

IDEA OF MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP SEEMS NOT DISTASTEFUL

Council Refers Clyde's Resolution Dealing With Matter to City Attorney Grant; Other Business.

That the city council is not unresponsive at this time to the idea of municipal ownership of public utilities was shown when the resolution of Councilman Ralph G. Clyde, calling for the taking over and operation of local gas and electric plants was not indefinitely postponed for the resolution. On the contrary, the council voted to refer it to City Attorney Grant for an opinion.

The council had little time, however, for an ordinance introduced by Councilman Joy, revoking the franchise of the Mt. Hood Railway & Power company, for the manufacture and sale of electric current. Councilman Clyde called attention to the fact that any action on the ordinance, other than to kill it, might lead to legal complications. In view of the fact that the Mt. Hood franchise contained a provision that automatically voided it the moment the merger was formed between the Mt. Hood and Portland Railway, Light & Power companies.

Other ordinances of Joy, revoking comparatively unimportant permits of the Mt. Hood company for tracks laid across a few streets in Montavilla were read and referred to the street committee.

An ordinance prohibiting the employment of women in shooting galleries failed to be put on its final passage because of the objection of Councilman F. S. Wilhelm, who said he thought department stores should be placed in the same category as the galleries. The measure will come up at the next regular meeting of the council.

Objects to Extra Expense.

Councilman Wilhelm also objected to the third reading of ordinances providing for an additional deputy for the department of building inspection, a stenographer for the same department, and a \$1000 automobile for the city engineering department. He said property owners were tired paying out money for such things. Wilhelm is the councilman who actively supported a movement to grant a certain paving company a contract on Malden avenue when the bid of that company was \$5000 higher than that of another company and the majority of the property owners had asked that the contract be let to the lowest bidder.

The council instructed City Attorney Grant to commence suit to enforce the collection of the 3 per cent tax on the gross receipts of gas and electric lighting companies.

After "Soap Box" Orators.

A letter from the Portland Retail Merchants association, asking that ordinances be passed to provide a remedy for "seditious soap box orators," if the present laws are not effective, was placed on file.

An ordinance appropriating \$12,000 for the establishment of a public comfort station at the corner of Sixth and Yamhill streets was referred to the city engineer.

An ordinance providing for the establishment of a local meat inspection department was laid on the table for two weeks.

Councilman Clyde's ordinance granting policemen in the city, two days off duty on full pay each month was revived in the shape of an ordinance introduced by Councilman Joy. The Clyde ordinance was indefinitely postponed several months ago, at that time there not having been a sufficient number of patrolmen. Since the first of the year 50 additional patrolmen have been added to the force.

Former Orengo Merchant Dies.

Orengo, Or., March 27.—A. Keapler, formerly with the Orengo Mercantile store here, is dead. He was 55 years of age and had been in the mercantile business all his life.

Woman Is Nominated.

Washington, March 27.—The president has nominated Elizabeth Thompson to be postmaster at Nyssa, Or.

PIONEER CONTRACTOR DIES OF PARALYSIS



John B. Bridges.

John B. Bridges, for 30 years a well known and successful contractor and builder in Portland, died last Monday at his residence, 489 Columbia street, after an illness of several months, due to a stroke of paralysis. He was born in Nottingham, England, in 1844, and came to this country first when 20 years of age. In 1861 he returned to England and was married. Soon afterward he went to New Zealand and erected the parliament building in Wellington, the capital.

Mr. Bridges settled in Portland in 1880, and immediately took rank as one of the leading builders in the city. During his residence here he erected some of the largest buildings in the city, among them being the Dekum building, Meier & Frank department store, the Union depot and the Southern Pacific shops at Albina. Two years ago, he retired from active business, having accumulated a comfortable fortune. He is survived by the widow and five children, as follows: J. B. Jr., Fred, Wilbur and Bert, and Mrs. George F. Hoehlen. Funeral services will be held from the family residence tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment at Riverview.

EX-SHERIFF WORD BEFORE GRAND JURY

Tom Word, ex-sheriff of Multnomah county, was before the grand jury this morning. He would not discuss his mission, but it is understood his testimony had considerable to do with the general reports of the city's moral condition is not what it should be. It is known that several complaints have been made about gambling, illegal sale of liquor in the north end, disorderly houses and the failure of the police department to handle the speaking element on the streets. To place the blame for these conditions is what the grand jury is attempting to do.

The police commission was called before the jurors. This commission said it could do nothing, as it was the duty of Chief of Police Slover and Mayor Rushlight to promote the police policy. The executive board, which was called before the jurors yesterday, was questioned as to its official power.

INDIANAN, BROKE, SICK, KILLS HIMSELF AT BOISE

Boise, Idaho, March 27.—A membership card in the Fort Wayne, Ind., Elks lodge led to the identification of the body of L. H. Villhauer, a stranger in Boise, who was found yesterday in the statehouse yard. He had shot himself during the night. He was without funds and in poor health.

ASSER'S BEING TO WIN HIS BATTLE

A. H. Lea, Candidate, Replying to Questions, Says Furthermore That Creamery Interests Are Opposing Him.

Portland, Or., March 27.—To the Editor of The Journal—I believe The Journal is right in its questions which are vital to public health and welfare, and it gives me pleasure to answer them, and invite the closest investigation and publicity to these matters, that the people may be thoroughly posted upon this important question before election.

There has not been in the past, nor is there now, any alliance between J. W. Bailey and myself, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, he is not supporting me in my present campaign for the office of Oregon dairy and food commissioner. The interests which are now back of me in my campaign are not those in accord with the present administration of that office. My supporters are those interested in the development of Oregon's dairy industry, and furnishing consumers with pure, wholesome food products. They consist of consumers in Portland and other cities of Oregon who desire to see an aggressive, uncompromising administration in the interest of one and all consumers, and of thousands of dairymen all over Oregon who are clamoring for a change by which they might get a square deal for their product, including the right to market Oregon butter as Oregon butter, and to demand that packed butter and eastern butter be sold in Oregon only as such, plainly marked in Oregon.

I am not directly or indirectly interested in any creamery. About two years ago I assisted several prominent Oregon dairymen in organizing the Purity Cream company, a representative of that office. This creamery grew phenomenally because the dairymen appreciated such an organization, and looked to us with cream shipments, until we were compelled twice to remove our plant to take care of the cream offered us. Purity butter became well known to Portland people because of its absolute purity and reliability, and was used exclusively in many of Portland's best homes. It was during my term as president of this creamery that I began to feel the effects of unjust competition of eastern butter shipped into Portland by the carload, out into squares and sold under the Oregon State Brand. I declared against such a practice and when I became a candidate for dairy and food commissioner, I took this issue as the principal plank of my platform, and I repeat, that if elected I will spare no efforts to drive from the Oregon market this unjust competition and to secure the cream of the cream, and backed by my knowledge of creamery methods, I will succeed.

The allied creamery interests of Portland, fearing such action on my part, and openly declaring they will at the next session of the Oregon legislature secure the repeal of the law creating and protecting the Oregon State Brand, are actively opposing me in my candidacy. The opposition which is trying to ally me with creamery interests, is simply making an effort to show that in the eyes of the voters, and thus checkmate the action which I openly declare I will carry out if elected.

I did not stand with Mr. Bailey in opposing the pure milk ordinance in Portland, as is well known by the state Health Officer Wheeler, and by then Mayor Simon, and by Dr. Andrew C. Smith, president of the state board of health.

Before becoming a candidate for this office I disposed of all my interests in the Purity Cream company, and at the present time my only interest in that line is in closing up the affairs of that institution.

My administration of the office will not be patterned after that of Mr. Bailey or any other man, but will be an active aggressive administration of that office, working every minute for the upbuilding of the dairy industry of Oregon and for the protection of the consuming public against impure and misbranded food products. The issues are clearly drawn and very important, and so far as I can see, the only campaign being done by the creamery interests to deceive and confuse the public with misstatements against me, that the policies I outline may not be carried out. I repeat that I invite The Journal to fully investigate these things, and believe that investigation will lead to my receiving the support of that publication.

CHAUFFEUR, ALLEGED, JEWEL THIEF, IS HELD

C. E. Stevens, a chauffeur, who was arrested Monday by Detective Royce and Price, on complaint of Mrs. Lucile M. Ayers, was arraigned before Judge Taswell this morning to answer to the charge of larceny of Mrs. Ayers' jewels this morning. During the hearing, Stevens admitted that the jewels were kept in an automobile owned by F. M. Johnson, who has a stand at Sixth and Stark streets. On the witness stand, Mrs. Ayers stated that she believed Stevens was the man who stole the jewels, and claimed that she knew him to be a business associate of Johnson, but this was denied.

Stevens declared that the man who came to him about the jewels had asked him to report to Mrs. Ayers that the jewels could be returned as a character known as "Spider" Kelly.

When Mrs. Ayers had testified, Attorney McCune, who appeared for Stevens, asked for the dismissal of the charges, but Judge Taswell ruled that as the matter had been taken up before the grand jury it would not be proper to dismiss the matter, and Stevens was held to answer to the grand jury.

The arrest of Stevens grew out of the loss by Mrs. Ayers, some time ago, of \$2500 worth of diamonds in an automobile while she was on her way home from a downtown grill. Last week a part of the jewels were recovered on payment of \$175, with the understanding that one ring valued at \$500 was still to be returned, and the balance of a reward of \$500 would be paid. Stevens is said to have been unable to return the ring and his arrest followed.

ACCUSED ARMY OFFICER SEES CHANCE OF ESCAPE

Bremerton, Wash., March 27.—Lieutenant C. K. Jones, on courtmartial here charged with scandalous conduct, resulting in the breaking up of a home of a brother officer, feels confident of exoneration. Lieutenant C. S. McKeon, on courtmartial examination, admitted that he was responsible for the divorce recently granted by him from his wife and that they had agreed to a separation before.

OFFERS GOOD PRICE FOR OREGON FLAX SEED

The American Lined Oil company of Duluth offers to purchase all the flax seed grown in Oregon at \$1.35 a bushel, a price that it is said will pay growers much better profit than what. The company is eager to secure large quantities of seeds.

E. H. Smith, western seed manager for the company, and E. P. Allenworth, the company's seed expert, are in Portland to create interest in flax culture in the state. Mr. Smith arrived several days ago and Mr. Allenworth came here last night with the intention to remain for some time to take the matter up with farmers in the Willamette valley and in eastern Oregon. Two experimental farms will be established by the company one at Monmouth, western Oregon, and one in the Grand Ronde valley, for eastern Oregon.

Mr. Smith is an expert flax grower. He comes here highly indorsed by the North Dakota Agricultural college. He has also spent several days in consultation with Dr. James White, professor of the Oregon Agricultural college for the purpose of gathering information of value to the company's future operations in this state.

In addition to being seed manager for the American Lined Oil company, Mr. Smith is also president of the Western Lined company of Duluth, which company stands ready to buy flax fibre at \$5 a ton. It is stated that a successful farmer can realize \$31 per acre raising flax fibre when he is now getting but \$11 per acre for wheat.

The Willamette valley is said to be particularly well adapted to growing flax for fibre, whereas in eastern Oregon conditions are better adapted for growing flax for the seed, although of course both seed and fibre are of value in both districts.

ELKS' PEDESTRIANS TO BE ENTERTAINED HERE

The four young members of the Elks lodge of Brookfield, Mo., who have started to walk from that city to Portland to attend the Elks' 1912 convention to be held here next July, are to be entertained while in this city, and are to have their return fares paid. This arrangement was made last night at a meeting of the Elks' 1912 reunion commission. The only restriction placed upon the pedestrian party is that they must get the signatures of the officers of every Elks lodge, between their home town and Portland, while making the trip. Each of the young men who make the trip will be presented with a handsome token as a souvenir of the long walk.

The special committee which has been appointed to arrange for the banquet and contest which will soon open, will hold a meeting at 12:30 o'clock, Saturday. Definite plans will probably be made at that meeting.

Arrangements are now under way, whereby the Elks lodge will have the use of the Multnomah field during the convention week. In this field the different competitive drills will take place. Several lodges from all over the country have already signified their intention to enter teams. Prizes amounting to several thousand dollars have already been put up.

The Progressive Business Men's club has set aside Thursday, April 4, as its Elks' day. A special program has been arranged for the day. R. K. Kubli, secretary of the club, and J. H. Jones, Elks, and Ralph E. Moody, past exalted ruler, will be the principal speakers.

TWO COUPLES MARRIED; A COLLEGE ROMANCE

A double romance that began at the University of Maine five years ago had a happy culmination in Portland last Sunday, when Miss Julia Folsom of Auburn, Maine, and Miss Florence Topfiff of Portland, Maine, were married to J. W. Carey and James Wallace, respectively, clerks in the business office of the Pacific States Telephone company in Portland.

Carey and Wallace were college chums and when they were graduated they came to Portland together. Before they left the college town, each had secured a "yes" from the co-ed he liked best, and a promise to wait as long as might be necessary. A few weeks ago the long wait ended, the young men and their brides were married and Saturday night they arrived in Portland.

Mr. Carey and Miss Folsom were married at 1 o'clock Sunday by the Rev. Luther E. Dyott of the First Congregational church. Wallace and Miss Topfiff watched the ceremony. Four hours later it was their turn, and while they were married by the Rev. A. C. Morrison at Trinity church, Mr. and Mrs. Carey were the onlookers.

TO MAKE THIRD RACE FOR THE LEGISLATURE

J. C. Bryant, of 745 Broadway, has filed a declaration of candidacy for the legislature for the Eighteenth representative district. This is Mr. Bryant's third race for the legislature, twice before, in 1908 and 1910, he was nominated and elected as a Republican from this county. He stands on the following platform:

"If I am nominated and elected, I will during my term of office, use my influence in behalf of legislation that will uphold legitimate business and develop the state's resources; will work for a public highway bill that is calculated in its operation to meet the demand of the people in the several legislative districts of the state as expressed through the representatives; will endeavor to limit appropriations to actual needs consistent with the progress and prosperity of the state."

Mr. Bryant stands squarely on the platform No. 1. He asks that the following words be placed opposite his name on the ballot: For reelection; Statement 1, economic public expenditures.

Roosevelt Men Spend Cash.

(United Press Special Wire.) New York, March 27.—That the Roosevelt forces are spending more money in their primary campaign to secure for Colonel Roosevelt the presidential nomination of the Republican party than has ever been used at any previous primary election, is the charge made here by Samuel Koenig, chairman of the New York county Republican committee.

CALLS SINGLE TAX NATURAL METHOD

Benefits of System to People as Whole Explained by Dr. Eggleston.

Before the Modern School, in the Behrke-Walker building last night, Dr. W. G. Eggleston spoke on single tax. "Single tax," he said, "is a simple, natural and moral method by which the people may prevent land owners from confiscating the common land values created by the whole people, and by which the people may quit confiscating for public purposes the labor products of individuals. For those common purposes that we call government we need revenue. Working as individuals to produce wealth, we create in common an enormous fund, which we call the community value of land because it is created by the whole industrial population and not by the individual landowners. We demand that each individual shall support himself by his own labor. It is only fair that we should pay our common expenses out of the common fund created by all, and it is not fair to take part of the products of each worker for our common expenses."

Community Value. "The six most valuable blocks in Portland—land alone—were assessed \$8,345,000 in 1910. The same blocks of land were assessed \$45,550 in 1900. All of that was community value. None of it was the product of individual labor applied to the six blocks. The six blocks contain five and a half acres. The assessment per acre of those six blocks in 1910 was \$1,531.692, while the average assessment of the \$28,573 acres of unutilized land in Clackamas county was only \$14.87 an acre. The six blocks were assessed at the rate of \$2,441 a square foot in 1910; so the assessment per square foot of the six blocks was \$11.86 more than the acre assessment of the unutilized acres in Clackamas county. In each case the value is community value, not the product of labor. One acre of those Portland blocks is worth as much as 7,443 acres of that unutilized land in Clackamas county.

"Farmers are told, by men interested in deceiving them, that single tax will double their taxes, and that it will confiscate their land. The farmer who believes that forgets that his cultivated land has two distinct values combined, and that on his land is a third value.

The Labor Value. "The part of the value of his cultivated land is the 'work value,' or 'labor value' he has put into the soil to make it more productive; and that value will not be taxed under single tax. Then, on the land are his improvements and personal property, which will not be taxed under single tax.

"The farm of C. E. Spence, master of the State garage, in 1910 Mr. Spence had 70 acres; 30 acres improved and assessed at \$45 an acre, and 40 acres unimproved, assessed at \$20 an acre. The \$25 difference between his

improved and unimproved land represented the labor value of his 30 acres, and the difference amounted to \$750, which is exempt under single tax. Then, on his land, Mr. Spence had improvements and personal property, which are labor values, assessed \$1300, and these are exempt under single tax. His total assessment in 1910, under the present tax system, was \$5500, and his tax was \$21. Under single tax he would have paid \$2.45 on his \$1408 of community value of land, and on \$1800 of labor value. The tax on his labor value was \$17, and on the community value of his land, was \$21. Under single tax he would have saved \$18.55 by single tax."

S. P. ORDINANCE NOT PASSED BY COUNCIL

Councilman Will H. Daly's ordinance revoking the franchise of the Southern Pacific railroad on Fourth street failed to pass at this morning's meeting of the city council. Only 13 members of the council were present. John H. Burdard, Tom N. Monks and Frank E. Watkins failed to respond to roll call. Mayor Rushlight is also out of the city and in his absence President of the Council George L. Baker presided. The ordinance was put on its final passage. It got a tie vote, six voting for and six against it. When a motion was made to refer to the street committee, Councilman Baker, who had voted to postpone its passage by referring, also decided the tie, thus delegating to himself two votes.

Councilmen Maguire, Daly and Clyde contended that Councilman Baker had no right to take such action, as chairman, after having voted as a member of the council. Councilman Maguire made a motion to put the measure on its final passage, and the motion was seconded, but Councilman Baker, in the capacity of chairman and acting mayor, arbitrarily refused to put the motion.

He explained that his object in wishing to delay the passage of the ordinance is to give all affected interests a chance to be heard. He said he had, as chairman of the street committee, assured those interests that they would be notified before any action should be taken on the ordinance. The council will hold an adjourned session next Wednesday morning to pass upon the ordinance finally. Councilman Baker said it is his intention to vote for the revocation of the franchise. It seems altogether likely, therefore, that the revoking ordinance will be passed.

Two Speeders Arrested.

Confining his operations to the Linnon road yesterday, Special Motorcyclist Deputy Sheriff Lockwood netted two alleged automobile speeders, whose cases will be heard in the justice court this afternoon. According to Lockwood, "Lucky Jack" Peterson and John Lewis, a chauffeur, were trying to outdo the other in regard to the speed of their respective automobiles.

FRIENDS OF SLAIN DEPUTIES TO GO AFTER OUTLAW

Seven or Eight of Them, With Provisions for a Month, Expected to Proceed This Week to Satsop Haunts.

(Special to The Journal.) Aberdeen, Wash., March 27.—A posse, composed of seven or eight picked men, close friends of Colin McKennie and A. V. Elmer, the two deputies murdered in the woods near Satsop, by John Turnow, nearly three weeks ago, is expected to leave here tomorrow or the next day to take up the search for the murderer.

The men, who are thorough woodsmen and know the country they are invading, will be provisioned for a three or four weeker trip. They will not go as deputy sheriffs, but with the sanction of the sheriff. Should the expedition fail, Sheriff Fayette will send a posse of picked deputies into the woods to take up the hunt.

The reward now totals \$5000, with the \$1000 offered by the state. Two thousand dollars is offered by the county for the apprehension of Turnow and \$3000 for his arrest and conviction. Sheriff Fayette has refused to make public the names of the special posse to date, but will do so when they leave. Turnow is still supposed to be in the Satsop country. He is known to have had aid during the winter and received mail at Pacific Beach, 50 miles from his present hiding place, which is reached by a trail through the woods.

EVANS CLUB WILL BE ORGANIZED TONIGHT

Voters in harmony with the candidacy of Walter E. Evans for district attorney will meet this evening at 8:30 o'clock in the Alisky hall, Third and Morrison streets, to perfect an "Evans Good Government" club. A preliminary meeting was held last Saturday evening at which the district attorney for the permanent organization to be made this evening.

Since the first meeting, word has been received from various parts of the county showing the interest in the campaign for the district attorney's office. This interest is unusual and considered due to demands for changes in general conditions that can be accomplished by this office. Permanent officers and committees are to be named this evening. Attorney Evans is expected to be present and make a talk. Thursday evening he will speak before the Indiana society of Portland on the subject of white slavery.

SHORT STORY

Food That Changed His Life.

Many level-headed business men pay too little attention to what they eat until sickness attacks them.

Sedentary occupation, improper food and daily resort to drugs, coffee or liquors to "mother" the disease has put many a good man away.

"For many years my labors have been entirely indoors," writes a N. Y. man. "Naturally, want of exercise, coupled with hasty eating of lunch with more or less greasy food and pastry told on my digestion.

"For a long period I tried scores of remedies without avail, and finally I was compelled to resign my position as secretary of an important business association. My weight had run down from 145 to 115 pounds. I was unable to sleep naturally, rose unrefreshed and without ambition, simply dragged about, feeling more dead than alive.

"About a year ago at a meeting of the Royal Aracanon of which I am Orator, I was advised by a fellow member to try Grape-Nuts. But I had no faith in treating the matter with such a method, and said so.

"He finally won my promise to give it a fair trial. I began the following day and, to make a long story short, in less than a year I have revolutionized my physical and mental condition, now weigh close to 150 pounds, and can digest all my food, which is eaten with relish. This change is due to Grape-Nuts."

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