

CITY COMMISSION WILL RETRENCH IN ORDER TO PAY ALL SALARIES DUE

No More Appointments to Be Made and Several Employees Will Be Dropped Sept. 1.

No further appointments to city positions, a cutting down of the force of the old employees and the dropping of a number of those who have been appointed since the commission form of government took effect, is the latest plan to be advocated by the city commissioners. This is for the purpose of cutting down the city's working force to the lowest possible minimum and make possible the paying of all salaries.

The first big sweep to be made in the reduction of employees will come before September 1 when eight men in the city engineer's department and about the same number in the sewer division will be dropped. Notices to these employees are being sent out. All of these positions are under civil service regulation and those who are to lose their positions will be those who were selected most recently.

To Curtail Health Force. Several in the employ of the city health department may also be dropped before September 1. At the time the appointments were made to the department one of the commissioners opposed them but he finally consented to the appointments providing that a reduction could be made in the force if work did not warrant keeping them.

"I was opposed to the appointment of such a large number to the staff of the health department," he said this morning, "but it was pointed out to me that there was sufficient work for all of those appointed. Finally I consented. From what I understand the department is doing good work but just whether the results warrant the expenditures for that department is a question. If a little more time may be allowed then a reduction in force may be demanded."

Since the first of July there have been nine extra appointments made to the health department, making a total of 26 persons in that department. These include the office force, milk inspectors, market inspectors, sanitary inspectors and others.

Purchasing Department Also. In the purchasing department there are six persons who are holding temporary appointments. The positions were created by the new commission. Commissioner Bigelow, who heads the department, said this morning that the saving made in purchases during the month of July fully warranted the number employed. A report showing the saving made by the department during the past month will be ready within a few days.

It is probable that Commissioner Bigelow, head of the finance department, will lead the fight against the further appointment of any persons to city positions.

Among the ordinances coming before the council tomorrow are those authorizing the appointments of an assistant park superintendent, an information bureau head, two electrical inspectors and several others. While it has been stated that there is urgent need for all of these persons their appointments will be opposed.

MULTNOMAH CLUB IS LOSER IN BIG SUIT

Contractors Win Verdict for Work on New Club House; Figures Not Available.

Circuit Judge Campbell of Oregon City, yesterday decided the lien case of McNinn & Reed against the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club. Owing to the fact that the decision did not give actual figures in each of the numerous cases involved by the sub-contractors an actual statement of the decision cannot be made but estimates of the amount which the club will yet have to pay the contractors places it at about \$31,000.

On completion of the clubhouse, when it was found that an agreement could not be reached, \$23,000 of the price was held back. As the decision will include this, the clubhouse will cost approximately \$8000 more than the contract price.

What action the club will now take will not be decided upon until the next meeting of the board of directors. Attorney Ralph R. Dunway, representing the contractors, said that the case was so complicated it was unlikely that any further action would be taken by them.

The contractors were allowed \$1250 attorneys fees and costs from the club and will in turn pay the attorneys fees and expenses of the sub-contractors which were allowed to the extent of over \$600. An offset of \$1265 and damages of \$1175 were allowed the club. The offset was for fuel, oil, electricity, and the engineer's salary, and the damages were \$500 on account of certain work and \$675 on account of the rent of the temporary building.

Manufacturers Incorporate. Articles of incorporation of the Motor Appliance Manufacturing company, capitalized at \$50,000, were filed yesterday with County Clerk Coffey by Chester A. Groot, George G. Chute and John T. Akern.

Journal Want Ads bring results.

BOARD IS CRITICISED BY ROTARIAN SPEAKER

School Directors Declared Not to Cooperate in Spreading Sex Facts.

Addressing the Rotary club yesterday afternoon, William F. Woodward, criticised the school board for its failure to cooperate in the plan of the Social Hygiene society to put into the possession of adolescent boys, vital sex life facts carefully written. The society he said had asked the school board to permit principals of schools to furnish lists of adolescent boys to whom needful information was to be sent after the father had been communicated with, and not to be sent if the father objected.

"A great risk" was the board's expression, according to Mr. Woodward, who added that the ruling of the board was that fathers must return written approval before any boy could be communicated with. But four such returns were made. The speaker included in his criticism the parents who remain in ignorance or are careless of the welfare of their boys, and who do not help them become possessed of facts conducive to normal outlook on life.

But on the whole, said Mr. Woodward, society has made progress in protecting itself against the poisonous adulterations of food and the malpractice of physicians and druggists. There was a time when the druggist considered it his right and paramount to the public's right or welfare, to sell morphine or cocaine but that time has changed and the druggist who sells without giving warning could not stay in business.

Dr. G. H. Douglas addressed the club on the subject, "The Care of the Skin." Five men were given a total of five minutes to advertise their business, the winner to receive a medal. One, W. F. Scott, was absent and the other four spoke so briefly that they used but three minutes and 27 seconds. Melvin G. Winstock and W. R. Morgan volunteered and did fill the remainder of the time. The speakers were Fred Spoor, Harry T. Duff, William R. Boone and Joe Sandvall.

MORE REGULATION IS PLANNED FOR MOVIES

Proposed Ordinances Provide for Licensing Moving Picture Theatres.

Numerous changes will be required in the building of motion theatres providing the ordinance regulating such theatres passes the commission council. These changes are for the purpose of securing adequate fire protection to all patrons. Along with this ordinance will be submitted a measure regulating motion picture theatres by licensing them according to their seating capacity and the length and nature of their performances.

The present ordinance regulating the building of theatres has no penalty attached for its violation and considerable trouble has been experienced in the past in trying to enforce it. The proposed ordinance fixes a high penalty for violations and is more strict in all of its provisions.

At the present time there is no regulation placed on theatres as to the class of performers. A theatre in a building not fire proof may have the same length of show as a theatre in a most modern fire proof structure. Hereafter, if the ordinance passes, such theatres will be regulated by license.

SHERIFF'S MEN WIN IN BATTLE WITH RUSTLERS

El Centro, Cal., Aug. 12.—Four alleged horse thieves are in jail here today, one of them seriously wounded, following a battle between the gang and a sheriff's posse near Blythe, Imperial county. The prisoners are Bob Monroe, who was shot through the neck but probably will recover; James Talbert, 17, son of a wealthy rancher; Harry Wells of Blythe and Jack Kelly of Brawley.

Sheriff Meadows and his posse came upon the gang fortified behind a sand dune near the Colorado river. A siege lasted three hours before the men surrendered. The sheriff brought to El Centro seven horses which it is charged the men had stolen.

AGITATOR SCHWAB ASKS FOR HEAVY DAMAGES

All told, Rudolph Schwab, an agitator, who has been in frequent trouble with the authorities during the I. W. W. troubles, demands \$30,000 damages from Sheriff Word on account of his arrest, and the breaking up of a meeting which he was addressing on August 6. Two causes of action were brought Monday, and in each \$5000 compensatory damages was asked and \$10,000 exemplary damages.

California Forest Burning.

Los Angeles, Aug. 13.—Flare fires are burning today in the Malibu mountains, 30 miles north of Santa Monica. Latest reports indicate that no ranch property is in danger, although much valuable forest lands may be devastated. Forest rangers are being rushed to the fire zone.

ATTY GENERAL SAYS THE BLUE SKY BUREAU MUST EXAMINE FREE

Bureau Head, However, Will Collect Fees Unless Courts Stop Him by Decision.

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.) Salem, Or., Aug. 13.—Although the new blue sky law says that the corporation commissioner has all the powers and privileges of a superintendent of banks, yet he cannot charge corporations a fee for making examinations, as the bank examiner does banks, according to an opinion of Attorney General Crawford. Corporation Commissioner Watson has been charging the same fees as the bank examiner. The attorney general held that the "powers and privileges" mentioned referred only to the authority to possess a company's books or other documents for examination.

Corporation commissioner R. A. Watson says he thinks the attorney general has given a wrong interpretation to this phase of the blue sky law, and that he will disregard the opinion and continue to collect the full amount of fees, as scheduled in the law providing for examining state banks.

"I'm not going to take chances on passing up hundreds of dollars of fees which I think the law requires this department to collect," said Watson. "If the courts say I am not required to make these fees, all right, but until then I will have to take exception to the attorney general's opinion."

Watson said that the fees prescribed are much larger than the actual cost of making a physical examination of a corporation's affairs, and the question he wanted the attorney general to pass upon was whether he was required to collect enough to cover the cost of the examination or the entire fee. He cited the examination of the Gem Mining company in eastern Oregon. Based on its capitalization of \$1,000,000, the examination fee under the banking schedule, which Watson holds the blue sky law requires him to follow, was \$200, while the actual cost of the examination was \$35.55.

Instead of passing on this question, the officials held that the corporation department had no authority to collect any fees at all for these examinations.

WORDS MISUSED LEAD TO LUDICROUS ERRORS

People Numerous Whose Ignorance Makes Them Laughing Stock of Others.

A school director, so a story runs, once advocated teaching "algebra" in the public schools because:

"These boys and girls, when they grow up, have got to work and the majority of them will seek positions in stores and will need their algebra to read the price marks!"

From Chicago comes this tale: When final preparations for the Chicago world's fair were being considered by the officials the blue sky law requires more than two condolas for the park lake because he believed breeding was possible, "even if the climate is not what the creatures are used to."

All of which tends to raise the question: Do people know what they are talking about all the time?

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HE SOLD SHORT WEIGHT ICE; IS GIVEN 5 DAYS

Thomas Barnes Faces Rockpile Sentence Imposed by Municipal Judge.

Thomas Barnes, proprietor of the National Ice & Coal company, was given five days on the rockpile yesterday morning by Municipal Judge Stevenson for selling short weight ice.

E. D. Jones, city sealer of weights and measures, filed the complaint. Jones had many complaints last week from housewives over short weight ice. He went into the Irvington district, where Barnes was seen delivering ice to Mrs. S. D. Stouffer, 630 Hancock street. Mrs. Stouffer testified this morning she purchased 50 pounds of ice from Barnes, but the city sealer was there and found only 40 pounds had been delivered. Barnes said he was on the wagon when the delivery was made; if there was a mistake it was due to his helper.

Barnes was allowed an appeal, and was released pending the perfection of the appeal.

The city sealer also had Joseph Fay before the court for giving Mrs. C. R. Davis, 727 Schuyler street, 72 pounds of ice, when she ordered and paid for 100 pounds. This case was continued for one week, as Mrs. Davis is ill and unable to appear in court.

KAMM ESTATE PAYS BIG INHERITANCE TAX

Amount Is Nearly \$17,000, the Largest Exacted in This County.

The largest inheritance tax ever paid in Multnomah county, \$16,954.42, has been paid by the heirs of Jacob Kamm. This payment was on the stipulated valuation of the estate at \$1,865,821.87. This valuation was placed upon the property by two of the three members of the board that reappraised the estate when State Treasurer Kay objected to the original appraisal. The stipulation raised the value of the estate \$97,600 and the amount of the tax \$927.19. The stipulation was agreed upon by the executors and the state treasurer rather than to have the estate reappraised following the disagreement of the board.

ALLEGED SWINDLERS ARE INDICTED AGAIN

H. C. W. Gottliebson and his wife, Gertrude Gottliebson, aged German swindlers, who are accused of bilking chambermaids and waitresses by fake sales of Lower California lands last spring, were again indicted yesterday for obtaining money and property by false pretenses. This indictment was returned to strengthen the case against the pair. Three other indictments, three secret indictments and a not true bill were returned.

George Nemed was indicted and held under \$10,000 bonds for shooting Latifa Nemed, his wife, on August 5. She is in the hospital yet. Louis Blanchette was indicted for associating with Julia Custer, a woman of the underworld.

John Longhi was indicted for placing his wife in a disorderly house. A not true bill was returned in the charge against Charles Olson of wanton destruction of an automobile tire belonging to the Business Automobile Service. The three secret indictments were unimportant.

EAGLE CREEK MAN HAS BEEN MISSING 10 DAYS

Elmer F. Brock of Eagle Creek, Clackamas county, disappeared from his home Monday, Aug. 4, and has not been heard from since. His wife is very sick, and his family is anxious that he communicate with them at once and return home. When last seen Brock was on his way to Portland, where he is well known, in search of work. Brock is about 5 feet 8 inches in height, weighs 180 pounds, and has dark brown eyes. When he left home he wore a dark blue serge suit and black Derby hat.

Anyone knowing of Brock's whereabouts will please communicate with his step-daughter, Miss Curtis Ella, Barton, Or., R. F. D. 1, box 12.

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