

TAXPAYERS WILL CONSIDER SCHOOL TAX LEVY NOV. 25

Board of Education Fixes Date for Mass Meeting to Be Held at the Lincoln High School Building.

BIBLE WILL NOT BE READ IN THE SCHOOLS

Request of Ministers Denied; Purchase of Runabouts Is Authorized.

A special meeting of the taxpayers of school district No. 1, which embraces all of Portland, will be held at 8 p. m. Tuesday, November 25, for the purpose of taking up the question of the annual tax levy for the maintenance and extension of the public schools of the district. The meeting will be held at the Lincoln high school auditorium.

This decision was arrived at and the call issued last night by the school board. Another important feature of last night's meeting was a unanimous decision of the board that the Bible shall not be read in the public schools of the city.

Action on this matter was taken following the presentation of a petition by the Ministerial association asking that the Bible be read as a part of the school course, on the understanding that no teacher should make comments in connection with such reading.

A number of persons present opposed the petition, on various grounds, and after the board had listened to arguments pro and con, it decided that the petition should be denied.

The movement to have Bible reading installed in the schools has been under way for several months and it is believed last night's action terminates it.

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PAVING OF BROADWAY FROM BRIDGE TO UNION AVENUE IS PROPOSED

Commissioner Dieck Will Try to Secure Hard Surfacing This Year.

Although temporary repairs are being made to Broadway from Larabee street to Union avenue, attempt is to be made to hard-surface the street this year. City Commissioner Dieck introduced a resolution before the city council this morning to start proceedings for the resurfacing of the portion of the thoroughfare now unpaved.

Numerous attempts have been made in the past to improve Broadway from the bridge to Union avenue and other streets as a district, but all have failed. Three times during former administrations property owners of the district remonstrated and the plans could not be carried out.

Agitation recently brought about plans for the temporary repair of the street, and at the present time a force of men is at work macadamizing the street. The city is paying the cost out of the street maintenance fund.

This morning the matter was taken up with the council, and Commissioner Dieck introduced a resolution discontinuing all proceedings for the improvement of Broadway as a district. This was followed by another resolution starting proceedings for the improvement of Broadway alone.

Commissioner Dieck says that an attempt will be made to pave the street this year. It is contended that once the contract is let and the improvement work can be done in a short while.

Filling out the depression on both sides of the car tracks as they leave the Broadway bridge has now been completed, and the moving of the claim of the Barber Asphalt Co. for \$845, the cost of hard surface pavement, was allowed by the council.

U. S. SUITS THREATENED TO DIVORCE S. P., C. P.

Civil Suit Reported Planned to Enforce Division of Two Systems.

(Special to The Journal.)
New York, Sept. 24.—Wall street interests were excited today when it became known that Attorney General McReynolds was about to begin a civil suit against the Southern Pacific company to compel it to relinquish control of the Central Pacific railroad. While the news was confirmed, it is not known where the suit will be started.

The news caused a general break in both Union Pacific and Southern Pacific shares on the stock market today.

BENNETT CUP RACER FALLS IN MONOPLANE

Rheims, France, Sept. 24.—Aviator Cavalier was fatally injured today while flying in a monoplane from Juvy to Rheims to participate in the Bennett cup competition here Friday. He fell from an altitude of 75 feet. His skull was fractured.

DAHLIA SHOW OPENS WITH WEALTH OF FINE BLOOMS ON DISPLAY

Exhibits Are Entered From Outside Cities as Far Away as Ashland.

Nearly 1000 varieties of dahlia are exhibited at the Oregon dahlia show, which opened this afternoon on the third floor of the new public library building. There are multicolored cactus dahlias, decorative dahlias, peony dahlias and show dahlias in profusion, all tastily displayed.

Indicative of the interest in the culture of this beautiful fall flower, there are a number of exhibitors from points outside of Portland.

Included in these are displays from Tacoma, Ashland and Nehalem. An altogether new variety is the New York shown by Mrs. E. Peterson of Tacoma. It is a cactus dahlia.

The exhibition is the largest yet held in the northwest and it is hoped that it will stimulate sufficient interest in the cultivation of the dahlia to lead to competitive exhibits by different sections.

In the exhibits by private growers especially noticeable today were those of Charles L. Mastich, Helen Ladd Corbett, Mrs. K. Wilson and the Woodlawn school.

Nehalem is represented by Mrs. Lillian Zaddock, Mrs. L. Todd and Mrs. Oliver. The Tacoma entries are Mrs. E. Peterson, Mrs. J. R. Thompson and Mrs. Hockaby. S. Peniston of Ashland demonstrates that dahlias can be most satisfactorily grown in the vicinity.

The exhibits of the commercial growers are very attractive. Prizes will be awarded both to private and to commercial growers.

The exhibition will continue until 10 p. m. tomorrow night. No admission price is charged.

CIVIL SERVICE BOARD TO EXAMINE CHARGES

Facts Regarding Captain Keller's Rating in Police Test to Be Ascertained.

To determine whether there had been anything unlawful with the civil service examination held a number of months ago to secure an eligible list for a captain's position which was later given to Joe Keller, the civil service board will hold a hearing at 7:30 o'clock tonight in the city hall. Subenas has been served on all of those who took the examination, including Detective Sergeant Craddock, connected with the graft charges against A. P. Armstrong, county superintendent of schools.

If it is found that charges and assertions that have been made are true, the civil service board will annul the former examination. The specific charge to be investigated by the board will be regarding the questions which Joe Keller answered were brought to his house by Sergeant Craddock the night before the examination.

If the old examination is annulled it will mean that a vacancy of captain exists in the police department and another examination will be necessary. At present three men are eligible to the position, which will be left vacant when Captain Keller resigns October 1. They are Sergeant Craddock and Police Sergeants Casey and Lyons.

TURKS BURN TOWN AND MASSACRE RESIDENTS

Mustapha Pasha Destroyed; Dirkjail District Devastated by Wild Moslems.

Sofia, Sept. 24.—Dispatches received today allege that Turkish troops have burned the town of Mustapha Pasha and its suburbs, devastated the entire Dirkjail district and massacred scores of villagers.

Servians Admit Defeat.

Belgrade, Sept. 24.—Decisive defeat of Servian troops along the frontier by the Albanians was admitted today by government officials. It is said that 6000 Albanians, commanded by foreign officers, have captured Dibra, a Servian town.

ALLEGED COPPER TRUST TO BE BUSTED, REPORT

(Special to The Journal.)
New York, Sept. 24.—Action against the leading copper companies of the United States is about to be started by the government in an effort to break an alleged combine of metal interests, according to word that came to leading financial interests today. It was stated that the government charges the companies with restricting the production of copper in order to force the price to an artificially high figure.

The report was generally credited and a bear attack on the metal group of the stock market was started, resulting in a net loss of 1 1/2 points in Amalgamated Copper, which represents the big interests.

MANUEL'S NEW QUEEN SUDDENLY TAKEN ILL

Munich, Sept. 24.—The wife of former King Manuel of Portugal became suddenly ill here today and was rushed to a private hospital. Physicians refused to make any statement concerning her condition.

PLATONIC POEM BY ARDENT OFFICER IS MIRTH PROVOKING

Major Murphy, Ardent Southerner, Forced to Read Ode to Captain Merriam's Wife While Court Laughs.

MURPHY INDIGNANT AT LACK OF APPRECIATION

Demands That Court Let Him Explain Following Testimony in Divorce Case.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
San Francisco, Sept. 24.—
"There was moonlight on the meadows. There were shadows in the lane. As I went along with Bessele At the grinding of the cane."
"It was drip, drip, drip— Oh, the ease was sweet to sip. But nothing to the sweetness Of her dewey, rosy lips."
And that's only part of it—part of the poem Major Clarence Murphy, formerly of the governor of Louisiana's staff, wrote and dedicated to Mrs. Bessie C. Merriam, wife of Captain Henry C. Merriam of the United States army. His face purple, his brow covered with perspiration and his voice husky with rage, the major had to read the entire poem in a crowded court room today at the trial of Captain Merriam's divorce suit against his wife, whom he accuses among other things, of indiscretions with Major Murphy.

The major did so well under direct examination of Mrs. Merriam's lawyer yesterday that Mrs. Merriam exclaimed to him "You did fine!" as he left the stand.

Major is Ruffled.
Attorney Linforth for Captain Merriam started on his cross examination today, however, with the avowed intention of "ruffling the major's bangs," and, to some extent, he succeeded.

The reading of the witness' poem threw the courtroom into such parox-

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WILSON DEMOCRATS WIN IN NEW JERSEY PRIMARY ELECTION

Progressive Vote Shows Falling Off and Republicans Predict Victory.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Trenton, N. J., Sept. 24.—President Wilson's candidate for the Democratic nominee as governor of New Jersey was victorious, as shown by complete returns today from yesterday's state primaries. The three nominations were as follows:
Democratic—Fielder.
Republican—Stokes.
Progressive—Coby.

The Wilson Democrats won not only on the gubernatorial nomination, but on their choice of a legislative ticket and in the state committee contest.

The Progressive cast the smallest vote at the primaries, which Candidate Stokes declared to mean that numerous Progressives have returned to the Republican fold. On the strength of this, he predicted a Republican victory at the election.

AVIATOR STEELE IS NEAR JOURNEY'S END

Broken Machine Fixed, Man-Bird Is Ready for Flight.

Newport, Or., Sept. 24.—Aviator Ed. Steele, who harbored at Waldport yesterday on his 130-mile over-sea flight from Marshfield to Newport, left here this afternoon after having his damaged carburetor fixed, and expects to fly again from Waldport later in the day. If all goes well he will arrive at Newport again before nightfall via air, and his journey establishing a new west coast over-sea flight will have been completed.

DIABLO RETURNS TO PARIS.

Paris, Sept. 24.—Porfirio Diaz, former dictator of Mexico, returned to Paris this afternoon from Biarritz. He went to Spain, he said, to bid goodbye to his daughter, who had sailed for Vera Cruz. Diaz denied that he contemplated returning to Mexico.

Markers for the Oregon Trail.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.)
Washington, D. C., Sept. 24.—Representative Humphrey introduced a bill in congress today authorizing the president to appoint a commission to erect markers on the Oregon trail.

"OH, THE INSOLENCE OF THE DARWINIAN THEORY!"



DESPITE HEATED PROTEST RULING MADE BY WELFARE COMMISSION PROHIBITS NIGHT WORK BY STORE WOMEN AND FIXES MINIMUM WAGE

Law Promulgated Will Have Effect of Closing Department Stores on Saturday Evenings and Those Before Christmas Holidays. Two Managers Assert New Plan Will Result in Efficient Employees Paying for Inefficient.

has effort been made to legislate out of existence the opening of stores on Saturday evenings and during the week before Christmas.

Two department store managers appeared at the hearing last night in the public library and asked the commission to deny the recommendations of the conference committee.

W. P. Olds of Olds, Wortman & King, and Aaron Holz, of the store by that name, both said that forbidding the employment of women in stores after 6 p. m. would result in closing the department stores Saturday nights.

Thomas Roberts Sr., manager of Roberts Brothers, admitted the truth of the commission's assertion, but said that when department stores are closed Saturday night people will buy earlier and other stores will follow suit in the matter of closing.

For that matter, the ruling of the commission affects equally not only department stores, but all places where women are employed. "Candy shops, millinery, jewelry, women's wear and many other kinds of stores are included."

Saturday night has been called the "wage earner's time to trade," Mr. Olds and Mr. Holz stressed this point in their argument. Miss Helen Dinneen, a representative of working women on the conference committee, answered: "Since this ruling is for the sake of women who work, working people, wage earners, surely will not protest against it."

About 2500 Women Affected.
Miss Gleason, secretary of the commission, has found that about 2500 women are employed in the large department stores. She estimated others affected by last night's ruling at 500 or more. Considering the number of business interests and workers affected, and the commercial structure that was

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TOLLS WOULD PAY FOR COLUMBIA BRIDGE IN 10 YEARS IT IS SAID

Figures Compiled Indicate the Revenue From Interstate Span Would Cover Cost.

Ferry Tolls for Five Years.	Revenue
1908	\$20,855
1909	20,855
1910	46,000
1911	66,167
1912	69,821

Increase in four years, 130 per cent, or an average yearly increase of 22 per cent, compounded.

A bridge that will pay for itself, that will be no burden on the taxpayer, that will open up the way for the building of interurban lines costing millions of dollars, that will provide a Portland terminus for constantly increasing traffic, which if blocked for lack of the bridge must go elsewhere—such is the proposed interstate bridge, declared Allison Burnham, a leader of the Clark county campaign for the voting of bonds, who was in Portland yesterday conferring with the Portland bridge committee.

"It is estimated," said Mr. Burnham, "that with the same tolls charged on the bridges as are now charged on the ferry, the revenue collected on the bridge the first year it is thrown open to traffic will be at least \$100,000. If then, it increases 10 per cent each year for the next 10 years—and remember that it in-

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EVIDENCE AGAINST SULZER IS ORDERED TO BE INTRODUCED

Court Decides to Defer Decision as to Legality of Impeachment Articles Until After It Is Heard.

FOX MAKES ELOQUENT DEFENSE OF GOVERNOR

Sulzer's Answer Merely Admits Receiving Campaign Contributions.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Albany, N. Y., Sept. 24.—At the suggestion of Chief Justice Cullen of the court of appeals, Governor Sulzer's impeachment court, by a vote of 19 to 7, decided today to defer decision as to the legality of the impeachment articles until after all the evidence against the governor is in.

Attorney Richards, opening for the prosecution, after the decision had been reached to delay a ruling on the legality of the impeachment articles, denounced Sulzer in the most violent language.

"He employed bagmen to scour the state for contributions to his campaign fund," declared Richards, "and he had a bag himself, open to \$10,000 as well as \$2 contributions. He did more than collect funds. He intended to keep them to buy stocks and to supply margins for his stock speculations."

Personal Attack Made.
Then the attorney reviewed the charges against Sulzer, recapitulating them and attacking the governor personally.

"As high as his office and as high as his position," he shouted, "we are prepared to prove low, sordid crimes against William Sulzer. His chief offenses were plain fraud, larceny and perjury."

Replying to Attorney Brackett, who, as leading prosecutor, argued yesterday in support of the technical correctness of the impeachment articles, Attorney Austin Fox of the defense attacked them again when the tribunal resumed the hearing.

"The suggestion that an official can be held answerable for acts prior to his assumption of office is revolutionary and unheard of," said Fox, "and I am loath to believe that this court will approve such a doctrine."

Criminal Code Must Operate.
Then he quoted Judge Parker's argument that the constitutional convention of 1846 removed all limitations on the state senate's power of impeachment. "If this be true," he added, "then the limitations in the present criminal code operate in the present case."

Fox's argument was the strongest made since the impeachment trial began, and the most eloquent.

When Fox had finished, Chief Justice Cullen said that in his opinion the questions raised were such that they could not be decided offhand, and he suggested delay. Senator Wagner moved to postpone action, and his suggestion was adopted.

Sulzer's Answer Filed.
Attorney D. Cady Herrick then filed Sulzer's answer. It denied all the allegations except that Sulzer admitted receiving campaign contributions, saying he accepted them in good faith. Attorney Richards then spoke.

The managers of the impeachment proceedings have suggested the managers of the local telegraph offices to produce all telegrams sent by Sulzer, his wife, Private Secretary Sarecky, John Hennessey and James Garrison during June, July, August and thus far in September.

The capitol, where the trial is in progress, was packed today, despite the fact that only persons showing good reasons for admission were allowed to enter.

FIRE DESTROYS BLOCK OF WOODEN BUILDINGS NEAR UNION STATION

Spectacular Midnight Blaze, Witnessed by Thousands, Destroys Several Horses.

Virtually all the one-story frame buildings between the Union depot and the south approach of the Broadway bridge were wiped out by fire shortly before midnight last night. The origin of the fire has not been ascertained yet. It was first discovered creeping up the sides of a stable which housed the horses and equipment of the Portland Van & Storage company. From this point it spread rapidly in all directions, destroying totally all the buildings of the block which faced north and partially all structures fronting North Sixth street.

The buildings, among the oldest of the district, were owned by the Portland Terminal Investment company, a subsidiary of the O. W. B. & N., and its loss is placed at approximately \$35,000, with insurance of only \$4000.

Outside the company's loss, the Portland Van & Storage company suffered most severely. Six of 32 horses in the barn were burned to death, and three vans and hay and grain supplies were consumed.

Fire Loss \$34,000.
Although no definite estimate has been made, it is believed the van company's damage will aggregate \$3000. In all, the fire caused about \$34,000 damage.

No damage was done to the bridge.

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PORTLANDERS LOST IN RED BLANKET CANYON

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Anderson Have Experience on Way to Crater Lake.

(Special to The Journal.)
Medford, Or., Sept. 24.—Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Anderson of Portland and Mrs. H. C. Gate and Roger Hitchcock of Medford had an exciting experience recently when they were lost for four days in Red Blanka Canyon on their way to Crater Lake.

Instead of following the regular Crater Lake highway the party took a trail mapped out by M. L. Erickson, supervisor of the forest service, which led them through some of the most picturesque country in southern Oregon. In a dense fog the second day out the party lost its bearings, wandered into Red Blanka canyon, which led away from Crater Lake instead of toward it, and finally, discovering their mistake, were unable to find their way back.

"When the food ran low Hitchcock left the party near a spring and made his way over the ridge, finally locating Arant's Lodge. Superintendent Steele sent a man back with food to act as guide, and yesterday the party reached Medford, little the worse for their experience."

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson left last night for Portland. The trip was made with a horse team and hack.

ASSESS A. F. OF L. FOR MICHIGAN STRIKERS

One Cent a Week From 2,250,000 Members Secured by Federation Head.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Washington, Sept. 24.—Consent of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor for a national assessment of its 2,250,000 members for the benefit of the striking copper miners in Michigan was obtained here today by Charles F. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, to which latter organization most of the idle men belong. It is expected the assessment will be one cent a week, although Moyer asked for five cents a week.

Moyer also conferred with Senators Shafroth of Colorado and Borah of Idaho, asking for government inquiry into charges that postage prepaid in the strike district. Special Agent Moffitt reported to Secretary of Labor William B. Wilson today regarding his investigations at Calumet. Moffitt's report is to contain many sensational statements.

RACE WAR CONTINUES IN TOWN OF BENTON

Attempt Made to Attack Only Witness Against Musicians' Murderers.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Benton, Ill., Sept. 24.—The racial disturbances which broke out here following the murder by foreigners of two American musicians at a dance Saturday night were still raging today. Foreigners, regardless of nationality, were assaulted wherever they showed themselves. Business houses were closed and the homes of foreign residents barricaded.

The sheriff confessed his inability to stop rioting, and martial law was declared.

Fifteen national guardsmen this afternoon discovered several aliens attempting to enter the home of Wyatt, the only member of the trio of musicians who escaped with his life. He is the prosecution's only witness.

GIRL CARRIES MOTHER FROM BURNING HOUSE

San Francisco, Sept. 24.—Miss Orchesta Nattel, a pretty Italian girl, proved the heroine of a \$10,000 fire here today when she carried her aged mother, Mrs. G. B. de Nattel, from their blazing home. The older woman was overcome by smoke while asleep and but for the courage of her daughter probably would have succumbed.