. C. Bristol, who returned this morning from San Francisco, where he has been for some time in attendance at the sessions of the United States circuit court of appeals.

Bristol stated that while in the Bay City he had a number of conferences with Mr. Heney in regard to the land fraud cases, and that the famous prosecutor declared that he is prepared to leave for Portland whenever the federal court is ready to take up the trials. Mr. Bristol stated that on account of the congested court calendar, this will not be for six or eight weeks. Bristol disposed of 16 federal cases while on his recent trip.

Saved Herself from Death by Eating Lard. (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Baker City, Or., Feb. 14.—Believing she was taking medicine prescribed by her physician, Mrs. R. B. Davis swallowed a large dose of carbolic acid this morning, but saved her life by her presence of mind in eating a large quantity of lard.

M'innville Pastor Struck Down by Train. (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Pendleton, Or., Feb. 14.—Rev. W. B. Pope, formerly pastor of the Baptist church in Pendleton, was struck by a train at Hermiston on 5 o'clock this morning and seriously injured. He held services at the Hermiston schoolhouse last night and intended to go to Portland on the morning train. He was knocked down in some way and his left arm broken and scalp cut open. He was also injured in the back, but his injuries may not be fatal. His home is in M'innville.

Suffragists Prefer Jail to Paying Fines. (Journal Special Service.) London, Feb. 14.—Of the 45 women suffragists arrested as a result of a riot in the house of commons only two this morning paid fines, 50 preferring the jail. They have been sentenced for from a week or two to several months. The first of the women who adopted a resolution that hereafter women will be admitted to the lobbies unless accompanied by members.

Building Permits. Building permits were issued this morning as follows: Mrs. George Rasmussen, one-story dwelling, Marguerite, between East Lincoln and East Grant, \$1,700; H. L. Chapin, four one-story dwellings, East Twenty-ninth, between Alberta and Wygant, \$1,900; R. A. Christensen, one-story dwelling, Albina avenue, between Station and Sellwood, \$1,500.

FINED FOR GAMBLING IN A DARKENED SALOON.

Trenchigger Injured by Runaway Team.

John Boden, proprietor of a saloon at 151 Third street, and Fred Gena, George Brown and Joe Martinis were arrested by Patrolmen Bales and Gustafson in a raid on Boden's establishment at 4 o'clock this morning. The four men were found playing poker. A charge of keeping his place of business open after hours and gambling was placed against Boden and his companions were booked for gambling. All of the men furnished bail and appeared before Judge Cameron this morning. Pleas of guilty were entered by the quartet. Boden pleaded for clemency on the ground that he did not know that he was violating the law, as long as his saloon was closed. The court fined him \$10 on the gambling charge and \$25 for not closing the saloon on time. The other three defendants escaped with \$5 fines.

While working in a ditch at East Morrison and East Water streets today, Frank Cirodulli, an employe of the Portland Gas company, was struck by the wheel of a runaway wagon and suffered severe injuries which caused his removal to St. Vincent's hospital. It is feared his injuries may be fatal. Cirodulli was in the ditch when a team belonging to the Portland Sawdust & Slabwood company came dashing down the street. Frank Reibus was the driver, but he was unable to manage the runaway team. Cirodulli rose as the team approached and a wheel struck him on the shoulder. He also received internal injuries. He was removed to the hospital in the police ambulance.

Washington Divided into Three Districts. (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Olympia, Wash., Feb. 14.—The house this morning by unanimous vote passed the bill providing for the division of the state into three congressional districts along the lines of house bill No. 8 by Representative Gregg of Spokane. If the bill passes the senate and becomes a law it will require the retirement of the present congressmen and the division is such as to leave each in one of the new districts. An attempt was made in the committee to defeat the bill by a substitute bill providing for two districts and one at large, but the substitute was down on the floor of the house and the original bill passed without a dissenting voice.

TEKOA RAILWAY STATION DESTROYED BY FIRE. Belated by the damage to telegraph lines, the news has arrived that the O. R. N. station at Tekoa was destroyed by fire Tuesday night. The fire was discovered at 11:45 o'clock. Flames were issuing from the baggage room and before anything could be done the building was burning madly and was entirely consumed. The contents were destroyed with the exception of money, tickets and records saved by the agent. A truckload of United States mail was burned. There was no damage to equipment in yards. The present station, \$5,000, including the original building. The depot was partly burned about three weeks ago. It is thought the cause of both fires was defective electric light wiring.

Foremen Seem to Have Divorce Habit. W. A. Foreman and Harry E. Foreman, father and son, are parties to divorce suits pending in the circuit court of Multnomah county. Evidently the marital troubles of the Foremans come in bunches. W. A. Foreman, the father, sued his wife, B. A., for divorce, alleging that she habitually fell into such violent fits of temper as to cause him to fear for his life. The couple were married in 1886 and have five children. Today Maud Foreman, wife of Harry, the son, sued for divorce on grounds of desertion. The couple were married in Portland in 1903.

Pendleton-Spokane Line Again Opened. (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Pendleton, Or., Feb. 14.—The second train during February over the O. R. & N. for Spokane left Pendleton this morning loaded with nearly 300 passengers who have been waiting here from the west. The train was by way of Umatilla and Wallula. The branch line to Spokane is still closed while repairs are being made, also the Washington Central railroad. It will be the first of next week before travel is resumed. The main line of the O. R. & N. now is entirely repaired.

Laundry Driver Took Coin. Manager Warren, of the Opera House laundry, Second and Everett streets, is having his time newly well occupied in an attempt to ascertain the exact amount carried off by Charles Carey, a driver, who left the employ of the company suddenly one day last month without giving his employer due notice that he wished to discontinue his connection with the firm. The whereabouts of the sloping driver is a mystery also. No clue has yet been able to lead to his apprehension.

OFFICERS ARE ALL REFLECTED.

Hardware and Implement Association Honors Those Who Have Served Already.

The officers of the Oregon Retail Hardware and Implement Association were elected at its annual session of the body. H. J. Aitmov of Woodburn was selected to the presidency; E. F. Wallis of Banks, vice-president; Frank Dayton of Portland, treasurer; F. L. Chambers of Eugene and W. A. Johnson of The Dalles, executive committee members were all named once more. The session opened this morning with a materially increased attendance, a number of delegates having arrived last night. An interesting paper on the "Display of Goods—Show, Window, etc.," by John Hardy of the Honeyman Hardware company was read by the secretary of the association. E. M. Brannick talked on "Live and Successful Salesmen and the Practice of Salesmanship." The association met again at 3 o'clock this afternoon in executive session, when the business of the convention will be wound up and final adjournment had.

Form Coast Federation. A federation of Pacific coast hardware and implement dealers has been decided upon by the representatives of the trade from Oregon, Washington and Idaho in Portland attending the annual convention of the Oregon State Retail Hardware and Implement Dealers' Association.

An effort will be made to induce the state associations in Montana, Nevada, Utah, Arizona and California to join the coast federation. This plan, as outlined, is for the delegates from the various states to meet tomorrow forenoon in the Chamber of Commerce and perfect the organization.

The banquet given to the members of the Oregon Hardware Dealers' association at the Hotel Portland last night was an elaborate affair. It was attended by over 100 hardware men from all parts of the northwest. For two hours the banquet was held in the grand ballroom of the Hotel Portland. Mayor Lane, Judge Webster, T. M. Honeyman, E. M. Brannick, John P. Carroll, Warren Scott, S. C. Pifer and Dr. R. C. Coffey were present. The banquet was given by Patton, manager of the Oregon-Moline Plow company, acted as toastmaster and general factotum of the evening.

At the executive session yesterday afternoon delegates from the various retail hardware dealers were allowed to come up. The program, however, as arranged was not changed in a discussion to change the bylaws. The question of credits also came up and provoked a wide range of discussion. The feature of the afternoon meeting was the paper by T. M. Honeyman, publisher of the Vehicle and Implement Record, of San Francisco, on "Organization, Cooperation and the Benefits Derived Therefrom." The speaker was applauded and his arguments given careful consideration.

Eloping Couple Occupied Rooms on East Side. Mrs. J. E. Clark, aged 25, and her stepson, Henry Clark, aged 22, who eloped from Salem last week, the former leaving behind a husband, to whom she had been married 10 years, and a family of two small children, have been occupying housekeeping rooms at the Otis lodging house, 371 East Burnside street, at the corner of Union avenue. They left last night, abandoning a canvas valise containing some clothing. The couple arrived last Tuesday and engaged rooms. Last night they disappeared, presumably because the reception tendered them by the mistress of the house was not the most cordial. She states that she asked them no questions and had very little to do with them after reading the story of their flight from Salem in The Journal that same evening, and says that she knows very little concerning them and nothing as to where they have gone. She expects them to return for the valise. They paid for everything.

Mrs. Clark left her home in Salem a week ago Wednesday, without intimating to her husband that she was desirous of leaving. The stepson was compelled to get along with the new mother. Later, on returning, he got along too well and the husband this time forced him to vacate the premises. A few days after the wife and stepson were also disappeared, leaving a child sick in bed.

Blockade on Northwest Lines is Raised. All transcontinental lines terminating at Portland and the sound are again open for passenger and freight traffic. The Great Northern was the last to get relief from the heavy snow blockade. Today it is announced that the road is clear through the Cascades and the North Dakota, where the worst blockades existed. The Northern Pacific's through trains are running, although somewhat behind schedule time. The Union Pacific is clear through the Cascades and the Spokane flyer, No. 4, through between Portland and Spokane for the first time in more than a week. The train will leave Portland at 7 o'clock. The famous train of the western Washington line is being rapidly repaired and train service will be resumed at all points before the close of the week. In eastern Oregon the Shanks line is the only one remaining crippled. It is thought that it will get through on this road tomorrow.

Caballa Will Be Sea Terminal of Two Roads. (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Seattle, Wash., Feb. 14.—Catalia is to be the sea terminal of two railroads, the Copper River & Northwestern and the Alaska Pacific Railway & Terminal company. On the Alaska Coast company's steamship Bertha sailing north last night were 40 men and a big quantity of supplies for the latter company. The Copper River line will commence operations about April 1. On the steamship Jeanie, sailing the latter part of the week, will be sent donkey engines, a sawmill plant and other heavy machinery necessary to start the work on the line for the Alaska Pacific company. The Copper River line is now in the control of the Guggenbims and work will be rushed.

Y. M. C. A. BUILDING FUND RECEIVES SEVERAL LARGE SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Today was a banner one for the solicitors of the building fund for the new home of the Y. M. C. A. and the money will be collected for the fund, and the workers were happier today than they have been for a long time.

They say that with aid from the people in lessening their work that much good will be accomplished, and the money will be in before the month is up. The difficulty that the solicitors have encountered in the new campaign has not been lack of willingness on the part of the people, but because many of them compel the workers to visit on subscriber several times before the subscription is signed up. The small number of committees make it almost imperative that the people who wish to subscribe on the West, visit and allow the solicitors time to call on other subscribers. The largest subscribers today were H. L. Pittock and F. W. Leadbetter, who gave \$1,500 each to the fund. Outstanding subscriptions many other good ones were received and made up a large total for the day's work. Those who gave today were: H. L. Pittock and F. W. Leadbetter, \$1,500 each; John S. Reall, the Great Falls company, \$100 each; Clay S. Morse, \$40; T. J. Raley, Charles M. Meredith and the Union Printing company, \$25 each; G. W. Simpson and Otto Roemick, \$10 each; R. H. Guthrie, \$5.

Journey to Tillamook One of Weariness. Phil Metschan Jr. of the Imperial hotel has returned from Tillamook, and says that after his arrival there he was compelled to eat his meals standing up because of the results of a horseback ride of 23 miles. Metschan was accompanied by his brother, J. W. Metschan, and William Grace. They went to Tillamook to inspect timber claims.

They left Portland and traveled by rail to North Yacolt, where they were forced to take the stage to Fairdale. From Fairdale to Trask they were compelled to ride on horses. The distance was 25 miles, and the trip was made at night. After their night journey the tired men again took the stage to Tillamook. Several days were spent in the Beaver creek country, which Mr. Metschan describes as a wonderful timber country. In climbing the trees they were urged to take the stage to Fairdale. From Fairdale to Trask they were compelled to ride on horses. The distance was 25 miles, and the trip was made at night. After their night journey the tired men again took the stage to Tillamook.

Slaps Judge Frazer Just to Show Him. C. J. W. James, an excited fellow who resides at 510 First street, came very near getting into the jail yesterday afternoon for slapping Judge Judge Frazer on the cheek. That the slap was no harder than a love pat and that James apologized both before and afterwards to the judge, the latter yesterday afternoon for slapping Judge Frazer on the cheek. That the slap was no harder than a love pat and that James apologized both before and afterwards to the judge, the latter yesterday afternoon for slapping Judge Frazer on the cheek. That the slap was no harder than a love pat and that James apologized both before and afterwards to the judge, the latter yesterday afternoon for slapping Judge Frazer on the cheek.

City Schedule of Salaries Erratic. Under the new salary schedule arranged by the council, two of the city employees will receive a higher rate of compensation than some of the draughtsmen who plan sewers and street improvements costing hundreds of thousands of dollars. Each of the teamsters will be paid \$5 a month. Some of the draughtsmen get only \$3 a month, and the highest salary paid to any of them is \$6. Axmen get \$75 a month. The same positions command a salary of from \$100 to \$125 a month with the railroad company. The inequality in