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CITY LEGISLATION IS THROWN INTO CHAOS

VEHICLE TAX DECISION BUT FEW LAWS

Council Now Powerless to Enact Any Ordinance That Will Be Effective Within Less Than 30 Days, Except in Special Cases.

Municipal legislation in Portland has been thrown into chaos by the decision of the supreme court rendered by Justice Eakin regarding the application of the referendum to the ordinances of the city council.

As the law stands now the council is powerless to enact any ordinance which may be effective in a shorter space of time than 30 days from its passage unless 12 members of the council vote for the measure, the mayor signs it and it has attached to it an emergency clause stipulating that the public peace, health and safety demand the immediate enforcement of the law.

All street improvements, all bonds issued, all remedial legislation of any kind must remain in suspense for 30 days before becoming effective. No ordinance is an ordinance until it is 30 days old.

Power is given into the hands of the people of the city, or a very few of them, to block all improvement legislation for an indefinite time by the application of the referendum to the various stages of improvement legislation.

Threatens Street Work. If at the next meeting of the council an ordinance should be passed providing for the payment of a large number of streets this ordinance would not become effective for 30 days. No action will be taken until the expiration of the 30 days a small proportion of the

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HARRIMAN IS NOW RULER OF SEA

Hawaiian-American Steamship Company Reported to Have Been Absorbed by Southern Pacific Co.—Will Advance Rates.

San Francisco, Dec. 3.—That Edward H. Harriman has achieved a strategic victory in persuading the Hawaiian-American Steamship company into entering an agreement to raise rates on shipments of California commodities is the opinion of the leading merchants of the city.

While there is no way of obtaining official confirmation of the rumor, it is believed by business circles that the steamship line committed harakiri when it was investigated into a tariff agreement with the transcontinental railroads.

The rates will be raised on the day the advanced rates of the transcontinental lines go into effect, according to Albert M. Sulton, general freight agent of the Hawaiian-American company.

The reaching of a traffic agreement, however, by the two companies is looked upon by railroad men as an indirect announcement that the Southern Pacific dominates the American-Hawaiian line.

PLENTY TALK FOR GOOD CAUSE IS AT HAND

This Is the Forecast for the Short Session, Reduced to Its Lowest Terms—Economy the Watch Word—Waiting Measures.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, Dec. 3.—"Plenty of talk and few laws" is likely to be the record of the final session of the Sixty-first congress, which begins next Tuesday.

The appropriation bills will probably be the most important. Economy will be the watchword and it is said the appropriations for next year's expenses will not run over \$1,000,000,000.

Outside the regular budget, the river and harbors bill will be the biggest expenditure.

The American Federation of Labor will make a fight to exempt labor unions from the provisions of the Sherman anti-trust law, and for the modification of the injunction laws.

The temperance people are urging a measure authorizing dry states to prohibit the shipping of liquor into their territory.

No tariff bill will be presented at this session, but the inquiry has stirred up great tariff excitement among the senators and representatives.

Sharp discussion of the banking laws in certain amendments are possible.

The naval appropriations bill is likely to bring out a warm contest over expansion.

Postal savings banks and rural parcel delivery will probably be discussed at length.

The child labor law may come up before the holidays.

The criminal laws in revised form are ready for early consideration.

The senate has in its calendar of unfinished business a bill suspending the operation of the commodity clause of the Hepburn railroad rate bill, which was recently declared unconstitutional by the United States circuit court at Philadelphia and is now before the supreme court.

The senate, by special order, on December 15, will resume consideration of the bill to fix the status of the negro soldiers discharged for alleged participation in the Brownsville affair.

The annual message of the president will be sent to congress Tuesday afternoon.

Thaw Will Know Fate Soon. (United Press Leased Wire.) Philadelphia, Dec. 3.—Harry Thaw's appeal for liberation from the Matteawan insane asylum is now in the hands of the judges of the United States circuit court of appeals. The decision is expected in a few days.



At the meeting held this morning of the workers in the Red Cross stamp sale for the campaign against tuberculosis the important announcement was made that all the leading stores in the city will take the stamps and sell them at the stationery departments.

This is an important and much appreciated concession, as it necessitated the waiting of an established rule by the merchants' association. The committee on railroads reported that posters will be placed in the depots throughout the state on the Harriman lines.

The committee on churches reported the courtesy of several pastors who printed notices in the churches last Sunday; they reported also that over \$52 was taken in by the sale of stamps yesterday at church bazaars.

Committee on Schools. The committee on schools, of which Mrs. Wolfe is chairman, reported that all the private schools of the city will permit the sale of stamps. The public schools are not able to do this, but will display posters.

At the postoffice permission was given to display stationary signs beside the steps, and to have a table in the lobby where the stamps may be sold.

The directors of the art museum gave permission to display posters. The various auto firms have agreed to advertise the sale of stamps with an auto bearing a banner which will be run about the streets. All the reports of committees show the lively interest that is taken in this campaign of education and publicity.

Can Be Cured. Dr. E. A. Pierce of the Open Air Sanatorium spoke of the great need for reaching the homes in the campaign for education. He emphasized the fact that tuberculosis is in large measure preventable and curable if proper measures can be taken, but also urged the great need for funds to carry out the work of the Open Air Sanatorium which can deal with but few cases, and these but for a short time, on account of the expense, although he said that the sanatorium does not begin to make expenses, but is supported by private contributions which are not heard of.

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LANE STRIKES AT HARRIMAN EXTENSION

Mayor Shows Council Measure Does Not Compel Railway to Abide by Ordinance and Withdraw Trains at End of Time Limit.

E. H. Harriman and his lieutenants in Oregon will have to "show" Portland if they want that one year time extension on Fourth street.

Mayor Lane delivered this ultimatum this afternoon when he vetoed the ordinance passed at the last session of the council giving the railroad the right to use one of the city's busiest streets for another space of time, while Mr. Harriman and his men plan another little extension of time.

Mayor Lane in his message to the council states that in his opinion the people of Portland would be willing enough to submit to the incessant annoyance of steam locomotives, and freight cars, on Fourth street, for another year and be well pleased, in fact, if they could get rid of the nuisance in that time.

But the mayor points out that the ordinance contains no clause which requires the railroad to accept its terms nor any indication that the corporation will either consent to or comply with the ordinance if it becomes a law.

The following is the veto message in full: Willing to Veto. Portland, Dec. 3, 1908. To the Honorable City Council—Gentlemen—I hereby veto ordinance No. 18,644, not approved. This is an ordinance which amends an ordinance forbidding the use of steam locomotives and freight cars upon Fourth street in this city after November 12, 1908, and grants to the Oregon Central Railway company its successor an extension of time until December 31, 1909, in which to continue to make use of such steam locomotives and freight cars upon that street.

In respect to this measure I have to say that if the people of this city were assured that the railway company would cease to operate steam locomotives and freight cars upon Fourth street within the time mentioned, it is quite probable that they would be willing to bear with the nuisance for that period, and will be well pleased with the bargain.

Important Part Missing. The ordinance, however, contains no clause or provision which requires the railway company to accept its terms in this respect, nor anything connected with it which indicates that it will either consent to or comply with them if it should become a law.

As it is a matter of great importance that the railway company should either accept or reject the terms of the city ordinance, and that the ordinance should be arrived at concerning the settlement of the controversy and the question not be kept in the studio of Adolph Steinhilber, I return the ordinance for your further consideration.

Respectfully,  
HARRY LANE, Mayor.

TRY TO PROVE CRIME WAS PLOT

Physician Called to Steinhilber Home Found Mme. Japy in Good Health.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Paris, Dec. 3.—A statement made by Dr. Achery, family physician of the Steinhilbers to the police today is considered one of the most important yet under consideration by the authorities. Dr. Achery is alleged to have said that he called on the Steinhilber family on the day before the murder of the artist and his mother-in-law, Madame Japy.

Madame Steinhilber and her mother expected to leave Paris that day, it is alleged, for a visit to Bellevue. Dr. Achery says that Madame Steinhilber insisted that her mother was ill, but that he could find no sign of sickness.

The trip, however, was abandoned, and this is believed by the police to be an indication that the murders were premeditated.

CZECH UPRISING IS SIRE OF WAR

(United Press Leased Wire.) Prague, Dec. 3.—The uprising of the Czech students coincident with the opening of the Austrian parliament at Vienna has assumed the proportions of a rebellion. The proclamation of martial law by the authorities, instead of quieting the situation, aroused the Czechs of the surrounding country, who are rushing into the city to aid the anti-government element.

Thirty thousand Czechs are warring against the police and troops throughout Bohemia.

A military court, with an executor attending, opened today for the immediate trial and execution of the leaders of the revolt.

EARL OF MINTO AND FAMILY REPORTED TO BE IN PERIL



TYPHOON KILLS THREE HUNDRED

(United Press Leased Wire.) Tokio, Dec. 3.—The typhoon that swept the island of Hatsu, Wawata bay, yesterday, drowned 250 fishermen, according to reports received here today.

TROOPS FIRE ON LOOTING RIOTERS

(United Press Leased Wire.) Port Au Prince, Haiti, Dec. 3.—The troops who have been keeping order in the city were forced today to fire on rioters who were looting a big warehouse and it is said 12 were killed and a score wounded.

The storehouses and residences of all the known friends of the deposed president, Alexis, are the objects of attacks from the populace and the city is practically under martial law with General Foidlov in effect, the military governor of the city.

Enraged at the escape of Alexis, mobs formed in the outlying sections and then moved toward the business section. They smashed the doors of warehouses and goods were dragged into the street. When the soldiers arrived the members of the mob were fighting among themselves over the spoils.

It is said the soldiers did not wait to order the mobs to disperse but fired for the worse in the last day or so and, in fact, think he has improved. W. cannot tell what two weeks might bring forth.

COSGROVE NEAR TO DEATH

(United Press Leased Wire.) Paso Robles, Cal., Dec. 3.—Reports of the condition of Governor-elect Cosgrove of Washington are unfavorable today. Dr. Everhart of Berkeley has been called into consultation and there is a strong belief that the governor-elect is in a more serious condition than ever before.

Mrs. Samuel G. Cosgrove, wife of the governor-elect, this afternoon said to a representative of the United Press: "Mr. Cosgrove is a very, very sick man. He has had an attack of indigestion but this has passed off now. I am hopeful but I do not wish to give a false impression. We hope that in the next few weeks there will be a change for the better."

Mrs. Cosgrove was asked if she had any idea when they would be able to return to Washington and she replied: "We have no idea whatever. It is impossible for us to say when we will be able to go. It might be soon, but it might not."

Dr. Ralph O. Dresser, one of the physicians attending the governor-elect, said: "Reports that we gave out a statement saying Mr. Cosgrove could not last two weeks longer is untrue. He is very ill, but I have noted no change for the worse in the last day or so and, in fact, think he has improved. W. cannot tell what two weeks might bring forth."

ENCOURAGE CAPITAL TO COME HERE

"In my opinion," said H. J. Blaesing, of the Blaesing Granite company, "Oregon's greatest resources are timber, stock and fruit. Therefore, let us encourage more capital to establish mills, packing houses and canneries, and the time will soon come when all freight cars will go east loaded, and come west comparatively empty. Members of the Manufacturers' association invite honest competition and in return respectfully request patronage of home manufactured goods. Climatic conditions of western Oregon are favorable for the greatest dairy country in the world. Portland is the natural distributing market, as our shipping facilities are unequalled in the west."

POOR WOMEN VICTIMS OF SWINDLER

Pitiful Letters Received by Postal Inspectors Reveal Wide Extent and Heartless Character of Apron Swindler's Operations.

Want Ad That Got Von Neida Into Trouble. Wanted—Ladies to make aprons—\$3.50 a dozen, materials furnished; no cost to get work; in close stamped addressed envelope for particulars, Pacific Apron company, box 126, Portland, Or.

The foregoing is the wording of an advertisement that has been appearing in newspapers in all parts of the country with the result that thousands of answers have been received by the Portland company, many of them containing money. The advertisement brought hundreds of complaints to the postal authorities and, as was told by The Journal, led to the arrest yesterday of C. K. Von Neida, a son of a former North Dakota banker, on a charge of using the mails to defraud.

The basis of the apron scheme is not entirely new, the postal inspectors claim. The game has been worked before along similar lines, the authorities assert, and in several instances arrests have been made, followed by convictions in United States courts. The St. C. Hullin case, which came to light in Portland, was somewhat similar. Hullin sold apron materials and directed for \$3.75 for pictures to be painted on velvet, with the understanding that the work was to be bought by the inspectors. Hullin was found guilty of fraud and heavily fined.

Von Neida's scheme was to get applicants to induce them to send him \$1 for material for one apron and then reject it because it did not meet the requirements of the contract. In this way, the government says, the women would be discouraged and would soon give up the idea of making the little tin money they had been led to believe they could make right in their own homes.

Under the contract it was an impossibility to make an apron to meet all the requirements of the apron company. A printed slip in evidence and held by the department officials which sets forth 27 reasons why the aprons sent for approval might be rejected.

Letters from Victims. Complaints against the Pacific Apron company have been pouring into the department for days from all parts of the United States. Some of the letters are pitiful.

"I am old and crippled, being unable to leave my bed, one woman wrote the inspectors from Spokane. 'I saw this advertisement and hoped to make a little money for Christmas. I sent the materials and directed for pictures to be painted on velvet, with the understanding that the work was to be bought by the inspectors. Hullin was found guilty of fraud and heavily fined."

There are dozens of letters of this sort from everywhere. Many of them came from Massachusetts and others from Connecticut and cities in New Jersey, showing that Von Neida placed his advertisements in many papers in the

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WATERFRONT FOR NORTH BANK LINE

Another Large Purchase of Vancouver, Wash., Property for Hill Road.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Vancouver, Wash., Dec. 3.—The T. N. Phipps property, comprising 160 acres of land along the Columbia river, two miles below the Columbia river bridge on the river of slightly more than 2000 ft. E. M. Rowley acting agent. The purchase price is said to be \$20,000 and the purchase is said to be for the North Bank road.

The property just purchased adjoins the tract of 215 acres recently purchased by Mr. Rowley. The Phipps tract contains 1780 feet of waterfront and the two have a combined frontage on the river of slightly more than 2000 ft. deep. These tracts brought about \$200,000, it is said, and the purchase price is said to be \$20,000.

While not giving out the name of the purchaser, Mr. Rowley stated that the parties who secured the Phipps property are the same as those who secured the Rowley property. It is generally expected that Mr. Rowley will purchase the North Bank road property and that great what would be eventually done with it.