

DELINQUENT TAXPAYERS INCREASED BY PUBLISHING LISTS Burden, Already Heavy, Added to by Using Space in Four Daily Papers.

By the publication of the delinquent tax list for 1912 in the four daily papers of Portland several thousand dollars expense is being added to the burden of the delinquent property holders...

Last year the total of \$4473.52 was paid to newspapers for advertising the 1912 delinquent tax list, exclusive of a bill of \$1924.40 presented by the Daily News...

In taking precautions against "fattening" space, the commissioners acted upon the advice of The Journal, which takes the stand that it is in the public interest to print the list in the smallest space possible...

The act also provides that each newspaper printing the delinquent tax list shall be compensated at a rate of 2 cents per column inch...

Under the law which now gives them the right to order the list printed in two or more newspapers, as they deem best, the commissioners this year asked the four Portland dailies to submit their best possible bids for publishing the delinquent tax list for 1912.

In asking for bids the county court required that each paper submit a sworn statement of the average general circulation for six months ending June 30, 1912.

The News bid was rejected on the ground that it far exceeded the lawful price, which is 2 cents per column inch per insertion per 1000 of bona fide general circulation for publishing the delinquent tax list.

The News thereupon reduced its price from 70 cents to 36 cents per column inch and the county court then authorized it to publish the list.

The law provides that the delinquent tax list shall be published once each week for four consecutive weeks. The first publication was had Monday, August 4.

The Journal set the tax list in a space of 48 1/2 inches at a rate of 80 cents per inch; Oregonian, 46 1/2 inches at the rate of 95 cents per inch; Telegram 46 1/2 inches at the rate of 70 cents per inch, and the News 49 1/2 inches at the rate of 35 cents per inch.

Following the first publication a number of delinquencies have been paid, so the space used by the several papers when the list was published the second time, August 11, was less.

Charging the rates already mentioned for space, the Journal on August 11 used 413 inches of space; Oregonian, 428 inches; Telegram 428 inches and the News 450 inches.

Chief Deputy Huchaby of the sheriff's office is making an investigation to ascertain who the other papers used a greater amount of space in setting the list than The Journal. The Oregonian and Telegram, in view of the fact their columns are 1-3/8 of an inch wider than the Journal's columns should have used less space in which to set the list, but on the other hand they used more in both cases.

On August 4 they used 16 1/2 inches more, while the News used 29 1/2 inches more space than The Journal. Last Monday the Oregonian and Telegram each used 16 inches and the News 28 inches more space than The Journal.

Last year, when the four papers were ordered to publish the 1911 delinquent tax list, The Journal for the four insertions as required by law, used a total of 1795 1/2 inches at the rate of 80 cents per inch, making their total bill, \$1,436.20. The Oregonian rendered a bill for 1640 inches at \$1 per inch, and later reduced the bill to \$1,746.23. The Telegram rendered a bill for 2,282 inches at five cents a line, which totaled \$1,141.10. The News bill amounted to \$1,926.40, on a basis of a charge of 70 cents an inch. They spread the advertising out so that it occupied 2762 inches or 104 1/2 inches more space than

CONDITIONS IN EAST ARE PROSPEROUS Gay Lombard Says Mexican Trouble More Disquieting Than Tariff, Currency.

As a result of observation during a visit in cities of eastern United States, Gay Lombard is of the opinion that conditions are prosperous and improving, with the Mexican situation the chief cause of alarm and uneasiness.

"Business men and financiers are not so much concerned with the currency and tariff questions as they are over the Mexican trouble," said Mr. Lombard this morning, "and they feel that intervention by the United States in the affairs of the southern republic would completely upset prosperity."

"Having lived in Mexico and being familiar with the situation there, I am sure that it would take another generation to get this country to a normal state again should armed intervention become a reality."

Mr. Lombard said also that in making comparison of cities of the east and Portland he was struck particularly with the inefficiency of the local street car system.

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Mr. Lombard returned Monday.

"UNCLE GEORGE" RETAINED AS BAILIFF

"I am authorized to announce at this time that George Humphreys is to be retained as bailiff and crier of this court."

This statement was made by United States District Judge Robert S. Bean from the bench at the short session of the federal court this morning, and occurred upon the satisfaction of George Humphreys, "Uncle George," has been connected with the federal court here for more than 20 years, some of the time as a deputy United States marshal but chiefly as bailiff and crier. He is more than 80 years old, having passed his four score milestone early in the spring.

J. M. Kelly, jury bailiff, and John Knight, grand jury bailiff, will be retained for the present, announced Judge Bean. It is quite likely that they will be bailiff two years and Knight for three years. He was appointed by United States Marshal Colwell, and prior to that time for a number of years was sheriff of Marion county.

CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FILES IN BANKRUPTCY

A voluntary petition in bankruptcy was filed with the clerk of the United States District court this morning by attorneys for the Home Construction company, a firm which has done much notable in the exclusive residence sections, and which has offices, at 1022 Chamber of Commerce building. The total scheduled indebtedness is \$28,328.33 and the schedule of assets totals \$29,000.

The heavier creditors are the holders of mortgages on lots in Westover Terrace, owned by the defunct concern. The Title and Trust company holds an unpaid note for \$5000 on a mortgage for \$12,000 on one of these lots. Guy Lombard is creditor to the extent of \$4700 on a first mortgage for \$12,000 on another lot, and the Lewis-Wiley Hydraulic company, holding a second mortgage on the same lot, claims as unpaid yet, the sum of \$2320.

The same advertising occupied in The Journal. In view of the fact that the News sworn circulation at the time was 14,387, approximately one-third that of the Telegram, which charged the county virtually the same advertising rates, an injunction was issued against the county court to prevent it from satisfying the News claim. The injunction was gotten out on the grounds that the News charge was excessive. Later the injunction was dismissed after the county court had agreed to reject the claim. This they did and the News is now suing for payment of the money.

The charge against the News is that it attempted to exact an excessive rate for publishing the 1911 delinquent tax list, in fact practically double the rate it would have charged a commercial advertiser for the same service, and furthermore it used 104 1/2 inches more than was necessary to set the advertising. This year it has accepted a rate which amounts to about one-third what it charged last year; and what it is now attempting to collect in court, although claiming a circulation of 4000 over its claim of last year.

Strange and Unusual Treatment. Los Angeles, Aug. 13.—That her husband refused to kiss her on their wedding day and refused to buy gasoline for her automobile, are charges brought by Mrs. Theodore Billington, who wants divorce.

STREET CAR COMPANY MAY BE GIVEN PERMIT TO CROSS BROADWAY Pending Action on Franchise, Commissioners May Make Temporary Arrangement.

As the franchise applied for by the Portland Railway, Light & Power Co. for the use of the bridge over the Willamette river will not be acted upon by the city council before the middle of September, it is likely that a revocable permit will be given the street car company for the right to use the Broadway bridge. The company applied for the franchise to run over all of the bridges over the river September 1 or thereabouts. Commissioner Daly says he believes it will be possible for the city to grant such a permit until the franchise is acted upon.

The street car company, although using several of the bridges at present under a general agreement, applied for a franchise to run over all of the bridges upon the payment of 3 cents for each car. If the franchise is granted it will mean that further litigation over the use of the Hawthorne bridge is ended. The question has been in the courts for some time, as to whether the city had the right to collect rent for cars going over that bridge. City Attorney La Roche is now making an investigation of all of the facts in the case. The company contended that under a franchise granted a company which was later absorbed by the Portland Railway, Light & Power Co., they had the right to use the bridge upon the payment of \$100 monthly. This franchise was for the use of the old Madison street bridge, and the company contended that as long as the Hawthorne bridge had taken its place, the old franchise still applied.

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SEWER SYSTEM TO BE PLANNED Commissioner Dick Hunting for Possible Scheme for Peninsula.

A detailed investigation has been commenced by men under Commissioner Dick to learn of the most feasible plan for the establishment of a general sewer system for the Peninsula district and others adjoining outside of the city limits. The work of dredging and re-laying of sewers and the care of the removal of sewage is provided by an ordinance passed by the old council plan not be attempted until a general plan of procedure is completed. An appropriation of \$2000 for dredging and investigation work was given by the old council.

Those who are making the investigation have been detailed by Commissioner Dick to make a general survey of the districts adjoining the Peninsula district outside of the city limits. Mr. Dick stated this morning that he believed that it was best to make excavations outside of the city limits to be prepared when such districts came within the boundaries.

Residents of the Peninsula districts have for several years asked that a sewer system be established, but as no plan has been put into effect. One of the most important features of the plan will be the plan of making more scientific extensions of trunk sewers and working in the laterals or feed mains.

PAVING MAY BE CONDEMNED Commissioner to Ascertain Whether Specifications Lived Up To.

Several blocks of asphaltic pavement on the streets of this city now being laid by a certain paving firm may be condemned by Commissioner Dick, if it is found that the specifications are not living up to all specifications as laid down in the contract. The name of this paving company and the streets where the pavement is being laid are withheld by commissioner Dick pending further action of the city from the city engineer's office have been busy for several weeks making an investigation of pavements and analysis of materials used have been tested. It was found that this company's pavement falls below the standard set by the department of public works, and changes are not made immediately the entire street for which the company has the contract for paving will be condemned. The company then will be barred from laying any pavement within the city.

The other question was regarding the annexation of portions of districts 13 and 22 to district 1, which includes Portland. The portion of 13 to be annexed does not include the platted townships of West Portland, but territory contiguous to the city. Hillsdale is included in district 22, but it will not be added to district 1, as the territory it is desired to annex is nearer the city and adjoining district 1.

POPORN WAGONS REGULATED Vendors of All Kinds May Stop Only Half Hour on Busy Corners. The pop corn, peanut and candy wagons will no longer be an all day sight on the streets of Portland, for an ordinance passed the council this morning regulating them to comply with the traffic ordinance passed the council this morning without a dissenting voice being heard, although there were several on hand to protest.

The new law allows them to stand for only a half an hour at a time in the congested district between 2 and 6 o'clock in the morning and 6 in the evening. Vendors of all sorts are hit by the new ordinance. It has been stated that there would be considerable opposition to the measure, but when it came up for a vote protestors paid no attention to it.

FIREPROOF BRIDGE WANTED Major McIndoe Asked to See That Work is Well Done. A set of resolutions requesting Major James F. McIndoe, head of the corps of United States engineers here, to inspect and supervise the work of reconstructing the O. W. R. & N. bridge which was recently damaged by fire, was passed by the council this morning. The resolutions ask that only fireproof material be used in the reconstruction work, and that Major McIndoe supervise the work of putting in such material.

VISITORS HOURS AT CITY HALL Mayor and Most of Commissioners Fix Time for Public Interviews. Regular office hours in which they can be visited by citizens and representatives are to be established by Mayor Albee and most of the city commissioners. No definite hours have been fixed by the mayor but it is probable that he will set aside two hours each afternoon. Commissioner Dick will be in his

WOMAN CONVICTED OF SPEAKING ON STREETS Mrs. Schwab, Who Defied Officers Monday, Is Found Guilty Today.

Mrs. Mary Schwab, a leader in the street speaking trouble, was found guilty this morning in the municipal court of blockading the street by conducting a street meeting Monday evening at Sixth and Oak streets. Sheriff Word and his deputies arrested Mrs. Schwab, Rudolph Schwab and Irene George.

The Schwabs, representing the Socialist Labor party, were holding a street meeting, Mrs. Schwab being on the speakers' box when the sheriff arrived at the box. She refused, saying no move would be made until he had arrested her.

The court found Schwab and the George woman not guilty. In the case of Mrs. Schwab the court said she had been ordered to stop speaking. Upon her refusal to do so, a technical violation resulted. The judge also said he would withhold judgment until Thursday.

PENNOYER APPRAISAL NOT SATISFACTORY Report Today Makes Double-Barreled Valuation; New One Ordered by Court.

When the report of appraisers appointed to revalue the quarter block at Tenth and Morrison streets belonging to the Pennoyer estate was submitted this morning it was found that they had made two valuations in the same report. The report that the appraisers might present two separate reports. The appraisers valued the property, which is a part of the Olds, Wortman & King store, at \$375,000 actual value, including a fourth story building, or \$250,000 without the building.

The Pennoyer estate and the state are at variance over the manner of assessing the property. The estate claims the valuation should be based on the unimproved but upon the value as a lease hold. The lease, it is contended, depreciates the value of the land owing, they assert, to the low rental specified.

The original appraisement was made on that basis and this was objected to by Deputy State Treasurer Ryan. The new appraisement reported today attempts to place valuations both on the lease hold basis and also on actual valuation. The appraisers were ordered to submit reports which shall show the value of the estate and the stand taken by the estate. These will be reported when prepared.

COMMISSIONERS WILL TO HOLD MEETING

Owing to the absence of County Commissioners Holman and Lightfoot, the meeting of the city council on Monday night yesterday adjourned until next Wednesday that a quorum may be obtained. Three members are necessary for transaction of business, but only County School Superintendent Armstrong and Commissioner Hart were present. Two changes of school districts were to come up today and were postponed.

The decision of the school board of district 45 as to whether a school will be maintained temporarily in the eastern part of that district in Bellvue school is to be submitted. The present school is in the western end and the location is claimed by residents of the eastern end to be a disadvantage. It was proposed that a one-room school be maintained until it could be learned whether that would be a satisfactory solution. It is thought this will be the only solution of the problem and that a division of the district will be necessary. A division would leave 120 children in the Gilbert section and place 60 in the new district.

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THE ROUND-UP The World's Greatest Open-Air Show PENDLETON, OREGON Sept. 11, 12 and 13, 1913

MAKE YOUR PLANS To Attend The Oregon State Fair SALEM, Sept. 29-Oct. 4

AMUSEMENTS EXCURSION AND PICNIC AT CANNON PARK, OREGON CITY. Given by United Slavonian Gymnastic Club

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COMMISSIONERS PASS ORDINANCE THAT ENDS OLD WAKEFIELD CASE Kill Auditorium Commission and Ratify Lease for Use of Jefferson Street Ground.

With the passing of an ordinance this morning by the commission council, authorizing the city to compromise the case of Robert Wakefield versus the city, the old reservoir case is definitely ended. The settlement was reached last Friday between representatives of the company and the city commissioners, but final action was not taken until this morning. By the terms of the contract the city is to pay the company \$136,000 for all claims, instead of \$145,000 as decided by a jury several months ago.

An ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of \$250,000 worth of water bonds was also passed. There is not enough money on hand to pay the \$136,000 and an ordinance was necessary. The remainder of the money to be raised by the bond sale will be used for necessary water extension work. The council had recently authorized the sale of \$75,000 worth of water bonds and these will be purchased by the city. The new issue will be sold to the highest bidder, and it has been decided that \$55,000 is sufficient to carry on all necessary work.

Will Pay Claims. The council authorized the payment of \$85,000 worth of claims for the water department, which were incurred during the last administration and in July. Of this amount \$20,000 is for pipes purchased by the city for use in the water department.

By general consent the sign ordinance amending the present sign ordinance to allow other companies to enter the city with their signs, was not taken up this morning. A hearing was had yesterday between sign companies and representatives and the city commissioners, and it was decided to take final action at the next regular meeting.

The public auditorium commission died officially when the council passed an ordinance abolishing the positions. signed and the members had resigned. He is out of the city. All business relative to the building of a public auditorium will hereafter be handled directly by the council.

Seven more liquor licenses were allowed to be transferred, upon recommendation of Mayor Albee. Two transfers were denied. The ordinance regulating such transfers has not yet made its appearance, but Mayor Albee says that it is being drafted and will be submitted soon.

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