

TWO BILLS TO CREATE NATIONAL INTERSTATE TRADE COMMISSION

More Power Given by Newlands Measure Than Conferred by Covington Bill.

REFERENDUM IS TAKEN

Business Interests of the Country Invited by National Chamber of Commerce for Opinion on Principles.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, May 27.—By May 29 the Chamber of Commerce of the United States expects to be presented to the country the results of its referendum taken to ascertain the opinion of the business interests of the country on the principles involved in the creation of the interstate trade commission. "No referendum," says the organ of the chamber, "The Nation's Business," has appealed more to business forces. It adds: "The interest in the subject is increasing instead of decreasing. The interstate trade commission bill in the house has been followed by the Clayton omnibus bill, and that in turn in the senate committee on interstate commerce, by the Newlands omnibus bill."

The special committee of the national chamber, preparing to send out another referendum on the principles of legislation in both bills.

Course of Legislation. Reviewing the history of this legislation to date, the fact is shown that the house bill, after revision and study, has finally taken the form of H. R. 15,615, introduced by Representative Covington of Maryland, and known as the interstate trade commission bill; that four different bills have been consolidated into H. R. 15,657, known as the Clayton omnibus bill, "to supplement existing laws against unlawful restraints and monopolies, and for other purposes"; and that in the senate all legislation proposed under this head is embodied in the Newlands bill, an omnibus measure known as S. B. 2021.

A careful analysis of the bills has been made by the Nation's Business. The Clayton bill covers so much ground that intelligent discussion of it is not possible. The Newlands bill deals with discrimination in prices, exclusive contracts, exemption of labor unions from the operation of the law, injunctions, interlocking of directors, and various other subjects. The Nation's Business says: "There are three important differences between the powers of the interstate trade commission as conferred by the Covington bill and the Newlands omnibus bill. The latter gives the commission power to institute investigations on its own initiative; also extends its power over all trade associations; and also provides that reports could be required of all corporations and not a certain few of large capitalization. A summary of the powers follows:

The Covington Bill. The powers of the interstate Trade Commission would be (1) to exercise all the powers of investigation now possessed by the bureau of corporations, extending to all corporations engaged in interstate commerce, except common carriers; (2) to require annual reports from all corporations which have a capital of \$5,000,000 or more, and from such other classes of corporations as the commission might determine, and to require such reports as it might consider advisable; (3) upon direction of the president, the attorney general or either house of congress, to investigate the organization, management and business of any corporation while it is engaged in commerce which congress has power to regulate, and to make a report which might include recommendations for adjustments to bring about conformity with law, or in case investigation developed unfair practices not prohibited by existing law, to make a report to the president to aid him in recommending new legislation; (4) questions concerning an appropriate form of decree in equity suits brought by the government under the anti-trust laws may be referred to the commission by a federal court upon conclusion of the testimony if the court believes the government is entitled to relief.

When a report is submitted to the court exceptions may be filed and proceedings had as if it were the report of a master, to make a report to accept or reject the report in whole or in part; (5) to ascertain in the manner in which decrees in cases brought under the Sherman act are carried out. It may make the report public. The power to investigate upon the complaint of private persons is eliminated. To effect its purpose, the commission would have powers of subpoena and might apply to federal district courts for mandamus; in a new section it is expressly given the same powers to compel attendance and testimony of witnesses as those possessed by the interstate commerce commission. The commission would transmit to congress in annual reports facts and statistics of value in the determination of questions connected with the conduct of commerce by corporations and make public recommendations for new legislation regarding unfair competition or unfair practices. The section concerning annual reports of the commission now requires these reports to

MAYOR BURNS HAD PROGRESSIVE TERM



James D. Burns.

Condon, Or., May 27.—James D. Burns, who is the Democratic nominee for judge of Gilliam county, has just completed a two year term as mayor of Condon. During his administration the city advanced in a satisfactory manner. Streets were paved, street lights installed and the amount of outstanding warrants was reduced over \$5000.

Mayor Burns maintained strict regulation of the morals of the city.

An abstract of the annual and special reports which corporations have made to the commission, with a proviso that no trade secrets or private list of customers shall be embraced in any such abstract.

Publicity.—All questions of publicity for reports and for information gathered are to be in the discretion of the commission.

The Newlands Bill. The general powers of the commission are restated and in addition to the powers of the present bureau of corporations include, as to any corporation engaged in commerce which congress can regulate, (1) authority to investigate organization, business, management, relations with other corporations, etc. (2) to require any such corporation to furnish information and produce original records; (3) to prescribe as near as may be a uniform system of annual reports; (4) to make rules, classification of corporations, etc.; (5) in equity suits brought by the United States under the Sherman or other anti-trust laws, upon finding by the court for the complainant, to act as a master in chancery with reference to the form of decree, if any party to the suit so moves; (6) to investigate in the manner in which decrees are carried out; (7) to submit to the attorney general in any investigation a conclusion that any corporation has violated any law of the United States regarding commerce. It will be noted that this bill differs from the house bill in that annual reports could be at once required of all corporations, instead of those with capital of \$5,000,000 or more.

The powers of the commission are expressed to extend to all trade associations engaged in or affecting commerce—a provision not found in the house bill.

Investigations by the commission would be instituted on its own initiative or upon suggestion from the president or congress. The express requirement of the house bill that the commission investigate upon the direction of the attorney general, president, or either house of congress is omitted.

Market Master Assumes Duties

R. W. Gill of Montavilla Now in Charge of New Public Market on Yamhill Street Each Day.

R. W. Gill, prominent granger and seedman of Montavilla, assumed the duties of marketmaster of the new public market on Yamhill street this morning. Mr. Gill will have complete charge of the market, and will be found there during market hours each day of the week. "The market is proving its worth more and more every day," said Mr. Gill this morning. "The quality of the products offered is of the best, and our prices are a shade lower than those of the private markets. We offer our products of good quality for the same price the private market offers its products of poor quality. New booths will be installed by the city this week, and the market is expected to keep on growing.

"Some objection has been raised to Japanese producers, but they are among the largest growers in the county, raising from 50 to 75 per cent of the berries grown in Multnomah, and so, whether the consumer buys at the public or private market, the berries will probably be the same."

This morning a few things offered at the public market, according to Marketmaster Gill, were jellies, chickens, cucumbers, gooseberries, lettuce, cottage cheese, eggs, strawberries, onions, potatoes, new potatoes, home-made pastry, carrots, turnips, peas, cabbage, turnips, spinach, radishes, and rhubarb.

Discuss Hood Highway. Hood River, Or., May 27.—Messrs. S. Benson and A. S. Benson spent yesterday in Hood River in the interests of the Columbia river highway through Hood River county. A conference was held with County Judge E. E. Stanton and the matter of calling an election for the purpose of voting a bond issue in the sum of \$75,000 was considered. Judge Stanton assured the visitors that he would call an election as soon as the statutory requirements were met which makes it obligatory that a petition with at least 5 per cent of the names of the legal voters must be presented to the county court before the court can call an election.

The Dalles on Guard. The Dalles, Or., May 27.—Whooping cough and measles have been branded a menace in The Dalles, and children afflicted with either disease must be kept at home or the parent or guardian is subject to a fine of from \$20 to \$100. At a meeting of the city council an ordinance to this effect was passed, and is now in effect. Picture shows and other public places will be watched by the officers who have been instructed to enforce the measure.

Tax Conference at Seattle. Seattle, May 27.—A three days' state tax conference, called for the purpose of giving state and city officials a better idea on how the tax situation should be handled, opened here today.

HELD TO GRAND JURY ON BASIS OF STORY RELATED BY MAIDEN

S. W. Green Accused of Contributing to Delinquency of 17-Year-Old Lassie.

CHARGE MEETS A DENIAL

Girl is One of Minors Held in Connection With Investigation of the Friars' Club.

S. W. Green, organizer for a local lodge, was held to the grand jury yesterday afternoon by the Municipal court upon a charge of contributing to the delinquency of Marion Hoffman, 17-year-old girl, one of the minors held in custody pending investigation of the Friars' club, at Milwaukie.

According to the girl's story, Green brought her to Portland from Pendleton, paid her board and later placed her in the school at Mt. Angel. Parents of the girl considered Green her guardian while she was in Portland. The act which the complaint charges was committed in a local hotel May 15th.

Green denied the charge, and said the girl ran away from the boarding place and went out with strange men. He said efforts had been made by himself and wife to have the girl behave, but finally she left and was reported to the department of safety for women. After a search of two days, the girl was found. He said he made efforts to punish the men responsible for her delinquency, and there was no attempt at blackmail.

This denial followed the girl's testimony that Green and a local firm of lawyers had tried to obtain money from men with whom she had associated.

What Campaign Cost Candidates

Successful and Unsuccessful Nomination Seekers Must File Statements of Money Spent by and for Them.

Salem, Or., May 27.—John Manning spent \$715.04 in his race for the Democratic nomination for governor, according to his expense statement filed today.

Frederick Hollister, successful candidate for the Democratic nomination for congress in the First district, spent \$928.71, and Syder Backey spent \$300.45 in Hollister's behalf.

O. P. Hoff, Republican candidate for labor commissioner, spent \$344.77 on his campaign.

It cost B. F. Jones, who opposed W. C. Hawley in the race for the Republican nomination for congress in the First district, \$870.29 to make his campaign.

H. M. Esterly who was elected Democratic national committeeman, spent \$85 on his campaign.

State Treasurer T. B. Kay spent \$368.34 to secure renomination as Republican ticket.

E. E. Barber spent \$80 in behalf of L. H. McMahon's candidacy for governor. The Oregon State Federation of Labor spent \$197.39 in the campaign for Everett Logan, R. A. Willison and E. E. Southard, all candidates for the legislature in Multnomah county.

Uncle Sam Accepts No Personal Checks

Notice Given Those Who Will Pay Income Tax of Manner in Which Payment Must Be Made.

With the time limit for the payment of income taxes little over a month distant those who are so fortunate as to have to pay an income tax should bear in mind that personal checks will not be accepted by the government.

Collector of Internal Revenue Milton A. Miller calls attention to this irrevocable rule of the treasury department which has the collection of national taxes in charge. Certified checks, money orders, sight drafts and cash are all legal tenders, but personal checks cannot and will not be accepted.

Conference Opens At Eugene Tonight

University and Constructive State Development Is Theme for First Sessions—Visitors Arriving.

University of Oregon, Eugene, Or., May 27.—The sixth annual commonwealth conference opens in Villard tonight at 8 o'clock. The theme for tonight is: "The University and Constructive State Development—Science and Sentiment in Commonwealth Building." Addresses will be made by Dr. J. R. Wilson of Portland, chairman of the board of higher curricula, and Eugene Brookings of Portland, president of the Oregon Citizens Educational League. The discussion will be led by

The Arcadian Garden Attracts Many!

Particular attention is called to the program beginning this week in the Arcadian Garden, during luncheon, dinner, and after the theatre.

John Lynch, Irish Tenor
Countess Edythe Von Mayer, operatic soprano, and
Heller's Orchestra

These noted vocalists are entertainers of world-wide renown and will maintain our standard of BEST.

"Balloon Night" as inaugurated last Saturday night, proved to be a novelty in every way and furnished excitement and fun for all present. The capacity of the Grill was more than taxed, as over 200 people were turned away. This makes it advisable for tables to be reserved in advance for next Saturday's "Balloon Night."

Hotel Multnomah

H. P. Bowers, Mgr.
L. P. REYNOLDS, Assistant Manager.

Will Select Sabin's Successor June 15

School Board to Decide on Question of Chairman; Free Text Book Issue to Be Considered.

June 15 has been set as the date of the school board election for the selection of a successor to R. L. Sabin, present chairman of the board, and for a vote on the question of having free textbooks in the schools.

The election will be held at 41 separate polling places, from 2 to 6 o'clock

in the afternoon. The successful candidate will serve for five years. Mr. Sabin himself is being urged to run again, while others who have announced themselves as candidates are Dr. Alan Welch Smith and H. B. Miller, former United States consular general to Japan.

Friends of R. L. Sabin began circulating a petition today asking that he again become a candidate.

At 8 o'clock in the evening of the election day the annual meeting of the school district will be held in room 204 of the courthouse. Tax levies and other school matters will come up for public discussion.

Voters will also have an opportunity

Gas Petition Will Be Circulated

Initiative Measure Submitted by Authority of the Central Labor Council of Portland.

The initiative petition to revoke the franchises of the Portland Gas & Coke Co., one granted in 1859 and another in 1874, is in active circulation. The measure is submitted by the authority of the Central Labor Council of Portland and vicinity, through its legislative committee, consisting of J. I. Tucker, A. H. Harris, George Gross, W. C. Osbourne, T. H. Burchard and Ben Olson.

The measure sets forth the title of the acts conferring the franchises and alleges that they have "been abused by the respective grantees therein named," and further declares that the present claimants have no rights later than 15 years after the granting and definitely repeals the acts granting such franchises to Henry D. Green and to Al Zieber.

William Cason Contractor, Dies

Pioneer Builder Had Crossed the Plains and Settled in Oregon in the Year of 1852.

William North Cason, pioneer of 1852, and one of Portland's old time building contractors, died yesterday at the family home, 62 East 20th street, from Bright's disease, from which he had suffered for two years. The funeral will be held from the family residence tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, and interment will be at Lone Fir cemetery.

Mr. Cason is survived by a widow, six children and his mother, all of whom live in Portland except a daughter, Mrs. H. A. Schaub of Seattle.

He was a native of Arkansas, and was born in 1847. With his parents he crossed the plains and settled in Portland in 1852.

During his active life he organized the International Bricklayers' union of Portland. His children who live in Portland are Ben L. Romie, Harry, Jack and Vera Cason.

Money Pledged for Chinese Revolution

Portland Orientals Will Aid Move to Restore Dr. Sun Yat Sen to Presidency—\$30,000 Raised Here.

After passing several days in Portland, during which it is said he secured pledges of approximately \$30,000 to finance another revolution in China against Yuan Shih Kai, the president, Y. P. Hsieh, or Tze Yin Bark, as he is known among the Chinese, left Portland this afternoon for San Francisco.

He is touring the United States for the purpose of raising funds for the revolution, which if successful will again elevate Dr. Sun Yat Sen to the presidency of the republic from which he was deposed.

There is a price of \$100,000 on Hsieh's head, it is said, placed there by the present government of China.

Until Sun's overthrow, Hsieh was vice chairman of the province of Canton and a member of the Chinese national assembly, and Dr. Sun's right-hand man. He is a graduate of Queen's college of Hongkong and speaks English well.

The revolutionists, he says, will start revolts simultaneously in all the provinces of China and they believe they will succeed in regaining power within two years after the first blow is struck.

Mine Workers in Session.

Seattle, May 27.—Neither to give nor ask quarter of the Colorado mine owners, it seems likely today, will be the attitude adopted by the Rocky Mountain association of the United Mineworkers, in session here.

Want Stores to Close. Salem, Or., May 27.—Mayor B. L. Steeves, acting at the request of the G. A. R. and Spanish War Veterans, has issued an appeal to all business houses of Salem to close their places of business on Memorial day. Programs for special observance of the day are being prepared.

Free—A 25c Package of Tea

Read the display ad on "Want Ad" page in today's Journal for particulars. (ADV.)

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Autos Must Have Tags

Orders were issued this morning by Chief of Police Clark to enforce that section of the automobile law requiring license tags on machines. Many drivers lose a tag and neglect getting a new one. Patrolman Maxwell arrested four drivers this morning for such violations. They are E. R. Chase, N. Lentz, Leonard Caplin and Arthur Laird. Municipal Judge Stevenson directed the drivers to get tags immediately.

Dancing Party Postponed. Out of respect for the late Bishop Scadding, who died last night, the dancing party planned by St. Michael's league, an Episcopal organization, for Friday evening at Vincent's hall, has been indefinitely postponed.

Journal Want Ads bring results.

Advertisement for Industrial Center property. Features include: 'Bought' headline, '1,000,000' square feet of ground, 'Industrial Center' title, and contact information for F. N. Clark & Co. Includes a coupon for requesting data.

Advertisement for CEESTINS VICHY natural alkaline water. Claims relief for rheumatism, indigestion, uric acid, and gout. Includes an image of a bottle.