

## BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE VOTES TO LIMIT YEON'S POWER

New Recommendation for Roadmaster's Retention Is Confined to Highway.

### POSITION IS EXPLAINED

Committeeman Says Suggestions Regarding Appointive Officer Out-side of Province.

After unanimously agreeing upon a recommendation to the county commissioners that the services of John B. Yeon as roadmaster be retained, the advisory budget committee held a special meeting yesterday and by a vote of 3 to 2, reconsidered their action and adopted a substitute recommending that Mr. Yeon's services be restricted to the Columbia highway.

This action was taken after Mr. Yeon, who had been invited to appear before the committee, had stated that he did not care to continue in the office of roadmaster, as he could assume the responsibility for the entire road system of the county.

To share the responsibility, he said, would destroy his efficiency. He had not only an interest in the Columbia highway, but as a large taxpayer he had an interest in correcting the wasteful system of the past. He desired, he continued, to take the roads out of politics and conduct them on business lines. In order to accomplish this, he added that he must have full control.

**Now, Committee Voted.**

Those voting in favor of restricting Mr. Yeon's superintendency were Robert H. Strong, Frank Kiernan and E. B. MacNaughton.

Those who voted against a change in the original recommendation that Mr. Yeon be retained were J. N. Teal and George H. Lawrence, the two commissioners who had given his proxy to Chairman Leo Friede who did not vote on his own account. C. W. Hodson, the seventh member of the committee, who is out of the city, was not represented.

When the matter was taken up at yesterday's meeting Mr. MacNaughton moved and Mr. Strong seconded a motion that the committee stand by its action taken at a previous meeting that Mr. Yeon be retained as roadmaster. The motion was carried, the vote being as follows:

Yes, Strong, Kiernan and MacNaughton; no, Teal, Lawrence, Friede not voting.

### Strong Explains Position.

Mr. Teal then moved that the committee recommend that the services of Mr. Yeon be retained. Mr. Strong introduced an amendment to the effect that the committee recommend to the county commissioners that the services of Mr. Yeon be retained to complete the Columbia highway from the city limits to the county line. The amended motion prevailed by the same vote given on the motion to rescind, S to 2.

When asked today if the card to make any statement regarding his change in position and vote, Mr. Strong said:

"I do not think it within the province of the advisory budget committee to recommend anyone for an appointive position, except in the case of the Columbia highway, which I felt is somewhat different on account of it being a great undertaking which is only partially completed and should be finished by the parties who started it, for the work has been very able handled on a very broad and comprehensive line. I hope the road will be finished by Mr. Yeon and that he be given full credit for the work."

The report of the advisory committee will be presented to the board of county commissioners tomorrow. Accompanying it will be a minority report relative to the roadmaster. This minority report will declare that a prudent and business like policy should suggest to the board of county commissioners that it would be to the best interests of the county to retain the services of Mr. Yeon.

The unexpected change of front by Messrs. Strong, Kiernan and MacNaughton is attributed by many to political considerations.

**Salem Store Robbed.**  
Salem, Or., Dec. 11.—The safe in Grigerson's store at Monitor was dynamited early this morning, but the owner had removed the cash. A small amount in nickels and pennies was secured from a till.

## What Is Art? Is The Question Now

**Police Begin Campaign to Stop Sale of Pictures Which Are Deemed to Be Improper.**

What is art? On this question hinges the prohibition of pictures of "September Morn" and similar pictures of nude figures. The police have started a campaign to stop the sale of pictures they deem obscene and are distinguishing between pictures labelled "September Morn" and near imitations.

A number of pictures already taken by the police were seen by the city commissioners this morning and all agreed that the near imitations which can only be distinguished from the real pictures by the labelling should be prohibited.

The pictures had been brought to the city hall by Patrolman Hunt for the purpose of getting an order from the commissioners to have the city hold the pictures.

He had to go into the council chamber to have Mr. La Roche sign the order and it was there that the city commissioners noticed him.

"I want to see those pictures," said Mayor Albee, causing considerable laughter.

The other commissioners waited to see them, too, and the result is that the pictures are to be prohibited. As it was difficult to determine those that were supposed to be art and those which were not, the question is still unsettled.

### Poultry Show to Be Open Sunday

**One Day Added by Association; Annual Banquet Held at Oregon Hotel Last Night.**

Believing that attendance thus far this week warrants keeping the poultry show open an additional day in order that everyone may have a chance to see feathered beauties on display, the Oregon Poultry and Pet Stock association decided yesterday to continue the exhibition open until 10 o'clock Sunday evening.

Last night at the Oregon hotel was held the annual banquet of the association. D. Lively, director of livestock for the Panama-Pacific exposition, being the principal speaker of the evening. R. H. Brown, of the Union Meat company, was toastmaster. Other speakers were John M. Mann, C. D. Minton, E. F. Batten, W. L. Fulmer, E. H. Bauer, William M. Coates, J. L. Hartman, F. G. Newell, B. L. Imhoff, P. W. Harris, E. J. McClanahan, H. Ringhouse and B. Lee Page.

Election of officers of the Northwest White Leghorn association held yesterday at the Commercial club, resulted as follows: R. H. Brown, president; R. J. Renney, vice president, and Cee A. McKenna, secretary-treasurer.

H. Ringhouse will deliver a lecture on "Feeds" at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon in the show hall at the Pittock block.

### Bazaar at Deutsches Haus Nets Big Sum

**German-Austro-Hungarian Red Cross Fund Increased by \$1800 From Benefit Affair.**

Much pleased with the result the German auxiliary of the German-Austro-Hungarian Red Cross reported yesterday that the bazaar held last week at Deutsches Haus for the benefit of the Red Cross fund netted \$1600.

Grateful thanks has been extended to all those who contributed toward making the bazaar a success by the auxiliary, especially those who donated their services to part in the entertainment and made contributions for sale at the several booths.

Prizes and prize winners have been announced as follows: Crochet bedspread, Mrs. Bowman; Irish crochet woman's hat, Mrs. Becker; embroidered table cover, Mr. Gritzammer; nut bowl, Paul Wessinger; sofa cushion, A. G. Ruschling; long cloak, Miss Leppich; fancy dressed doll, Miss Elsa Mayer; fur collar and muff, Miss G. Krause; electric iron, Miss Westergard; ham, Mrs. Davis; dolls, Mrs. Mueller; cakes and tarts, Mrs. Kautz and Mrs. Johnson; flower vase, Miss Norma Hunnemann; box cake and vase, Mrs. H. Eberhard; decorated chinaware, Mrs. Albert; decorated chinaware, Mrs. McKinnon; baby doll, Miss Anita May.

**Damage Suit Follows Fall.**

Mary A. Evans this morning sued C. J. Cook & Co. and Meier & Frank company for \$750 damages as the result of injuries received from a fall caused, it is alleged, by a hole in the Fifth street sidewalk temporarily installed during the construction of the new Meier & Frank store.

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## LOCAL BANK TAKES AN OPTIMISTIC VIEW OF BUSINESS STATUS

**Renewed Activity Seen in Both Foreign and Domestic Trade in Certain Lines.**

Incomplete reports of bank clearings for the entire United States for November clearly indicate an improvement in conditions, says the general letter on trade conditions just issued by the Merchants' National bank of Portland. It is shown that foreign trade is enjoying a surprising development. Trade on the steamship lines, having their mileage in Oregon, show a betterment in their net revenue for the fiscal year to September 30, one showing an increase in earnings, the gain being due chiefly to a decrease in operating and other expenses.

The opening of various stock exchanges and the launching of the new federal reserve bank system are emphasized as important factors which

are making for the improvement of business conditions throughout the country.

Northwest grain market is almost entirely in the hands of the dealers, it is pointed out, and export business is said to be good because of high tonnage arriving. Exports of barrel and box apples are in excess of the business of 1913. Hops are said to be cleaned up within 15 per cent of the total crop, and English buying has made the market firm at about 12 cents. Salmon is quiet, with prospects of an increase in price in December.

Building record for Portland shows a healthy condition for November. The number of permits issued was 851, as against 426 for the preceding month.

It is believed, says the report, that next season will witness the best wool market in years. Some inquiries are being received for lumber, but the conditions are quiet in this line at present.

**Willing to Go to Sea.**

If efforts of his attorney to secure him a job in form or to help him get a position bound for a foreign country are successful, N. T. Pulson will be released from jail. He pleaded guilty this morning to a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a boy and was paroled by Judge McGinn after receiving a sentence of one year in the county jail conditioned on the foregoing provisions.

Journal Want Ads bring results.

## Community Sing to Be Given by City

**Tuesday Evening, December 29, Selected for Novel Entertainment; Free to Public at Armory.**

Plans are being perfected for a free Community Sing and band concert by the city for the people of Portland. The event will be held on Tuesday, December 29, under the auspices of the Monday Musical club; W. J. Hofberg of the Royal Rosarians, President George E. Jeffery of the Musicians' Mutual association; President J. C. English of the Rotary club; President E. Jaeger of the Retail Merchants' association, Percy C. Wood of the Transportation club and many others.

Boyer, The high school choruses have been drilling for some time for this occasion and, it is said, will put on some choruses that will prove a pleasant surprise to the public.

Co-operating with the city and the Monday Musical club for the success of the affair, will be Mayor and Mrs. H. R. Albee, Mr. and Mrs. William Brewster, President Horace D. Ramsell of the Portland Commercial club; President F. L. Berg of the club, W. J. Hofberg of the Royal Rosarians, President George E. Jeffery of the Musicians' Mutual association; President J. C. English of the Rotary club; President E. Jaeger of the Retail Merchants' association, Percy C. Wood of the Transportation club and many others.

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