

WAGNON MEASURE IS SAID TO BE RESULT OF PERSONALITIES

Commissioner of Corporations Watson Says Measure Follows Threat.

BONDS NOT APPROVED

Proposed Law Would Abolish Corporation Department and Put Duties Elsewhere.

(Salmon Bureau of The Journal.) Salem, Or., May 13.—That H. D. Wagon, in initiating a measure to consolidate the corporation department with the insurance department, is carrying out a threat he made to corporation Commissioner Watson that he would abolish the corporation department because Watson would not approve a bond issue of \$100,000 in connection with the Mutual Fire company of Portland, is the statement made today by Commissioner Watson.

March 19. Wagon filed a preliminary statement with the corporation commissioner for the purpose of securing a permit for the sale of \$100,000 of bonds, which were to be sold to the policy holders of the Mutual Fire company and the funds derived therefrom were to be invested in mortgage securities as a guarantee fund. Commissioner Watson declined to approve the proposed bond issue. "These securities which you propose to sell would not be bonds," wrote Mr. Watson to Mr. Wagon, as secretary of the Mutual Fire company, on March 19. "They would be nothing more than the unsecured note of the company. Its promise to pay at a given period, a certain sum of money, with interest guaranteed at 7 per cent per annum. They would not be supported by any tangible or property asset of the company, and the guarantee of the interest would rest only upon the earning power of the purchase price of the securities or else, if that failed, upon the earning of the company or assessments against your policy holders."

In his letter Commissioner Watson went into detail in pointing out the reasons for refusing the permit. A short time later Watson says he met Wagon in Portland and discussed the matter further with him, and that when Watson refused to give him his position Mr. Wagon served notice on him that he would initiate a measure to abolish the corporation department.

In the measure, a copy of which was submitted to the secretary of state by Wagon yesterday, but which was not filed because of not being in proper form, no attempt is made to harmonize the corporation and insurance laws. It merely provides for abolishing the corporation department and turning the duties over to the insurance commissioner, who shall be an elective officer after 1916.

Mr. Wagon has also had considerable trouble with the insurance department over his insurance company.

Chinese Apparently Committed Suicide

Small Strap Drawn Tight Around Dead Man's Neck Caused Strangulation—Coroner Investigates Case.

A Chinese gardener known under the name of How Wah was found dead this morning in a vacant lot at Twenty-seventh and Nicolai streets. Around the dead man's neck was drawn a small strap, twice encircling his neck thus causing death by strangulation.

Indications are that the man committed suicide as the right hand was near the end of the strap that extended over his right shoulder. In the left hand was clutched a piece of paper, upon which was written the man's name. J. Hilcher, 565 Twenty-sixth street, and J. Kellum, 519 Twenty-sixth street, found the body as they were walking downtown. Coroner's men made an investigation this morning.

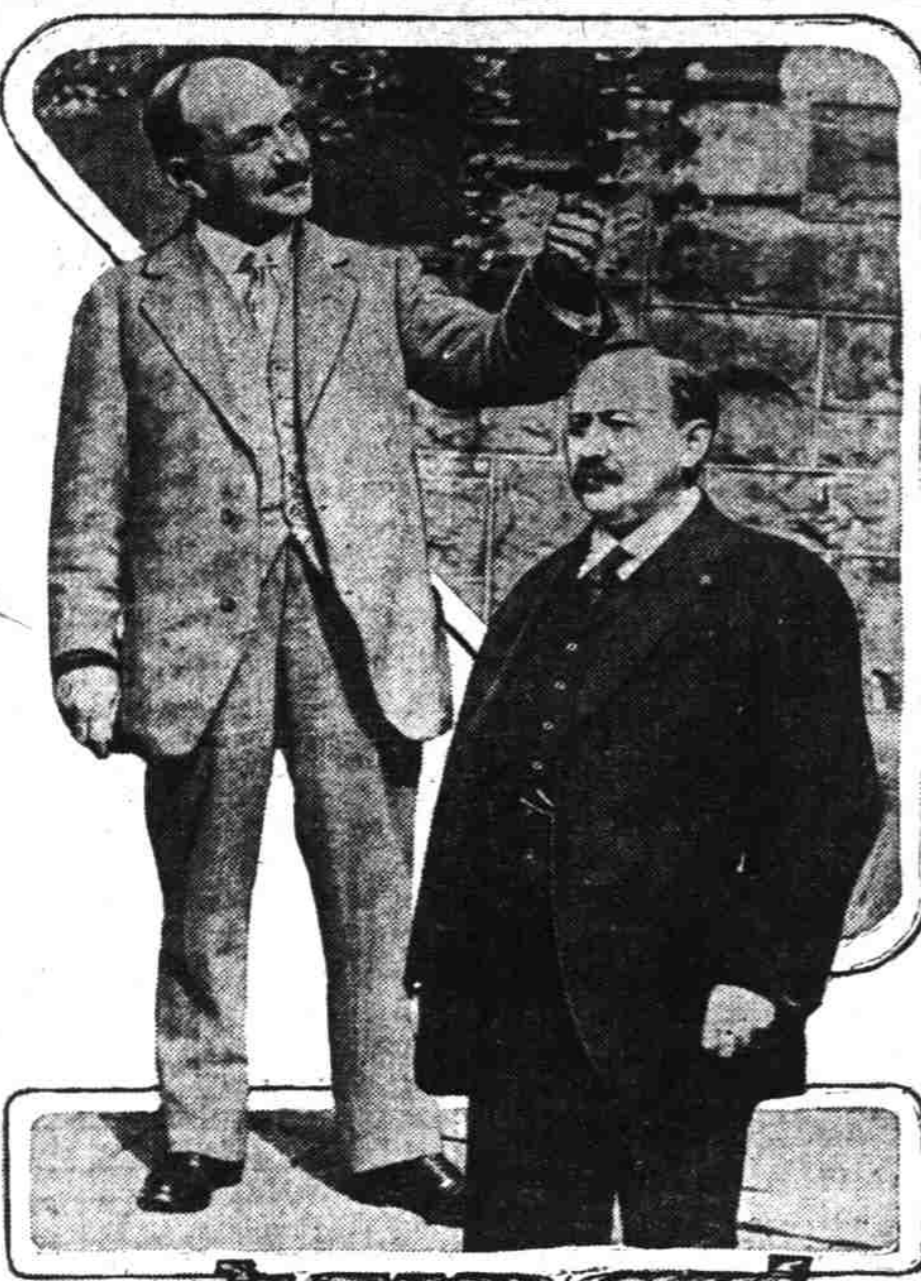
Ex-Consul Fights Bryan's Secretary

Jacob Connors, Tired of Waiting for Secretary of State, Jumps on Private Secretary Hauskett.

Washington, May 13.—Angered because he was unable to see Secretary of State Bryan immediately, Jacob Connors, dismissed recently as United States consul at St. Petersburg, engaged in a fist fight today with Frank Hauskett, Bryan's private secretary, in an ante-room of Bryan's office. The combatants were separated before any serious damage could be inflicted.

The American Federation of Labor advocates a Saturday half holiday for navy yard employes.

SCOTCH OFFICIALS VISIT HERE TO STUDY TAXATION



Left to right—Alexander Walker and Thomas McMillan.

The old world takes a lesson from the new. Glasgow, Scotland, has sent its senior magistrate, Thomas McMillan, and its assessor, Alexander Walker, here to study taxation methods.

Single tax is knocking at the doors of Glasgow. Before it shall be let in or barred out the municipality wants to measure its merits. Therefore British Columbia is the objective point of the Scottish visitors, and the operation of the single tax in British Columbia their most important study.

"Single tax has grown strong and has been given adherence by a multitude in Scotland and England—not so much in Ireland," said Assessor Walker. "I think we must give a yes or no answer to single tax in Glasgow. Our report will be either definitely affirmative or negative. A modified form may be proposed. If the single tax is established an act of parliament will be required."

"Believes in Single Tax." "Yes, I suppose I would say that I believe personally in the single tax, yet I have some difficulties with it in the matter of application. The principle of it is beautiful."

The Glasgow assessor asked questions about Portland administration. "Wrong, utterly wrong," he exclaimed when told that property was assessed for support of public institutions at only 40 or 50 per cent of the amount the owner wants and usually gets if the property is to be sold for public use. "A very liberal measure," he commented.

Derby Street Span Approach Favored

George M. Hyland Addresses Overlook Improvement Club—Resolutions Will Be Put Into Form—To Check Figures.

By request of the Overlook Improvement club, George M. Hyland last night addressed a large number of residents of Overlook and Multnomah additions in Pilgrim Congregational church on his recent offer to build an approach to the interstate bridge via Derby street for \$82,000 less than the Union avenue approach could be built for, and explained what he pointed out to be the advantages of the Derby street route. The club has always favored the Patton avenue-Derby street approach.

A committee, consisting of M. E. Thompson, chairman; Frank Deuster, Frank Scrimmer, Dr. Brullette, Harry Yanckwich and J. Johnson, was appointed to draft resolutions and urge before the county commissioners tomorrow morning that the Derby street route be selected. A copy of the resolutions will be sent to Governor West. The committee will go over plans and figures tonight before drafting the resolutions.

Journal Want Ads bring results.

mented, in discussing the proposed law to require that property for public use should not cost the public more than double its assessed valuation.

"My impressions about American municipal administration? It would be only impressions. The briefness of our stay in New York and the cities of California prevent the forming of conclusions. But I will say that if your municipal administration is not efficient it is not for lack of material.

"Commission Government Interests." "I am much interested in your commission government here in Portland. I must confess it appeals to me, though I know if the expression got back to Glasgow it would shock them. We have here a council of 130 members. Of course I don't know the details of your public utilities, and public ownership of public utilities is a good thing."

Magistrate McMillan promised to address tomorrow before the Progressive Business Men's club luncheon in the Multnomah hotel. Assessor Walker will speak at this meeting.

"Will I cause offense if I put it in a little?" questioned the magistrate. "Hand it to them," he was advised. "What does that precisely mean?" he inquired, bewilderedly, thereby proving that he is Scotch and not American.

Each visitor expressed themselves as delighted with the beauty of Portland. They were interested in the San Francisco exposition plans and say the Scotch have no realization of the immensity of the exposition. They spent today studying taxation methods.

Musical Benefit Gaining Support

Prominent Portlanders Backing Rose Bloch-Bauer Entertainment for the Aid of Salvation Army.

Many well known Portland women are aiding preparation for the evening of music directed by Rose Bloch-Bauer, which will be given for the benefit of the Salvation Army, on the evening of May 20, at 8:15 o'clock, in the auditorium of the Lincoln high school. A large number of civic organizations will also help in making it one of the most successful musical events and most successful benefits ever given in Portland.

It was announced yesterday that Mrs. Thomas C. Burke, piano soloist, and wife of the collector of customs, would appear on the program, her first appearance in Portland. Mrs. Delphine Marx, Miss Evelyn Carvell, Miss Marie Gorman, Stuart McGuire, Waldemar Lind, Norman Hoese, Hart-Whipp, Dr. R. M. Emerson, Ed-ward Gursen, all representatives of the best musical talent in Portland, will contribute to the program. Mrs. Bauer's Tuesday afternoon class of 20 women will constitute one of the most attractive features.

There will be also a sale of candy. The most proficient candy makers in Portland—Mrs. Ben Selling, Mrs. Samuel P. Lockwood, Mrs. Edward A. Woodward, Mrs. H. A. Patton—will manufacture the confections, which will be disposed of by a committee composed of Mrs. Harry Meyer, Mrs. James Davidson, Mrs. Ben Neustadter, Mrs. David Bilderback, Mrs. Walter M. Cole, Mrs. Edda Hirsch. Advance orders may be placed by telephoning the chairman of the committee.

BIG BUSINESS AT MARKET

This was the best day yet for the new Albina public market. Some 21 wagons, mostly from Clarke county, were on the job early and the attendance of women buyers was larger than any previous day. The variety shown was also better. Several slough farmers and a Chinaman from Vancouver made their first visit and went away highly pleased.

BURGLARS ENTER STORE

Burglars broke into the store of the Apex Bicycle company, 124 Twelfth street, at an early hour this morning. They took \$13.70 from the cash register, some tools and parts of machines. The stolen goods are valued at about \$60. The safe was not molested. Entrance was gained through a rear window.

Dry Dock Allowance Restored. Washington, May 13.—The senate naval committee restored to the naval appropriation bill the \$80,000 six year annual allowance for a dry dock at Hunters Point, San Francisco.

CONTRACTS FOR STAR ROUTES ARE AWARDED BY P. O. DEPARTMENT

They Will Run Four Years From July 1 and Cover Many Oregon Districts.

ONE AMOUNTS TO \$3750

Most of the Contracts Are for Six Days a Week; Other Washington News of Interest.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, May 13.—The postoffice department has awarded contracts running four years from July 1, for the following Oregon star routes six times a week, unless otherwise specified:

Baker to Medical Springs, 23 miles, and back, to Joseph Truesdale, Baker, \$255. Dexter, by Trent and Pleasant Hill, to Gibson, 12 miles, and back, to David C. Matthews, Dexter, \$785. Gold Hill, by Sams Valley to Beagle, 15 miles, and back, carrier to travel Case Lane, between Sams Valley and Beagle on the trip from Gold Hill and White Lane on the trip from Beagle, to James B. R. Morelock, Gold Hill, \$1087.

Jacksonville, by Buncom to Watkins, 81 miles, and back, twice a week, Henry Wend, Jacksonville, \$228. Klamath Falls, by Algoma, Odessa and the Klamath Agency to Fort Klamath, returning by the Klamath Agency and Algoma to Klamath Falls, equal to 47 miles, and back, April 1 to November 20 each year, and from Klamath Falls by Algoma and the Klamath Agency to Fort Klamath, 39.50 miles, and back, December 1 to March 31 each year, to Henry E. Calkins and John H. Hamilton, Klamath Falls, \$2750.

Ironside, by Bonita to Brogan, 32 miles, and back, three times a week, to Joseph Allison, Ironside, \$1800. Horton to Blahley, 2.25 miles, and back, three times a week, to Lewis A. Reed, Blahley, \$265.24. Lewis to Enterprise, 24 miles and back, once a week, John W. Young, Lewis, \$416.

Eight Mile to Heppner, 16 miles and back, three times a week, to W. T. McRobert, Heppner, \$750. Rolyat, by Hampton, Imperial and Highland to Held, 45.75 miles and back, twice a week, Phillips Dencer, Bend, \$976.75.

Rural Route Changes. Washington, D. C., May 13.—George R. McIntyre has been appointed carrier rural route No. 4, McMinnville, vice Stuart Greenfield. Route No. 1, Springwater, Clackamas county, will be transferred to route No. 3, Estacada, June 1.

Gladstone Vacancy. Washington, D. C., May 13.—A civil service examination will be held at an early date to fill a vacancy in the postmastership at Gladstone, Clackamas county.

HOTEL STEWART SAN FRANCISCO. Geary Street, above Union Square. European Plan \$1.50 a day up. American Plan \$3.50 a day up. New steel and brick structure. Third addition of hundred rooms new building. Every modern convenience. Moderate rates. Carriages transferring all over city. Electric omnibus meets trains and steamers.

SUPPORT OF SMITH'S GUBERNATORIAL FIGHT RENEWED BY WOMEN

Club Calls on All Who Believe in Better Moral Status to Back Leader.

Reiterating their loyalty to the candidacy of Dr. C. J. Smith, the 82 women of the Portland Smith-for-Governor club held their final meeting before the primary election yesterday and adopted resolutions calling on all who believe in better moral conditions to vote for him Friday.

A feature of the meeting was a talk by a former Pendleton school teacher, who served under Dr. Smith when he was head of the Pendleton school board, calling attention to his great work in the cause of popular education in that city.

Mrs. John Nissen, president of the club, made an address reviewing the work of the club and thanking the women of the organization for their earnest efforts in Dr. Smith's behalf. A telegram was dispatched to Mrs. Rice, president of the Pendleton Woman's Smith-for-Governor club, thanking her for her promptness in rallying behind Dr. Smith after the sinister attacks of the Oregonian. The text of the resolution adopted follows:

"Whereas, Efforts have been made to deceive the public as to the record of Dr. C. J. Smith on moral questions, particularly with reference to his term of mayor of Pendleton in 1888; therefore be it Resolved, By the women of the Portland Smith-for-Governor club that we do protest at the unwarranted partisan newspaper attacks on Dr. Smith; that we renew our pledge of personal friendship to Dr. Smith, and declare again our loyalty and admiration for him in his great fight for law enforcement; and we call on all who believe in better moral conditions for our state to band with us in our support of Dr. Smith, knowing that in him Oregon would have a governor who would stand for all that is just, clean and honorable."

YOU don't need to look at the calendar to know Summer is nearly here! You've probably resolved several times the last few days to pick out your new suit from the big collection of Smart New Summer Clothes at Ben Selling's.



Stein-Bloch and Atterbury System

are two famous makes sold here only, in Portland. Lighter fabrics tailored to hold their shape.

English soft rolls, clever Norfolks, box-back and conservative styles. Prices \$20 to \$40, with especially large showing at \$25.

Get Your "Straw" at Headquarters Portland's best Hat Store is sure to have the newest and snappiest "Straws."

Dunlap "Straws" \$5 Brewer "Straws" \$3 Panamas \$5 to \$10

BEN SELLING

Leading Clothier Morrison at Fourth

100 Rose Queen Votes Free With Every Purchase of Shoes Mary Jane and Colonial Pumps In All Leathers and Fabrics. Our Shoes have a good reputation. Do you know why? Because we sell new, up-to-date styles, worth \$3.50 to \$5.00, for only \$2.50 Custom Grades \$2.90 MEN AND WOMEN BOSTON Sample Shoe Store 129 4th St. bet. Washington & Alder THE SHOP THAT SAVES YOU MONEY

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YOU'LL find straw hats here in every new style, shape and braid for summer 1914. Sennits, splits, milans, mackinaws, jap braids, high, low or medium crowns, \$1.85 to \$5.00. Panamas and Bankoks in pencil curl telescope, yacht and optimo shapes \$5 to \$10. Lion Clothing Co. GUS KUHN, Pres. Succeeding Steinbach & Co. Morrison At Fourth

MAIL ORDERS SHIPPED PROMPTLY ON DAY RECEIVED! BEST PRICES SUGAR 24 POUNDS BEET \$1.00 21 POUNDS CANE \$1.00 100 POUNDS BEET \$4.35 100 POUNDS CANE \$4.60 BUTTER Bellamy's Strawberry Brand 53c Per Roll MADE SPECIALLY FOR US BY THE LEBANON CREAMERY. Can Milk 2 Tins Aster .15c 2 Tins Yeloban .15c 3 Tins Carnation 25c, Case \$4.00 3 Tins Pioneer 25c, Case \$4.00 2 Tins Marigold .15c Eagle Milk, tin .15c HAMS and Bacon HAMS, POUND .19c LIGHT BACON .25c BACON BACKS .19c HEAVY BACON .20c BEANS 4 LBS. WHITE .25c 4 LBS. BAYO .25c 4 LBS. PINK .25c 3 LBS. SMALL WHITE 25c

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