

SPEAKERS MAY BE CHOSEN OUTSIDE ASSEMBLY, PLAN Proposed Amendment Would Eliminate Organization and Trading; Introduced by Gill of Hood and Wasco.

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.) Salem, Or., Jan. 21.—At the next general election the people will not only vote on a proposed constitutional amendment providing for a lieutenant governor but will also have before them for their consideration, at that time, an additional constitutional amendment providing for the election of a speaker for the house of representatives from without the body of the legislative assembly.

Representative Gill of Hood River and Wasco will introduce such a resolution in the house next Monday. He has already made a draft of the resolution. His object is to eliminate another alleged bad feature, that of organization, which he contends is brought about many times by trading, which is detrimental to free legislation. He would have also the standing committee elected from a box of the resolutions and not appointed by the speaker, so as to take from him as much patronage as possible. The text of the resolution to be offered by Mr. Gill follows:

Resolved by the house of representatives and senate of the state of Oregon that the following amendments be added to section 11 of article 4 of the constitution of Oregon: "The presiding officer of the house of representatives shall be known as the speaker of the house. He shall be elected from without the membership of the legislative assembly, by a majority of the duly elected and qualified representatives and shall serve during the session for which he has been elected, unless deposed by a vote of the house. The speaker shall have no vote upon the passage of bills or resolutions and shall not appoint any standing committee, but shall enjoy such powers and privileges as may be conferred upon him by law or by resolution of the house. He shall receive the sum of \$6 per day for his services during the session of the legislative assembly, but shall receive no additional salary, fees or compensation.

And be it further resolved that this proposed amendment be submitted to the people of the state for approval or rejection at the general election in the year 1912.

And be it further resolved that the secretary of state be and is hereby directed to set aside two pages in the official pamphlet for the publication of arguments in support of this proposed amendment and that a committee consisting of two representatives and one senator be appointed to prepare such arguments and file same with the secretary of state."

NEUMEISTER FAMILY MOST SORELY STRICKEN

(United Press Leased Wire.) Redondo, Cal., Jan. 21.—Mrs. John C. Neumeister, widow of the Chicago "cheese king," who died here Wednesday of pneumonia, died today of the same disease. The Neumeisters arrived a week ago to make their home here. The death of her mother and father have so affected Miss Neumeister that she is under the care of physicians. H. W. Cantabell, Mrs. Neumeister's brother, was told by doctors today that the illness would verge on nervous breakdown and that he must take a complete rest. Arrangements for the funerals of Neumeister and his wife await the arrival of J. E. Morehouse of Milwaukee, son of Mrs. Neumeister by a former husband. Mrs. Neumeister was 53 years of age and a native of Chicago. She leaves two daughters, Mrs. J. B. McKnight of Chicago, and Gretchen, 17 years of age, who is here, and a son of J. E. Morehouse.

POLICE PENSION BILL FAILS AT OLYMPIA

(United Press Leased Wire.) Olympia, Jan. 21.—Detective Captain Charles Tennant looked too healthy. That is one reason why the pension bill failed to pass the legislature. Tennant was in Olympia to urge the law. When he appeared before the judicial committee, Representative Gandy of Spokane jumped to the floor. "Here's Captain Tennant," he said; "he's 35 years old. In seven years he will be 42 years old and eligible to receive under the 20 year pension rule, and he would be just at the prime of his life then. Here's the best possible argument against the bill."

BILL TO PROVIDE FOR NEW CAPITOL BUILDING

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Salem, Or., Jan. 21.—Instead of recommending enlarging the present capitol building, the house committee on capitol buildings and grounds Monday will report a substitute bill providing for the erection of a new building at the east end of the grounds at a cost of \$150,000.

Can't Get Any Job: Kills Self.

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Bernardino, Jan. 21.—After working at night continuously for 15 years, Charles Hardy of Denver, unable to break himself of the habit, endeavored to crash him his mind, and in a fit of temporary insanity he killed himself. Hardy, who for 15 years was a night watchman for the Denver City company, came here recently. Failing to secure the work to which he was accustomed, he took a day position but found that he could not sleep at night. He broke down and yesterday shot himself.

Schoolboys Put Out Fire.

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.) Los Angeles, Jan. 21.—While some of their number were detailed to control the flames, 250 pupils of the Los Feliz grammar school here marched out of the burning building in perfect order. Thirty-five seconds after the alarm was sounded the children were in the school yard. The boys' brigade of the school extinguished the blaze before the city fire department arrived.

DRUG VENDOR BILL HARDSHIP ON PEDDLERS

Fixes Prohibitory License of \$100 a Month; New Plan for Conveyances.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Salem, Or., Jan. 21.—Vendors of drugs and nostrums will be hard hit if a bill presented by Barrett of Washington in the senate is passed. Thursday he introduced a bill which will make the license easy for country peddlers. The drug vendor bill, which was introduced by request, goes to the other extreme, imposing the prohibitory fee of \$100 per month.

Barrett also introduced a bill to legalize the making of deposits of the state school fund in banks. This is understood to be favored by the state treasurer. Calkins of Lane introduced a bill making the saloonman responsible in damages to the wife or other near relative through sale of liquor to an habitual drunkard.

A bill by Malarkie, establishing a state board for examination of candidates for the bar, was indefinitely postponed. Malarkie's bill removing the five day limit allowed to a purchaser to record a conveyance was passed by 17 to 5 after a debate in which the lawyers disagreed. Malarkie contended that this would enable a purchaser to know his title was good when he bought, as the conveyance first recorded would be the one recognized. Abraham, Joseph and Nottingham opposed these views, while Sinnott, Barrett of Washington and Calkins agreed with them.

To remove the stigma of the name "reform school," the senate passed Wood's bill changing the name to the State Training school. A communication was read from Senator Chamberlain, calling attention to the employment of W. P. Lord to assist the attorney general in the Warner Valley Stock company case during Chamberlain's term as governor and recommending that an appropriation be made to pay him for his work.

SEIZES AT SHADOW, LOSES SUBSTANCE

Kennedy Quit Expecting Judge Tazwell's Job; Tazwell Changes Mind.

Major James P. Kennedy, political friend of Mayor Simon and present secretary of the city civil service commission, to which position he was appointed by the mayor in 1909, stands a good chance of being without a job after February 1. He recently resigned his resignation to become effective the first of next month, but tendered his resignation with the understanding that Judge George Tazwell, of the municipal court, would resign from that position to make way for him. Judge Tazwell admitted this morning that he had entered into an agreement to step out of the municipal court so that Major Kennedy might be appointed to the place February 1. "Conditions have changed since I made that agreement," however, said Judge Tazwell this afternoon, "and I have decided not to remain in office but to make a campaign at the next city election to succeed myself. I am not ready at this time to give any further explanation."

"I am surprised at Judge Tazwell's sudden change of mind," said Mayor Simon. "I expected him to resign. The situation seems to be in a muddle. I don't care to say anything more until I have talked to Judge Tazwell." Tazwell was formerly private secretary of Mayor Simon when the mayor was engaged in the practice of law. He later entered into a law partnership with Frank S. Bennett who was elected municipal judge at the last city election. Tazwell was appointed by Mayor Simon to succeed Judge Bennett when the office was made vacant last fall by the death of that official.

DICK FRENCH, ACTOR IS DEAD AT SEATTLE

"Dick" French, an old time actor with many friends from New York to the Pacific coast, is dead at Seattle after a protracted illness. He passed away at the Providence hospital, aged 54 years. He is survived by his widow and a little son, "Dick, Jr."

French began his career upon the stage at the old Hooley theatre at Chicago, now Powers'. His versatility won him public approbation and he supported a score of American stage celebrities. He came to the coast as stage manager for John Cordray, who directed a theatre at Tillamook and Yamhill streets. Mr. Cordray said: "French was a whole-souled man and never failed to render assistance to a friend in distress. He was one of the most worthy men in the theatrical profession I ever came in contact with. He made good out here and owned a home in Seattle. He leaves a snug little fortune. He married Eva Earl, who has attained considerable prominence in the theatrical world. My regret is great over the death of a man who has been an ornament to the theatrical profession and a good husband and a philanthropist ever giving aid to the unfortunate to his own sacrifice."

REFEREE TO LOOK INTO GOODWIN TRUST FUND

(United Press Leased Wire.) New York, Jan. 21.—Justice Goff in the supreme court yesterday afternoon appointed J. Campbell Thompson as a referee to hear the evidence in the suit of Nat Goodwin's wife, who was Edna Goodrich. It is believed the principal contest will be over the disposition of a trust fund Goodwin executed in favor of the ex-chorus girl when they married. It totals \$150,000 and the couple were to share alike in the proceeds. It is reported the deed was signed and delivered to Miss Goodrich before Goodwin was divorced from Maxine Elliott. It includes a \$50,000 equity in the Lafayette apartment house in San Francisco and the remainder is in various stocks and bonds.

FREE TEXT BOOKS BURDEN TO CHURCH

Said to Complain That System Puts Heavy Handicap Upon Parochial Schools.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Sacramento, Cal., Jan. 21.—Determined opposition by the Roman Catholic church to the placing of free text books in the public schools of California, is expected here when the matter, which is now before the legislature, comes up for final action. A prominent member of the legislature today said that Archbishop Riordan of San Francisco would issue a pastoral letter against the proposed change, which would read in all the churches of the archdiocese. "The church holds," said the legislator who is authority for the above statement, "that the making of text books free in the common and high schools of the state, would injure further the cause of parochial education. The church's schools cannot exist except through the tuition fees and charging for books. Making these books free now would be considered legislation especially inimical to church interests. The matter has been discussed by the higher officers of the church in California and their position has been defined. If free text books could also be given to the parochial schools this opposition might be withdrawn."

San Francisco, Jan. 21.—Archbishop Riordan today said he had as yet issued no pastoral letter bearing on the text book matter. Whether or not he intended to take such action the archbishop declined to say.

LAKEVIEW, OR., HAS MANY AUTOMOBILES

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Lakeview, Or., Jan. 21.—There are 45 automobiles in Lakeview at a total cost of \$76,050.00 and an average cost of \$1,690.00, which makes the per capita tax investment of \$1.69 per capita, or \$56.33 per capita of population. This is said to be the largest number of cars according to population of any place in the United States and is remarkable on account of Lakeview being away from ordinary stone roads, macadamized roads, and gravel roads, which speaks well for the condition of the roads in this section of the state. The Lake County Automobile club is one of the strongest organizations of its kind and have an arrangement with the county court whereby they see that any piece of bad road is repaired.

FIVE GENERATIONS LIVE UNDER ONE ROOF

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Walla Walla, Wash., Jan. 21.—Five generations are living under the same roof of a Pease farmer's home, and all the parties to the generations are hale and hearty, notwithstanding the extremes of age. T. F. Dice is the name of the man whose home is thus distinguished. For a number of years his wife's mother, Mrs. Spangberg, and her mother, Mrs. Gartman, age 93 have lived with the Dice family. Mrs. Dice's son, William, also is living with his mother, and his little baby daughter completes the five generations.

CEMENT SEWERS FOR VERNON APPROVED

The sewer committee of the city council has recommended that the petition of property owners for the installation of a system of cement sewers in the Vernon district be granted. The petition is signed by owners of 1000 acres of property in a section comprising 1600 acres.

The city engineer was instructed to prepare plans and estimates for the sewer system. The estimated cost of one of its kind to be authorized by a council committee. Cement sewer pipe has been little used in this city up to the present, but the advocates of this material claim it will be a success and that it will result in a great saving to property owners on account of the cheap price, as compared to that charged for terra cotta. The Woodlawn Improvement association has filed a protest against the proposed outlet of the contemplated network of sewers into Columbia slough. The city engineer will prepare alternate plans showing the cost of outlets in the slough and in the Willamette river. On the recommendation of the city attorney, the committee voted to grant the request of E. and R. Reischneider that they be exempted from the payment of an assessment for the Gideon street sewer. The city promised them this exemption in consideration of rights of way donated by them for the Brooklyn sewer.

METHODISTS MAY BECOME REUNITED

(United Press Leased Wire.) Cincinnati, Ohio, Jan. 21.—Amalgamation of the Methodist Episcopal, the Methodist Episcopal South, and the Methodist Protestant churches is predicted here today, following the adoption of a subcommittee of three members of each organization which has been working out a plan for union. The committee will report to a general conference composed of nine members of each of the denominations at Chattanooga, Tenn., in May.

ANNIVERSARY OF "RED SUNDAY" TOMORROW

St. Petersburg, Jan. 21.—Tomorrow is the sixth anniversary of "Red Sunday," when Father Gapon led a parade of strikers to present a petition to the czar at the winter palace and hundreds were killed by the troops. "In view of the recent activity of the revolutionary organizations in many parts of Europe the authorities are taking elaborate precautions to prevent demonstrations. The prefect of police had ordered the police reserves under arms the whole day and strong patrols of Cossacks and dragoons will be stationed in all sections of the city."

MAN OF MYSTERY IN LEE'S JAIL

Charged With Being Fiend—Well Educated and Bears Marks of War.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Centralia, Wash., Jan. 21.—That he tried to blow 10 of his compatriots into eternity with six sticks of dynamite secured under a big stump in the woods is the allegation made against John Soponski, a prisoner now in the county jail of Lewis, charged with almost disemboweling John Link in a fracas at Pe Ell last Sunday morning. This statement was made in Centralia yesterday by two of the accused man's court-appointed attorneys, who were in Chehalis by two other men who arrived from the woods to visit the injured man at the St. Helen's hospital. According to the unwavering statement of the men, a number of Poles, Russians and Slavs were standing near a donkey engine in the woods close to Pe Ell some time ago, when somebody in the group saw Soponski covertly steal up to a stump close by and insert six sticks of dynamite in a bored-out hole. Somebody rushed forth and took the explosive sticks out while the others beat a retreat. Soponski made light of the matter and said he was under the impression that the stump had to be blown up, and was merely getting ready, but failed to explain why six sticks were needed. The accused man is a man of mystery to Sheriff Urquhart and Deputy Sheriff Tom Foster, who has met him since he drifted to this county. A man of apparent education, he speaks six languages with fluency, writes a flowing hand, has a penchant for French novels, and says, with a nonchalant air, that he can raise all the money he needs for his defense. One peculiarity about the man is the presence of a number of scars that show he has been gnawed to the bone in some furious encounters years ago, and his shoulders bear many of these marks. Sheriff Link's body to deepen the mystery, and is inclined to think his man has a past.

FOURTEEN CARS ENTERED

Run to Gresham Made in Exceptionally Good Time. Fourteen automobile trucks started from Fifth and Yamhill streets in an endurance race covering 60 miles this morning, the first auto starting being a Buick driven by Roy Wilson. The first machine sped away with a load at 8 o'clock when Cliff Harrison snapped his watch taking the official time of the endurance run.

RAISES AGE LIMIT FOR MESSENGER BOYS

The meek and lowly messenger boy may be protected by legislative enactment. In his behalf a bill will be introduced in the state legislature Monday or Tuesday by the Oregon Federation of Labor, backed by the child labor commission and the Y. M. C. A. In effect the bill will prohibit the messenger companies from employing boys under 16 years of age for day work and from employing boys under 18 for work between the hours of 10 o'clock at night and 5 o'clock in the morning. Managers of the Western Union and Postal companies in Portland have served notice that they will fight the 18-year clause in the bill.

FEW VOTE, NO CHOICE MADE AT ALBANY

(United Press Leased Wire.) Albany, N. Y., Jan. 21.—In the belief that no break in the New York senatorial deadlock is in sight, members of the legislature generally absented themselves from the ballot today. Only 54 votes were cast. They were divided as follows: Sheehan, 13; Shepard, 11; Parker, 7; Van, 7; Livingston, 3; Gerwick, 3; Kernan, 4; O'Brien, 1; Depew, 10.

TWO LOS ANGELES GIRLS HELP KILL A SHARK

(United Press Leased Wire.) Long Beach, Cal., Jan. 21.—Miss Rose Roth and Miss Glen Hamann, two Los Angeles girls, participated in a battle with a 60 pound man-eating shark, rescued Edward Clien, a companion, pulled from a launch by the monster, and assisted H. J. Moser, one of their party, to capture it.

The young people, fishing here, hooked a 20 foot shark. Clien, who held the line, was pulled overboard and dragged out of sight. Moser grabbed the line as the fish wheeled and made for the boat. The girls brought the launch about, pulled Clien, who could not swim, out of the water, and assisted Moser with the line. After an hour the shark was towed ashore.

HELLO GIRL AT ROME SAUCY WITH KING AND IS SORRY SHE SPOKE

(United Press Leased Wire.) Rome, Jan. 21.—"I'm a king and you know it," is some thing of a calamity, in the opinion of one of the "hello" girls at the local telephone exchange. Yesterday the king, wishing to speak to the head keeper at Castle Porosiano, attempted to call him by phone, but each time he called for the number he was given the tart answer "non risponde." Knowing that the head keeper was expecting his call, the king sent a court official to the telephone exchange and the girl was frightened into hysterics by the "calling down" she received.

Fancy Livestock at O. A. C.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Jan. 21.—A shipment of fancy livestock was received by the animal husbandry department of Oregon Agricultural college yesterday. This is to be used by the students in the winter short course. The shipment consisted of five South-down ewes, a ram and four Shorthorn cattle, and was contributed by Frank Brown of Carlton, Or. Mr. Brown's ewes are the best representatives of the South-down breed and will give the short course students a splendid idea of the type of mutton sheep which the best breeders are trying to produce. Several other shipments of horses and swine are to arrive soon.

FINE RECORDS IN DEBILITY RUN

John's Contest Proves Severe Test on Heavily Loaded Auto Trucks.

Gresham, Or., Jan. 21.—At Gresham, where he ended his first 26 miles of The Journal's Reliability Run for automobile trucks just before noon today, the Buick, Roy Wilson driver, among the class C trucks, had arrived with a perfect score at 11:32 o'clock and the records of other class C contestants were as follows: Samson, Stevens driver, arrived at 11:26; perfect score. Schacht, Johnson driver, arrived at 11:30; suffered several penalties for carburetor trouble. Stoddard-Dayton arrived at 11:33; perfect score. Franklin arrived at 11:40; perfect score. At noon the solitary entry in class B had not arrived. The big trucks in the class A series when last seen were making good progress up the big Troutdale hill. The Kelly, Bristow driving, had a perfect score up to that point. The Gram arrived at the hill first, but will lose some points because of a stalled engine.

PLEDGE SELVES FOR GOOD ROADS

Portland Auto Club Rallies to Support of State Wide Project. Good roads in Oregon within the next year—this is the pledge of the Portland Automobile club. The Portland Automobile club shot direct to the bullseye last night at its annual dinner given at the Commercial club. Prominent men boosted for good roads throughout the state and it is promised by the automobile men that a heated discussion over the proposed South Portland bridge thrown in for good measure.

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RUSSIAN COLONY FOR LAKE COUNTY

Thrifty Farmers to Take Up Homesteads in Rich Southern Oregon.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Lakeview, Or., Jan. 21.—W. Roche Flick has just received word from the east that a large colony of Russians from the central west are bound for Lakeview to look up a suitable settlement to establish a colony. It is the intention of the leaders of the movement to secure as far as possible some of the lands open to homestead entry. The colony will come with everything complete to establish a new settlement and will have their own stores, school, church and other affairs that are necessary. One of the prime movers in the colony says that lands in the central west are too high for them to branch out as in their custom. Every Russian boy and girl lives at home until they are married and their earnings go into a common fund that goes to purchase land as they become ready to marry. The eldest son gets the land, and after the fund is sufficiently large enough to make the purchase and then each married child in turn. If there is not enough money in the fund when the eldest son marries, he brings his wife to the parents' home, where she is a part of the family until such time as there is a division made which is remote from that lands are so high where they come from.

All are experienced farmers and familiar with the conditions that prevail here. They will probably take the 320 acre homesteads as fast as they get here, and will mean the cultivation successfully of some of the best lands in the county that have been neglected on account of the lack of railroad transportation, which seems to be destined as a thing of the past within the next year.

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