

### NEWPORT CIRCULAR IS TO BE INVESTIGATED AT GOVERNOR'S REQUEST

#### Mayhap That Corrupt Practices Act Was Violated in Local Option Election.

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)  
Salem, Or., Nov. 8.—Governor West today requested District Attorney J. F. Stewart of Toledo to investigate into the circulation of a certain circular during the local option campaign at Newport, with the idea of bringing prosecutions for violation of the corrupt practices act.

The governor forwarded to the district attorney a copy of the circular, which was signed by six Newport citizens. The circular stated that reliable information was had that the Newport council had delayed making its tax levy until after the local option election, and if the town went wet the levy would be 5 mills, and if it went dry the levy would be 10 mills.

"In view of this contemplated action by our council, should not every taxpayer hesitate before placing another burden on his already overburdened shoulders?" reads the circular.

Governor West cited sections 5212 and 5213, which provide that any person who shall directly or indirectly make use of any undue influence on any voter, violates the corrupt practices act.

Section 5217 of said law makes it the duty of the district attorney, as soon as notified of any violation of this act, to make diligent inquiry into the facts of such violation, and if he finds there is reasonable ground for prosecution such steps shall be taken by him," says the governor's letter. "I therefore ask that you kindly look into the matter and take such action as in your opinion the findings will warrant."

### BANKERS DISCUSS THE NEW CURRENCY BILL

#### Albany Is Host to Members of Group No. 2 Following Meeting.

Albany, Or., Nov. 8.—Meeting here today, 50 bankers of group No. 2 of the state bankers association, held their regular business session and discussed the proposed currency bill. Many of the visiting bankers were accompanied by their wives. The meeting was opened at 10 o'clock. Dr. F. H. Gesebren, pastor of the First Presbyterian church gave the invocation. A. O. Schmitt, president of the Albany Clearing House Association, gave the conclusion of welcome and C. E. Hawkins, president of the Lincoln County Bank, Toledo, responded.

The subject of the currency bill was introduced in a paper by J. H. Menand and the Way Out," by Orson E. Goodwin, secretary of the Oregon Equal Taxation League of Portland. He also read the discussion. At the conclusion, the meeting adjourned to the Hotel Hammet, where the visitors and their wives were guests of the local bankers at luncheon. At 3 o'clock, the bankers attended the Oregon Equal Taxation League in a body as the guests of the Albany Clearing House Association.

In the morning during the business session the visiting ladies were guests at an informal reception at the Hotel Hammet. A number of Albany matrons were hostesses.

### Principally about People

L. W. Hill, chairman of board of the Great Northern railway; J. M. Hanford, president of the Northern Pacific; George T. Reid, assistant to president of the Northern Pacific, and Secretaries E. W. Costello and J. F. Winecke, are guests of the Portland hotel. Pierce Butler, a prominent attorney of St. Paul, is also with the party.

Victor P. Moses, county judge of Benton county, passed through Portland yesterday on his way to attend the National Good Roads association in St. Louis, November 11-15, as Governor West's appointee and Oregon's only delegate at the convention. "Federal aid in road building and the reasons for making it before congress along some what the lines recommended by former Senator Bourne, will be a subject of prominent consideration at the meeting," said Judge Moses, who expects to spend three weeks studying road building methods in Iowa, Missouri and Tennessee. "I want to see if they have better roads there than in Benton county."

Miss L. Leonard of Olds, Wortman & King, has just returned from her second trip to New York since August. During her visit she devoted considerable time to studying styles at the Horse Show and various fashion shows.

J. H. Green, an attorney of Tacoma, and wife, are at the Imperial.

W. N. Barrett, an attorney of Hillsboro, is a guest at the Imperial, with his family.

C. A. Watson, Pacific coast manager of the Standard Oil company, is at the Imperial from San Francisco.

H. S. McGowan, a cannery man of Moscow, Wash., is stopping at the Imperial.

J. Marshall, a business man of Astoria, is a guest at the Perkins.

George S. Bell, a business man of Sublimity, is registered at the Perkins.

S. E. Watkins of Newburg, is registered at the Perkins.

J. J. Hill, the railroad magnate, and several members of his party, are guests at the Oregon.

C. H. Johnson, a railroad man of Astoria, is a guest at the Oregon.

Charles F. Peterson and O. W. Ashby, business men of Tacoma, are stopping at the Oregon.

J. Bleeker, vice president of the Washington Water Power company, and Mrs. Bleeker, are registered at the Portland from Spokane.

Miles C. Moore of Walla Walla, is registered at the Multnomah.

John Rogers, a banker of Fernal, B. C., is stopping at the Multnomah.

James Finlayson, a merchant of Astoria, is a guest at the Multnomah.

B. J. and J. C. Perley of Henderson, Iowa, are stopping at the Multnomah.

J. Hardin of Seattle, is registered at the Multnomah.

C. H. Harrison, a business man of Pittsburg, is registered at the Multnomah.

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### TRAFFIC CONDITIONS IN NEW YORK CITY AS CONGESTED AS EVER

#### Subways Fail to Bring the Relief Looked for Because of Astounding Growth of City.

(By the International News Service.)  
New York, Nov. 8.—Big figures and big things always interest New Yorkers despite the fact that their little old Manhattan is the home of big achievements. Last week the election returns satisfied the craving of the most ardent doer but there are other figures available to fill in the odd moments.

For instance, 227,711,510 people rode in the city's subways during the fiscal year just ended. According to the Interborough Rapid Transit company, 24,497,654 more people rode in the tubes during that year than in the year previous. The natural question arises as to why that should be so. Where did they come from? Was the population increased so astoundingly that the subway had to carry 24,000,000 more people during the past year than the year before? Of course the population did increase, and every new addition to the millions already here meant that that addition would increase the number of tickets a year. The total of new arrivals in Manhattan brought the extra sale of the tickets up to the 24,000,000 figure.

Before New York had the subway it managed to worry along with only the elevated railroads and the surface cars. If one wanted to get to Harlem in a hurry one took a Ninth avenue elevated express and was there in a half hour. If one wanted to get to the Grand Central one took the Third avenue elevated train and changed for the shuttle car at Forty-second street. That took about 30 minutes or three-quarters of an hour from Brooklyn bridge.

Now one jumps into the subway at Brooklyn bridge and gets out at the Grand Central in 15 minutes later. In the days before the subway the elevated was also crowded and New Yorkers welcomed the opening of the subway in the belief that traffic now divided between the underground, the surface cars and the elevated would mean little crowding on any of them. They were mistaken. The elevated is as badly crowded today as it ever was. To get into a subway express during the rush hour is almost impossible of accomplishment, and to attempt to board a surface car in the shopping district at 5:30 p. m. is extremely dangerous.

Will New York's transportation problem ever be solved? Doubtless in the days before the aerial express running to Westchester county will be as jammed as are the Harlem express in the subway today.

### MARSHFIELD POLITICIANS READY FOR CAMPAIGN

#### Marshfield, Or., Nov. 8.—This was the last day for candidates at the city election December 2 to file petitions.

F. H. Allen and Carl Albrecht, both councilmen now, are the only candidates for mayor, who have filed. Duncan Ferguson, Arthur McKeown, J. W. Hildebrand and A. J. Savage are candidates for councilmen. The Socialists will have three candidates for councilmen, Aleck Johnson, John Farley and Mrs. Cherry Wright, wife of Ben Wright, a blacksmith.

**Falling Tree Injures.**  
Castle Rock, Wash., Nov. 8.—Frank Pitchford, a hook tender in a logging camp at Silver Lake was seriously injured today by being struck by a falling tree. His right shoulder was crushed and his side was badly hurt. He was sent to Portland for treatment.

### PRESENT BONDING SYSTEM COSTLY LUXURY TO CITY

YEAR	ISSUED	REDEEMED	OUTSTANDING
1901	\$78,327.22		\$78,327.22
1902	\$59,113.25		\$137,440.47
1903	\$73,766.12	\$37,000	\$100,740.59
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1905	\$777,464.12	\$153,113.25	\$624,350.87
1906	\$855,407.12	\$37,766.12	\$587,591.00
1907	\$1,283,743.25	\$568,829.12	\$714,914.13
1908	\$2,316,708.12	\$636,294.12	\$1,680,414.00
1909	\$3,549,430.12	\$818,349.12	\$2,731,081.00
1910	\$6,454,340.12	\$918,407.12	\$5,535,933.00
1911	\$11,364,523.25	\$1,283,743.25	\$10,080,780.00
1912	\$15,403,951.12	\$2,316,708.12	\$13,087,243.00
1913	\$17,032,013.25	\$2,882,967.12	\$14,149,046.13

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REDEEMED UP TO JULY 31, 1913.  
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\$120,860.00 LOSS IN PAYMENT OF INT. ON CONTRACTORS WORK.  
\$97,969.00 HANDLING COLLECTIONS FROM PROPERTY OWNERS.  
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\$253,097.00 ABSOLUTE LOSS—8 1/2% ON BONDS REDEEMED TO JULY 31, 1913.

Showing the improvement bonds issued since April, 1901, the amount of bonds redeemed since that date, and the amount of bonds outstanding at the end of each year from 1901 to July 31, 1913. Also the amount of money lost through placing sinking funds on deposit in banks at 2 per cent interest, the amount of interest paid on contractors' warrants, and the interest on money advanced from the general fund to meet interest payments on bonds.

On July 31, 1913, the city's improvement bond sinking fund had \$940,097.88 on deposit with Portland banks. This money, nearly a million dollars, was drawing 2 per cent interest.

Against this sum, improvement bonds bearing 6 per cent interest were outstanding. Portland was paying 6 per cent on nearly a million dollars of indebtedness, while the money was on hand to discharge the debt.

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Under the present charter provision the \$50,000 block of January bonds could be paid and canceled, wiping the rest off the books. But the provision requiring bonds to be retired, on interest bearing dates in numerical order only, would prevent use of the other \$50,000 in retiring bonds.

**Money Could Be Retired.**  
The July bonds would be at an interest bearing date, but one of these bonds could be touched because all bonds must be retired strictly in numerical order. The February bonds could not be called. They would be in numerical order, but their interest bearing date had not been reached.

Lacking a chance opportunity to invest the second \$50,000 in new bonds, the money would be deposited in the banks at two per cent, suffering a net loss of four per cent. If the city had accumulated half a million dollars in the redemption fund in January, only \$50,000 of the amount could be used in retiring bonds, for bonds must be retired in numerical order only, on interest bearing dates only.

On the other hand, suppose that in January there was no money in the redemption fund as has sometimes happened. The January bonds could not be retired for lack of funds. The result would be that, because of the numerical order provision, no bonds could be retired for the next six months.

If during the intervening five months, before another interest bearing date is reached on the January bond, a million dollars should accumulate in the sinking fund, none of the money could be used for retiring bonds. The January bonds, having the lowest serial numbers, must be retired ahead of all other bonds, and the January bonds could not be called until the following July, the next interest bearing date.

Critics of the present system say it was devised solely in the investor's be-

### ST. JOHNS' DAY CELEBRATION BEING FORMULATED

#### First Sunday in January Set Aside; Carnation Will Be Emblem of Holiday.

St. Johns, Or., Nov. 8.—A general observance of Fathers' day in Portland and St. Johns the first Sunday in next January, with the dark pink carnation as the official flower, is to be brought about by the plans of Mrs. C. M. Hall, of 415 South Jersey street, are successful.

Mrs. Hall is the originator of this celebration in honor of fathers, the first Fathers' day in the entire country having been held in St. Johns in the Christmas season of 1910. A circular letter now being prepared will be sent to the pastors of every church in St. Johns and Portland asking that the services on the first Sunday in January be devoted to the praise of fathers.

The skating rink, which was closed recently, has been leased by the Bachelder club, which formerly used it as a hall for dancing. They will give a dance every Saturday night following a Thanksgiving masquerade.

Miss Daisy Hutchinson, who was operated last Sunday at St. Johns sanitarium, is rapidly regaining her health.

Mrs. N. H. Hutchinson, of Rainier, returned to her home Friday after having spent two weeks in St. Johns sanitarium.

Mrs. Bart Sitter and Mrs. Grace Farris will represent St. Johns Congregational church at the State Congregational conference at Salem Tuesday.

Special services will be held at the Congregational church Sunday night in closing the evangelistic services, which have been held by Rev. J. E. Murphy during the last two weeks.

St. Johns Evangelical church is planning a rally day for members of the church and their friends.

At the Sunday evening services in the Baptist church F. W. Coffyn will be the soloist.

Starting next week the number of carriers of the St. Johns postoffice will be increased to five.

D. Nash, of St. Johns, who drives a motor truck to Portland, was fined \$10 by Recorder F. A. Rice for driving at night without having his lights lit.

Two bicycles were stolen from James Johns high school Friday morning.

The St. Johns Dancing club gave a dance last Saturday in Eagles' hall.

### PENDLETON WOULD DO AWAY WITH MILLRACE

#### Pendleton, Or., Nov. 8.—As a result of the drowning of little Harry Riggle in the millrace of the Pendleton Roller Mill company early in the week, a movement, headed by City Physician I. U. Temple, has been started to force the milling company to carry its water through the city in an underground conduit.

A petition is being circulated asking the council to abate the millrace, and City Attorney Charles Carter has consented to make a formal complaint against the company. A feature that may hasten action is the fact that Attorney Will M. Peterson is preparing an action against the milling company for \$7500