

CITY PAY TO BESESSE: OFFICIALS' ACTIVITY

Multnomah county's officials, or most of them, are doomed to have some anxious moments before the adjournment of the next legislature. The county assessor, the county treasurer, the county auditor, the county clerk, all are slated to have portions of their salaries lopped and their limits of action annulled provided the members of the Multnomah delegation who are after them get what they go after.

The prospective storm, of course, is all due to the fact that there is a feud among the politicians of Multnomah county. It is charged that there is a "courtroom gang" or a "county administrative machine" both in active and inoperative in course of additional construction. It is charged that the county assessor, the county auditor, the county treasurer and their departments and deputies are in a more or less close corporation established for the control or direction of Multnomah county politics.

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The outcome of the first heat was no surprise to the spectators and competing teams, and it was predicted that the Americans would have no difficulty in winning the event. This race had been considered to be one of the easiest without question by everyone who had watched the work of the various contestants.

Melville Sheppard of the Irish-American team of New York won the second heat 4:05, establishing a new record two fifths of an ounce better than Lightbody's at the Olympic games at St. Louis.

J. Halstead of the New York Athletic club finished second, and Butterfield of England finished third.

REV. RYDQUIST

Wolverton Overrules Demurrer of O. R. & N. in Government Case.

Judge Wolverton in the federal court this morning overruled a challenge by demurrer to the complaint of the United States against the O. R. & N. Railroad company in a case concerning the loading cars for feed, rest and water of livestock.

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Dominick Carazza is the night bartender on Fourth and Sheridan streets. He is gloating over the fact that he is still alive. Saturday evening he was shot by a man who came into his saloon and bombarded him with glasses and spittoons. He would not swear out a warrant for the arrest of his assailant.

UMBRELLA STOPPERS

Elia Brunfield was fined \$10 in the municipal court this morning for assault and battery on Mrs. Freda Lane. The two women fought over some money and Brunfield was charged with assault and battery on Lane.

WEDS. L. NEMES: WIVES' EMPIRE

Tsi An Thinks to Patch Up Everything by Political Marriage.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Hongkong, July 13.—Fearing the economical board are hurriedly conferring today in an endeavor to fix a propitious day for the wedding of the son and daughter, respectively, of the houses of Yuan Shi-Pai and Chang Chih-Tung. The principals in the proposed wedding are either members of the dowager empress is not worrying about that, because she believes she can unit the warring progressive and conservative parties and the head of the progressive party and Miss Chang is the daughter of the head of the conservative party. Their union, the empress believes, will settle the old feud.

Failure of the board to act promptly when commanded to set the day for the wedding has led the empress to believe that there is a plot on foot to defeat her scheme. She has issued an order that the day be set immediately.

TO CALL DRYAN A DEMAGOGUE

Taft's Letter of Acceptance to Contain Choice Line of Expletives.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Hot Springs, Va., July 13.—Taft spent the entire day in his study dictating his speech of acceptance that will be delivered at Cincinnati when the nomination of his nomination as a Republican candidate for president is formally made. Taft received no visitors today and announced that he would receive none during the rest of the week.

The speech will be an outline of the history of the two parties. Taft says he will take a whole week for its preparation, because he wants to get it short enough.

Mr. Freeborough Bryan will be censured as a demagogue. His leadership, Taft will say, has been populist, demagogic and revolutionary.

HITS BOTTOM BUT IS SAVED

H. V. Freeborough, an employe of the Honeyman Hardware company, narrowly escaped drowning in the Willamette yesterday afternoon. After he had ceased struggling and was sinking for the last time he was pulled above water by his brother-in-law, William Whitehead, who was swimming at the Oregon Furniture factory.

Mrs. Freeborough was on the river bank and saw her husband struggling in the water. Although her husband was revived in a few minutes and then seemed little the worse for his experience, his wife is today still from the shock, which produced nervous prostration.

Mr. Freeborough and wife and brother, J. A. Freeborough, went down to the river yesterday near the Oregon Furniture factory. In following went beyond his depth, having eaten a hearty meal only a short time before.

Twice he sank and once went to the bottom, not less than 30 feet at that place, although he was only a little more than 30 feet from shore. As he was sinking for the third time he was caught by Whitehead, whose attention was attracted by the cries of those on shore. The sinking man was several feet beneath the water when Whitehead reached him and pulled him to the bank. In two or three minutes he was revived.

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LONG RIDE TO FIND ONLY MAN IN CUPS

Policeman Jefferson Ogg did not report off duty the other morning. His report in explanation of his absence at the police station was hailed by an excited automobilist and a waiting-room by the Oaks management where he was arrested for being drunk.

Examination by a physician showed that he was not badly hurt. He was fined \$25 in the police court.

LUMBER MILL AT SILVERTON RESUMES

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Silverton, O., July 13.—After having been shut down about four weeks, the Silvertown Lumber company's mill in this city is expected to start up this month. The company has received eastern orders for more than 60 cars of lumber, which will clear out the yards. The mill was shut down owing to temporarily unfavorable conditions of the market.

WATER WAGON FOR DRY DELEGATES

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Columbus, Ohio, July 13.—The Ohio state prohibition convention opened here this afternoon. A state ticket will be named and candidates for congress from each district in the state will be put in the field.

The delegates to the national convention that meets here next Wednesday and Thursday are to be met at the train tomorrow by an immense water wagon drawn by four white horses.

Puppy Is Faithful Watcher

A little black bloodhound pup stands wistfully in the doorway of the police station where he is tied waiting until his master returns. The dog is a "talking" match with two companions who were brought to the station with him last night. The pup was found in a lodging-house at Seventh and Couch streets.

Kept Open on Sunday

M. Rooney, a First street saloon-keeper, was fined \$15 in the police court this morning for keeping his saloon open Sunday.

EDWARD M. CHERRY.



Acting British Vice-Consul at Astoria

He was appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the death of his father, P. L. Cherry.

Australia's Customs Man Reports Prohibition Law Is a Farce

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Melbourne, July 13.—Australian prohibition of opium has proved a complete farce, according to the announcement of the customs department today. The effect of the law has been a heavy loss of revenue and a heavy expense to the government, while it is said the legality of the trade has only served to increase the demand for the prohibited drug.

Comptroller General of Customs Wol-laster has issued a report showing that Australia has sacrificed \$300,000 a year in revenue in order to effect the prohibition of opium and has utterly failed to reduce the opium habit and that the smugglers are making big fortunes.

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EDITOR GUION DIES AT WALLA WALLA

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Walla Walla, Wash., July 13.—W. F. Guion, editor of the Pendleton Tribune, who is one of the best known newspapermen and among the most able editors of the inland empire, died at St. Mary's hospital this morning. His ailment was diabetes. He was well known in Washington, Oregon and Montana as a brilliant newspaper man.

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CATCHER HACKETT IS FINED FIFTY

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San Francisco, July 13.—After investigating the affair by telephone today, President Frank Herrman of the State baseball league fined Catcher Hackett of the Stockton team \$50 and suspended him from the diamond for 10 days for his assault on Umpire McCarthy yesterday afternoon.

Hackett became infuriated at a decision of McCarthy's and swung on him with the bat, stopping the club, however, before the umpire was hit. He was ruled out of the diamond and went to the clubhouse excited.

THREE COMPANIES FILE INCORPORATIONS

F. A. Jones, T. W. Murphy and Claude E. Hicks have incorporated the Merchants Guaranty company, capitalized for \$5,000.

Woolley Mercantile company of Scappoose, Or., has filed articles of incorporation for \$10,000. The directors are J. B. Milroy, Stella M. Milroy and C. E. Rumelin.

Another new incorporation is that of the Atlas Chemical company, by M. Russell, Claude E. Hicks and George W. Joseph; the capital is fixed at \$5,000.

RODGERS HURRY FROM FIRE GET GOWN'S

Over a score of guests in the Rose City rooming-house, run by Mrs. Nellie Ryan at First and Main streets, were roused from their sleep by the excited cries of Mrs. Ryan at 2:30 this morning.

Mrs. Ryan was excited because when she woke up she found big sheets of flame bursting up outside her bedroom window and the cracking of the fire and glass sounding all around her.

Without waiting to put on any more clothes than they had been wearing through the hot night the guests dressed their more precious belongings and trundled them downstairs, while Mrs. Ryan removed a part of her furniture from the street.

The fire started in the rear of the buildings at 233, 234 and 235 Front street, owned and occupied by S. Weinstein, a second-hand furniture and clothing dealer. The fire evidently originated in the rear of the one-story brick building at No. 233. There is a

KERN PARK WANTS TO KNOW WHY NO WATER

Aroused by their failure to get any water not only for fires but for use in their houses, citizens of Arieta and Kern Park will hold a water rally at Kern Park tomorrow night. They declare that it has got to the point where they must have better water service and if not, why not?

Last night's fire in Kern Park, when four establishments were destroyed while the citizens had to stand by helplessly in the immediate cause of the flames. But the complaint against the Woodmere Water company is an old one and the citizens of the Mount Scott community are anxious to thresh it out once for all.

"We pay for water but we don't get it," exclaimed one man this morning as he passed around hand bills marked "Water! Water! A grand water rally will be held at Kern Park Tuesday

JOHNSON STILL SAW TREASURE IN DARK WOODS UNDER STUMP

Edgar Acton, aged 13, and Anton Gross, aged 11, are in the hands of the juvenile court officials today because they could not resist the temptation of seeing Mrs. R. O. Gilliland, who resides at 34 North Sixteenth street, hide a purse under a stump out on Johnson creek. When the return of the loss was reported to the police station, Mrs. Gilliland and a party of friends went on a picnic yesterday to Nickum station on Johnson creek. After dinner they went for a walk and Mrs. Gilliland hid a purse containing \$27.75 in gold and silver and checks under a stump. When she returned to camp the purse and contents were missing. The loss was reported to the police station.

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Large crowds are watching the operations by the police, but up to 2 o'clock the bodies of the unfortunates have not been recovered.

WALLA WALLA TO VIEW NORTH BANK

A movement has been started at Walla Walla to organize a great inland empire excursion to Portland over the north bank road on the occasion of the opening of the line and its new bridges into Portland.

The movement has not yet taken definite form, and no date has been set, but is receiving favorable comment everywhere. It is probable that the Portland Commercial club will officially take on the matter, and assist in carrying out the idea, should the inland communities favor it with sufficient unanimity.

There is also a plan under discussion at Lewiston to run a large excursion of Lewiston people to Portland over the new Riparia-Lewiston line of the O. R. & N. main line.

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GREENOUGH IS PRESIDENT

Thomas L. Greenough of Missoula, Mont., has been elected president of the United Railways to succeed W. L. Benham resigned. Mr. Benham, it is stated, will continue with the railway company in an official position.

Mr. Greenough is one of the wealthiest of Montana's mining men and one of the principal owners of the Snowball mine. He is a railroad contractor of large experience, having built a great deal of the Northern Pacific as well as having just completed a part of the north bank.

The election of Mr. Greenough to the presidency of the United Railways has set about many rumors concerning the future of the road. It is already planning to extend its lines to Hillsboro and Tillamook and it is rumored that the acquisition of the road by the Hill interests. There is no confirmation of this, however.

BLODGETT GOES FOR LIFE TERM

Prisoner's Last Canary Sings His Farewell to Master in Cell Cage.

After 28 months spent in the county jail and establishing a record for continuous residence in that institution, George L. Blodgett left for the penitentiary at Salem this morning in charge of Sheriff Robert L. Stevens to begin a life sentence. This penalty was imposed by Judge Gately on the prisoner for the crime of killing Alice Minthorn, a society actress, with whom he had been living.

Blodgett took his departure cheerfully, shouting his farewell to prisoners in the other corridors, with the most of whom he has had a speaking acquaintance. With the exception of a short trip he was allowed to take down town to have a tooth pulled a short time ago, this was the first time in 28 months that he has been outside his cell. But he has not been idle. He has earned many dollars by weaving blankets, in which art he is proficient, and for diversion he raised canary birds, having 13 of them a short time ago.

After entering his plea of guilty to murder in the second degree and being sentenced, Blodgett gave away his silver watch to a friend, a bird of the same name. He will endeavor to get permission for this singular hobby in his cell at the penitentiary. A few Blodgett left this morning the bird made the corridors ring with its song, as though he were bidding adieu to his companion, who has so carefully looked after its wants for so long.

On his first trial Blodgett was sentenced to the penitentiary for a term of years. The case was several times set during the last term of court, but it was not reached, and the district attorney decided that a plea of guilty to second degree murder should be accepted. He told Judge Gantenbein that he did not think it likely that a verdict for conviction for first degree murder could be obtained if the case were again tried.

Blodgett's wife is living in Montana, and his father died only a few weeks ago. He was under the influence of liquor when the crime was committed, the woman being shot in a north end lodging-house.

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