

CRITICISM OF MOTIVE INCENSES ELECTRICAL CONTRACTING FIRMS

Statement They Are in Collusion to Drive Out Small Man Highly Resented.

PUBLIC GOOD IS INVOLVED

Other Side of Issue Given by J. C. Caine, Who Says Contractors "Showed Their Hand."

Criticism of their motives in championing the proposed new city electrical code has brought vigorous protest from three of the leading electrical contractors of Portland. They brand as false statements that they are in collusion to drive out the small operator.

The provision for a cash bond of \$100 and surety bond of \$500 inserted in the ordinance was adopted, they assert, for the protection of the public. The aim sought, it is said, is to safeguard those who have electrical work performed, the contractors having no petty or selfish ends to gain.

"The electrical contractors of Portland resent the untrue and slanderous statements which have been made apparently by designing persons," said J. C. Caine, a member of the code revision committee.

All Were Equally Represented.

"We have no quarrel with the union and we are not trying to impose a handicap upon the small operator. In fact the Electrical Workers' union was represented on the revision committee. They had just as much power from a voting point as the electrical contractors. The ordinance was drafted after careful thought and much personal sacrifice of time. Each representative firm and organization had just one vote on that committee. Therefore, it is apparent that the bigger contractors could not have possibly exercised more power in the committee meetings than any other aggregation of men of business institutions."

Mr. English explained that the measure was drawn up after the practices in vogue in many of the larger cities of the country had been carefully studied.

"It is now eighteen months since the city issued a call for assistance in drawing this ordinance," he added. "We feel that our time has been of some value to the people and we willingly contribute it for their benefit, but we feel that it is unfair for anyone to assail our acts or intimations that we are actuated by any other than sincere motives."

Contractors See Utterior Motive. The contractors declare there is something significant in the statement said to have been made by Eugene Smith, business agent of the Electrical Workers' union. The statement, according to Mr. English, follows:

"Give me 15 minutes, an audience of fifty men and two newspaper reporters and the city council will be afraid to pass this ordinance."

"This is the present attitude of the union toward the measure," continued Mr. English. "This in fact is the fact that W. H. Emrick, representative of the union, had signified over his own signature his acceptance of the code. He favored it personally, but had voted against it because of instructions he had received."

F. D. Weber, chairman of the revision committee, and Robert Skeen, president of the local electrical association, endorsed the views of Mr. English.

"The union is opposing the measure in the effort to prevent the adoption of the closed shop policy," said Mr. Weber. "They are trying to draw the small operator into the fuss by making it appear that we are trying to ruin him."

Deposit to Be Returned. Represented on the revision committee were the following: Portland Railway, Light and Power Co.; Western Electric Co.; Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co.; Home Telephone Co.; the underwriters, electric fixture men, city building department, Western Union and Postal Telegraph companies, Electrical Workers' union, and the local architects.

It is explained that the \$100 cash is merely left with the city on deposit and that it will be returned when the operator desires to quit business.

J. C. Caine, 835, East Main street, one of the small operators, gave his side of the controversy as follows: "The Oregon Electrical Association is behind the proposed code. It is aimed at the small operator. They hope to drive him out of business because they know that in most cases it will be hard for him to meet the surety requirements."

"They tried to get a bill, licensing operators, passed at the last legislative session, but failed. Now they seek to get us through the city council. There are more than 100 small operators in the city and less than a dozen big operators. The city inspection crews only for meeting requirements of the highest degree."

"At the recent convention of the contractors held in this city the 'interests' showed their hand. Immediately after the address the president of the association urged the members to do all in their power to have the electrical code ordinance passed. It is nonsense to say that the interests are not in league against the small wremen."

"Simply because a man hasn't got unlimited financial backing is no reason why he should be suspected of doing inefficient work. To tie up \$100 in cash, receiving no interest on the money, might not affect a person of means, but the man of small capital can ill afford to dig down in his pocket in this way."

Mr. Caine advocates the conduit system for electrical wiring throughout the city. On this point, he said: "Abolish the license plan and put in the conduits. This would reduce the cost of insurance and keep a considerable sum of money at home that is now sent to eastern insurance concerns."

"In the long run, I fall to see where the people are to be benefited should the ordinance pass. Any added expenses in the way of cash deposits, etc., would naturally be cut out, so far as possible, by increased cost of work to the consumer."

Paris has about 115 residents to the acre, to London's 55.

WITH OREGON NAVAL MILITIAMEN ON THEIR CRUISE TO HONOLULU



NAVAL MILITIAMEN TO END CRUISE IN TARGET PRACTICE

U. S. S. Milwaukee Reaches Port Angeles, Wash., After Voyage From Honolulu.

Port Angeles, July 18.—Oregon and Washington naval militiamen aboard the cruiser Milwaukee celebrated their first day back in home waters today by preparing for a full course in target practice tomorrow. The sailor citizens spent the entire day setting sights and putting out targets. The distance will be 1000 yards with three inch guns.

Competing for the marksmanship honors of the two states, the militiamen will be four gun crews from Oregon and eight from Washington. Each crew consists of seven men.

The personnel of the Oregon crews is as follows: First division, first crew—Plugman, H. Morrill; pointers, Thomas and Kinsey; trainers, Lind and Lent; sight setters, Mellinger and Danley; loaders, Ironsides and Hilbers; extractor, Meyers. Second crew—Plugman, Lambert; pointers, Detach and Sibley; trainers, H. W. Collins and G. W. McClinton; sight setters, Christy and Brown; loaders, W. Morrill and Nordberg; extractor, McIntyre.

Second division, first crew—Plugman, Stinson; pointers, Bohn and Fitch; trainers, Turner and Hayes; sight setters, Boe and Sears; loaders, Hurst and Matern; extractor, Stanley. Second crew—Plugman, McGinnis; pointers, McCaleb and Richardson; trainers, Campbell and Schmidt; sight setters, McIntyre and Young; loaders, Bennett and Butterfield; extractor, Conway.

Militiamen to Return Wednesday. Tomorrow and Tuesday will be spent in boat drills and it is expected the cruiser will weigh anchor for Portland night Tuesday for Tacoma on the last leg of what is deemed the most successful cruise ever taken by the naval battalions of the two states. The Oregon sailormen will leave for Portland by special train Wednesday afternoon.

Those aboard report the homeward cruise as uneventful save for passing the American-Hawaiian freighter. Communication was impossible, however, as the merchantman carried no wireless and it was too foggy to signal. The voyage to Port Angeles took six days and 14 hours from Honolulu.

Mishaps of Trip Few. The only mishaps of the trip consist of an attack of pneumonia suffered by W. F. Collins of Portland, who is now much better, and the loss of a finger tip by J. P. Hart, also of Portland, who caught his index finger in a winch.

The Milwaukee sailed from Honolulu leaving nine men behind. Two were from Oregon, Benjamin K. Tucker and Harry D. Thomas, both of Portland. According to the officers of both militiamen the benefits of the trip cannot be estimated. The drill in seamanship and naval warfare has been thorough to the highest degree. The men have taken a great interest in the whole cruise and are improved fully 100 per cent over when they left. They are "rookies" no longer.

FRATERNAL NOTES

Annual Reunion of Women of Woodcraft at Oaks Is Enjoyed.

Sports and Pastimes Numerous. One of the many pleasant organization picnics at the Oaks last week was the annual reunion of members and friends held by Royal Circle, Women of Woodcraft, Wednesday afternoon and evening. An evening meal was prepared in the free Oak kitchenette, coffee and milk being donated by the society. There was a long program of sports and pastimes. The members of the committee in charge were Harry Day, Mrs. Margaret Werthelmer, Mrs. Cora Burrell, Mrs. Mary Crowder and Mrs. G. M. Sundeleaf.

There were a large number of children present, games being arranged for them under the auspices of the committee. About 300 members and friends attended the gathering. During the afternoon various races were arranged and the following were the results: Married women's race, won by Mrs. G. M. Sundeleaf; girls' race, won by Gladys McCurdy; boys' race, won by Richard Sundeleaf; little boys' race, won by Gussette Utter; stout women's race, won by Mrs. Wer-



Top—Citizen Sailors Aboard the U. S. S. Milwaukee Engaged in Washing Their Clothes. Bottom—Street Scene in Honolulu.

thelmer; Chinese race, won by Mrs. Gladwyn and Miss Kirkham; peanut contest, won by W. Fraser and Mrs. Gladwyn; throwing at pipe, won by Stella Simon.

The convention of the Improved Order of Red Men next month will have headquarters at the Benson, which accommodation has been donated to them by the proprietors.

Hunting New Members. This fall early campaigning among all the fraternal orders will be the rule. The Improved Order of Red Men expect to augment their numbers and their lodges. Probably before the leaves begin to drop there will be two new lodges established in Portland or some of its close by suburbs.

Will Hold Moonlight Excursion. The Junior Order of Moose will give an excursion on the steamer Bailey Gatzert on the evening of August 3. Dancing with band music will enliven the hours. The headquarters at Moose hall, Royal building, has tickets on hand.

Masonic Lodge Meets. The United Grand Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons for Washington and Oregon (an organization known as the Afro-American Masons and not affiliated with the A. F. and A. M.) held their annual communication in Portland, ending Thursday last and meeting in Hills hall, Russell and Williams avenue. The grand Chapter of Eastern Star was held at the same time for the same territory. Some 250 delegates and hosts were present at most of the sessions, and the visitors were greatly pleased with the cordial reception they were given.

Both organizations will hold their next communication in Seattle in 1915.

Circle to Hold Tea. The George H. Snell Circle, No. 23, will hold an afternoon tea at Grange hall, May 20, Tuesday afternoon July 21, from 3 to 5. All sister circles are invited, as this circle has only recently been organized and needs encouragement.

Committee Is Retained. The committee that so successfully managed the public display made by the Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition and the Fourth of July has been retained for the arrangements for the Great Council of Oregon to take place August 15, with headquarters at the Benson. L. M. Hemig is chairman and E. M. Wells, secretary. They will be augmented by three members from each local tribe in Portland.

Red Men Hold Installation. The Improved Order of Red Men in Roseburg have installed the following set of officers: W. S. Howard, sachen; C. A. Chamberlain, senior saganome;

Mrs. Dora Bolter, 478 East Forty-sixth street, Tuesday, June 30. Those present were: Sarah E. Moore, Margaret Gilchrist, Ollie F. Stephens, Willing Hoffman, Laura Clarke, Edna Williams, Clara Bruce, Jessie Gaither, M. E. Burdick, Emma Wingart, Ida Bosler, Mrs. P. Hughes, Lydia Clark, Ella Loveloy, Mrs. Evans, Margaret Todd, Caroline Koerber, Cordelia Ehman, M. Wiers, Mrs. Taylor, S. J. Thompson, Margaret Becker, Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Wilkins, Dora Bolter and Mrs. Bolter of Roseburg.

The business meeting was called to order by Sarah E. Moore, president. Reports from committees were read, stating many useful articles were finished ready for sale. The club is very active and new members being added at each meeting. After the business session a delicious luncheon was served. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Graham, 1242 Garfield avenue, July 28. All members of the Degree of Honor and their friends invited to attend.

Foresters Install Officers. At its last regular meeting Court Columbia, No. 2, Foresters of America, installed the following officers: E. H. Fisher, past chief ranger; C. S. Hunt-ington, chief ranger; J. E. Stewart, vice-chief ranger; A. E. Kilik, recording secretary; W. R. Flint, senior woodward; J. F. Weitzel, junior woodward; J. Tupper senior petty; H. B. Huntington, junior petty; O. D. Smith, lecturer. The members of this court have decided to have home-cooked contributions for the weekly spread every Monday evening at their hall, 125 Fourth street. Every member is expected to bring something prepared and cooked in his own home. Any member guilty of fraudulently and with malice aforethought bringing in any baker's product will be dealt with accordingly.

Woodmen Give Dinner. Friday night 46 Woodmen and women sat down to a feast at the Jewell Oyster parlors on Morrison street, the occasion being the long promised dinner to the active workers of George Washington, Prospect and Portland camps. Woodmen of the World, and the candidates secured during the three month's friendly contest closing July 1st. J. J. Jennings, consul commander of Prospect Camp was toast master. Francis Clarno, past consul commander, and Harry Day, past deputy head consul for Oregon made brief remarks. Captain F. G. Lawson of Prospect Camp won the first prize for securing the most members. C. Duval received second prize with a personal pledge gave three cash prizes to the best rustlers. The other prizes are coupon orders for merchandise, so that the winners can select to suit themselves. Neighbor Jennings announced that he would give a cash prize of \$15 to any member of the three local camps bringing in the most applications during August, providing he brought in over ten for initiation.

To Die For Trunk Murder. New York, July 18.—Karl Drandwick is to die in the electric chair in Sing Sing prison during the week beginning at midnight tomorrow night for participating in the murder of Ivan Marry-sevich, whose body was found in a trunk on the sidewalk on Pitt street last December. The case attracted more than ordinary attention, largely from the fact that it was one of the very few of the so-called "trunk" mysteries that the police of the metropolis have succeeded in solving in late years. Like the most of its predecessors, the Pitt street case promised for a time to baffle every effort of the detectives to discover the perpetrators of the murder.

Wire Weavers in Session. New York, July 18.—Delegates to the American Wire Weavers' Protective association annual convention arrived here today for the annual meeting of the trades union to be held in Brooklyn.

Centenary of Samuel Colt. Hartford, Conn., July 18.—Tomorrow will be the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Samuel Colt, famous as the inventor of the revolver. He was a native and lifelong resident of Hartford. In early life Mr. Colt was a sailor, but before the mast. Before his death, which occurred at the early age of 45, he had become one of the wealthiest of American manufacturers.

Major Mitchell's 35th Birthday. New York, July 18.—Mayor John P. Mitchell will celebrate his thirty-fifth birthday anniversary tomorrow. Mr. Mitchell is the youngest mayor in the public life immediately after his graduation from Columbia university, and at 30 years of age was president of the board of aldermen.

Slack in the Hall of Fame. Washington, July 18.—In the presence of a throng of interested spectators, the statue of George W. Glick,

U. R. R. DIRECTORS FEEL FOR BRETHREN ON NEW HAVEN ROAD

Some Stockholders in San Francisco Looking Up Law on Financial Responsibility

CIVIL ACTION IS POSSIBLE

Stockholders Talk of Trying to Recover Money Patrick Calhoun Invested in Solano Irrigated Lands.

San Francisco, Cal., July 18.—Directors of the United railroads, under the old regime, who are financially responsible, scurried rather hastily to attorneys and law books today to learn if they can be held in a civil action to recover the money which Patrick Calhoun says he invested in the Solano irrigated farms. They discovered, as did others, who made similar inquiries, that the subject is a rather involved one, covering the right of a proxy holder to bind his principal in such a deal as Calhoun is said to be responsible for.

This hypothetical question was put to Frederick V. Van Vorst, counsel for the California Railway & Power company.

"Suppose that the president of a company holds proxies of the stockholders; suppose he has a 'dummy' board of directors; suppose that at his bidding these directors pass a resolution confirming past payments for unspecified purposes and authorize future 'advances' to companies for the

'best interests' of the company; suppose it develops that the corporation which gave him these proxies discovered that the money he used did not go for railroad purposes but for something else, the nature of which may be partly or wholly known; how far can the directors be held responsible in an equity court for what they did? Are they protected?"

"I do not know," replied Van Vorst. "I do not know the laws of California covering such a point, nor can I recall a case offhand in which it has been decided. I would not like to commit myself before making a thorough examination of the law and the decisions."

The same question was asked of other attorneys. One of the members of the railroad commission who is an attorney took refuge in almost exactly the same language as Van Vorst. He added, though, that if stockholders think they are aggrieved, it is for them to start such action in an equity court.

Polk Democrats Have Organized

Frank H. Fawc, of Dallas, Made Chairman of County Body; Charles Gregory, Dallas, Is Secretary.

Dallas, Or., July 18.—The Democratic county central committee for Polk county organized this afternoon by electing Frank H. Fawc, of Dallas, chairman, and Charles Gregory, of Dallas, secretary. John R. Sibley was elected as state central committee man.

A good representation of committee men was present and much enthusiasm was evidenced. Secretary Hornbrook of the state central committee, who was in attendance at the Willamette valley editorial meeting, attended the meeting and made a short talk.

Under a new law which has come into effect in Greece, the railway men have been deprived of the right to strike.

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