

WILL APPEAL TO ATTORNEY GENERAL

Shippers to Carry Their Case Against Closed Bridges to Washington, D. C.

Pressure will be brought to bear upon the United States attorney general by local shipping interests to induce him to order immediate prosecution of county authorities for alleged obstruction of navigation through closing the drawbridges during traffic congestion periods.

An effort will be made to give a national import to the local issue. It is the conviction of Major McIndoe of the corps of United States engineers that if the draws are allowed to be kept closed in Portland by other than government regulations, the same thing can be done with impunity by local authorities in every other city of the United States located on the banks of a navigable stream.

The situation promises to become even more interesting than it has been. Conditions are peculiar. United States District Attorney John McCourt has resolutely refused to take up complaints of obstructed navigation out of their regular order. Earliest consideration by the federal grand jury would consequently come in October and not before.

Urges Prosecution. The shippers whose boats have been delayed by closed draws contend that prosecutions, if instituted at so late a date, would do no good. The district attorney has questioned if the shippers have just cause of complaint, and his reluctance to prosecute at all has been based upon his belief that a common sense interpretation of the federal statute will give proportionate recognition to the rights of transshiper traffic.

Major McIndoe holds the promise of the war department that, if necessary, special recommendations for immediate prosecution will be filed with the attorney general. The shippers believe that the time to ask for these special recommendations has come, since the United States engineers and the United States attorneys have hopelessly disagreed, one contending for literal enforcement of the law, the other leaning more to the judgment that considers the rights of the majority.

When the federal regulations went into effect yesterday, boats no longer whistled for the draws. This was an indication that although the shippers refused to recognize the authority of the county, they at once bowed to the rulings of the government.

Complaints Being Filed. Efforts are still being made to pass the draws during the evening closed periods, and complaints are being filed nearly every day with Major McIndoe, who in turn passes them on to the United States district attorney.

County Judge Cleston and County Commissioner Goddard, who ordered the regulation of the draws, and who hastened the government's action in the same matter, now take the position that a definite ruling through formal legal action must come before they will rescind the orders for the evening closed periods. They believe that a closed period for the evening hours of traffic congestion is as essential to popular convenience as the morning period. Furthermore, they believe that the government's morning regulation of the draws is a concession, and that if the morning period is legal, the evening period is also legal, and will be sustained by any court.

Patents to Oregon Inventors. (Washington Bureau of the Journal.) Washington, Aug. 12.—Patents have been granted to Oregon inventors as follows: William R. McDonald, Dallas, non-refillable bottle; Gottlieb Wadtil, Foster, governor for spring motors.

CHILDREN LEAP FROM WILD CAR UNHURT; CAR DITCHED; CHINK MISSING

(United Press Leased Wire.) Walla Walla, Aug. 12.—Rounding a curve last night the motorcar and conductor of a streetcar were both thrown off and the car sped on through the darkness with two frightened little girls and a Chinese laundryman as its passengers. The children finally jumped, while the laundryman stuck to his seat. On the next curve the car burst the rails and rolled into the ditch. The Chinaman disappeared and could not be found today.

The two children were discovered today at their homes. They escaped without a scratch.

IDAHO'S PRIMARY LAW SUSTAINED

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Boise, Idaho, Aug. 12.—Idaho's primary law enacted by the last legislature, was held constitutional by the supreme court yesterday. The court held that the provision of the law providing for a vote for second choice where there are more than two candidates for office is mandatory. It is also held that publicity must be given the expenses of candidates from the time they seek nomination.

OHIO MAN MENTIONED FOR BALLINGER'S JOB

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, Aug. 12.—A persistent rumor that President Taft has offered the portfolio of the interior department to President W. O. Thompson of the Ohio State university is attracting attention today. It is in the way of confirmation of the report that Senator Crane's recent trip into the west was made for the purpose of suggesting to Ballinger that he should resign from the cabinet.

Much credit is given to the Thompson rumor. It is known that he is in favor with the progressives in his state, also numbering many of the regular Republicans among his supporters. Moreover, there is no Ohioan in the president's official family now and the addition of a middle western man would satisfy the anti-Ballingerites.

JOSEPH WENDLING IN JAIL AT LOUISVILLE

(United Press Leased Wire.) Louisville, Aug. 12.—Under guard of detectives, Joseph Wendling, accused of the murder of Alma Kellner, 8 years of age, arrived here early today and was taken to the city jail.

Contrary to expectation there was no excitement when Wendling appeared and few knew the identity of the prisoner. Wendling was crestfallen at the lack of demonstration over his arrival, but no expression of his feelings passed his lips.

Council for Wendling used every endeavor to prevent the prisoner from being subjected to the third degree.

Prize Band of America.

The following is the program of the concert at the Oaks this evening: March, "Tyrolean"..... Wagner Overture, "1812"..... Tchaikowsky Intermission, "Curly"..... Powell Solo for piccolo, "The Skylark"..... Cox Ralph Dye. Grand selection, "Woodland"..... "Invocation to the Battle," from "Rienzi"..... Wagner Melodies from "The Queen of Sheba" Fantasia, "Dream Pictures"..... Lumbye Soprano solo, "I'm Awfully Glad I'm Irish"..... Blanche McHaffy. "Temptation Rag"..... Loge

SAY RIVER NEEDS NEW TOW BOAT

Port of Portland Commission Discusses Plans, But Takes No Action.

While all conditions of the harbor and the shipping industry strongly indicate the need of a new steamer for river towing, the Port of Portland commission passed the question up for the present. However, preliminary plans for the new boat were almost decided upon, and the only thing that holds these off was the cost of preparing them.

That a new boat is needed is beyond question, it is pointed out. President Swigert of the commission, said the work of the Oldham is getting heavier each year, and that the prospects for larger boats entering the river next year were good. Each year the harbor sees larger and many more seagoing vessels. One tug cannot handle the business, it was declared, and to have outside boats do towing is very unsatisfactory.

C. H. Norrill, consulting engineer, offered to submit plans for 1 per cent of the cost. This would be about \$1000, as the new boat would cost about \$100,000, or probably \$110,000. The matter was laid on the table until the next meeting.

The dredge Beaver will assist the dredge Columbia in cutting the trench across the river at Clay street for the new pipe line from Bull Run. It will take about three weeks to cut this trench. The water board is anxious to have it completed.

It was further reported that no claim for damages was expected on account of the recent collision of the barge Kitchit and the steamer T. J. Potter, which happened near Henric's island. It was found that the pilot of the Potter was largely at fault.

DIRECT PRIMARY IS FAVORED IN DOUGLAS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Roseburg, Or., Aug. 12.—There are at present five aspirants for the two offices of representative from Douglas county on the Republican primary ticket. They are: Dr. Wade of Drain, who filed his declaration of candidacy yesterday; George Jones of this city, G. H. Wilson of Myrtle Creek, Benjamin Huntington Jr. of Drain, and George Neuner of this city. The last two named are assembly indorsees.

"I am for the direct primary without any trimmings," said Dr. Wade. "Fully 85 per cent of the Republicans in the north end of this county refuse to swallow the county assembly pill and they object, furthermore, to being represented by 'inexperienced boys.'"

Lemon's Store Sold.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Eugene, Or., Aug. 12.—Bert Lemon's general store at Donna, a small town on the Mohawk branch of the Southern Pacific, was sold at constable's sale yesterday to satisfy his creditors, who hold claims to the amount of \$4000 against him, but the goods brought only \$650. This will be divided among the creditors.

J. H. Hammett and Fred C. Bean of Eugene were the successful bidders and will conduct the store hereafter.

Statutory Offense Charged.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Eugene, Or., Aug. 12.—Bert Harry Brown, having in custody Charles J. Rosen, who was arrested near Los Angeles a week ago charged with a statutory offense, arrived home yesterday and Rosen was placed under \$2000 bonds to appear for trial.

ALDRICH TALKS "RUBBER" TO TAFT

May Issue Further Statements in Answer to Bristow's Charge—Other Visitors.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Beverly, Mass., Aug. 12.—Senator Nelson W. Aldrich of Rhode Island, aboard the yacht Owera, arrived here unexpectedly early today, surprising President Taft at breakfast and completely fooling the newspaper colony, who expected the senator this afternoon. After a lengthy conference, the only word vouchsafed was that the president and the senator discussed politics and "rubber." It is believed that Aldrich informed the president that he intended to issue further statements answering Senator Bristow's charge that Aldrich voted for increased rubber rates while interested in a rubber company. The conference lasted half an hour and Aldrich left before the newspaper men were aware of his visit.

It was announced that Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh and Postmaster General Hitchcock would be at Beverly this afternoon, and that Senator Dick of Ohio would bring Warren Harding, a "regular" and the Republican nominee in Ohio for governor, for an introduction to Taft.

Shortly after noon a delegation of Tennessee Republicans called on the president and expressed the conviction, in response to President Taft's hope, that the Republicans would carry Tennessee.

Light Hop Crop in Lane.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Eugene, Or., Aug. 12.—The hop crop this year in Lane county, while not as heavy as the one last year, is of much better quality and the yards are perfectly free from vermin, due to the continued absence of cool weather and rains. The berry is large and perfect in shape and many growers are anticipating a better price for their crop on that account.

Picking of early hops will begin in this vicinity week after next, but on the late crop it will not begin until about September 8.

New Bank Building at Prineville.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Prineville, Or., Aug. 12.—The contract will be let within a few days for the construction of a new bank building for the use of the Crook County Bank. The plans call for a building two stories high, 100x30 feet and of native grey stone.



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COMES TO REPRESENT FARMERS' UNION HERE

A. A. Elmore has come from Douglas county to be the Portland representative of the Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union. His office will be in room 508 of the Board of Trade building. Mr. Elmore was the original organizer of the union when locals first began to be instituted three years ago. It has now spread across Washington, Oregon and Idaho and numbers a membership of nearly 10,000.

"Our purpose, briefly," said Mr. Elmore, "is to secure a square deal for the farmers by gathering grain cooperatively into warehouses where the growers themselves can hold it until we can sell it where the best prices will be paid. Incidentally this breaks the power of the juggling grain broker."

Photograph County Records. (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Hood River, Or., Aug. 12.—The Hood River Abstract company has installed a machine for taking photographic copies of the county records to be used in their office. The machine is a success in every detail and greatly facilitated the work of copying from the records.

SOLDIERS' HOME AT ORTING GOES DRY BY VOTE OF 242 TO 50

(United Press Leased Wire.) Orting, Wash., Aug. 12.—A straw vote taken among the inmates of the Soldiers' home here on the liquor question by order of General George W. Tibbets, commanding, resulted as follows: Dry, 242; wet, 50. As a result, work will start at once to oust the saloons from Orting.

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