

WAGNON AMENDMENT IS SCORED BY COMMITTEE

Councilmen Recommend That So-Called Free Water Measure Be Taken Off Ballot.

BRANDED AS A DECEITFUL PETITION

Resolution of Recommendation Adopted by the Committee Plainly States That Members Believe Signers Knew Nothing of Import.

If the recommendations contained in a resolution of the city council passed yesterday by the street committee are carried out, the Wagon free water amendment to the city charter will be taken off the ballot on the June ballot. The resolution was passed by a unanimous vote of all members of the committee. It is clothed in caustic terms, and states plainly, without any reservation between the lines, that the Wagon amendment is a fraud and a cheat in so far as deception was practiced when it was presented to the council without a word being said as to its adoption in June would annul the 3-mill bridge tax.

Said resolution submitting said so-called free water amendment was adopted under a mistake as to the extent of its provisions," says the resolution, "and under a deception practiced by at least one of the principal promoters. It is the belief of the members of the council that a large portion of the signatures to the petition for such amendment were obtained under a deception and misrepresentation as to the full effect of said amendment, or at least without knowledge on the part of the signers thereof."

Take Amendment Off Ballot.

The resolution concludes by requesting that the auditor of the city of Portland be authorized not to place the proposed amendment upon the ballot, and this is the question to be threshed out before the election. Whether the amendment is on the ballot or not, it is the general impression that the amendment is defeated at the present time.

City Auditor Devlin says he of course must follow the instructions issued to him by the city council, so long as that body acts within its powers. If he is instructed not to place the measure on the ballots and the council has the power to give such instructions, he will obey them.

On the other hand H. D. Wagon, the father of the proposed amendment to section 114, which would kill all bridge work by general assessment, is not pleased at the outcome of his measure. The deception in which was first exposed by The Journal. In consequence he threatens that if the proposed amendment is

not placed upon the ballots for the people to vote upon in June, he will cause the matter to be referred to the courts for decision.

The full text of the resolution passed by the street committee of the council yesterday afternoon is as follows: Whereas, at the meeting of the council of the city of Portland held on April 1, 1907, the council passed a resolution submitting to the vote of the electors of the city of Portland at the general election to be held on the first Monday of June, 1907, a proposed amendment to section 114 of the charter of said city, known as the Wagon or free water amendment, and

Whereas, at the time of the passage of the said resolution the council was acting under the belief that said resolution was prepared in good faith and for the purpose only of making a change and alteration in the manner and system of assessing the water department of the city of Portland, and in the matter of water supply, and without any knowledge or information that said amendment as proposed would repeal and invalidate that portion of section 114 of the charter enacted by the legislative assembly in the year 1905 and ratified by the people of the city of Portland at the general election in June, 1905, providing for a tax levy of not to exceed 2 mills on the dollar of all taxable property, both real and personal, subject to taxation, for the purpose of meeting the cost of bridges across ditches and ravines in the city of Portland, one of which bridges is now under course of construction, and two of which plans and specifications are now being prepared for the construction of all of which will be paid for out of the said special-bridge fund, but cannot be so constructed or paid for in case said proposed amendment to section 114 is adopted by the electors of the city on the first Monday in June, 1907; and

Whereas, said resolution submitting said so-called free water amendment was adopted under a mistake as to the extent of its provisions, and under a deception practiced upon the council by at least one of the principal promoters thereof; and

Whereas, it is the belief of the members of the council that a large portion of the signatures to the petition for such amendment were obtained under a deception and misrepresentation as to the full effect of said amendment, or at least without knowledge on the part of the signers thereof; and

Whereas, the best interests of the city of Portland and the residents thereof would be greatly injured by the adoption of the proposed amendment; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the council, That the auditor of the city of Portland in preparation of the ballots for use at the city election to be held on the first Monday in June, 1907, be authorized and directed not to place upon such ballot or submit to the electors for their vote thereon, the said proposed amendment to section 114 of the charter of the city of Portland known as the Wagon or free-water amendment."

WASHINGTON'S RAILROADING

Report of State Commission Details Its Operations and Epitomizes History.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Olympia, Wash., April 12.—The first annual report of the railroad commission of Washington has just been delivered to the state printer. It is a volume of 360 pages, covering the period from June 23, 1905, the date on which the commission was organized, to December 31, 1906.

The first 22 pages give the general report of the commission; the remainder of the volume is divided into eight appendices, whose contents are, respectively, as follows: The constitutional provisions relating to railroads and the commission; law of 1905; opinions of attorney-generals relative to laws affecting the commission; list of informal complaints filed with the commission, with synopsis of the disposition of each; history of formal hearings held by the commission and copies of orders issued following; brief history of early railway construction in Washington, together with the mileage of railroads, steam and electric, under construction and projected in this state; history of the railroads in Washington, with statistical tables giving synopsis of financial and traffic reports made to the railroad commission; law of 1905; financial statement of the railroad commission, showing expenditures in the different departments.

Then follow the alphabetical list of the railroad stations in Washington, showing distances from Seattle, Spokane, Tacoma and Portland. The last division contains the commission law as amended by the legislature, and also the reciprocal demurrage act of the recent legislature. The volume contains a complete index of about 20 pages.

COMIC OPERA SCENE NEW TAKING DISCOUNT AT JUSTICE COURT

His Honor Kicks Contemptuous Witness Off Stand and is Arrested for It.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Great Falls, Mont., April 12.—Justice of the Peace John Q. Dempsy of Belt is under arrest for assault as the result of a wallop he gave a big burly rancher, Joe Buckingham, when the latter was brought before Justice Dempsy in the charge of jolting a pitchfork into the jaw of another man.

MRS. STEVENS IN FIVE STATES WAS A PIONEER

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Hood River, Ore., April 12.—Mrs. Harriet N. Stevens, whose death occurred at Lone Rock, Oregon, was born at Zanesville, Ohio, October 30, 1817. In 1839 she was still a child her people moved to Illinois. She was married to Oasas C. Stevens at Wetherfield, Henry county, Illinois, May 2, 1840. After some years of residence in Illinois, where two sons and one daughter were born, they moved to Texas, where they spent several years and where another daughter was born. They then went to Louisiana, where Mrs. Stevens died in 1867. She was then emigrated to Oregon, via New Orleans, New York, the isthmus, San Francisco, and Portland, finally landing in Hood River, Oregon, in 1867. In 1868 Mr. Stevens received appointment, under Captain Mitchell, at the Warm Springs Indian reservation, and spent almost two years there. They moved to Lone Rock in 1871, being among the first settlers in the valley. They resided there till 1878, when they retired on account of failing health and removed to The Dalles, where they lived till Mr. Stevens died in 1887. Mrs. Stevens had lived with her two oldest sons since her widowhood. She died at the residence of the oldest son, Charles B. Stevens, at Lone Rock, March 30, 1906, aged 89 years. She leaves a sister, Mrs. A. H. Curtis of Grand Dalles, Washington; a brother, Horace N. Gould of The Dalles; three sons, Charles B. Stevens of Lone Rock, and Oasas and Alonzo C. of Hood River, and six grandsons and five granddaughters. She was a devoted Christian and a member of the Baptist church for nearly 40 years. Her remains were laid away beside those of her husband in Sunset cemetery at The Dalles on April 2, when a large concourse of friends and relatives laid their last sad tribute to her memory.

Dyspepsia Is Caused by Germs

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who has lived here a great portion of his life. At present no one knows the location of the claim but himself, and he guards his secret very jealously. He leaves home and is gone two or three weeks at a time, ostensibly developing his property on a small scale. Some samples assayed at Grants Pass showed free milling ore running 2500 to 3400 to the ton. No one can get any information from him as to where the claim is located but he says that in the near future, when he investigates further and proves up on his claim, he will organize a stock company for its development.

OLD MAN VERY NEARLY PERISHES IN PALOUSE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Palouse, Wash., April 12.—A man 65 years old who arrived here from the east Tuesday walked off the sidewalk into the Palouse river and narrowly escaped drowning. The night was dark and the river bank full and it was with great effort that he managed to keep from going down stream with the current.

COFFEE It is a good country to live-in; such coffee as one can get; Do you get it?

Your grocer returns your money if you don't like Skillin's Best

WILL PATENT VALID ENTRIES IN OREGON

(Journal Special Service.) Washington, April 12.—Commissioner Ballinger of general land office has announced that he intends to issue patents to all valid public land entries in Oregon. He will pass to patent every entry which appears to have been made in good faith. Many claims have been held up on suspicion growing out of the extensive frauds in public lands which have developed in Oregon. He believes that Oregon has suffered unjustly in past years. It is expected that he will award patents to the holders of such claims. The patents will be issued during the coming summer.

STEVENS WILL GO TO EUROPE FOR A REST

(Journal Special Service.) New York, April 12.—John F. Stevens, former chief engineer of the Panama canal, arrived this morning from Panama. He will go to Washington and report, and then attend to private business. He thinks he will take a trip to Europe for a rest. He would be going to what has already been made public about his retirement.

OLD MINER AT MEDFORD HAS FOUND A BONANZA

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Medford, Ore., April 12.—A gold discovery in the mountains about 20 miles northeast of Medford bids fair to develop into a fabulously rich mine. The discovery was made by an old miner

DIZZINESS Believed by Simple Change of Food.

A very common cause of dizziness is the poisonous material that results from imperfect digestion.

When the stomach is unable to digest the food because of its being eaten too fast or because it is of the indigestible sort, part of it lies in the stomach and ferments, producing gas and bacteria. These bacteria (microbes) then manufacture more or less poison which is absorbed into the blood along with what little food is already digested, and the result is that headache, irritability, loss of intellect and lack of energy.

Don't get into the habit of taking medicine for such a condition, or if you've formed the habit, quit it.

Look to your food as a New York man did. He says: "I used to be so dizzy with indigestion and dyspepsia, which usually affected me directly after eating or within an hour or would become dizzy with sensation of being about to faint.

"These attacks usually lasted two or three minutes, sometimes accompanied with vomiting. (The effects of poisons produced by undigested food and bacteria.) Between these acute attacks I suffered much pain from indigestion and bloating.

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The nutritive value of Grape-Nuts is shown by the fact that, as an electrical machinist I eat nothing but Grape-Nuts and a piece of toast for breakfast, then keep on my feet all day without excessive fatigue.

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RAILWAY COMMISSIONS TO ACT IN HARMONY

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Olympia, Wash., April 12.—At the banquet given by the members of the Washington state railroad commission to the visiting railroad commissioners from Oregon and Montana a resolution was adopted providing for an organization by the commissions of the three states. The resolution was offered by Commissioner Alchison of the Oregon commission, and received the unanimous support of all the commissioners present. The discussion developed the fact that the commissions can accomplish much of mutual benefit by harmony of action. The same blank records and forms will be used by all three commissions, and where issues are involved they will be attended by members of all three. Whenever conferences are held at Portland with railroad officials by either the Oregon or the Washington commission they will be attended by members of the other commissions.

There was no jury trial at the last term of the circuit court in Harney county, and jurors served only one day.

GOOD JUDGMENT

is the essential characteristic of men and women. Invaluable to good business men and necessary to housewives. A woman shows good judgment when she buys White's Cream Vermifuge for her baby. The best worm medicine ever offered to mothers. Many, indeed, are the sensible mothers who write expressing their gratitude for the good health of their children, which they owe to the use of White's Cream Vermifuge. Sold by all druggists.

THIRTEEN CLUB DEFIES PET SUPERSTITIONS AT BANQUET

(Journal Special Service.) Washington, D. C., April 12.—A special train of 13 cars, leaving New York at 12:15 p. m., will reach Washington early this evening bringing the members of the Thirteen club of New York to this city for their annual dinner at the National hotel tonight. Previous to the dinner the members of the club will be received by the president at the White house. The dinner itself will be an occasion to shock the superstitious, for every tradition of occultism will be flouted.

The members will walk under a ladder in entering the banquet hall, and not being able to limit the guests to 13 will

do the next best thing and have 413 sit at down at the table. The black cat, which is the mascot of the club, will preside over the revels in the banquet hall, and among the decorations there will be tree frogs on gilded cages in places of canaries.

The president of the club will inaugurate the dinner by breaking a looking glass, and all the other guests will be given a chance to take a rap at it also. If anybody else has a pet superstition they want defied all they will have to do will be to mention it before the dinner, and if possible some of the members will do something to tweak the superstition's tail.

HUSBAND SOBS

(Continued from Page One.) were married in Chehalis, Washington, in 1904.

After enduring gross drunkenness on the part of her spouse for seven years, Mrs. Ruth Sheffield, wife of the late husband, William Henry Sheffield, took her to a respectable house in Bellingham in the spring of 1904. She telegraphed for money to her brother and then returned to Chehalis to resume her maiden name of Ruth Duda. The couple were married in Portland in 1906.

A quarrel over the husband's ill treatment of a step-daughter caused Mrs. Sheffield to desert in 1907, and she has since been heard from in Harney, Oregon, in October, 1906.

She was divorced from her husband by Minna Williams, Ellen Garriah was granted a divorce from William J. Garriah and Susa A. McCroskey was granted a divorce from Edward P. McCroskey. Desertion formed the cause of action in each case.

ELGIN-JOSEPH BRANCH TO BE RUSHED THROUGH

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Enterprise, Ore., April 12.—Enterprise Watson, who has charge of the work on the Elgin-Joseph branch of the O. R. & N., has just received orders to double his force and continue the work as rapidly as possible. About April 1 Mr. Watson was ordered to take his force to Wallawa and work on the roadbed between that point and Elgin. It would seem now that the railroad company intends to complete the line to 30 miles as rapidly as it can be built. The grading between Lostine and Enterprise is about half completed and between Enterprise and Joseph about two thirds of the grading has been finished.

TWO OF THE BIG PROJECTS OF SOUTHERN OREGON

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Medford, Ore., April 12.—At Gold Hill, the country, as complete a plan of 800 horsepower will soon be completed. It will furnish light and power for many of the towns of the valley. A ditch 120 miles long for floating logs and lumber, but more particularly for irrigating purposes, is about finished. This ditch will also furnish plenty of water for the adjacent mines and will aid considerably in the development of the country.

BIG HARDWARE STORE AT COLFAX IS SOLD

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Colfax, Wash., April 12.—The Garfield Land company has sold the Enterprise Hardware & Implement store worth about \$21,000, to C. E. Averill of Garfield and W. E. Southwell of Spokane. The new owners will take charge at once. Two thousand dollars worth of building material has already been ordered by the new firm for harvest trade.

BRYAN TO SPEAK AT LINCOLN MEMORIAL

(Journal Special Service.) Washington, D. C., April 12.—William J. Bryan will be the principal speaker at the Lincoln memorial exercises, to be held in the Columbia theatre tomorrow evening under the auspices of the Union Veterans league. Mr. Bryan's address, it is understood, will be entirely non-political, but he is expected to make one of the greatest oratorical efforts of his career.

HIGH RATES

(Continued from Page One.) and the last year's car shortage nearly wiped them out. They struggled along until the state legislature put through a bill to regulate the railroads, and enforce reciprocal demurrage, and up to a few weeks ago the future looked bright, when suddenly they received from the Portland freight department of the Southern Pacific a notice to the effect that on April 15 the freight rate on common green lumber from western Oregon points to San Francisco would be raised from \$5.11 to \$5.25 per thousand.

Roads Demand All.

As the mills as making a profit of but \$2.50 per thousand on their output, and the freight rate is increased \$3.19 per thousand, the millmen are again up against a heart-breaking situation. The Southern Pacific company proposes to appropriate their entire profit, and the millmen say they cannot continue to operate.

It is becoming a question of intense interest among Oregon millmen and shippers generally as to where the demand for an increased lumber rate originated. They have in the past believed their troubles with the Southern Pacific company arose from a too far removed source of authority in the railroad management. They are beginning

INSTRUMENTS RECORDED IN WALLAWA COUNTY

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Enterprise, Ore., April 12.—The number of instruments filed for record in the county clerk's office for Wallawa county during the year just past exceeding by fully 10 per cent the work in the clerk's office is performed by three persons, and all legal instruments are copied in the records with the type in excellent condition.

Struck by a Streetcar

Patrolman Carlson made the following report April 8 on a street car accident in which a man named Frazier was injured. The accident occurred at the intersection of the street and the railroad tracks. The patrolman's report follows:

"On the 7th of April, 9:45 p. m., Mr. Frazier was struck by R. S. car No. 149 and injured internally. He was attended by Dr. Bueh but has not been noticed by the street car officials up to the present time and has had very little attention. Experts he will receive attention now as his case is in the hands of Attorneys Banks and O'Day."



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