PORTLAND'S NEW BUSINESS POLICY TOPIC AT DINNER

Fun and Goodfellowship Will Reign Supreme; Speakers to Dwell on Trade Trips Recently Undertaken.

Portland's new business and trade extension policy of reaching out the hand of friendship and help to tributary territory will be interestingly explained at the dollar development dinner in the Commercial club at 6:30 o'clock this evening.

The fun and good fellowship of the recent business excursions to Klamath Falls, Grays Harbor and central Oregon will be retold in songs and jokes and humorous addresses. How the hours of the journey were cheered by funny incidents will be told and then will come the more serious recital of the enlarged view of Oregon's potential resources received by the business men who participated in the excursion.

Some stereoptican slides with sketches drawn under the direction of Phil S. Bates will indicate just how some of the problems of the road were overcome.

Aggressive Work Planned.

A purpose of the dinner is not only to set forth the business opportunities of Portland's tributary territory, but to emphasize the fact that Portland must aid Oregon's development for the sake of Portland's greater permanent growth. A plan for more aggressive development activity is expected to be one of the results of the dinner.

The program, in the form of a newspaper, reprinting the songs, yells and impressions of the journeys, also indicates, under the "windjamming" department, the names of eight speakers. Although the major part of the program is to be kept as much a surprise as the unusual scheme of decoration, this significant sentence is to precede the announcement of addresses:

"The radishes, cheese and water bottles will be removed from the tables during the speaking. Any crockery thrown at the speakers will be charged for at double rates. Messrs. D. O. Lively, A. C. Callan and C. D. Joslyn chose the speakers, and will act as sergeants-at-arms. The speakers will not hurt you, as they are limited to five (5) minutes each."

Speakers Announced.

"Portland at Aberdeen" is to be discussed by F. P. West of the Goodyear Rubber company.

"What Can We Do for More Business in the Grays Harbor Section?" by C. C. Colt of the Union Meat company.

"How Can We Develop More Business in Klamath Falls?" L. F. Weaver, Studebaker Bros. & Co.

"Observations of the Trip Between Portland and Klamath Falls," John F. Carroll of the Evening Telegram.

"Crook and Harney Counties—Tributary Territory," S. C. Pier, Marshall-Wells Hardware company.

"Trade Possibilities of Central Oregon," H. W. Mitchell, Mitchell, Lewis & Staver.

"Why Portland Business Men Should Participate in Trade Excursions and What They Do to Assist in the Development of the Country," Wilfred P. Jones, Merchants National bank.

"The Trip to Burns," Paul de Haas, Dougherty, Fithian Shoe company.

"What Was Accomplished at the Southwestern Washington Development Meeting at Aberdeen and High Lights on the Various Excursions," C. C. Chapman, Portland Commercial club.

Speechmaking and funny views will be followed by two sets of moving pictures, one reel realistically showing the Pendleton Roundup, and the other illustrating the immense amount of advertising given in the east to Oregon by the Harriman lines.

Then will come colored views of the country traversed, so that those who did not get to take the trips may see what others saw and be similarly inspired by the breadth and value of the present Oregon development opportunity.

MAY MEAN RAISING OF THE SPEED LIMIT

In a written communication to Chief of Police Slover yesterday City Attorney Grant advises the police not to try to enforce those provisions of the city ordinance regulating automobile traffic, that conflict with certain sections of the state law.

This virtually means that the speed limit has been raised from 10 miles an hour inside the fire limits, 15 miles an hour outside the fire limits and six miles an hour at street crossings, according to city ordinance, to 25 miles an hour, "or no faster than a regard for safety will allow."

Just what the driver of an automobile may consider a safe speed is said to be a variable quantity, but the speed is always in excess of that which the pedestrian believes to be safe and the advice of the city attorney to the police department will cause those who walk to cultivate a sidestep, it is argued.

"People fortunate enough to travel in 'horse drawn vehicles' would fare better than the walking public but for the fact that the provision of the state law requiring motor cars to 'slow down to a speed of eight miles an hour' applies only to country roads," says one.

Under the statute owners of cars may drive them no matter what may be the age of the owner. But the city ordinance provides that the driver of a car must be more than 18 years of age and that not more than two persons in a family may drive the same car.

The city attorney announces in his communication that a committee of the city council will meet with the municipal automobile registry board soon to reconstruct the city ordinance so that it will harmonize with the state statute. That will bring little relief, however, to the autoless wayfarer.

TO EMPLOY COUNSEL TO FIGHT OIL TANK

An executive committee of 10 members to carry on the fight against the location of oil tanks in South Portland was authorized at a meeting of South Portland citizens last night at Gevurtz hall, Front and Gibbs street.

All but two members of the committee have been appointed, as follows: W. D. Smith, F. C. Sharkey, Isaac Swett, John Heitkemper, John Montag, B. F. Johnson, Willis Fisher, H. Frey and V. K. Strode.

This committee was instructed to employ counsel and proceed with the fight against the oil tanks along whatever lines the members may select and the citizens of South Portland pledged their support.

ROSE FESTIVAL IS KNOWN ABROAD

Letter From London Praises Portland's Enterprise in Giving Show.

While the building of next year's Rose Festival is being made to hinge upon the support given it now by business interests, response for its continuance, emphasis of its advertising importance and renewed expressions of interest are being received by the festival managements from Australia, England, Germany and nearly every state of this country.

"This letter," said Manager George Hutchin of the festival yesterday, "illustrates the interest that has been aroused in Portland by reason of the annual Rose Festival. It is but one of a great number that might well be said to have come from the uttermost parts of the earth." The letter was one written by W. C. Dorflborough, from the Royal Automobile club of London, and read as follows:

"I have been in Europe almost continuously since we left Illinois and I had lost track of you until I began to read and hear of the Portland Rose Festival, which is better known on this side of the pond than the Mardi Gras of New Orleans or the Veiled Prophet of St. Louis.

"I understand that you are manager of the Rose Festival. It is an honor you might feel proud of. The Rose Festival of Portland has certainly given that city a tremendous advertising and put it on the map.

"I read what Tom Lawson said about Portland and the Rose Festival in a newspaper interview. He put it strong. I saw the coronation here, and from all I hear your Rose Festival had it faded. I have traveled all over continental Europe, and in all the big carnival cities I heard more or less of your Rose Festival. Don't be surprised if a bunch of us globe trotters drop in on you next June. What is the date of your next celebration? I suppose your show costs as much or more than New Orleans. They tell me the Crescent city spends annually $200,000."

"It would be quite a surprise to those who are interested in the Rose Festival if they knew we spent less than one-fourth what New Orleans appropriates for the Mardi Gras," said Mr. Hutchin.

ANOTHER SPECIAL PRIVILEGE IS URGED

The street committee of the city council yesterday afternoon recommended the passage of an ordinance granting still another special privilege. The committee asked the council to pay the first installment of a street assessment of $136.98 levied against Mrs. Albert Torgensen. Mrs. Torgensen appeared before the committee and told the councilman that she and her two small children had been obliged to subsist for the past week on rice and milk.

"I am not able to work," said she, "and all I have in the world is some property left by my husband. This is heavily mortgaged and I owe a grocer's bill of $200. I have already paid an assessment of $30 and am unable to meet further drains right now and will not be able to until I can sell my property."

On motion of Councilman George L. Baker the committee decided to recommend the passage of an ordinance appropriating an amount sufficient to pay the first installment of the assessment. Mrs. Torgensen will bond her property to the city and will have 10 years in which to pay the rest of the assessment.

The committee voted in favor of passing two ordinances appropriating money from the special bridge fund with which to pay the cost of fills on Second and Corbett streets in South Portland.

One hundred property owners have protested against the extension of East Gliaan street from East Tyenty-eighth street to the Sandy road. Other property owners want the extension. The committee will hear both sides of the argument at the next regular meeting.

At request of citizens of East Forty-first street the committee voted to rescind the proceedings for the improvement of East Forty-first street.

PLAN TO PUT POLICE OFFICERS UNDER BOND

The relation of the police department to the commission form of government occupied the session of the Simon charter revision commission last night.

The plan approved will cause the chief of police to give bond in the sum of $10,000 to $50,000 for faithful performance of duty; captains a bond of $5000 each, and police officers and detectives, $1000 each. The chief of police will have power to inspect the books of pawnshops and brokerage agencies once a week.

Extra officers may be appointed in the women's auxiliary. No fees for serving papers or writs may be retained by the officer but must be paid into the city treasury.

The present police and fire commissions will be succeeded by the commissioner of public safety and he will administer the police and fire funds.

The revision committee successfully considered an immense amount of business last night, justifying the prediction of the chairman, Judge Earl C. Bronaugh, that the reports of all subcommittees can be completely reviewed in three more meetings. These reports as approved by the general committee will then be submitted to a special committee on codification and revision.

There were present last night: Judge Bronaugh, Councilman Burgard, George B. Cellars, Frank S. Grant, S. Grutze, Henry E. Reed, O. W. Taylor, J. E. Werlein and Dr. Benjamin Young.

ONLY FEW CHANGES IN PRECINCT LINES NEEDED

Polls will be open all day at the primary election next spring, and it will not be necessary to revise the precinct lines, except in a few instances. The law passed by the last legislature extending the voting on primary days to the morning hours escaped notice of local officials until a day or two ago, as it is not indexed in the session laws so that it may be readily found.

It was then thought a large number of new precincts would be necessary. The discovery that the law authorizes the opening of polls at 8 a. m. will obviate the necessity for such action.

GIVE CONTRACT ON ONLY SINGLE BID

City Attorney Files Opinion Affecting Work on East Tenth Street.

Although Section 374 of the city charter provides that the city engineer must specify several different kinds of improvements whenever bids for the paving of any street are invited by the council that body has, nevertheless, the right to award a contract should only one bid be received.

This is the decision of City Attorney Frank S. Grant, who filed an opinion in the city auditor's office this morning declaring that the council may award a contract for the improvement of East Tenth street, from East Ankeny to East Burnside, with asphalt. Specifications for both asphalt and bitulithic were included in the advertisement for bids, but only one bid was tendered, that being for asphalt.

"The spirit of the competitive paving amendment to the city charter," reads the opinion, "is to obtain two or more bids upon each kind or class of improvement, and I would advise that the council carry out the spirit of the statute in so far as it is reasonably possible to do so. I am not, however, of the opinion that the council will be deprived of jurisdiction or authority to accept a bid and proceed, with an improvement where the circumstances are such as to warrant the conclusion that in all probability no better results would be obtained by rejecting the bids and readvertising. It is not within the power of the city council to compel contractors to bid upon street work, nor should the council unreasonably delay proceedings for a needed improvement for the purpose of obtaining bids from more contractors.

"A very large amount of power and discretion is vested in the council, and this should be exercised carefully and in good faith to protect property owners against exorbitant prices, obtain competition among bidders as far as possible, and at the same time advance needed improvements. Each particular case should stand on its own merits."

MANY SPEAKERS AT ESTACADA BANQUET

Governor West, T. B. Wilcox, Harvey Beckwith, president of the Portland Commercial club, and President B. S. Josselyn of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, will be the principal speakers at a banquet to be given at Estacada by the Commercial club composed of residents in the Estacada country.

President Josselyn's private car will leave First and Alder streets at 5:15 this evening, carrying the Portland party, and it will arrive at Estacada at 7. At 8 o'clock a reception will be held at the Estacada hotel and at 8 o'clock the banquet will begin.

The banquet is for the purpose of creating interest in the exploitation of the wonderful resources in the Estacada region which lies practically at the very doors of Portland, and which has excellent transportation facilities as far as the rail service is concerned. Improved wagon roads, however, are sadly needed, and this subject will probably be one of the most important features of the talks.

The soil in the districts surrounding Mount Hood has been found remarkably well adapted for fruit growing, and for some time the Oregon Agricultural college has maintained an experiment station in the Garfield district, five miles east of Estacada.

PATROLMAN FOSTER IS SUSPENDED BY CHEIF

Patrolman H. A. Foster, one of the new members of the police department, who has been on duty in the north end, was suspended yesterday afternoon by Chief of Police Slover, after a Sellwood woman had preferred serious charges against him, but the order suspending the man charges him with neglect of duty and failure to make a report.

On the night of October 8, the arrest of several people was made in Sellwood and a young woman who gave her name as Marie Williams was brought in as a witness. When the persons under arrest were booked, Patrolman Foster was assigned to take the woman to her home. The cars had stopped running, however, and Foster offered to take her to his home. The woman refused to go, however, and Foster secured a room for her on Alder street.

Foster may have to face serious charges preferred against him by the woman in addition to the charges to be made before the police commisison. Foster denies the charges and declares that the affair is a frame up against him. The girl lives with her sister on Portland Heights.

FAVORS FREE TOLLS FOR AMERICAN SHIPS

The Central Labor Council went on record last night as being in favor of the movement toward making the Panama canal free to American vessels engaged in the coastwise trade and amending the present interstate commerce laws by adding a provision prohibiting transcontinental railroads from owning ships trading between American ports on the different coasts, thus controlling freight rates.

The resolutions which follow, the suggestions of J. N. Teal, are as follows:

"Resolved. That it is the sense of this meeting that there should be no tolls charged through the canal to vessels coastwise flying the American flag; and be it further

"Resolved. That we approve of amendments to the present interstate commerce laws provisions prohibiting railroads under their jurisdiction from owning or controlling ships engaged in the trade through the Panama canal; to the effect that the people of the United States may have the benefits resulting in competition between the Atlantic and Pacific seaboards, for which purpose this canal was primarily intended."

A WHOLESOME SUMMER DRINK
Horsford's Acid Phosphate.
Superior to lemons or limes — more wholesome, satisfying and invigorating.

RUSHING PLANS OF BRANCH LIBRARY

Albina Site Will Be Beautified by Landscape Artist in Near Future.

Plans are being prepared by Architect E. F. Lawrence for the new public branch library building which will be erected on Knott street, between Union and Rodney avenues. Tiny will be rushed and the building will be erected as soon as possible.

Several weeks ago the public library board purchased the site for the building in Albina. The board secured a piece of ground 150 feet square at a cost of $9500. The ground was purchased in small parcels from several owners. The purchase price was given to the library association by its friends.

As being planned, the new library building will be one story, with an auditorium annex in the rear. The library building proper will be 100 by 45 feet, and the auditorium will be 30 by 70 or 80 feet. It will cost $35,000, which will come from the Carnegie library fund.

"There will be enough room for some pretty landscape work around the building," said W. B. Ayer, a member of the library board. "We expect to make the site one of the prettiest spots in that section of the city. We plan to make the architecture of the building entirely different from the new East Side branch library on East Morrison street, which is now nearing completion."

NOTED GENERAL IS REPORTED TO HAVE JOINED REVOLTERS

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is understood to be permeated with revolutionary doctrine.

Precautions for the protection of all foreign residents in Peking are being taken today, as an uprising here is now regarded as by no means improbable.

Peking, Oct. 21.—Heavy supplies of provisions are being laid in so that a place of refuge for the European population may be at hand if the threatened convulsion comes.

The alarm became critical here when students warned the American missionaries in Chi Li province that Peking was soon to be attacked. It is beyond question that the situation is of the gravest. The representatives of the foreign powers do not conceal their belief that the great attack on the fortress of the Manchu dynasty is near and it is freely predicted that when the assault does come blood will flow in rivers before the city falls.

Spread of the rebellion is reported today from a hundred regions and if reports are to be credited the rebels are winning everywhere. Late dispatches say that Tien Tsin is in hourly danger of attack, and that the yamen of the viceroy at Tsinan, the capital of Shantung province has been burned.

Tokio, Oct. 21.—Official confirmation of press reports that the Chinese rebel armies have gained a great victory north of Hankow was given out here today by the Japanese war office. It is declared by the officials that their secret means of information has brought the news that the imperial Chinese forces have been badly beaten and have been compelled to retreat down the Yangste Kiang from the scene of battle.

Peking, Oct. 21.—The strictest censorship of all news of the revolution has been established here by the imperial government.

San Francisco, Oct. 21.—Code dispatches received here from Shanghai by the Chinese Free Press state that the imperials near Hankow have suffered another defeat at the hands of the rebels and that Admiral Sah Cheng Ping, his ships and his men, have been captured. The rest of the fleet which had returned up the Yangtse river for the attack was shelled back. Two thousand are reported killed.

Washington, Oct. 21.—Satisfied that there is great danger of the Chinese rebellion developing into a gigantic national convulsion, the navy department today took steps to concentrate the whole of the Asiatic squadron near the scene of the trouble. The cruiser Albany has sailed from Manila for Shanghai and the New Orleans has left Shanghai for Nanking. Two torpedo boat destroyers preceded the New Orleans.

Last Stand of the Manchus.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

San Francisco, Oct. 21.—Dispatches to revolutionary agents here state that practically the whole of the imperial Chinese army is being mobilized near Sin Yang Chow. It is believed that when the troops are completely assembled they will make one more grand rally for the emperor's flag, and if that fails desertions to the rebel ran ranks will be wholesale.

Another dispatch contains full confirmation of the rebel victory at Hankow and intimates that the provinces south of the Yangtse river are on the verge of secession. One more decisive victory for the revolutionists is expected to fire the southern provinces with revolt.

A report has also reached here to the effect that War Minister Yin Tchang is preparing to lead 20,000 imperial troops against the rebels in an effort to retake Hankow. In order to swell his ranks he has proclaimed immunity to all rebels who desert the revolutionary leader.

Mariners May Be Sent to Hankow.

Manila, Oct. 21.—Orders to immediately deliver all food supplies contracted for the marine force here are taken as an indication that America contemplates sending the entire marine force now stationed here to Hankow for emergency duty. The collier Abarend, supplied with ammunition for a long campaign, has already set sail for Shanghai.

Goes After His Fortune.

New York, Oct. 21.—Seven years ago Captain John Armond, master of the tramp steamer Reigale was notified that his sister in Chicago had died and left him a fortune of $500,000. He did not believe the news. With the passing of time he changed his mind, and is now en route to Chicago to see if the money is really waiting for him.

Warrant Issued.

A warrant has been issued for the arrest of John W. Marshall, of Goldendale, Wash., on a charge of issuing a check for $150 on a bank at Goldendale, which was presented to Roy K. Glover, of the Baggage & Omnibus Transfer company in payment of transfer charges. The check was returned, marked "No funds."

Dry slabwood. Albina Fuel Co.

MAN WOULD WED MISS OLIVE DICK

Alleged Victim of Trey McDavid Has Staunch Friend in Traveling Man.

An unexpecting romance was brought to light in the sordid story of the Trey McDavid white slave trial in the United States circuit court today when J. D. Summers, a Seattle traveling man, declared on the witness stand that he was in love with Miss Olive Dick, said to have been McDavid's victim, and intended to marry her as soon as the case was over.

Summers met Miss Dick in Spokane when she was traveling with McDavid as his sister, she was introduced to him as McDavid's sister and it was not until he was summoned to Portland to appear as a witness in the case that he learned the girl and McDavid were not brother and sister. He said that fact made no difference with him, and, if Miss Dick was still willing, after the trial was over, they would be married and he would take her home with him to Seattle.

The examination of Alice Sinner, to whom McDavid is said to have directed Miss Dick when she came to Portland, took up most of yesterday afternoon and a part of this morning. Numerous hotel clerks from points in Idaho visited by McDavid and Miss Dick testified as to the registration of the pair. Summers was called and said he asked Miss Dick to go to Seattle with him from Spokane, that she did so, he bought her clothes and a hat in Seattle and that she left him there to come to Portland so that she might get her trunk and tell her "brother" of the arrangements for her wedding with Summers. He said he considered then, and still considers Miss Dick a perfectly good girl, who was unfortunate in her associations, but who now knows better than to make another mistake.

Miss Sinner's examination took several hours and she proved an extremely crafty witness. She has been employed in attorneys' offices and she was well versed in how to handle herself as a witness. She did not give a great deal of comfort to either side in the case, though she admitted having received a letter from McDavid concerning Miss Dick, in which he asked her to "wise up" Miss Dick.

"What was meant by 'wise up'?" asked Assistant United States Attorney Maguire.

"That might mean a world of things," was Miss Sinner's response. Upon much questioning she said she would have introduced the girl to friends of hers and to her set in society. Asked what that set was, she declined to answer.

The case was continued until 2 o'clock Monday afternoon, when it is expected Attorney John F. Logan, for the defense, will ask for an instructed verdict, on the government's evidence, for the defense.

INVITATION DAY IS PLAN OF COMMITTEE

The publicity committee in charge of all advertising and publicity in connection with the session of the grand lodge of the Elks here next summer will meet this afternoon at 4 o'clock and complete arrangements for carrying on a systematic campaign to keep this reunion before the public during the winter and spring. Among other things, a day will be set aside on which every Portland resident, Elk or otherwise, will be urged to send postal cards to all friends in the East or in any other section of the country inviting them to come to Portland next July.

Governor West and the mayors of all cities in Oregon will be asked to cooperate in making this day general and to issue proclamations to this effect. The day in most favor is New Year's day owing to the fact that it is a holiday and a day on which it is a general custom to send greeting to friends and relatives.

Word has been received by local officials of the Southern Pacific company that the home of Grand Exalted Ruler John P. Sullivan, New Orleans, is making preparations to be represented by 150 or more delegates. A special train has been chartered which will remain during the entire week.

Letters are being received by Secretary Harry C. McAlister daily asking for information and advising him of delegations which are planning to come.

FOREST FIRE FIGHTERS GET GOOD RESULTS

The annual fire report of the supervisor of Ochoho national forest in Crook, Wheeler and Grant counties shows the most successful year of fire prevention since the forest withdrawal.

The rains, falling in September, the cooperation of the public and the realization of the loss to industries through forest destruction are given credit for the unusual record.

The total area burned over was 355 acres. The largest fire occurred on the west side of Lookout mountain, with a burned-over area of 200 acres. Seven of the 10 fires reported were extinguished before they had covered an acre of ground.

It was found that no two fires were alike and all had to be treated differently by the rangers and fire fighters. Of the 18 fires reported, it is again noted that seven were caused by lightning. Money spent for permanent improvements greatly facilitated the work of handling the fires. But few fires were started by campers and in many instances stockmen went out of their way to report fires that if allowed to spread would have caused serious damage.

WAR OVER WOMAN GROWING WARMER

Rebekahs Would Take Charge of Mrs. Bradford Who Is Ill in Hospital.

A vigorous protest is being made to the county court today by several members of the Rebekah lodge to the appointment of Mrs. L. H. Thompson, 41 Ella street, as guardian of Mrs. M. E. Bradford, who is in the Oregon sanitarium and not expected to live many days. Mrs. Thompson is seeking appointment as her friend. To this the Rebekahs answer that her conduct the last several days has been such that no friendship could exist.

Mrs. Sarah A. Hyatt and Mrs. A. M. Murphy are two members of a special committee appointed by the state organization to look into the case of Mrs. Bradford, who is a member of a Rebekah lodge in the eastern part of the state. The investigations of this committee and other members of the order, as related this morning in court, are to the effect that Mrs. Bradford has considerable property near Culver. She was brought to Portland by a woman known as Miss Schlettness, and left at the St. Vincent hospital. It was in this institution that Mrs. Thompson first met Mrs. Bradford and induced her to go to her home on Ella street, where she remained three weeks. U. S. Prine lives on the ranch of Mrs. Bradford, and the testimony this morning showed that he came to Portland and took part of her money, notes and personal belongings. This was done at the Thompson home. It was also testified that Prine was allowed to occupy the same room with the woman. The testimony further was to the effect that he was at one time accused of murdering his mother.

A man by the name of Smith, from Wells, Minn., also visited Mrs. Bradford at the Thompson home, stated Mrs. Hyatt, and he secured her signature to a will, in which Smith was given all her property. Smith left the city and instructed Mrs. Thompson to care for the woman, and if she died to have her buried.

Amy E. Pratt, matron of the Oregon sanitarium, told of Mrs. Thompson refusing to deliver up the clothing and other personal effects of Mrs. Bradford. The witness said Mrs. Thompson sought to take the patient from the institution Sunday, but was stopped by Dr. Woodruff, who has charge of her while in the sanitarium. He was acting under orders from Judge Cleeton. It was also testified by the matron that Mrs. Thompson accused the sanitarium officials of giving the patients morphine.

Judge Cleeton suggested that Mr. Prine be cited to appear before the court and show what he has done with the property of the woman and to give an account of his actions while in Portland last week. Mrs. Thompson has stated that she is acting in good faith, and has the best interests of Mrs. Bradford at heart. The members of the Rebekah lodges throughout the state have authorized the state relief committee to see that Mrs. Bradford receives all the attention and consideration possible in her illness. The case will continue this afternoon.

HEYBURN DELIVERS TEMPERANCE TALK

"Dazed" Witness Towne Is Very Gently Admonished to "Take No More Drinks."

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Milwaukee, Wis., Oct. 21.—The condition on the witness stand of State Assemblyman Silas Towne, member of the Wisconsin legislature who elected Senator Isaac Stephenson to the United States senate, furnished a mild sensation at the investigation today of the charge that Stephenson was illegally elected.

When Towne took the stand it was apparent to the most casual observer that something was wrong. The statesman appeared dazed. Chairman Heyburn of the committee eyed him sternly and asked if he thought he was in a condition to continue his testimony. Towne believed he was.

"Well, it is apparent that you are not," snapped Heyburn. "You are excused until 2 o'clock, and in the meantime you must take no drinks. You, and those furnishing you with drinks will be held responsible to this committee. Do not forget my admonition. You will be in the custody of the committee officer."

And then the investigation proceeded.

Dr. Lyman in Oakland Jail.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Oakland, Cal., Oct. 21.—Dr. Grant Lyman, alleged to have used United States mail to defraud in a Panama land scheme, is safe behind the bars in the Alameda county jail here today.

Lyman, through accomplices, effected an escape from a sanitarium here some weeks ago, and was recaptured in Oregon. Since then he has made several attempts to escape and to bribe his guards. He is wanted for trial in Los Angeles.

Search for Yeggmen.

Sacramento, Cal., Oct. 21.—Deputy sheriffs are searching the country for trace of the yeggmen who last night blew open the safe of the branch postoffice in the Wessing brothers' general merchandise store at Nicolaus, securing more than $400 in postage stamps and other loot amounting to $600.

Must Read Constitution Before He Can Become Real U. S. Citizen

When Presiding Judge Gatens of the circuit court adjourned his court at noon today he left Carl Lawatisch, a carpenter living at Montavilla, in his chambers reading the constitution of the United States. When the carpenter has finished reading this document, the judge has promised to make him a full fledged citizen of this country.

Lawatisch was before the judge and United States Naturalization Agent Hazzard for his final papers. He answered all questions promptly and properly asked him by the judge and the government representative, but when it came time to take the oath of allegiance the judge asked him if he had ever read the constitution. The applicant said he had not read it, but understood part of it.

"How are you going to support it if you don't know what it contains?" asked the judge.

"I'll read it later," replied the man.

"I think you had better read it first," said Judge Gatens, "and come back in 30 days. Or, if you go to the library and read it this afternoon, we will hear you again today."

The applicant said he could not find the library, and that he could not read it in time to get back. The judge had him taken into the court chambers and set to reading the constitution. Bailiff Huiford of the court found the man a big easy chair, gave him a book that has large print, and he began. Lawatisch said it would take him about two hours to read it. Two other men were admitted to naturalization this morning. There are several others to be heard this afternoon.

PRISONERS TAKE PAUPERS' OATHS

Federal Convicts Would Take Advantage of Test Case if Hough Wins.

United States Judge Bean heard arguments today on the application for a writ of habeas corpus for Hugh Hough, the Indian held at the county rock pile as a federal prisoner because he cannot pay a fine of $100 assessed against him by the court. Judge Bean will decide the application for a writ Monday morning and upon his decision will depend the cases of ten other prisoners held for the same cause.

During the argument of the attorneys this morning Judge Bean said that while he did not believe congress could have intended holding these offenders in jail for life, or until they paid their fines, that apparently the statutes permitted of that construction. Assistant United States Attorney Walter Evans contended that inasmuch as a previous act had fixed the maximum imprisonment at two years, the man could not be held longer than that time. Attorney Jeffreys for Hough asserts the imprisonment constitutes imprisonment for debt and is not legal under any circumstances.

"Supposing this man had been given the maximum sentence of two years and the fine, which is made obligatory, was added," said Judge Bean, "what would you do then if the prisoner did not pay his fine? The statute says he shall be kept in confinement until he does pay it."

Apparently this construction might mean that persons convicted of introducing liquor on an Indian reservation who do not pay their fines, must go to jail until they do, or for life, if they never pay their fines. Hough claims to be a pauper and to have no money with which to pay his fine. His wife is said to be a rich squaw but she hasn't come forward with the $100 even to save her husband from life imprisonment.

Eight of the other "life-termers" at the rock pile came before United States Commissioner Cannon today and took the pauper's oath so that they can get out next week if the court liberates Hough on the test case. They were very indignant at the prospect of being kept on the rock pile for life.

"Do you call this justice?" one demanded of the commissioner during the hearing. "Is there a rule of reason here, or not? It is this sort of thing that will make criminals of us."

Mr. Evans told the court he considered most of the prisoners had been spoiled before the United States took a hand of them.

Those who took the oath today were: J. V. Waddell, Joe Star, Ed. McGinnis, J. E. Littlefield, Doc Jones, Frank Charlie, A. K. Pollard and R. McDonald.

TAFT IS WELCOMED IN THE BLACK HILLS

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Edgemont, S. D., Oct. 21.—Beginning a three day campaign in the insurgent district of South Dakota, President Taft today invaded the Black Hills district. He made a short stop here, addressing the citizens briefly from the station platform. His next stops are Custer, Deadwood, Lead, Sturgis and Rapid City, all of which points will be visited today.

Taft Will Support Trust Law.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Newcastle, Wyo., Oct. 21.—Determination to enforce fairly the Sherman anti-trust law irrespective of public clamor or endorsement was clearly expressed by President Taft in an address here last night. The president referred to the "knocking" going on in some quarters, and urged that when he swore to enforce the laws of the nation the oath included the Sherman law which had been more or less dormant.

Meeting of Library Association.

A special meeting of the members of the Library association of Portland will be held in the art room of the library, at Seventh and Stark streets, Portland, Or., on Wednesday, November 1, 1911, at 8 o'clock p. m.

The meeting has been duly called for the purpose of taking such action as may be proper upon the sale of lots one (1), two (2), seven (7), and eight (8), in block two hundred and fourteen (214) in the city of Portland, county of Multnomah, state of Oregon; the execution of a lease with the purchaser and owner of said premises; the purchase of block two hundred and fifty (250), in the said city of Portland, county of Multnomah, state of Oregon; the execution of a contract and lease with the county of Multnomah, state of Oregon, for the maintenance and operation of the public library system of the county of Multnomah, state of Oregon; the conveyance to the county of Multnomah of said block two hundred and fifty (250) in said city of Portland; the amendment of the constitution and the articles of incorporation so as to change the number of directors of this corporation, the time of electing said directors and the terms of their office; and to provide for the election of the present county judge and county commissioners and their successors in office as ex-officio directors of said corporation. W. B. AYER,
President of the Directors of the Library association of Portland.
Dated October 20, 1911.

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