

MERE SUBTERFUGE, CITY WILL RETAIN \$25,000 DEPOSIT

Mayor Simon and City Auditor Barbur Ridicule Argument of Farson & Sons, Who Refuse Bridge Bonds.

(Well, according to that opinion nearly every bridge across the Willamette river within the city limits was built illegally," declared City Auditor Barbur after reading over the discussion of the Broadway bridge bond issue, as it appeared in a statement of Hawkins, DeLafayette & Longfellow, of New York, attorneys for Farson & Sons, which firm refused to accept a \$500,000 issue of bonds, basing its refusal on the advice of the attorneys aforementioned.

The city still holds the certified check given by Farson & Sons, in the sum of \$25,000 to guarantee good faith. The company has exhibited no little anxiety to recover this check but Mayor Simon and Mr. Barbur are determined to retain the check until the bond buyers show something more than the flimsy opinion submitted by their attorneys as a reason for the rejection of the securities.

Second Suit Pending.

The main contention of the New York attorneys is that, while the first suit attacking the legality of the \$500,000 bond issue was decided in favor of the city by both the circuit and the supreme court, there is still pending a second suit, involving a point of law not yet decided by the supreme court.

The point at issue referred to is the alleged claim by obstructionists that section 118 1/2 of the city charter provided that the bonds shall bear 4 per cent interest and that since the paper was sold for 92.80 the rate of interest was in effect raised, contrary to the charter amendment.

"Such a claim is absurd," said Mayor Simon this morning. "Why, if it had any force, whatever, the city would be powerless to make any improvements when market conditions preclude the possibility of obtaining bids at par or better."

"Mere Subterfuge."

Another reason given by the attorneys for their peculiar opinion, is that they did not receive a complete city charter, though they telegraphed for one. City Auditor Barbur says that one of the first things he did after the bond issue had been awarded to Farson & Sons was to send them a copy of the charter. He regards this part of the attorneys' statement as a mere subterfuge.

"It is true," concludes the declaration of the Gotham lawyers, "that there is no express prohibition in section 118 1/2 of the city charter against the sale of bonds below par. However, there is no provision in the charter which questions and the decisions in other states are conflicting. And while there is yet pending litigation in which this point we have raised is undecided we cannot give a favorable opinion on the bonds."

In the opinion of leading attorneys of the city, Farson & Sons can be forced to take the bond issue or to forfeit their certified check unless they can give a more valid reason for their refusal.

Charles W. Fulton, formerly United States senator from Oregon and now attorney for the Mount Hood Railway & Power company, which must use the Broadway bridge in order to gain access to the heart of the city, has volunteered his services in aid of compelling the bond buying firm to keep good faith and accept the \$500,000 of bonds for which they bid.

NEW FORESTRY BOARD TO ORGANIZE MARCH 30

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.) Salem, Or., March 28.—Governor West has called a meeting of the new forestry board for Thursday, March 30. The purpose of the meeting will be for organization, and for getting the field operations with which the board will have to deal. In the absence of any recommendations for appointment by the Oregon Wool Growers' association, the governor has appointed Dr. E. Smythe of Pendleton. The other members are Austin T. Buxton, recommended by the state game; L. S. Hill, recommended by the Oregon & Washington Lumbermen's association; A. P. Sprague, recommended by the Oregon Forest Fire association, and George H. Cecil, recommended by the United States forest service. Governor West and Professor George W. Peavy, head of the department of forestry at the Oregon Agricultural college, are members ex-officio.

COAST FLEET HUNTS FOR RUNAWAY TARGET

(United Press Lined Wire.) San Diego, March 28.—Practically everything in the Pacific naval fleet, except the cruisers, has been ordered out, it is announced today, to hunt for the derelict target lost by the collier Glacier Friday while weathering a storm on the way from San Francisco to San Diego. The target was lost about 35 miles off Point Arguello. The nature of the winds and currents there is such that the target's location cannot be guessed within 100 miles. Yesterday three steamers hunted for it. Today they are reinforced by six torpedo boat destroyers. Commander Richardson will leave San Diego at 3 o'clock this afternoon aboard the destroyer Hopkins and make all haste to the scene of the search.

UMATILLA SCHOOLS MAKE DECLARATION-A FEATURE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Milton, Or., March 28.—A declamatory contest will be held in the Milton gymnasium on Thursday, March 30, the following schools taking part: Vincent, Pleasant View, Fruitvale, Ferndale, Moore, East Side, Milton-Freewater. These different schools have each had their tryout and four contestants are allowed from each school. There will be two classes, A and B, with two contestants to each. To class A, ninth grade, three prizes will be given, one gold and two silver medals; to class B, seventh and eighth grades, three prizes, one gold and two silver medals. A silver cup will be presented to the school winning the greatest number of points in class B. The final contest takes place at Athens in April.

HOOD RIVER PROPOSES TO ANNEX HEIGHTS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Hood River, Or., March 28.—At a meeting of the city council last night a petition was presented from the Women's club and the board of school directors asking that some drastic measure be passed by the council more efficiently to control the spread of infectious diseases. A report from the school board indicated that quarantine had been too lax and that great damage had been done to the efficiency of the school. A special election was ordered to extend the city limits so as to include a large section of territory on the heights. S. W. Arnold tendered his resignation as a councilman and Charles T. Early was elected to fill the vacancy.

DEER KILLER CONFESSES, SEEKS JUSTICE, PAYS UP

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) McMillinville, March 28.—Sirus James of Willamina came to town a day or two ago looking for Justice Hopfield, and on finding him told the justice he had killed a deer out of season and wanted to pay his fine. Justice Hopfield thought James was joking but on questioning him found him in dead earnest, so he figured out the costs and imposed the minimum fine, which is \$50, and James dug down, produced the gold and asked the justice for a receipt, saying that since venison came so high he didn't care to buy much of it.

DEVOUT CHURCH MAN, BLOWING OUT STUMP ON SABBATH, WARNED

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Centralia, Wash., March 28.—Returning from church last Sunday morning and noticing that one of his horses stumbled over a large stump that had stood in the road near his farm for a long time, Frederick E. Owens determined to lose no time clearing the stump away. In attempting to blast it he barely escaped being killed by the premature explosion of a fuse, and we believe he has had his head blown off while pecking into the hole if he had placed the powder charge inside first. His eyebrows were burned off and his face scorched, but he will not be permanently disfigured. Mr. Owens believes the mishap was a warning of providence that was sent him for breaking the Sabbath, and the same view is taken at the meeting house where he is a devout attendant.

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UNIONS, IN GREAT MASS MEETING, TO ENTER A PROTEST

New York Working Public, Following Great Fire of Saturday, Protest Against Unsafe Buildings.

(United Press Lined Wire.) New York, March 28.—The labor unions in New York today are planning a mighty demonstration as a protest against fire trap conditions such as caused the loss of 143 lives in the fire at the Triangle Shirtwaist company's plant. All work will be suspended during the funerals of the victims, and on Thursday and Friday, when the unidentified bodies will be buried, labor will demonstrate in protest.

Following the funerals of the unknown dead a great mass meeting will be held at which it will be demanded that the city's factories be safeguarded to the greatest possible extent. To make their protest definite the unions today are examining every factory in the city, and will make a detailed report on every one in which the safety conditions are bad.

Funerals of many of the victims were held here this morning, in some cases as many as three bodies being taken to the tomb in one hearse. Only 28 of the dead are still unidentified, but as

they are merely masses of charred flesh, there is little hope that more will be recognized.

The city officials are still conducting their investigations into the disaster. The coroner's jury has scores of witnesses ready to testify that some of the exits from the Triangle factory were locked at the time of the fire. Fire Chief Croker declares that his men were forced to chop down doors on the ninth and tenth floors of the building in order to free the struggling, screaming girls who fought wildly to escape the flames.

Fire Marshal Beers today is trying to find out whether cleaning compounds stored in the Triangle factory exploded, thus hastening the spread of the fire. It is believed the April grand jury will investigate the horror, but little hope is entertained that the responsibility for the disaster will be laid at the door of anyone.

The bodies of five girls whose relatives are destitute, were buried today from union headquarters. All the streets through which the bodies passed were packed with mourners. Thirty-five of the victims were buried today.

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