

WORD WANTS SUIT TO TEST LEGALITY OF PERSONAL TAX

Sheriff Is Going Ahead Collecting on Household Furniture Despite Passage of Recent Exemption Measure.

Personal taxes will continue to be collected by Sheriff Word until such a time that a suit is started to enjoin him from performing this duty. Such was Word's statement this morning following a number of complaints and queries his office had received relative to the payment of taxes on personal property.

Although the law states that all household furniture, domestic fixtures, household goods and effects actually in use in homes and dwellings; also wearing apparel, watches, jewelry and similar personal effects actually in use, are exempt from taxation, household furniture was put down on the tax rolls as taxable, and this tax is being collected.

When the question first arose as to the rights of collecting this tax the matter was taken up with District Attorney Evans and in his opinion he stated that as long as household furniture which comes under the personal property list was down on the rolls it was the sheriff's duty to collect taxes levied on this property.

A number of complaints immediately arose and on the advice of attorneys a large number of people refused to pay their personal tax until a deputy was sent out from the tax department instructing them that it would have to be paid or that after September their property could be attached. Some paid without further argument while others paid under protest.

A list was secured of the names of a number of attorneys who had given such advice and deputies were sent around to see them about the paying of their own personal property tax. When the matter was put squarely up to them there was not one who would not rather pay the personal property tax than start suit against the sheriff.

An attempt is now being made to have some push club or civic organization take the matter in hand and start suit to prevent Sheriff Word from collecting this tax. When told of this movement this morning Word said it was just the thing he wanted and had been hoping for, as a test case in the courts through a friendly suit will disclose whether he is acting within the law or not.

"The only way we can get at this," said Word, "is to have some one file a suit against us, then we can be enjoined from collecting personal taxes until the case is thoroughly tried out in the courts. It is purely a question of law."

Dastardly Crime.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
San Francisco, May 23.—George Alfing, entomologist, reports his collection of creeping and crawling things is stolen. A genus *Musca necrophorus*, *Belotia arigera* and an amblypore *holodontum* are among the missing.

Rattler in Chico.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Chico, Cal., May 23.—A four foot rattlesnake found its way to the city's busiest corner. Women screamed and men fled. It was killed by a 12-year-old boy with a baseball bat.

Wisconsin Legalizes Boxing.

Madison, Wis., May 23.—By a vote of 53 to 35 the state assembly today suspended the rules and passed a bill to legalize boxing. It is patterned after the Frawley law in New York.

German Aviator Falls 500 Feet.

Hanover, Germany, May 23.—A Horn, an aviator, fell 500 feet from his monoplane here today. He was instantly killed.

WAS THERE A CROWD?

You should have seen the delighted excursionists who went to Metger last Sunday. Another special train leaves Jefferson street station at 10 a. m. next Sunday. Round trip fare and lunch 25c. Tickets and information about Metger at 722 Yeon bldg.

PROMISES TO WAR ON WHITE SLAVERY

McKenna Discusses His Platform at Meeting of Women's Political Club.

Speaking before the Women's Political Science club in the auditorium of the Medical building yesterday afternoon C. L. McKenna, candidate for mayor, emphasized the plank in his platform which advocates relentless prosecution of white slavers and rock-pile sentences for this class of offenders, instead of shipping them on to the next town. The large audience of women applauded the candidate's reference to his attitude on public places. McKenna reiterated his oft-repeated plea for more and better recreation places for the children.

The money that would have been saved by Portland during the last 18 years had the city had a paving plant of its own would have furnished the municipality with a magnificent system of parks and playgrounds, declared McKenna, in advocating a city paving plant.

Touching on better regulation of public utilities, the speaker declared himself against the practice of the companies of requiring the public to build

lines to turn them over to the companies. While commending the corporations for allowing the people to make the locations in small monthly installments, he thought the practice ought to be abolished altogether. McKenna strongly advocated municipal ownership of public utilities as soon as possible.

Touching on civil service the candidate said every city employe who is doing his duty should feel sure of holding his job and was against going back to the old regime when police jobs were traded for political preferment.

McKenna called the attention of the women to the provisions in the new charter which allows the commission \$5000 a year as an emergency fund to be spent without any vouchers being furnished to show for what purpose the money is expended, and declared that every cent of the sum should be accounted for to the public. He said that in this campaign every candidate is assuring the women that he always has been in favor of equal suffrage, but he said he had the proofs at hand to show that he has been working for it for the last 18 years.

In Peninsula hall, Peninsula avenue and Lombard street last night, Mr. McKenna received a cordial reception. J. H. Nolta, E. Versteeg, C. A. Biggs and other candidates for commissioner also spoke. McKenna dwelt on the playground and paving plant issues. Tonight he will speak at a rally in Volker's hall on Mississippi avenue near Beach street; Friday night he will speak in Kennilworth Presbyterian church.

After watching the antics of lovers for a while, the moon simply has to get full.

T. M. Hurlburt for Commissioner

Mr. T. M. Hurlburt—Sir: Believing that the success of the new charter providing a commission form of government is dependent upon the personnel of the commission, we, the undersigned, request that you become a candidate therefor and pledge your support.

Your record as City Engineer justifies our conclusion that your experience, integrity and ability fully qualify you for membership upon the said commission.

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E. E. Lytle and 940 others.</p> |
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PERFORMANCES—NOT PROMISES FACTS—NOT WIND

Thomas M. Hurlburt was born in Iowa in 1860, coming to Portland in 1870, where he was educated in the Portland public and high school.
1878—Resident engineer West Side Railroad from St. Joe to Corvallis.
1879—Resident engineer railroad Albany to Lebanon.
1880 to 1882—Locating engineer of the O. & C. Railroad.
1882 to 1884—Locating engineer, Phoenix to state line, and engineer in charge of location and construction of Siskiyou mountain division, including heavy tunnel and bridge work.
1884 to 1885—Located for U. P. R. R. the famous Stampede Pass tunnel.
1885—City surveyor of East Portland.
1886 to 1891—Elected County Surveyor of Multnomah County, and at the same time City Engineer for Sellwood, East Portland and Albina.
1890—Made reconnaissance and report of Bull Run water supply for City of Portland, which was adopted by state legislation.
1890—Made location and estimate of cost of railroad for City of Astoria from Goble to Astoria. Based on this report railroad was afterward built.
1891 to 1896—First City Engineer of Portland after consolidation.
1896—Employed by the U. S. War Department to make a survey and estimate of a sea wall and water supply for Fort Canby.

1897 to 1907—Appointed U. S. Examiner of Surveys, covering California, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Utah, Montana, Idaho, Washington, Wyoming and Nevada, during which time, in addition to his regular work, he was especially commissioned to settle the Spanish land grants in California and New Mexico. Was also assigned by U. S. Interior Department to examine the coal lands in Utah.
1907 to 1909—District Engineer in City Engineering Department.
1909 to 1911—Chief Assistant City Engineer of Portland.
1911—City Engineer of Portland, which position he now holds.
Since becoming City Engineer he has had direct supervision of one of the largest and most important administrative departments in the city, in which there are over 200 employes. Street, sewer, bridge and other, public work performed by this department under his personal supervision total in cost \$12,000,000.
During his administration the unit cost of all this work has been lower than ever before in the history of the city, and the quality of these improvements has been maintained at the highest standard of modern construction.
Member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, also member of the Oregon Society.
Chairman Committee Advocating Election of T. M. Hurlburt.

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We Welcome Competition in Street Railway Business, but Every Move Mr. Heusner Has Made Stamps His Franchise as a Promotion Scheme

The People's Rights League is composed of Portland's substantial business interests. WE WELCOME COMPETITION in the street and interurban railway business. But HAS MR. HEUSNER ever PROVED to the PEOPLE of PORTLAND that his FRANCHISE means real COMPETITION?

There is NOTHING in the franchise as Mr. Heusner's attorneys have prepared it for the ballot, WHICH PREVENTS the SALE, TRANSFER, LEASE or ASSIGNMENT of the franchise as soon as he gets it, to the Portland Railway, Light & Power Co., the Hill or Southern Pacific interests.

The eliminating of this, Section 28; the cutting down of the city's income for the 25 year franchise, from \$81,000 to \$37,500; and the omission of other vitally important measures which the council demanded for the city's protection, are WHAT THE PEOPLE'S RIGHTS LEAGUE and thousands of others who have examined the proposition, OBJECT TO.

This is what the Los Angeles Realty Board finds out after a bitter experience with dual occupancy of the city's streets by railway companies.

Los Angeles Realty Board

REPLY TO THE PEOPLE'S RIGHTS LEAGUE

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your letter, will state that if one of your Portland people were to see the condition of Hill and Main Streets, upon which both interurban and local street cars are operating, they would immediately agree that it is not only impracticable in rapidly growing cities like Portland and Los Angeles, to operate such dual service, but it is a tremendously expensive proposition as well. It renders other street traffic at busy times of the day almost impossible, causing tremendous loss of time to out of town residents, and a big loss of business to merchants. This city has been undertaking for months to eliminate this very feature from these two streets, and as yet has not solved the problem, but hopes to soon.

You can readily see that it is a mistake for both local and interurban cars to be allowed on the same street when the traffic is at all great. Trusting that this will cover the points, I am,

Very sincerely,
LOS ANGELES REALTY BOARD
Charles E. Anderson
President

An article in this morning's Oregonian, printed for Mr. Heusner under the Realty Board's name, quotes at length from an issue of The Spectator. BUT WHY IS THE SPECTATOR, together with the OTHER PORTLAND NEWSPAPERS, AGAINST THE HEUSNER FRANCHISE in its PRESENT FORM?

Every voter should make the effort to compare Mr. Heusner's franchise, as it appears on the ballot, with that offered him by the council. YOU WILL SEE HOW HE HAS TWISTED AND DISTORTED IT, leaving

Nothing but a bare-faced promotion scheme.

Go to the polls next Monday and

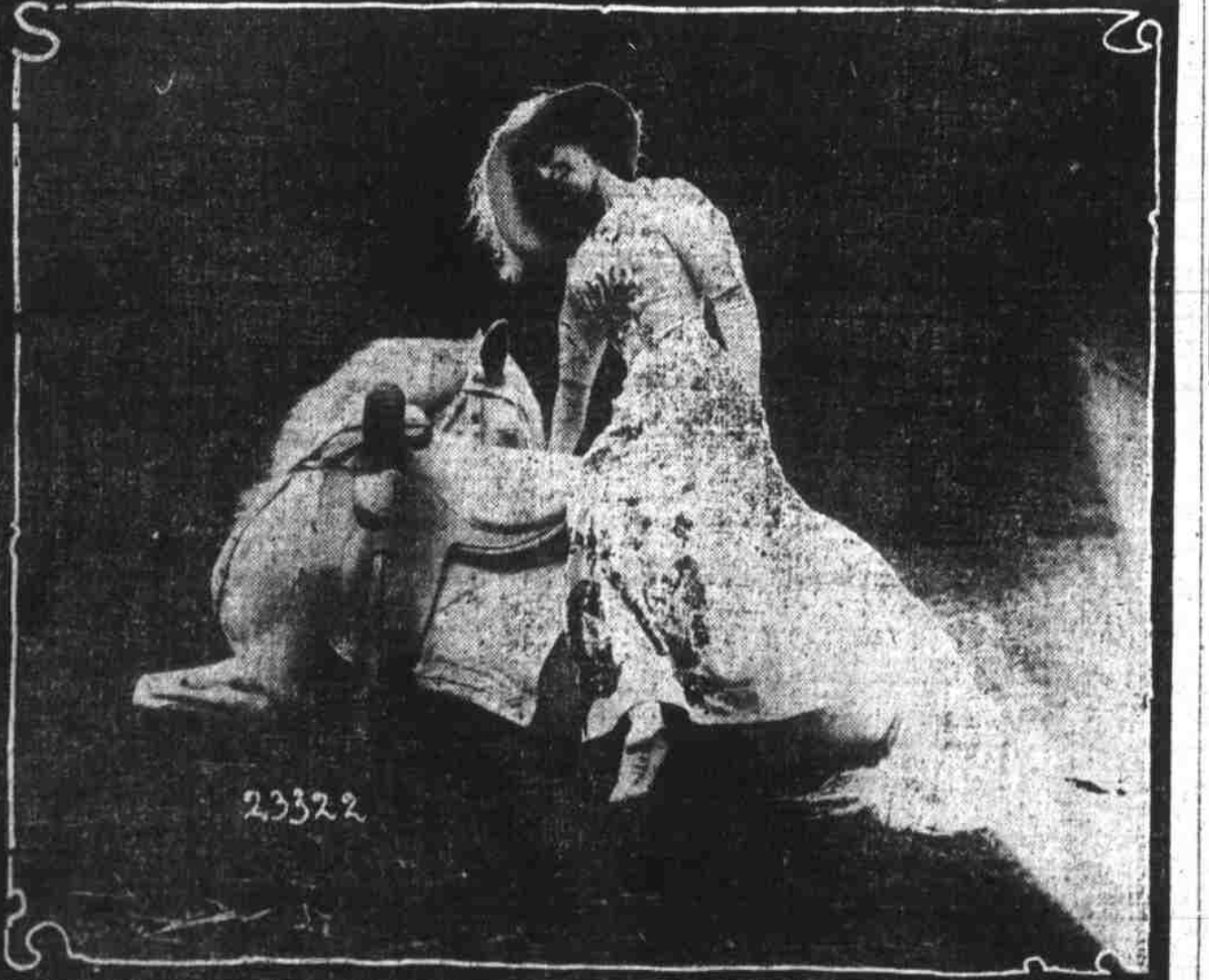
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PEOPLE'S RIGHTS LEAGUE

By T. A. LINTHICUM, Secretary.

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