DECIDE TO HOLD LAND PRODUCTS SHOW THIS YEAR

Exhibition for 1912 Considered So Successful That Action Is Taken Providing Suitable Location Can Be Found.

H. B. Miller, who represented the Horticultural society at a meeting yesterday at the Portland Commercial club for the purpose of discussing the holding of a land products show in Portland next fall, pleaded that Portland and the state of Oregon take steps towards the opening of channels whereby producers may dispose of the fruits of their labor to better advantage than is possible at the present.

"Portland must do something; the state of Oregon must do something," said Mr. Miller. "We are asking people to develop the soil, grow products and live in the country, but do nothing to aid them in marketing their products. Marketing of the products is a matter of great importance.

"Some years ago people began growing prunes in Oregon on a very extensive scale. The trees did splendidly, but no organization was arrived at for the marketing of the fruit and the result was that prune growers became disappointed and the prune trees were pulled out of the ground. Today there is a big demand for prunes and Oregon has few to sell. Had the selling end of the industry been organized at that time the prune industry of Oregon would have been a very important one today."

Mr. Miller intimated that by cooperation and organization the growers can obtain the best results only, and spoke in favor of an annual Land Product Show in Portland.

Decide to Hold Show.

F. Sealy related how Australia and New Zealand aid their farmers in disposing of their products to the best possible advantage.

"I have just returned from Australia and New Zealand," said Mr. Scally, "and found that the governments there are doing a great deal in aiding the farmer to market his products. The sheep industry is a very important one there and the government has installed meat freezing plants and other facilities that are essential in carrying on this industry on a large scale. In many other ways the governments over there get behind the farmer and assist him to make good. They do not leave these difficult problems to be worked out by the individual."

After a lengthy discussion participated in by delegates representing the Progressive Business Men's club, the Hotel Men's association, the Real Estate club, the Portland Commercial club, the Rotary club, the Retail Merchants' association, the Ad club, the Horticultural society, the O.-W. R. & N. company, the S. P. & S. and Hill lines in Oregon and the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, it was concluded to hold the proposed Land Product Show providing a suitable place may be secured. Last year the show was held in a building at East Morrison and East Second streets, but there seemed some question whether this building could be obtained for the show this year, although it is not yet occupied. The Gypsy Smith auditorium was also suggested as a possible place for the show, although its location was not considered as favorable as the building on the east side.

Railroads to Aid.

John S. Beall, president of the Land Product show last year, presided at yesterday's meeting. William McMurray and C. W. Wilkes, respectively representing the O.-W. R. & N. and the S. P. & S., spoke very strongly in favor of holding the show, and indicated that their companies would aid liberally towards the guarantee fund that will have to be raised in order to place the show on a successful financial basis from the very start. Julius L. Meier was inclined to postpone the show until such time that it can be held in the new public auditorium.

Present at the meeting were J. S. Beall, W. J. Hofmann, William McMurray, J. Fred Larson, F. Sealy, W. P. Jones, Julius L. Meier, E. D. Timms, F. W. Hild, R. W. Raymond, C. L. Smith, C. W. Wilkes, G. E. Moor, W. F. Ross, J. I. Routledge, Dr. C. W. Cornelius, E. D. Jorgensen, C. A. C. Callan, H. B. Miller, M. H. Eggleston, Walter F. Burrell, C. C. Chapman, A. S. Pattullo, F. C. Riggs, Will Knight, Charles Berg, C. H. Moore and Frank A. Pell.

C. L. Smith, expert agriculturist for the O.-W. R. & N. company, urged that an early decision be reached as to whether or not the show should be held so that the farmers may have opportunity to prepare exhibits. He said last year the announcement came so late in the season that they had no chance to get together many exhibits.

LA FRANCES BEGIN SILENT JOURNEY TO JAIL AT PORTLAND

Three Children Accompany Them, Fourth Left Behind; Both Refuse to Talk; Cash and Sawmill Attached.

(Special to The Journal.)

Marshfield, Or., April 29.—Sheriff W. W. Gage and Detective Morris left this morning with J. C. LaFrance and his wife, who were arrested at Coquille on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses from the insurance companies. Three little children of the couple were also taken to Portland. A fourth child, aged ten, was left at Coquille.

The Modern Woodman lodge, from which the couple is alleged to have obtained $3000, has attached $1700 in cash, found in the LaFrance home at Coquille, and also a sawmill and some timber land near Bandon, which LaFrance had purchased.

Neither the man nor the woman have talked much of the case. LaFrance has shown much anxiety about his wife being connected with the affair. The officers left by overland route to Drain, where they will meet a train to Portland some time tomorrow. LaFrance and his wife were brought from Coquille last night and allowed to remain until morning in a hotel under guard.

About all LaFrance has said to the officers is that his wife thought the body found was that of himself.

Convinced that James C. LaFrance does not intend to tell how he came into possession of the dead body that was found on the Clackamas river and identified as his own, detectives are reported to have begun an investigation to ascertain whether the body was not taken surreptitiously from some cemetery in or near Portland.

It is said that death certificates on file in Multnomah and Clackamas counties covering a period of several weeks prior to the discovery of the cadaver will be gone over in an effort to find if any man died during that time whose description resembles La France's. Although it is not publicly admitted, rumor has it that La France was not alone in the swindle, but was aided by at least two other persons other than his wife, and that they helped him transport the body to the lonely spot on the shores of the stream where it was found.

Detectives are busily engaged also in attempting to ferret out the place where either La France or his wife have money hidden. Whether this money is in a bank or vault is not known, but it is generally believed that several thousand dollars of the $15,000 secured from the United Artisans, Modern Woodmen and Postal Union Life Insurance company, is on deposit in some bank.

It is known that La France invested something over $6000 in the portable sawmill and in timber lands near Coquille. This, with $1700 found when he and Mrs. La France were arrested, brings the total to $7760, approximately one half the insurance money she received.

Possibly $2000 was spent by them in traveling and living expenses, leaving something over $5000 unaccounted for.

The Ferger Tie & Timber Co., which La France operated, stands in the name of J. C. Wofford, Mrs. La France's brother, who accompanied her from Texas to Oregon in March.

MAYOR GILLIS WILL MAKE MANY TALKS

Mayor A. J. Gillis, of Walla Walla, will arrive in Portland tomorrow morning He will make a number of addresses in behalf of commission government under the auspices of the charter publicity committee. His address at the Baker theatre mass meeting tomorrow will be followed by another before the University club tomorrow evening. Thursday noon he will make a 10-minute address before the Progressive Business Men's club. The club is to hear from candidates for office on that day, also.

Thursday night Mayor Gillis will speak at the Central Christian church, East Twentieth and Salmon streets. R. W. Montague will also speak at this meeting. Mayor Gillis' visit excites unusual interest at this time as his administration—under the commission plan charter—has just been subjected to searching investigation by the state experts who in their report commended him in the highest terms.

BANKER GIVES HIS WARM SUPPORT TO COMMISSION PLAN

M. L. Holbrook of Merchants National Bank Defends the Proposed New Charter and Scores Lombard.

M. L. Holbrook, vice president of the Merchants National bank, gave unqualified indorsement to the commission plan charter and as vigorously criticised Gay Lombard's campaign tactics in fighting the charter, in a statement today. In particular, Mr. Holbrook condemned Lombard's attack on Richard W. Montague, member of the official charter revision committee, calling it "monstrously unfair." He said:

"To my mind, these points about the commission charter are vital:

"It greatly simplifies the entire municipal machinery.

"It centers and fixes responsibilities.

"It makes it easy to hold the right one or ones accountable for any delinquency or failure to discharge their duties properly.

"I am heartily in favor of the commission plan of government for municipalities and hope the people of Portland will sustain the efforts now being made to give them this form of government.

"It is preferable in all essential respects to the old system now in force.

Others Adopting Plan.

"It is being adopted by progressive cities everywhere and is proving satisfactory.

"Municipal inefficiency, mismanagement and corruption have for years been accepted facts in the history of American politics. No movement of our time is of greater importance than the movement to improve municipal conditions. It will, of course, prevail in the end. I hope and believe it will prevail in Portland now. The sooner we get away from the complexities and the confusion of the present system the better. With its inumerable officers, councilmen, boards, commission, with their more or less interlocking and conflicting duties, it affords dishonest and incompetent officials ample opportunities to shift and evade responsibilities, and enables them to throw the burden of their misdeeds on others.

"The objections that are urged against the charter now proposed I regard as trifling and unimportant. If experience indicates that some corrections are advisable, they can easily be made.

"Commission government appeals to those who have no ax to grind, no favors to ask. It meets with opposition from those who are applicants for special favors and privileges.

Means Efficient Government.

"To the average citizen who devotes most of his time to looking after his own business, and whose interest in public welfare is entirely impersonal, it looks good. It means efficient, economical and simplified government, and that is what the average citizen wants.

"In this connection, I sometimes wonder if we appreciate the service rendered by the men who, without thought of personal benefit, give freely of their time and energies to prepare for us a complete plan of better government, and place it before us in finished shape, so that we simply have to look it over, pass our judgment on it, and vote to accept or reject it.

"Night after night and day after day they meet and discuss and plan with endless pains and patience and later on the rest of us flippantly tear their work to pieces, criticise the men who gave their services and in some instance malign them and impugn their motives.

"I have in mind one member of this commission whom I have known well for a number of years. I refer to Richard W. Montague. He has for the past eight or ten years given a very large proportion of his working hours to duties of a public nature, similar to his work on this charter, work done without thought of pay.

Calls Criticism Unfair.

"The only compensation that counts with such men as Mr. Montague is consciousness of duty well performed and self imposed responsibility properly met. Instead of meeting with the appreciation that is their due, they are too frequently subjected to unfair and dishonest criticism. One recent instance is the totally unjustifiable and unfounded attack made by Candidate Lombard on Mr. Montague. While it is no doubt true that no one who knows Mr. Montague, and no one who knows both Mr. Montague and Mr. Lombard, would attach the slightest weight to the latter's futile efforts to discredit Mr. Montague's services, it seems to me monstrously unfair that a man of Mr. Montague's standing who has given so unselfishly of his time for the public welfare, should be made a target for Mr. Lombard's attacks for no reason other than that the exigencies of the latter's quest for office demand it.

"Every one, I am sure, who cares for truth and decency, and who has a proper appreciation of citizenship of the best type and public service of the most disinterested character will recall this attack when in the seclusion of the voting booth he is called upon to pass on Mr. Lombard's pretentious and frequently renewed claims on the public patience."

POSTOFFICE PLANS ARE GONE OVER ONCE MORE

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.)

Washington, April 29.—Ex-Senator Bourne and Postmaster Meyers have an appointment this afternoon with the architect of the treasury department to discuss the new Portland postoffice plans and the question of the building's frontage. The treasury department is trying to develop plans which will be satisfactory to all.

AD MEN SNAP THEIR FINGERS AT CONVENTION

Refusing to abide by the convention that sets May 1 as the first day for the wearing of straw hats, the Ad club has set aside tomorrow, April 30, as "Straw Hat Day." Each of the club's 450 members received this morning a statement that he must appear at the club's luncheon at noon tomorrow in the Hotel Portland wearing a straw hat, or pay a fine, the amount and nature of which is to be fixed by President C. H. Moore of the club.

The chief speaker before the club tomorrow will be Edward W. Cookingham, vice president of the Ladd & Tilton bank, who will speak on "The Impending Monetary Legislation." Harry Richey is to be chairman of the day.

PLAN STATE-WIDE CAMPAIGN VERSUS U.-O. REFERENDUM

Speakers Will Be Sent Out to Granges, Commercial Clubs and Other Organizations by League.

A campaign to defeat the referendum of the university appropriation was outlined by the executive committee of the Oregon Higher Education league in the office of the secretary, T. J. Geisler, yesterday afternoon.

As bodies that should be influenced to support the campaign in support of higher education there were mentioned the labor organizations, granges, commercial clubs, boards of trade and business men's associations in all cities and towns of Oregon.

Speakers will be provided to tour the state, addressing the organizations mentioned.

The question as to whether the league should condemn the holding of a referendum election was not passed on, the executive committee announcing that "it refused to go on record against holding a special election on the subject of the university appropriation, or any other question which may be sought to be referred to the people, preferring to leave that to the individual judgment of every voter, to pass upon its merits when asked to sign petitions for the referendum or initiative on any question."

The executive committee of the league has the following members: E. Hofer, chairman; T. J. Geisler, secretary; C. C. Chapman, J. E. Werlein, H. L. Vorse, F. H. Dammasch, Dr. Marie Equi, Mrs. J. R. Oatman, Mrs. I. B. Garriott.

J. E. Werlein was elected treasurer yesterday. A committee composed of C. C. Chapman, Mrs. J. R. Oatman, H. L. Vorse was appointed to make preparation for a mass meeting

A publicity committee consisting of E. Hofer, Mrs. I. B. Garlott and Dr. F. H. Dammasch was appointed, and a committee on finance, consisting of J. E. Werlein, Dr. Marie Equi and T. J. Geisler.

DECAPITATES RICH KIDNAPER OF SISTER

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Chicago, April 29.—Nearly decapitated by a hatchet in the hands of the girl's brother, Pasquelle, Tony Marasato, a rich young Italian, was killed today when, with a band of friends, he attempted to kidnap Anna Forte, 19, who had rejected him. During the melee a bullet struck and fatally wounded Frank Alana, a passerby.

The girl was enroute to her work with her brother when she was set upon by the band. Marasato, drawing a gun, attempted to frighten Pasquelle Forte away. The latter seized a hatchet from a pile of lumber nearby and hacked the wound-be kidnaper with it before he could fire. Forte fled and has not been captured.

ARTHUR DAYTON IS ELECTED DISTRICT JUDGE

Arthur Dayton was elected judge of the third division of the newly created district court by the judges of the circuit court this afternoon. The two justices of the peace are the other two.

Wm. Neely Is Killed in Runaway.

Albany, Or., April 29.—William Neely, a well known resident of this city, who was seriously injured at noon yesterday when his team ran away and threw him from his wagon against a cement curb, fracturing his skull at the base and his jaw in two places, died this morning at 7 o'clock at St. Mary's hospital.

SCORES CAMPAIGN STATEMENT MADE BY GAY LOMBARD

Candidate Dreaming When He Says He Would Run City Like He Would Own Business, Asserts Seton.

Ridiculing the attacks on the commission charter and Mayor Rushlight, Waldemar Seton, in a speech made at Urfer's hall on Milwaukie street last night, called attention to the class of men who are conspicuous opponents of the mayor and the new charter.

"These soap box gentlemen who glide in on a moonbeam and disappear on a cloud," said Mr. Seton, "are able to tell the oldest citizens of Portland how rotten is this new charter and what a good man Mr. Lombard is.

"I heard one of these evanescent street philanthropists today descant from his box on a downtown street. The fellow said he was not receiving a cent from Mr. Lombard or from any other source for the four hours he gives to street speeches every day. He told his auditors that he was telling them all about the iniquities of the new charter because he loved them so.

"And yet, ladies and gentlemen, there are some who swallow such statements. Why, the itinerant liar even declared that if the commission charter should be adopted, the mayor would be able to purchase Ross island out of the general fund. Any one familiar with the way in which the general fund is raised and apportioned every year knows that such a statement is absolutely grotesque. And the unprincipled liar had the brazen gall to tell the crowd that he got the information about Ross island from R. W. Montague, a member of the charter commission.

Says Lombard Is Dreaming.

"Mr. Lombard is also telling the people of this city what a good business administration he will give them if he is elected mayor. He says he will run the city just like he runs his own business. Now when Mr. Lombard or any one else tells you he can run the city in the same manner as a private business is conducted he is dreaming.

"For instance there is a provision that requires the city to advertise for bids for everything purchased in quantities costing more than $250. Supposing a farmer comes to town with a horse worth $450, but which he will sell for $300 if he can get the money at once. The fire department needs the horse. Can the fire chief, the mayor, or anybody else purchase the animal. No, many weeks of red tape must be unwound in the advertising for bids, the opening of bids, the referring to committees, and so on. By the time the devious paths of the present charter are traversed the farmer has sold his horse to somebody else and the city is forced to pay $450 for something that could have been purchased for $250—that is, if the city's business were transacted in the same manner as a private business. I could give you many other examples of the limitations imposed on a city official by the present charter, many of them wise limitations. But wise or unwise, these examples simply go to show that a candidate promising to conduct the city for you like he would his own business don't know what he is talking about."

D. Solis Cohen, another member of Mayor Rushlight's executive board, denied the truth of a statement in which Lombard is quoted as saying a committee sent by Mayor Rushlight to Denver reported that the particular type of motor fire apparatus which has been purchased by the city recently was of inferior quality and that the mayor refused to act on the advice of the committee, but ordered some higher priced machines.

"When Mr. Lombard makes such a statement," said Mr. Cohen, "he tells an absolute untruth. The report of the Denver committee, which report I have here in my hand, explicitly states that the American La France auto combination chemical and hose wagons were the best on exhibition. These were the machines referred to by Mr. Lombard.

"Mr. Lombard attempts to criticise the administration of the present mayor by saying that we built fire stations throughout the city before we purchased apparatus with which to equip them. What would he have us do, purchase the apparatus first and leave it in the streets till we got houses built for it?

"Mr. Lombard also is quoted as having said the city has been enjoined from accepting some of the motor fire apparatus purchased by the executive board. This also is a mistake. Now I say to you that a man who will make such false statements is absolutely unworthy of the high honor to which he aspires."

Rushlight in Happy Frame.

Mayor Rushlight, who was the principle speaker of the evening, was in particularly happy vein. He interspersed his talk with numerous references to boyhood incidents. He said he felt at home talking to such a gathering, as the hall in which he spoke is in the heart of his own ward, from which he was sent to the city hall as a councilman for six years.

The mayor told the audience what he has done in their behalf, for the most part reiterating what he has already told in other parts of the city.

"I have been denounced by rival candidates," said the mayor, "as being an ignorant plumber. But I say this to you, look over my record carefully and see if it does not show you where I have saved you taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars. And then consider the glittering promises of my untried opponents. Which is better, promise or achievement?

"But, fellow citizens and friends, whether the poor plumber is ignorant or not, I promise you that if you elect me again I'll stop every leak that costs you money."

PROF. WEIST'S SUITS ARE BOTH DISMISSED

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)

Salem, Or., April 29.—The suit for $5000 damages for defamation of character brought by Professor W. A. Weist against the Salem school board was dismissed yesterday afternoon by Judge Kelly when he sustained the demurrer of the defendant. Weist is considering an appeal to the supreme court.

Weist brought the suit after the board dismissed him from his position as principal of the Englewood school because of charges that he was guilty of improper conduct with one of his pupils.

The complaint filed by Weist charging Rev. F. J. Pickering and Rev. Blanche Ford Pickering with threatening him when he was principal of the school, was dismissed today on motion of Deputy District Attorney Keys for lack of evidence. The complaint was filed under a criminal statute.

WHO IS PUTTING UP THE MONEY?

"The Portland Taxpayers association is sending out letters against the proposed charter to some 73,000 voters at a cost of approximately $2190. Who is putting up the coin? What do they expect to gain?" are questions asked by T. A. Sweeney, a prominent Progressive. "The charter may have some defects, but they can be amended if found unsatisfactory.

"The people who are opposed to Rushlight are trying to defeat the charter. I do not believe that the charter should be confused in partisan politics.

"With officials who are watching for opportunities to protect the people and their interests and not for loopholes by which to double cross their constituents any charter would be good enough. Perhaps Mr. Rushlight has not set the world afire with attempts to help the people, but on the other hand I think he has been handicapped largely by his surroundings.

"Under the new charter a crook can be found out which is impossible at present. The more brilliant a man is the smoother crook he will be if he is inclined to crooked work and the better chance he would have without safeguards which the new charter will provide. With the new charter and a commission of honest men the "efficiency bug" would be exploded.

"The Portland Tanglers association decry the cost of administration under the charter proposed. They also decry the elimination of the primary.

"The majority opposed to the charter is desperately fearful of the election of Rushlight. I believe this to be a "bugaboo" for should he be nominated next Saturday and the charter also pass he will have a harder fight to make in the June election."

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