

IDENTITY OF RECALL COMMITTEE IS KEPT CAREFULLY GUARDED

Petitions Aimed at Mayor Albee and Commissioners Brewster and Dieck.

Although petitions for the recall of Mayor H. R. Albee and City Commissioners W. L. Brewster and Robert G. Dieck have been in circulation for four days, the identity of the "Citizens Recall Committee" is still hidden under the shroud of secrecy.

That the committee consists of a small group of men numbering between six and eight, and each "capable of signing his check for \$100,000" was all the information vouchsafed yesterday by Alfred C. Cridge, one of the "Citizens Recall Committee" is still hidden under the shroud of secrecy.

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Since the commission form was adopted by popular vote, its enemies, and those who prosper under the old councilmanic scheme, have been indefatigable in their search for legislation which would nullify the commission form of government.

Cridge said he was pledged not to give out the names of the "committee" until the course of conversation said that several of them would make good executives and some of them "might run for commissioner."

He denied strenuously that ex-Mayor Tuttle is interested in the movement in any way. In reply to a suggestion that the liquor interests, alarmed by the mayor's policy of rigid enforcement of liquor laws, might be aiding the recall movement, Cridge stated:

"Under the circumstances it seems to me that it would be foolish for the saloon interests to take part in a recall at this stage of the game, not saying of course what they might do later."

Then in response to a second suggestion that the precautions to hide the identities of the recallers might be for this reason, Cridge said: "The reason why the committee members do not desire to come out openly is because the newspapers would begin rocking them and they don't want to be rocked. This recall has a kick in it. There have been four attempts to recall officials in this town during the last three years and only one succeeded."

The recall on Commissioner Ellis worked, but the one against District Attorney Cameron was never filed, nor the one against Sheriff Word, and the free speech recall movement against Albee last fall fell through.

"But we mean business now. We have the money, the petitions have been carefully drawn and passed upon by attorneys because we have the idea that the entire matter will have to go before the supreme court finally to decide whether this state has a recall law that is legal or not."

One of the attorneys whose advice was sought, he said, was W. S. U'ren of Oregon City.

Cridge concluded by declaring that 2500 signatures have been secured to each of the three recall petitions. Circulators, he said, are working in every district of the city and the sufficient that the required number of signatures—approximately 3000—would be secured before the middle of March, and the recall election held on the first of May primaries. The "committee" will endeavor to secure 10,000 or 11,000 names, it is said.

WOODBURN WILL HAVE ANNUAL HORSE SHOW

Woodburn, Or., Feb. 21.—Woodburn will stage its annual horse fair again this year and April 4 has been set as the date. At a meeting last night, it was voted to change the name of the association from Woodburn Horse Breeders' association to Woodburn Livestock association. This change in name was caused by the desire of the association to branch out from the exclusive horse line and eventually put on a fair that will allow farmers and breeders to show their stock in the stock line. This year it has been decided to open entries for dairy cattle of the Jersey and Holstein varieties, and also horses to be judged only on their commercial value for the show.

The officers of the association are F. W. Settlemier, president; P. A. Livesey, secretary; and E. J. Standard, A. E. Austin and George A. Landon as vice presidents.

Western Fuel Men Not Sentenced. San Francisco, Feb. 21.—James B. Smith, F. C. Miller and Edward H. Mayer, officials of the Western Fuel company, convicted of conspiring to defraud the government of customs duties, were not sentenced today as scheduled. When the men appeared before United States Judge Deoling, defense counsel moved for a week's postponement in order to prepare a bill of exceptions and motion for a new trial. The application was granted.

Journal Want Ads bring results

T. T. GEER ANNOUNCES GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDACY

Economy of Administration Slogan of Former Governor.

Former Governor T. T. Geer is a candidate for the Republican nomination for governor. Mr. Geer formally announced his intention to enter the lists yesterday and will make the campaign on a platform which has for its main plank the reduction of the costs of the state government and greater economy in its administration.

Mr. Geer further declares for state-wide prohibition, reclamation of arid lands, a bonding act for the building of roads, amendment of the tax collection laws and enlargement of the home loan exemption law so that every family may hold its home secure no matter what its indebtedness.

Says Mr. Geer of the high cost of state administration: "The cost of maintaining the state government is increasing at a rate that calls for the serious consideration of every citizen. Fundamentally speaking, it should not cost any more, per capita, to govern a million people than a quarter of a million—indeed, it should cost less."

The fact is, however, that the cost in taxes is now practically three times—not merely in the aggregate, but for some 25 years ago and nearly twice what it was five years ago. . . . The real basis for it all is found in the rapid growth of the state government. . . . The protest of the people against the increasing burdens of government is all but universal and the use of the public pruning knife."

Mr. Geer is an Oregonian by birth, having been born in Marion county in 1847. He attended the University of Willamette at Salem and following the completion of his education farmed in Marion and Union counties for some 20 years. He was elected to the legislatures of 1880-88-90-92, serving as speaker during his last term. He



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was an elector for McKinley in 1896 and went to Washington with the Oregon electoral vote in 1897. He was elected governor over Will R. King in 1898, serving until 1903. From 1903-4 he acted as editor of the Salem Daily Statesman and in 1907-8 as editor of the Pendleton Daily Tribune. He is the author of "Fifty Years in Oregon."

With Mr. Geer's chapeau in the charmed circle there are some eight candidates for the Republican nomination for governor. They are: W. A. Carter, local attorney; Gus C. Moser, state senator; R. L. Stevens, former sheriff; Attorney-General A. M. Crawford; Grant B. Dimick and George C. Brownell of Oregon City; Dr. James Wytchcombe of the Oregon Agricultural college—and, of course, Mr. Geer.

HANNAFORD DENIES CLOUGH WILL RESIGN

President of Northern Pacific Emphatic in Statement; Arrives From Spokane.

"It is exceedingly certain that Col. Clough will retire as chairman of the Northern Pacific board—some day," admitted President Jule M. Hannaford last night. "But it will be just as most of us retire—when the grim reaper comes. I have heard all the rumors affecting the Northern Pacific and have denied them with great frequency and with all the positiveness of which I am capable."

Mr. Hannaford arrived yesterday from Spokane in company with Vice-President George T. Slade and a couple of other directors after conferring with President Gilman of the North Bank most of the morning and visiting some of the other railroad heads during the afternoon. He was elected to the board a little family dinner last night and spent the evening in comfortable attitudes in the Portland hotel lobby.

There they were joined by Judge George Reid and General Manager S. C. Blanchard of Tacoma. The talk was mostly about rheumatism and polluted drinking water, and only now and then would a remark fall that suggested the party to consist of anything but therapeutists.

It won't be altogether pleasure for the rest of the executive party, vice-president in charge of operation, has a lot to see to between Portland and Puget Sound. There's plenty of work to be done in pushing the double track operations, installing block systems and generally brushing up the roadbed and line for the heavy rush of Panama-Pacific travel.

So it is that the officials will pass over the western division with most critical attention to every job. They expect to linger in Portland a few days, possibly taking a little run down to Astoria Tuesday, though this point had not been decided last night.

ACTION OF COUNTING STRIKE VOTE DELAYED

Pending the arrival of G. W. W. Hangar, government mediator, the counting of the strike vote was delayed. The Order of Railway Telegraphers last night were holding off from counting the vote on the sentiment of operators and agents toward a strike on the O.-W. R. & N. line.

Mr. Hangar was expected last night from Washington, but his non-arrival has caused some anxiety on the part of the committee, because nothing could be done before Monday anyway.

It will be Mr. Hangar's function to ascertain first the claims of the complaining employer and then secure the views of the railway officials. When he has studied the situation first hand, he will present his plan for agreement and urge some compromise or arbitration. The Newlands law does not clothe the mediator with legal authority to order any concessions on the part of either side.

DISPENSE WITH JURY IN SUIT FOR DAMAGES

Attorneys for Mrs. Anna Humphry, the city of Astoria and Mrs. J. Fredericks agreed to dispense with a jury and allow Circuit Judge Benson to decide the damage case brought by Mrs. Humphry against the city and Mrs. Fredericks, and Judge Benson now has the case under advisement. Mrs. Humphry alleges that she broke her leg by a fall from a defective sidewalk at East Twenty-ninth and the city and Mrs. Fredericks as the owner. Mrs. Fredericks alleged in answer that the sidewalk had not given her proper notice of the defects in the sidewalk. She resides several miles from the property. Mrs. Humphry asked for \$25,000 damages.

AWARDED PATENT FOR PIANO IMPROVEMENT

Hy J. Eilers Given Papers for New Scheme of Tone Production.

Hy J. Eilers, of the Eilers Music house, has just secured patent No. 1083441 from the United States patent office for an improved system of tone production by means of an auxiliary sound board in pianos. Regarding this invention Mr. Eilers said: "It has been our idea that singing quality, or duration of tone, has not been developed and extended that it should be in pianos. Starting with the knowledge that a stretched string vibrates and creates 'sound' gradually someone must have found that the string at either end of a stretched string would produce more sound. Later on a vibrating string added below this vibrating string or side board was found to augment the sound greatly."

"From this primitive knowledge all stringed instruments have been developed, whether plucked or bowed or struck. It must have been many centuries before someone discovered that a double sound board, by correctly placing an inclined area of air set into vibration by properly placed sound boards still more extensively augmented sound. This resulted in instruments of the zither family, the auto-harp and also instruments of the violin family, cellos, etc., etc. Even the harp now has what might be termed a double sound board."

"Many attempts have been made to introduce a double sound board into a piano. The attempts heretofore have failed because of the lack of proper relation of one board with another was never properly understood."

"You will notice that we do not make the amplifying sound board of the same width as the primary sound board and you will notice in Fig. 2 that we place our sound board at an angle to the back of the piano as others have frequently attempted to do, thereby merely boxing up the tone boards and placing very close together, a ribbing system being used that interlocks one with the other, each board being properly braced and in this way a result is secured that can be readily demonstrated to the ear and also physically by merely touching the amplifying sound board with the tips of the fingers when the instrument is being played, showing immediately that the sound board is in actual and definite vibration."

"As upright pianos are more frequently placed against the wall a plurality of openings, or sound passages, is created connecting the enclosed vibrating body of air, or sounding chamber, with the exterior, all of which is plainly shown in the detail drawings."

TOM KAY SUES CITY FOR LOSS OF SALARY

Tom Kay, once a member of the police force, and now special agent of Governor West, yesterday sued the city of Portland for \$1000 damages for loss of salary. Kay alleges that he entered the police department nine years ago, resigned after six years of service and was reinstated April 15, 1912, as sergeant of detectives at a salary of \$125. He alleges that he was reduced to the rank of patrolman at a salary of \$100 on September 1, 1912, and that on October 11, 1912, he was discharged without hearing and without notice of the charges preferred against him on which he was discharged.

Rotary's Club Luncheon.

The Rotary club will celebrate the anniversary of Washington's birthday Tuesday at noon in the Multnomah hotel. The chairman of the day is to be Marvin G. Winstock. The speakers are O. Clark Leifer, city editor Oregonian, "The Press and Washington," Father E. J. Conaty, "Washington the Patriot," J. P. Winter, "Washington in Politics."

Buys Richmond Paper.

Richmond, Cal., Feb. 21.—John F. Galvin has purchased the interest of M. J. Beaumont in the Richmond Daily Independent, according to an announcement here today. On April 1 Beaumont will become the manager of a San Jose, Cal., newspaper.

TAXPAYERS ORGANIZE TO EXAMINE SYSTEM OF TAX ASSESSMENTS

Association Will Not Become Affiliated With an Political Party.

An organization of taxpayers was effected last night at the Central library for the adoption of a report of the executive committee appointed two weeks ago to formulate a plan of organization.

In its report the executive committee recommended as follows: "That the organization be called the Portland Taxpayers' association; that it shall be formed for the purpose of investigating public affairs and more particularly for the thorough examination of our system of assessment and taxation and for the purpose of correcting excessive expenditures and abuses growing out of the same."

"It shall have no further object and be formed for no other purpose than taxation and matters directly or indirectly pertaining to assessment and taxation. It shall not affiliate with any political party, remaining free to act in accordance with its best purpose for economical taxation and results."

All Taxpayers Eligible. "Vigilance in considering every public expenditure of importance and realizing that votes, being the effective weapon to procure through legislation a remedy for some of the evils complained of, it becomes necessary that the association present a united front and use its numerical strength to enforce the demands for economy."

The plan of organization provides that the city be divided into fourteen districts, 20 voting precincts to a district. Each district is to select an advisory committee of five members, making the entire advisory committee to consist of 70 members of which 20 shall constitute a quorum.

All persons paying taxes in Multnomah county shall be eligible to membership in the association. Annual Meeting Dates. The annual meeting of the association is to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in February of each year. The officers elected at the annual meeting shall take office on the second Monday in March of each year.

Further details of organization are to be left with the advisory board. The present officers of the association are: Roger B. Sinnott, president; M. Lepper, vice president; George W. Gordon, secretary, and Mrs. Josephine Sharp, treasurer.

The executive committee consists of Henry Hahn, chairman; J. H. Nolte, E. No. 1083441 from the United States patent office for an improved system of tone production by means of an auxiliary sound board in pianos. Regarding this invention Mr. Eilers said: "It has been our idea that singing quality, or duration of tone, has not been developed and extended that it should be in pianos. Starting with the knowledge that a stretched string vibrates and creates 'sound' gradually someone must have found that the string at either end of a stretched string would produce more sound. Later on a vibrating string added below this vibrating string or side board was found to augment the sound greatly."

DRINK OF WHISKEY LEADS TO SHOOTING 6

Enraged at Seeing Lover Take Drink, Man Kills 2, Wounds 3, Kills Self.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 21.—Enraged when he found the woman he loved drinking whiskey, Herman Peters, a German-American, employed by the Baldwin Locomotive Works, tonight shot and killed two women, fatally shot one man, seriously wounded two other women and then killed himself in a boarding house.

The establishment was kept by Mrs. Lillian Blosser, a young widow with whom Peters was infatuated. When he came in tonight, Peters found Mrs. Blosser with a group of men and women boarders in a barroom attached to the boarding house. They all were drinking and Peters entered just in time to see Mrs. Blosser raise a glass of whiskey to her lips. The sight infuriated Peters and he rushed upstairs. Coming down with a revolver, he opened fire on the crowd.

Mrs. Margaret Schneider, 21, a bride, fell dead at the first shot and Mrs. Annie Tension was killed. Ole Tension, her husband, was fatally wounded and was taken dying to a hospital. Mrs. Esther Parker was seriously wounded by the last shot Peters fired in the room. The crazed man then ran back upstairs where he encountered Mrs. Esther Parker coming out of her room. He shot her, inflicting a slight wound.

Peters entered his own room and fired two shots into his head.

FAMILY OF 3 WALKS TO COAST FROM MISSOURI

San Francisco, Feb. 21.—Tanned by her six months' outing but declaring that she was not the least bit tired and could take the stroll all over again, Mrs. Ruth Kuhn, 46 years old, is here today, after a 2000 mile hike from Kansas City. She was accompanied by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Kuhn, who undertook the walk for Kuhn's health. They left Kansas City August 3, 1913.

came candidates for office they should voluntarily withdraw from the association.

Water Meter Plan Attacked. Some wanted this rule applied to members as well as officers, but President Sinnott suggested that might disrupt the board of directors and the members should become candidates for governor.

After the adoption of the report of the executive committee the meeting was declared open for five minute speeches. George Ray and W. L. Boise sharply criticized the proposed installation of water meters throughout the city as an unnecessary burden. Mr. Boise also suggested that the method of levying the school tax be changed so that the responsibility should be placed on the school board, further recommended that taxes be paid quarterly instead of annually.

President Sinnott said that the work of organizing in the district would be pushed.

FUNERAL OF OREGON PIONEER TO BE HELD

Milton R. Van Horn.



The funeral of Milton R. Van Horn, the well known transfer man who died at the family residence, 1193 East Salmon street, Friday morning, will be held this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the residence, and interment will be at Mt. Scott cemetery.

He was born in Iowa May 29, 1858, and came across the plains with his parents at the age of seven years, settling near Salem, where he lived for a number of years.

He came to Portland in 1896, after having engaged in the mercantile and hop business at Ballston, and set up a transfer business, in which he engaged until the time of his death.

A widow, five brothers, one daughter, Miss Laura Van Horn, and four sons, Charles, Leroy, Ernest and Lloyd, survive him.

RAILROAD INAUGURATES NEW SCHEDULES TODAY

New schedules for the Southern Pacific company's electric train service on both the east side and west side lines goes into effect today, whereby all these trains will traverse Fourth street to Burnside or the Union depot.

Heretofore only the west-side trains have used Fourth street, but completion of the overhead and track bonding work on the Oswego line and the electrification of the Newberg downtown loop, with the perfecting of the Jefferson street connection, enables the east side service to go through the business section also.

Extra trains are to be put on the Oswego line and all the trains that heretofore stopped at Newberg will be continued to McMinnville.

Mrs. DeHart Dismissed. Roseburg, Or., Feb. 21.—Mrs. DeHart, accused of stealing a number of trading stamps from Roseburg merchants, has been released from custody.

FUNERAL OF STEPHEN HAYNOR TO BE HELD AT LENTS, OR., TODAY

Victim of Cancer to Be Buried This Afternoon; News of Lents and Vicinity.

Lents, Or., Feb. 21.—The funeral of Stephen Haynor, age 68, who died of cancer Thursday evening at the home of his daughter, Mrs. A. P. Hanks, 303 Park avenue, will be held at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon from the home. Rev. J. M. Nelson of the Baptist church will officiate. Interment will be in Mt. Scott cemetery.

Deceased came here about two months ago from St. Johns, after the death of his wife there. He is survived by a son, Karl, and two daughters, Mrs. Pearl Beyers and Mrs. A. F. Hanks.

The funeral of Peter W. Reas, aged 84, who died Monday at the residence of O. M. Blair, Johnson and Gates streets, Lents, was held Wednesday at the Kenworthy undertaking parlors, Lents. Rev. Mr. Welton, of the Woodburn, Or., Free Methodist church, officiated. The body was sent to Hubbard, Or., for interment Wednesday.

Reas is survived by a widow and two children in Hubbard, where he lived since 1874, with the exception of the past year spent with O. M. Blair here. He crossed the plains with an ox team in 1848.

Luther M. Rhoads, of Gray Crossing, and Mrs. Ella E. Burnett, were married at the Rhoads residence last Saturday evening by Rev. W. Boyd Moore, of Lents Methodist church. A wedding supper was served to a large number of friends and relatives present.

Owing to an old law, the registration of voters in the Mt. Scott district by E. F. Tobin at Lents will no longer be permitted. He had already enrolled nearly a thousand voters, who will not be required to register again, but in the future all residents of this district must register at the court-house.

The five room bungalow of George Killman on Campbell street, near Main street, was most totally destroyed late Wednesday by fire which originated in a rear bedroom. Members of the family were absent at the time. The Lents volunteer firemen responded at once, and the Gray's Crossing volunteers and company 21 of the paid fire department, from Kern Park, responded later. The loss is estimated at \$1500 on the house and \$300 on the furniture.

MRS. STANFORD GETS DIVORCE FROM HUSBAND

San Francisco, Feb. 21.—Mrs. Clara Stanford today was granted an interlocutory decree of divorce from Jerome B. Stanford, nephew of the late Leland B. Stanford, founder of Stanford university. The divorce was granted on the grounds of desertion. Mrs. Stanford testified that her husband inherited \$100,000 from his uncle but squandered the money.

WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC AND BEST MEANS OF CHECKING IT, IS TOPIC

Lecture Delivered at Lents by Earle A. Rowell; M. E. Quarterly Conference.

Lents, Feb. 21.—"The Traffic in Girls: How to Stop It," was the subject of a lecture delivered at Lents Seventh Day Adventist church tonight by President Earle A. Rowell of the Young Emancipators of America. The connection between the liquor traffic and white slavery was shown, and the evils of each were depicted, with the aid of a special musical program rendered by the church choir.

Mount Scott W. C. T. U. will meet at the Baptist church at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. An entertaining program has been provided and refreshments will be served. All interested are invited to attend.

Communion service will be held Sunday morning at Lents Methodist Episcopal church. Rev. W. Boyd Moore, pastor, will preach at the Sunday evening service on "Laborers Wanted, Work Pleasant and Wages Fair."

The second quarterly conference of the Methodist Episcopal church was held this evening, with Dr. James Moore presiding.

Mrs. O. E. Lent entertained 20 members of the Women's Foreign Missionary society of the Methodist Episcopal church Tuesday afternoon at her home, 307 Gilbert avenue. "China" was the topic of discussion.

The Valentine social of the Helping Hand class of the Methodist Episcopal church was given at the home of Mrs. Mary Woodworth on Eighty-third street, southeast, last Saturday evening. Mrs. E. B. Rutan and Miss Annie Hollingsworth had charge of the program, and 30 guests were present.

Revival services at Lents Evangelical church were concluded Tuesday evening. Rev. Peter Konkin, pastor, will take for his theme at the morning services Sunday, "Living in Christ," and in the evening his subject will be "Our Ever-Prezent Lord."

Mrs. Hurlbert Found Guilty.

Eugene, Or., Feb. 21.—Mrs. Mary Hurlbert, of this city, was found guilty in the justice court this afternoon of stealing an expensive plume from Mrs. Mary Gerry's millinery store a few days ago. Tuesday morning was set as date for sentence. Mrs. Hurlbert's attorneys have filed notice of appeal. The defendant is well known here.

Publication Discontinued.

Arleta, Feb. 21.—Publication of "The Mt. Scott News," published here, has been discontinued. Its subscription list has been taken over by the "Ever State Herald," of Lents, which will hereafter be known as "The Mt. Scott Herald." Harry A. Darnall will continue as publisher and editor of the "Herald."

Advertisement for Garland Range electric iron, featuring a large image of the iron and text describing its features and price (\$65.00). Includes promotional offers like 'Free! Free! A HOT-POINT ELECTRIC IRON FREE with every purchase of A GARLAND RANGE'.