

PUBLIC CHAPERONS MAY BE SELECTED FOR DANCE PLACES

Judge Gatens Names Committee to Investigate Reason for Delinquencies.

DATA WILL BE GATHERED

Effort Will Be Made to Learn What Other Cities Are Doing in Such Matter.

Public chaperons, selected by social service organizations, may result from dance hall investigation by a committee appointed by Judge W. N. Gatens of the juvenile court.

Judge Gatens appointed the committee to see if there is any relation between the delinquency of juveniles and commercialized dance halls.

The committee's work has since broadened to include a query if public dance halls are sufficiently regulated, and if municipal dancing places would be popular enough to put the commercialized dance halls out of business.

At a meeting yesterday it was questioned if the professional "introducers" at the commercialized dance halls act in any extent as a social service.

Avoid Sensationalism. Then came the suggestion that chaperons responsible to the social service leagues or the municipality would have necessary restraining influence.

Gov. Frederick K. Howard of the Episcopal Social Service League, and chairman of the committee, advised that facts be obtained to learn what other cities are doing in respect to dancing and dance halls.

Questions Proposed. "Are commercialized dance halls sufficiently regulated?" "Should they be abolished?" "If so, will the municipal dances fill the requirements?"

When investigation has been completed, when what other cities are doing has been learned, and when definite recommendations and plans have been formulated, the mayor will respond to invitation by the mayor, will be submitted to the city council.

Oregon City Will Vote on Water

Oregon City, Or., Feb. 20.—It is definitely ordered that the people of Oregon City, March 5, vote on a bond issue to finance bringing mountain water from the headwaters of the Clackamas river by the council last evening.

The improvement of Main street was also revived and a committee consisting of Councilmen Albright, Templeton and Andrews was appointed for this.

The recorder was instructed by the street committee to advertise for two or more kinds of pavement for the street.

A contract to supply the city with 1000 cubic yards of crushed rock was awarded to the Oregon Engineering & Construction company.

O. D. Eby was present and officially invited Mayor Jones and the council to partake in the entertainment today, Willamette Valley Southern day.

Board Answers Teacher's Suit. The school board this morning answered the suit of Mrs. Maud Richards for reinstatement as a teacher of the trades school, saying that she was dismissed because she broke her contract and the rule of the board denying women teachers the right to retain positions when they marry during the school year.

Held to Grand Jury. R. Mallory Rafferty, one of Portland's pioneer druggists is seriously ill at the home of his brother, Dr. Dav Rafferty, 569 East Eighth street, and is suffering from liver trouble and owing to his age, 73 years, his vitality is not considered strong enough to undergo the past the danger point. He retired from business about eight years ago. Another brother is Dr. Charles Rafferty. All three formerly were partners.

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Funeral services will be held Monday morning at 9 o'clock at St. James cathedral and interment will be in the Catholic cemetery.

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Caplan Denies He Is Times Dynamiter

Man Arrested Near Port Orchard, Wash., Held on Fugitive Warrant; Accused of Aiding McNamara.

Port Orchard, Wash., Feb. 20.—On the request of Los Angeles authorities, a fugitive warrant has been issued here against David Caplan, arrested at Rolling Bay, near this place, Thursday night for alleged complicity in the dynamiting of the Los Angeles Times.

The arresting officers say Caplan is the last of the McNamara gang. The prisoner admits his identity, but denies that he participated in the Times dynamiting or that he knew the McNamaras or any other of the labor leaders.

Last Saturday the Burns department arrested Matthew Schmidt, alleged to be Caplan's accomplice, at Sixty-sixth street and Broadway, New York.

The Burns men claim that Caplan had heard of the arrest of Schmidt and had made preparations to go to Alaska.

Caplan has retained a Seattle law firm to defend him. It is not known whether he will fight extradition to California.

Matthew A. Schmidt is believed to have been the Matthew A. Schmidt employed about five years ago on a farm on rural route No. 2, leading out of Great Falls, Theodosia, California, who worked on the farm near Gresham was about 30 years old when he drew his wages and disappeared about two weeks before the Los Angeles explosion. He had professed ignorance of how to use giant powder in clearing land, but his employer is said to have told him to do so.

While employed at the farm, Schmidt was considered steady and industrious and was paid \$100 a month. The publications mailed to him were thought to be a radical Socialist and was believed to have been in correspondence with persons afterwards mentioned in connection with the explosion.

Extensive Thefts of Chickens Suspected. Deputies Arrest Two Men on Charge of Stealing—One Is Alleged to Have Confessed.

Over 3000 chickens are believed by deputy sheriffs to have been stolen by William Coen and Edward M. Tobin, arrested through the efforts of Deputies Christofferson, Phillips, Beckman and Ward on charges of larceny.

They were apprehended on a charge of stealing 50 blooded chickens from L. M. Alston, who resides on the Base line road about eight miles east of the city, and who values the chickens taken at \$75.

Forty-two blooded chickens were also stolen from John Ruhlin, who lives three miles south of Gresham.

The deputies arrested Coen at the home of his grandparents, Fifth and Nineteenth street, Lents. Coen, the authorities say, confessed, implicating Tobin.

Tobin was located on a farm near Boring. The men cut the throats of chickens as they walked toward the city. Plans have been formulated, the mayor will respond to invitation by the mayor, will be submitted to the city council.

The entire trend of discussion yesterday by the council last evening, dancing is an important feature of the recreation of young people, and that regulation should be more of a social than a police service.

Visions of Bold Burglars Vanish

Alarm Sounds From the Treasurer's Vaults in City Hall and Police Surround the Building.

Visions of burglars looting the city treasury sent the police scurrying to the police station and the alarm on the treasurer vault of the city treasurer's office had sounded in the police station. It took them less than three minutes to leave the police station and surround the city hall with men after the alarm first sounded.

Instead of a burglary or men busily engaged in removing the funds of the city, the alarm was found to be a false alarm. User Adams waiting for them. A test of the alarm system had not been had in months, and Mr. Adams had decided that one should be made. Without a word to anyone, he had gone to the city hall shortly after 9 o'clock and moved around in the vicinity of the vault.

The alarm system is so arranged that any slight movement in the vicinity of the vault sounds the alarm in the police station and the fire department. Captain Ingersoll and his men, who answered the alarm, have been complimented by City Treasurer Adams for their promptness.

Wrestler Captured German. With Rader is P. B. Towle of Larchmont, N. Y., who is a son of Captain P. B. Towle, who is a member of the Guard. He is serving in the second regiment of the legion.

The most extraordinary American "out" he said, was a youth from Chicago named Simons, better known as 'Athos the wrestler'. He left our trenches and caught a huge German in the act of slipping his trench coat. They wrestled a long time and finally threw the German, knocking him senseless, ran back to the trench and got a coil of wire and bound the prisoner, who brought him to our trenches. For this he was made a lieutenant and given a reward of \$20. He spent the reward for a feast for his men.

Rader said only 385 were left of his regiment out of a total of 1500 who originally went into service. He said it is clear a path from his hotel to his automobile. Caruso sailed for Monte Carlo.

Caruso Sails Amid Tears. New York, Feb. 20.—Enrico Caruso, the famous tenor, faltered ears and kisses on friends who assembled at the pier here today to bid him farewell. A corps of police was necessary to clear a path from his hotel to his automobile. Caruso sailed for Monte Carlo.

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RAISES ON FARMING IMPLEMENTS FROM CALIFORNIA RAISED

Interstate Commerce Commission Order Will Have Little Effect on Portland.

(United Press Licensed Wire.) Washington, Feb. 20.—Proposed cancellation of proportional rates on carloads and less than carload lots of agricultural implements from San Francisco, Stockton and other California points to Portland, Spokane and other Washington points was held justified by the interstate commerce commission today.

The carload rate will be raised from 18 cents to 20 cents per hundred pounds. The rate for less than carload lots will be raised from 26 to 30 cents per hundred pounds, and the carload minimum weight will be raised from 20,000 to 24,000 pounds.

The order of the interstate commerce commission upholds tariffs put into effect some time ago which had been suspended on petition of shippers. Under the new rates, Portland, Spokane and other California cities had been receiving the same rate as water line points, inasmuch as the element of water competition did not exist between these cities not on tidewater and interior points in Washington, Montana and other western states the railroads asked to find a method of equalizing the rates.

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Lockwood Is Urged For School Director

Nominating Petition Out for Insurance Man as Successor to Dr. E. A. Sommer.

Believing that he is eminently fitted for the position of school director, friends of Samuel P. Lockwood, well known insurance man, have prevailed upon him to announce his candidacy to succeed Dr. E. A. Sommer, whose term expires in June.

A nominating petition bearing several hundred names, is already in circulation. Mr. Lockwood has been a resident of Portland for the past 25 years and has been engaged in the insurance business all this time. For 18 years he represented an eastern company and for the past seven years has been general manager and vice president of the Columbia life, a Portland company.

Lockwood is 44 years old and a native of Chicago, in the public schools of which he received his education. Friends of Mr. Lockwood point to his belief in the public school because of the fact that of his four children one has graduated from a local high school, two are now in school and the fourth will be sent as soon as he reaches school age.

Mr. Lockwood says he believes that the public school system should enter into school affairs and that economy and efficiency should be the first consideration.

He states he is thoroughly in accord with the recommendations of the school survey, believes that the superintendent of schools should be given large authority to select teachers and the heads of the several schools and departments should be given reasonable latitude to conduct their departments and give credit for their work.

McKinnon has relatives in the east. He claims his home is at St. Paul, Minn. He is about 35 years old.

AMIDON HANGS ON Like Grim Death

Republican Wheel Horse Wants to Be Inspector in State Corporation Department or Something Similar.

Salem, Or., Feb. 20.—Still jobless but hopeful in these days of wholesale extensions of the gubernatorial appointive power, E. L. Amidon of Portland is circulating a petition for several days on his first separate and distinct mission since the legislature opened.

This time, scattering disseminators of the forces in the state corporation department, he is circulating a petition that he be appointed to an inspectorship, either in the state corporation department or in the combined corporation-insurance department if the consolidation takes place.

Amidon has long been a political wheel horse, and his success in his present mission is not a matter of course. His great recommendation of being a staunch Republican wheel horse, however, is being well received.

Amidon's hopes were dashed earlier in the week when he saw the bill to create another judicial job in Multnomah county, which would give him a salary of \$10,000 a year.

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ONE ARREST, OTHERS MAY FOLLOW, CHILDS POISONING AFFAIR

Angus McKinnon in Custody on Charge of Giving Liquor to Little Victim.

Oregon City, Or., Feb. 20.—One arrest has been made and further investigations by District Attorney Gilbert L. Hedges will determine what other arrests may follow as a result of the coroner's inquest over the body of Charles Edward White, 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles White of Beaver Creek, who died from alcoholic poisoning Wednesday afternoon.

Angus McKinnon, an employe at the George Lammer sawmill, was arrested by Sheriff Wilson and Deputy Frost last night and is now in the county jail. He was taken on a charge of giving liquor to the child, but may be held for a more serious crime.

McKinnon was drinking with the parents of the little boy, and it is alleged that he gave the child some of the liquor which caused his death, which has aroused the indignation of the entire country about Oregon City.

McKinnon has relatives in the east. He claims his home is at St. Paul, Minn. He is about 35 years old.

ARMED NEUTRALITY IS HINTED AS AMERICAN POLICY WITH EUROPE

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wiped from the seas by belligerent nations. The admitted real danger lies in the fact that the United States may become involved in the arguments being hurled back and forth by Germany and England.

It was also pointed out that the United States should not be misled by America's insistence in maintaining its dignity and right. It was contended, however, that America will be able to stand firm and that it now takes a firm and calm position.

Both Germany and England, it was pointed out, are attributing their admitted violations of international law to each other's alleged over acts, but this does not affect America's rights.

"If the government," said an official here today, "permits such contentions to be made, it will ultimately be ruled off the seas."

"For this reason I believe America should not answer the English and German note."

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Prisoners Charged With Counterfeiting

Federal Secret Service Operative Returns From Marshfield With Three Suspects in Custody.

Federal Secret Service Agent Glover has returned from Marshfield bringing with him three alleged counterfeiters who are now held here for action by the grand jury. They are Zebulun Harshman, who is said to have served time in life imprisonment for counterfeiting and later in the Oregon prison for a trap robbery; J. S. Stevens and Robert Baker. Baker, it is said, has never been in trouble before.

In a house rented by the trio, Glover says he found moulds for the manufacture of counterfeit dimes, quarters and half dollars and five dollar gold pieces. He confiscated the plant, which is declared to have been one of the best found in the northwest for some time.

Harshman, the authorities state, was an old "pal" of the notorious train robber Bill Miner who was once sentenced to life imprisonment in British Columbia for robbery, but escaped and was finally killed in Georgia in a train holdup there.

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Diplomatic Bill Passed by House

Appropriation Measure Carries \$4,500,000; Strikes Out Provision to Make Cuba Pay for Pacification.

Washington, Feb. 20.—The house this afternoon passed the diplomatic appropriation bill carrying \$4,480,000, for a new committee at Shanghai, appropriation to cover a proposed conference of Pan-American financial experts. It also refused to appropriate \$250,000 for a new committee at Shanghai, and struck out a proposal to begin the collection of \$6,500,000 from Cuba to cover the expenses of pacification in Cuba's emancipation from Spanish rule.

Suffrage Passed By Indiana Senate

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 20.—By a vote of 27 to 8, the senate today passed a bill giving limited suffrage to women.

There was no doubt that the house would pass the bill and the governor sign it, measure senate leaders asserted this afternoon.

CLARK DIVORCE STANDS

Efforts of Mrs. A. E. Clark to reopen the divorce proceedings by which Attorney A. E. Clark was separated from her by Circuit Judge Cleet