

REFERENDUM TO BE USED BY UNIONS

Central Labor Council to Circulate Petitions Demanding Railway Company's Blanket Franchise Ordinance Go Before People.

Before the end of the week 70 labor unions of Portland will be circulating a petition, involving the referendum on the blanket franchise ordinance passed by the council for the benefit of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company last Wednesday. H. J. Parkinson, of the Portland Labor Press, ordered petition blanks printed today and as soon as these can be furnished he will deliver copies to the secretaries of the different labor unions for circulation. The Central Labor Council at its meeting tonight will endorse the project. Mr. Parkinson has retained two attorneys to see that the petition conforms to the law and to guard against the invalidation by any possible technical flaw, such as have been found in other petitions now being checked up by the city auditor.

CITY AUDITOR'S MEN ARE BADLY RUSHED

City Auditor Barbur decided today to put a night force at work checking up the initiative petitions, as he fears he will not be able to get them printed on the ballot in time for the election unless hasty progress is made. Nearly every employe in the city hall has been pressed into service after hours to help fold and place in envelopes for mailing the thousands of petitions of candidates to 35,000 voters of the city. These must be mailed before tomorrow.

ADVANCES \$50 ON IMITATION "SPARK"

Moses Lindenbaum of 1814 Morrison street, bought a piece of glass backed with mercury yesterday, thinking he was getting a bargain, and as a result is \$50 loser on his investment. Lindenbaum advanced \$50 on the imitation for two men, one well dressed and the other a veritable bunch of rags.

HARDWARE COMPANY SUES ON \$72 CLAIM

The Morges Hardware company has begun suit in the circuit court against L. M. Davis for \$72.12, alleging that he has failed to pay this sum for labor and material due in the alteration and repair of a building on lots in Proebster's addition.

Suit Against Market Company.

Judge Gatenben in the circuit court is hearing testimony in the case of D. La Grand against the Portland Public Market & Cold Storage company, in which the plaintiff claims \$472.25 balance for the excavation of 10,523 cubic yards of earth in the block on Fifth street between Fourth and Fifth streets.

Little Soldiers

In your blood are the millions of corpuscles that defend you against attacks of disease. To make and keep these little soldiers healthy and strong, is simply to make and keep the blood of the right quality and quantity.

BURNS DETECTIVES' PAY HELD UP

(Called Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, April 29.—Sleuths employed under William J. Burns by the graft prosecution were unable to draw their pay today because of a temporary injunction granted by Judge Sturtevant restraining the city treasurer and auditor from meeting that payroll. The injunction was made returnable Saturday. It was issued at the instance of Campbell, Matson and Drew, attorneys for the United Railroads, who alleged there was no provision in the city charter that gave the hiring of such secret agents and that Burns' men are performing work that lies within the province of the regular police. The auditor will appear tomorrow to show cause why the injunction should not be made permanent.

VICTORIA, B. C., WANTS JAP SHIPS TO CALL

(Called Press Leased Wire.) Victoria, B. C., April 29.—There is a movement on foot here for the Japanese cruisers to call back here on the way from Vancouver and take part in the jubilee and day celebration in this city on May 24. The Japanese consul at Vancouver has indicated his position and arrangements may be made for the visit. Lieutenant Governor Dunsmuir has been requested by the Dominion government to do all in his power to make the visit of the Japanese pleasant. A meeting is being held this afternoon to make arrangements.

JUDGE M'BRIDE PRIVATE CITIZEN

(Called Press Leased Wire.) Portland, April 29.—For the first time in more than 38 years, former Judge Thomas A. McBride of the Fifth judicial district is a private citizen. Judge McBride resigned his position this afternoon and will be a private citizen until he is again commissioned and sworn in to succeed him. It is expected that Justice Bean will resign tomorrow, and Judge McBride will then become successor judge of the circuit in Pendleton with the supreme court.

SISSON ARREST HOPE TO SAVE DADLY WANTED BRIDGE PETITION

George S. Shepherd Says No Award Yet Made for Construction of the Tillamook Railroad.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Roseburg, Or., April 29.—A wife from Sisson, Cal., says that a man answering the description of Meyers, going under the alias of Frank Miller, has been arrested and has confessed to having passed a worthless check at Roseburg while posing as a capitalist from Denver, Colo. He will come back without fighting extradition. Meyers is also wanted at Salem, Eugene and Pendleton, in offices left for Sisson this morning.

THRESHERMEN HERE NEXT MONTH

Delegates to the Threshermen's convention to be held here May 5 and 6 will be royally entertained by the committee having the matter in charge. That is, they will be taken about the city, shown the sights and dined at the Commercial club on the evening of May 5. In the meantime, between the feasts, the body will get down to good, hard work on the subjects of roads and bridges, the improvement of which is one of the chief objects of the recently organized state association, which already has a membership of about 1100.

IMMORAL CONTRACT IS HELD ILLEGAL

Because neither side came into court with clean hands, Circuit Judge Morrow this morning dismissed the case of Rose L. Hathaway against Mrs. E. J. Howell, in which the plaintiff seeks \$1200 worth of furniture and the defendant asked judgment for the \$1625 that she had paid for it. The furniture was used in a disreputable house at 32 North Seventh street. Mrs. Howell purchased from Mrs. Hathaway, and the testimony showed that both were aware of the character of the house, and that the buyer intended to conduct a house contrary to police regulations. Judge Morrow granted a motion to dismiss, declining to assist either party to an illegal contract. As the matter now stands Mrs. Hathaway has both the furniture and the \$1625, having secured the former under a writ of replevin based on the complaint.

REBEKAHS MEET AT PENDLETON

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Pendleton, Or., April 30.—Members of Rebekah lodges from all parts of Tillamook county to the number of 100 are gathered today in session to welcome Mrs. Mary E. Smith, Oregon's Past assembly president of Oregon. Not being able to visit each lodge of the county, the head officer of the state for this order took this means of officially meeting the members of the different county lodges. The entire day will be given to business and social sessions. The towns represented in conference are Pendleton, Pilot Rock, Hermiston, Echo, Athena, Weston, Milton, Preewater and Bell.

BIDS CLOSE ON LITTLE CONTRACT

No Award Yet Made for Construction of the Tillamook Railroad.

Two bids made by contractors for the construction of the Little road to Tillamook are so close that President E. E. Lytle of the line has not yet determined which is the more favorable one to select. Decision will probably be made either late today or tomorrow morning, however. Those that have made bids for the work are: Wren & Greenough, the McCabe Construction company, G. O. Foss & Co. of Vancouver, B. C., Pacific Engineering company of Seattle and Portland; Caughren & Woldson of Spokane, and G. W. Sweeney, Portland. It is estimated that this work in all its details will cost in the neighborhood of \$2,000,000. The amount having been appropriated by the Harriman directors for the completion of the road. Should Wren & Greenough secure the contract for completing the line, they will probably have the distinction of building two lines into Tillamook. Wren & Greenough are the contractors for the United Railways electric line, which is being built to Holbrook and beyond, with the intention of ultimately reaching Tillamook. Tom Greenough, president of the United Railways, is the Greenough of Wren & Greenough, but the work of the contracting firm is of a general character, they having built parts of both the Northern Pacific and the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railways.

INTEREST REFUSED ON OMAHA BONDS

S. G. Reed, himself a large owner of the Omaha Home Telephone bond, left yesterday for Omaha to investigate the affairs of the company. Interest has been refused the holders of the bonds here in Portland and fearing that something may be wrong the owners sent Mr. Reed to Omaha to investigate. Large numbers of these bonds were given in lieu of money deposited with the Oregon Trust & Savings bank at the time it was taken over by the German American and the first few payments of interest were met with regularity. When

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LEADING EAST SIDE DEPARTMENT STORE. East Morrison Street, Corner of Union Avenue. ALL MORRISON BRIDGE AND O. W. P. TRANSFER CARS PASS OUR STORE. TOMORROW, SATURDAY, STARTS A SEVEN DAYS' SALE—A REGULAR MAY CARNIVAL OF BARGAINS. Sale starts tomorrow, Saturday, May 1, and continues to Saturday, May 8. Sensational prices have been made on many lines of merchandise in the many departments, that will insure a record breaking volume of business for May. The most convenient shopping place for residents of Lents, Sellwood and all intermediate stations. All transfer cars stop at our corner on East Morrison and Union Ave. We deliver to any point.

Best 7c Apron Gingham 5c. A large new lot of the best checks and colors are here; an excellent quality at special prices.

FREE—Complete Baseball Suit With Any Knickerbocker Suit for Boys. A great special for the boys. We are selling the best values and styles in boys' Knickerbocker Suits at \$3.50, \$4, \$4.50, \$5 and \$6, and during this sale we give FREE with every suit a Baseball Suit complete consisting of suit, cap, belt and stockings. This baseball outfit is worth \$1.50, but is given with the suits during this sale that you may become acquainted with our splendid line of boys' clothing.

Best Quality Table Oilcloth 15c. Sold Elsewhere at 20c and 25c. The very best quality, in white and fancies; large assortment to choose from.

Men's Spring Suits \$12.95 Worth \$18.00. Strictly pure wool cassimere and worsted Suits, in the newest gray, tan and green shades; all garments are designed in the newest and most approved style; tailored in a workmanlike manner to insure perfect fit and shape retaining.

A Rare Millinery Bargain \$8.00 and \$10.00 Trimmed Hats \$4.98. Just received; a beautiful new lot, including the best new shapes and colors, also black; prettily trimmed with ribbons, flowers, wings and ornaments.

Women's \$2.50 Tan Oxfords \$1.69 and Black. A case of nobby style, combined with absolute dependable quality at a small part of the true value. This lot contains all sizes in nice fine kid, black or tan Oxfords with extension sole or black kid Oxfords with hand turned soles.

\$8 and \$9 Tailored SKIRTS \$5.38. Elegantly tailored dress skirts, made of all wool Panama and serge, in plain and fancy stripe weaves; trimmed with buttons and bands of material same as skirt; colors are blue, black and brown.

Women's \$1.50 Rubber Heel Juliets at 98c Pr. A woman will find more genuine comfort and satisfaction in this shoe than any other style made. Made in neat tip style, elastic sides and good rubber heel.

6c and 7c Valenciennes Laces 4c. Dainty designs and weaves, in nice fine, much-wanted laces; on sale at about half price.

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All 60c and 65c Wool Dress Goods at 48c. Panama, serges, mohairs in plain and striped weaves, splendid new designs in black, brown, navy and gray.

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Boys' 50c and 75c Knee Pants 39c. Boys' separate Knee Pants, for boys from 4 to 15 years; all neat patterns in cassimere and worsted; pants that sold regularly at 50c and 75c.

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\$2 Mission Alarm Clocks \$1.48. A regular mission style clock, 12 inches high, dark mission finish, hardwood frame; best Parker alarm and works.

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The interest fell due this year the company returned unpaid the coupons sent them by the local owners of bonds. Numbers of the local owners are of the opinion that the company can be foreclosed upon owing to its failure to meet the payments on the bonds while others are of the opinion that the company can put off payment from three to six months. This last seems quite feasible to many persons who are of the opinion that the company is doing some extensive enlarging of its plant and that accordingly the payment is being held up temporarily. No explanation was attached to the coupons when they were sent back and consequently a great deal of speculation is rife as to the outcome of Reed's visit.



Rastus Goes Fishing. Mr. Henry—"Going fishing on washday, Rastus? I thought Melissa needed you to gather wood and make a fire to boil the clothes." Rastus—"Yes, sah, Marse Henry. But Anty Drudge here, she done sho'd M'Lissy how to wash de clo's without no fish an' M'Lissy she say hit's as easy as rollin' off a log." Anty Drudge—"That's right, Mr. Henry. Rastus had better be working than fishing, but Melissa doesn't need him. Fels-Naptha makes the biggest washing easy for one person in less time than the old way."

Do your washing without a fire next time. Save the bother, the discomfort and the cost of fuel. Wash your clothes with Fels-Naptha in cool or lukewarm water, in summer or winter. It's much easier—no hard rubbing is needed. It saves the clothes because there's no boiling to weaken them and no hard rubbing to wear them out. It takes less than half the time of the old way. And this Fels-Naptha way of washing in cool or lukewarm water makes your clothes cleaner, sweeter, and fresher than if you boiled and hard-rubbed 'em till Doomsday. Don't take a substitute for Fels-Naptha because it will not do the work. Look for the red and green wrapper and follow the directions printed on the back.

Saturday Special 4 P. M. TO 9 P. M. BATH ROOM RACKS 69c REGULAR \$1.25 VALUE. Bathroom Rack is made of solid oak, weathered finish. Has nickel-plated tumbler-holder, toothbrush holder, towel rod and soap shell. Same as picture. The nickel-plating WILL NOT RUST. ONLY ONE TO A CUSTOMER—NO TELEPHONE ORDERS TAKEN. DOWERS THE STORE THAT SAVES YOU MONEY. WANTED CREDIT FOR ALL. FIRST AND TAYLOR.