

SOIL SURVEY OF CLARKE COUNTY TO BE POSTPONED

Agricultural Department Has No Funds for Work at Present; Need of Soil Analysis Recognized.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, March 27.—Although everyone admits that it would be a good thing, and although the commercial bodies of Vancouver and Clark county have been working hard for it in conjunction with Congressman Warburton, it must be said regretfully that there will be no soil survey for Clark county this year. The reason given by the department of agriculture is that the state of Washington will not cooperate in the work.

Professor Henry Landis, state geologist of Washington, has been desirous of having made a soil survey of Clark county, and January 19 he wrote to Congressman Stanton Warburton on this subject, saying:

"The people of Clark county are very anxious to have a detailed soil survey made for them by the United States department of agriculture. I was through Clark county last summer, and I feel confident that they have the best agricultural possibilities in western Washington. Throughout the county the soil is good almost everywhere, and there is very little waste land. The soil is variable in character from place to place, and a detailed survey should be made of it. I have every reason to believe that the federal bureau of soils will make such a survey if we make our request strong enough. I do not hesitate to say that such a survey will be of very great assistance and utility to Clark county and Washington in general. I know from E. L. French of Ellsworth, and others that the representative citizens of the county are highly desirous of having this work undertaken.

Representative Warburton replied that he thought the suggestion a good one, and that he would take the matter up at once with the department of agriculture. He did so, asking for a detailed soil survey of Clark county. Later the Vancouver Commercial club, various granges, commercial bodies and other organizations in Clark county, on Professor Landis' suggestion, wrote to Representative Warburton urging that the survey be made.

Millon Whitney, chief of the bureau of soil surveys of the department of agriculture, wrote to Representative Warburton under date of March 4 as follows:

"This bureau has been conducting cooperative work with the state of Washington for several seasons, having accomplished several large areas covering reconnaissance surveys, and we have had numerous requests for a detailed survey of Clark county.

The great demands for soil work will limit the work in many of the sections which we desire to survey, and I regret that it is impossible to promise the survey of Clark county at this time. I shall be glad, however, to take this up at the earliest possible date."

The congressman did not let the matter drop here, but continued to urge the desirability of making the survey until he was assured that nothing would be done this year.

MINISTER DECIDES TO REMAIN IN PORTLAND

An invitation signed by 170 members of his congregation, asking him to remain, has led the Rev. S. Earl Du Bois, pastor of the Church of the Strangers, United Presbyterian, to decline the call he received last week from Spokane church. Though the Spokane call carried with it a flattering offer, the pastor will remain in Portland at the same salary he has been getting.

"I have decided to stay," said Rev. Mr. Du Bois today. "Portland is a pretty fine place, the best I have ever been in, and I have been most fortunate in my congregation. When 170 of the members of my church signed the invitation asking me to remain, I felt that I should do so."

The invitation was prepared and signed Sunday night after the pastor's announcement earlier in the day of the call from Spokane. Not a single person declined to sign, and there would have been more names but some of the members could not be seen in time. Rev. Mr. Du Bois has been in Portland six years and a half. He came here from St. Louis.

SPIES HELD BY GERMANS GUARDED AS MURDERERS

(United Press Leased Wire.) Breslau, March 27.—Spies confined in the German fortress at Glatz on the Russian frontier, today are watched as closely as a man sentenced to die. As a result of the escape of Captain Lux, a Frenchman, and the alleged attempt of Trench, the English lieutenant, to commit suicide, orders have been issued that a noncommissioned officer must be in the cell with each spy day and night. The guard in front of each cell is relieved every hour.

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KANSAS THRESHERMEN FOLLOW OREGON'S LEAD

Phil S. Bates returned yesterday from a trip to Kansas, where he had been called to assist in perfecting organization of the threshermen, an honor giving recognition of the splendid organization in this state.

"Kansas has about 17,000 threshermen, yet I found the old organization with a membership of but 800," said Mr. Bates, in speaking of conditions as he found them in the old grain growing state. "Here in Oregon we have 1123 threshermen and a large part of them members of the association.

"The meeting was held at Wichita, and it became very enthusiastic before the close, as the benefits of a good active organization and cooperation of factions and sections became realized, and I think that from now on Kansas will have one of the biggest associations of its kind.

"I met a number of people who had more or less knowledge of Portland and Oregon, the greater number of them poorly posted, although they had been here some 15 or 20 years ago.

"Well, I suppose that Portland is moving along all right," one of them said. "I suppose the cable line running up the hill is still in operation, or perhaps you have more of them now."

"Another who had been here about 15 years ago said he supposed our climate was very much colder now since the Japanese current had altered its course. "I don't think there has been any change in the current during the past 15 years," I told him, "and the climate is milder and better today than ever."

"Well," he explained, "I read in the papers a few years ago that the Japanese current was not running so close to the American shore, and I supposed it would have a material effect on your climate."

"These are only illustrations to show how little the people in the middle states really know of Oregon and what erroneous impressions they sometimes receive from articles that should not be taken too seriously.

"Kansas has good country roads and they are of immense importance—importance that we people of Oregon cannot fully fathom until we see it with our own eyes."

BAR ASSOCIATION MEETS, TALKS POLITICS

The regular monthly meeting of the Multnomah Bar association last evening at the courthouse was turned into a political meeting. Twelve of the 16 attorneys who attended were candidates for something. Arrangements for the annual banquet will be made, as Attorney Samuel White, chairman of the committee is ill in bed at home. The matter will be dismissed at a later meeting.

Attorney George N. Davis, a candidate for the Republican nomination for district attorney, was elected chairman. He called upon Attorney E. P. Hurst, Democratic candidate for the nomination for district attorney. Hurst made a strong talk against the trusts and what he would do to them if elected.

"If I am elected I will not give long decisions," said Attorney John Ditcher, candidate for a seat on the circuit bench. "I will make my decisions short and if the attorneys want to know my reason for deciding thus and so, they can come into the judge's chambers and there they will be told."

Attorney Wilhelm, member of the city council, told the candidates he was badly disappointed in his councilmanic office. "I always understood it was very remunerative," said the speaker, "but my first month's salary just paid for the shoes I wore out in the campaign. Business has been very poor in this line, and no more of it for me."

The chairman of meeting called upon Attorney J. A. Hamilton, who took exception to several candidates now in the field. After the speeches, the bar association went on record as endorsing the Oregon reserve movement. This is a military organization for boys.

PREDICTS MADERO WILL TRIUMPH OVER REBELS

Prediction that the Mexican revolution will end within a month and that President Madero will triumph over the rebels, who are led by General Pascual Orozco, formerly Madero's right hand man, is contained in a letter first received by A. M. Highhouse, 334 Chamber of Commerce building, from M. E. Katze, an American business man residing in Mexico City. In his letter Mr. Katze says:

"The Mexican citizens throughout the entire republic are flocking to Madero's side, and we are absolutely confident that the government will be able to sustain its present position with dignity, and will overcome these difficulties within the very near future.

"Personally I believe the best thing that could have ever happened to Mexico is the present rebellion, for the reason that it has awakened the Mexican people to the fact that peaceful conditions are absolutely a necessity in this republic, and in consequence a great reaction has taken place, and the fact that Orozco has proved a traitor to the man who made him, namely President Madero, has caused great feeling of antagonism against Orozco and has cemented Madero more strongly in the hearts of the people.

SUFFRAGISTS PLAN ENDLESS CHAIN

Active Membership Campaign Will Be Undertaken by the League.

The Portland Equal Suffrage league held its first business meeting in the Sellsing-Hirsch building yesterday afternoon. A constitution was adopted, permanent officers elected and plans discussed for carrying on with vim the campaign to get votes for women.

A proposal to form a sort of endless chain of workers for suffrage met with enthusiastic approval. By this plan every member of the club is to devote her efforts to gain ten converts to the cause of the ballot for women. Then each of these is to get 10 more, and so on until most of the electorate is won over by election time.

"We want numbers in our ranks," said Mrs. Rose Watt Ross. "That's the chief essential, for so many men tell us they will vote to give women the ballot if the women show that they really want it. We can't show it better than by numbers."

The temporary officers of the league were made the permanent officials, and two men were made vice-presidents in addition. They are to introduce speakers at some of the meetings, for the club members agreed yesterday that they were still rather inexperienced in such things and inclined to feel bashful from the platform. The officials are:

President, Mrs. Solomon Hirsch; vice-presidents, J. N. Teal, Mrs. Vincent Cook, Wells Gilbert, Mrs. C. S. Jackson, Mrs. Rose Watt Ross; secretary, Mrs. Andre Foulhoux; treasurer, Miss Frances Wilson.

Mrs. C. B. Wade told the league how women won the ballot in California, and Mrs. J. W. Bengough, wife of the famous Canadian cartoonist, of Toronto, told of progress made in Canada.

Four years ago the future of the woman's suffrage cause in Canada looked very dark indeed, Mrs. Bengough told the women present. Suffrage arguments were received with indifference if they were received at all. But now, Mrs. Bengough said, the campaign for woman's rights is making great interest, and a feature of it is that the men seem to be even more interested than the women.

"The Canadians do things slower than Americans," she said. "It takes them longer to get started, but when they do start they accomplish things. Right now the cause is not so advanced as in America, but we are progressing fast.

"I feel that a divine force is behind us, pushing us on and upward. God is with us, and so we cannot fail."

It was decided to hold regular business meetings on the last Tuesday of each month.

At the Olds, Wortman & King auditorium Monday afternoon Mrs. May Arwright Hutton of Spokane addressed the Women's Political Equality league. "Women are natural economists," said Mrs. Hutton in part. "Where they vote they are opposing extravagance in public affairs. The curricula in our public schools need revising. This is only one of the countless wrongs committed in the name of education."

"Some maintain that woman should not vote because they cannot bear arms in war. Women have borne the sons who have borne arms in war. Mothers as a rule do not believe in war, and many are no longer willing to bear sons for slaughter."

Nine Hurt in Crash.
(United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, March 27.—Nine persons were hurt in a rear end collision between two Southern Pacific electric trains at Golden Gate station, Oakland, yesterday.

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"The ordinance became effective January 23, and in this short time it has proved its worth," said the chief today. "The measure is being strictly enforced. Patrolmen are under ironclad orders to search any man whom they suspect has a gun on him and they are carrying out the order."

Since the ordinance was signed by the mayor 31 persons have been arrested for its violation. Of these 17 were convicted and fined \$5 each, 3 got suspended sentences and 11 cases have not been settled yet.

Acting Mayor Baker strongly favors the strictest enforcement of the measure. "Thugs without tools can't work," said Mr. Baker. "I certainly want to see the ordinance enforced every hour of the day and shall use my influence to see that it is."

The measure which was passed when a crime wave threatened the city last winter, stipulates that a fine of from \$50 to \$500, or a jail sentence of from 30 to 180 days may be imposed upon conviction.

SEATTLE OFFICIALS TO VISIT ESTACADA DAM

A party of Seattle city officials arrived in Portland early this morning and left for Estacada to see the new dam of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, with a view of possibly building one like it in connection with the municipal water plant on Cedar river. In the party are Seattle's mayor, councilmen and members of the board of public works. A special car in charge of Traffic Manager F. D. Hunt and the company's engineers left with the party from First and Alder streets at 5 o'clock this morning. Luncheon will be served at Estacada hotel. The dam at Estacada is one of the largest of the American hollow concrete type in the world.

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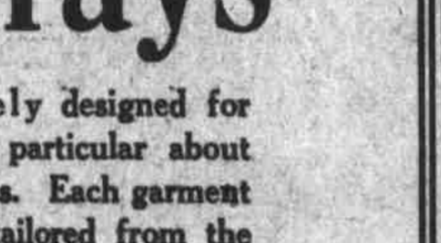
One of the best entertainments given in several years by the local lodge of Elk's took place in the club rooms last night under the direction of retiring members of the house committee. The guests were the lodge members, visiting Elks and their wives and friends. The members of the committee who had charge of the affair are E. H. Lang-

ford, chairman; W. C. Sandilands, Harry Allen, E. W. Quinby and J. G. Spelt. The club rooms, which were especially decorated for the occasion, were crowded with several hundred people.

Besides the lengthy program of music, with singing by local favorites, and short talks, card games and social pastimes were indulged in. Special refreshments were served. Those present were enthusiastic over the manner in which the committee had arranged the entertainment. Last night's social was the last which the outgoing officers will have charge of.

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