BEND WILL DECIDE BY POPULAR VOTE FOR OR AGAINST COMPETITION

New Light and Power Company Seeks Franchise to Operate.

ELECTION ON AUGUST 9

President of Company Now Giving Service Says Competition Would Not Spell Economy.

Citizens of Bend will vote August 9 on the question of allowing a competing light and power company to enter the field now held by the Bend Water, Light and Power company. The council had passed an ordinance granting a franchise to the Steidl-Tweet company, Mayor Miller vetoed it and the council passed it again over the veto. The verdict of the citizens is now invoked by the referendum started by the B. W., L. & P. Co.

President in Portland.

C. A. Brown of Chicago, president of the company now supplying the city, who is in Portland today, stated that the Steidl-Tweet interests have asked permission to compete on the strength of a power right acquired in exchange for concessions made to an irrigation project. This right allows them the use of one-half of the water passing over the irrigation dam in excess of 1050 cubic feet per second. In July and August, when the greatest call is made upon the irrigation ditch, little more than 500 feet of water flows over the dam per second which, Mr. Brown says, would leave less than nothing for the generation of electric power.

Declares Water Flow Insufficient.

"Tests made while I was in Bend a few days ago showed the overflow is now 780 cubic feet per second," said Mr. Brown. "How the Steidl people expect to develop enough energy to supply light and power is more than I can see. They can annoy us materially, however, and disturb things while they are experimenting. I believe we will win at the hands of the people, because our company has given good service and no complaints whatever have arisen from it.

"Our company has ample financial reserves and is now prepared to make extensions at a cost of $50,000. These are not being made, however, until we know whether we are to be deprived of part of the revenues we are now receiving and be obliged to divide the revenues to be expected as the city grows.

"I believe in the regulation of public utilities and our company has submitted all the data demanded to the Oregon commission which is expected to hand down a ruling next week on the justice of our rates. I believe, however, as does the commission itself, that this regulation should give companies protection from indiscriminate competition. The commission has expressed itself in the following letter:

Regulated Monopoly, Efficiency.

"It is now coming to be recognized that competition cannot in all instances regulate rates in public utilities, and that one company, properly regulated and administered, can generally give better and cheaper service than two. It is a waste of capital and a disadvantage to a city to have two sets of telephone or electric light wires and poles encumbering the streets when one can be made to serve the same purpose. Most utilities are natural monopolies and the highest efficiency and the lowest rates are only possible when each one has the entire business of a given city or territory. Now that we have the right and duty to regulate all public service corporations, the ill effects of monopoly may be escaped, and at the same time the beneficial results of economy and efficiency realized.

"Electric light companies should be regulated with respect to their schedule of rates; discriminations, which are so frequent under ordinary circumstances, must be prevented; wires must be run in such manner as to reduce the danger to the public, steadiness of electric potential and uniformity throughout must be given; proper precautions must be taken to safeguard the lives of employes of the company and the general public, and just and reasonable rules and regulations must be enforced. We do not believe that any public should be burdened with a return on a duplication of investment, and that the utility serving any particular district should be required to furnish reasonable and adequate service.

Competition and Mergers.

"We do not presume to say that competition does not have its benefits, or that any legalized constitutive body should not be permitted to give franchises to more than one public utility company for the same purpose, but we do not believe that the best results can be so obtained. Wherever competition exists, it has been the history of the past that the weaker competitor is absorbed by the stronger, and the benefits to be derived from competition thereby lost.

"We are not advised as to the financial standing of the company now serving the city, but if it is possible to extend their service and increase their facilities to meet the full demand of the city, we think this would be the better practice, for we are quite certain that there is not sufficient business to justify two companies occupying such a limited field of operation. The overhead charge on a company is a large part of its operating cost, and one efficient company can be more economically managed than two."

Outlook Indicates Prosperity.

Mr. Brown declared his belief that Bend is about to enter upon a rapid growth, starting with the construction of the Shevlin-Hixon mill. Following this, the Brooks mill is under consideration, the two projects giving prospective employment to hundreds of men. The extension of the Oregon Eastern from Riverton toward Bend is another factor which Mr. Brown foresees will be a healthful influence on the central Oregon metropolis.

The B. W. L. & P. company is figuring with the Shevlins for the supplying of power to operate their mill. Other projects under contemplation will utilize other units of the excess potential energy from the company's big power dam. The present plant is constructed so as to allow installation of another water wheel without calling upon other power units capable of development if this plant should reach its capacity.

Death of Charles E. Cone.

Charles E. Cone, who died this morning at St. Vincent's hospital, was born in Butterville, Marion county, in 1859, and had lived in Oregon all his life. His brother, J. H. Cone, is a resident of this city.

Much California Land for Settlers

Secretary of Interior Announces That 246,085 Acres Withdrawn From Forests Subject to Entry in August.

Washington, June 19.—(I. N. S.)—Secretary of the Interior Lane announced today that 86,630 acres of land recently withdrawn from the Santa Barbara national forest and 160,235 acres withdrawn from the Sequoia national forest will become subject to settlement under the homestead laws from August 11 to September 7.

The land, much of which is valuable for agriculture and grazing, is located in the Los Angeles land district between the Santa Clara river and Castaic canyon areas and in the Visalia land district in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada mountains.

RUSSIANS MAKE LAST STAND AT LEMBERG; EVACUATION IS LIKELY

Battle Which Will Determine Russian Position in Galicia Opens in Grodek Region.

Petrograd, June 19.—(U. P.)—Official admission that the Russian forces in Galicia have withdrawn several miles along a 50 mile front west and northwest of Lemberg, was made by the war office here today.

The defenders of Lemberg are now in their last line of entrenchments within 15 miles of the Galician capital in the Grodek Lake region. These forces, which retreated from Przemysl after the fall of that fortress, have withdrawn in good order before the Austro-Germans, it was stated and are now established in previously prepared positions about Grodek. The Russian right wing has withdrawn eight miles behind the Russian frontier. Retreating through Tarnogrod this portion of the Slav army has reached the Tsnef river, the official statement declared.

The last stand before Lemberg will be made in the Grodek region. According to unofficial advices here, the battle upon which the final success of the great Galician campaign may hinge has already opened.

German guns are shelling the Russian positions, but military authorities declare the Grodek line cannot be taken without enormous sacrifices.

Reports in military circles here declare that staggering losses have been suffered by the Austrians and Germans in pressing their advance upon Lemberg. Thousands have been killed and wounded in the campaign which has forced the Russians back over the ground gained last fall. A sudden reverse now would place the forces of the Teutonic allies in a precarious position. They have been drawn far from their bases and communications for the bringing up of supplies and munitions are declared to be none too certain.

Military authorities professed to attach no military importance in the holding of Lemberg. It was stated that should the Austro-Germans compel the Russians to evacuate the city, it would not be accepted as a serious reverse. The entire defensive scheme in Galicia, it was declared, is to compel General von Mackensen to progress only with tremendous losses in men and ammunition. It was pointed out that the Grodik country forms the strongest type of natural defense. If the Russian lines there are penetrated, it will be only with a terrible sacrifice of men.

England Arranges To Finance Italy

Reports Have It That $600,000,000 Will Be Size of Loan to Last Nation to Join Allies.

New York, June 19.—(I. N. S.)—According to information brought here by travelers from London, Sir Reginald McKenna, the new British chancellor of exchequer, at the meeting which he held recently at Nice with the Italian minister of finance, arranged for England to finance Italy to the extent of $600,000,000.

PAVING CONTRACTS WILL BE SIGNED UP WITH COUNTY TODAY

Agreement on Terms of Ten Year Maintenance Bond Is Reached by Board.

OTHER AGREEMENTS MADE

If Contractor Fails to Make Repairs When Notified Penalty Will Be Exacted.

Contracts for paving the county roads will be signed this afternoon and the work of actual construction will begin about Tuesday next.

The board of county commissioners discussed this morning the form of the ten year maintenance bond that will be required with the district attorney and representatives of the different contracting firms. An agreement was reached and the district attorney was instructed to prepare the bond and present it for execution at the afternoon session of the board.

The maintenance bond that will be required will be one third of the cost of the pavement. For the first five years the contractor will furnish the bond of a surety company and for the second five years he will give individual security.

The only point over which there was any discussion in relation to the bond was that of liquidated damages. It was agreed that in any case where a contractor failed to make repairs when notified the work should be done by the county and the cost, plus 20 per cent, taken out of the bond. This is to protect the contractor from any arbitrary forfeiture of the entire bond. The lawyers for the contractors said that while they were satisfied that the present authorities would deal fairly, no one could foretell what a future board would do. "Political upheavals come quickly in Oregon some times," said Dan Malarkey, "and no one can tell what the future will bring forth."

Steamer Dulcia Sunk by Torpedo

One Member of the Crew Reported Drowned When Big Hartlepool Boat Disappears Off East Coast.

London, June 19.—(U. P.)—The Hartlepool steamer Dulcia, a vessel of 2033 tons, has been torpedoed and sunk off the east coast. One member of the crew was drowned, according to dispatches here today.

Swedish Crew Lost.

Christiania, June 19.—(I. N. S.)—That 12 members of the crew of the Norwegian steamship Svein Jarl, reported sunk by a German submarine, are missing, was announced here today. The captain was saved. Newspapers are urging the government to take immediate action, asserting that German spies were aboard the Svein Jarl and other steamships, which have been torpedoed by Teuton divers. The Svein Jarl registered 1135 tons.

Two Vessels Torpedoed.

London, June 19.—(U. P.)—The steamers Ailsa and Duleje have been torpedoed by a German submarine in the North sea.

Nobleman Thrashed On His Way to War

Milian Raitoagvitch, Serbian, Accuses Proprietor and Employe of Newspaper of Assaulting Him With Cane.

San Francisco, June 19.—(P. N. S.)—Charging that he had been brutally manhandled and flogged with his own cane until it was smashed, Milian Raitcagvitch, a Serbian nobleman and writer, in San Francisco on his way back to Belgrade to fight, today secured warrants for the arrest of M. Yeefich, proprietor of the Serbian Herald, and John Manojlovich, an employe.

The warrants, charging battery, were issued by Police Judge Oppenheim and turned over to the police for service.

Review of Day's Fighting

London, June 19.—(I. N. S.)—Fighting of the most desperate character in both the western and eastern theatres of the war with the Teutons attacking in the east and maintaining a terrific defensive in the west was the situation today in Europe's great struggle. Never since the war opened was the similarity of the great war to a siege so plain. Russia is the designed citadel. Along the Grodek line the Teutons were attacking Lemberg, its ramparts, while on their western and southwestern fronts they were on the defensive, desperately trying to hold off the relieving forces of Britain, France, Belgium, Italy, Serbia and Montenegro, while to the southeast the Turks on Gallipoli peninsula were holding hard against a secondary attack of the British and French.

How the fortunes of war ran was uncertain in the west. There, while there were few reports of progress available, it was deemed certain that General Joffre's legions and the British under General Sir John French were making the greatest attempt of the war to date to break through the German lines, with the result still in doubt. In the east the Russians were still said to be holding fast in the trenches of the Grodek lines. Breaches had been made in their wall, but final victory for the Teutons under von Mackenson was still by no means certain. Claims of the various nations on the progress of the struggle were as follows:

British, French and Belgian.—Comparatively little information was given out of the progress of the allies' offensive in the west. Paris reports a most violent engagement raging, with such concentrated fire of big guns as the war has not hitherto seen. Successes north of Arras are claimed with concentration of the trenches captured. In Alsace, along the valley of the Fecht, important progress seems to have been made, with the French guns dominating the German lines of communication between Metzeral and Munster. This claim, if substantiated, may mean the fall to the French of Lens, a big manufacturing city, and the possible abandonment by the Germans of that city and Lille, with a great shortening of the German lines through the retreat. There is little real news of the progress of the great ... which Paris and London believe may prove the opening of the big allied offensive in Belgium and northeastern France.

German and Austrian.—Berlin claims the annihilation of a British force near La Bassee, but admits French gains near Souchez and Ecurie, with hot fighting in progress at Metzeral. Other trenches admittedly are lost north of Lorette and French repulses are claimed in the Argonne. In the east Berlin claims advances against the Russians near Tarnograd and that a Slav attack in force against the Dawina line near Shavli was repulsed. Heavy conflicts are reported along the Grodek lines, while on the Dneister front near Stryj the situation is reported as "unchanged." No comment was made on Russian claims that the Galician fighting has cost the Teutons 150,000 men. Vienna claims that Tarnograd has been taken. Otherwise it parallels the Berlin reports. Italian repulses near Plava are claimed, also in the Pooeken region and on Monte Coston. The Italians are said to have lost heavily.

Italian.—Air raids on Goritz and great damage thereby to the Austrian defensive positions are reported by Rome, which also says the fighting near Plava is becoming most important and on it may hang the fate of Trieste. The guns of Fort Malborghetto, on the Isonzo flank, are reported silenced, but the fortress still holds out. Rome also claims small successes for all Italian armies on the Trent, Tyrol and Cadore fronts.

Turkish.—Continued fighting along the Gallipoli peninsula is reported, with claims that the allies have been forced out of nearly all the positions won near Avi Burnu, and that the British fleet is hiding from submarines in an anchorage at the Imbros islands.

Bulgarian.—Both allies and Germans are treating with Bulgaria for entrance into the war. Premier Radoslavoff is reported to be demanding at least portions of the territory taken from Bulgaria by Roumania, Greece and Serbia after the last Balkan war as the price of participation against the Teutonic allies. No indication as to Bulgaria's choice is available beyond statements from Sofia which indicate that Bulgaria is at least not likely to take the field against the quadruple entente.

Tacoma Celebrates Its Wilson Day

City Is Decorated for Occasion—Council Adopts Special Resolution, and There Will Be Program Tonight.

Tacoma, Wash., June 19.—(U. P.)—With large American flags fluttering in the breeze from the tops of all public buildings, smaller national emblems worn conspicuously by men and women, department store windows decorated with pictures of the president, a special resolution commending the stalwart stand of the nation's ruler passed by the city council and a copy ordered engrossed and mailed to the White House, Tacoma this morning began the celebration of "Wilson day," set aside by special proclamation of the mayor.

Tonight at 8 o'clock Governor Ernest Lister, President George Stone of the Commercial club, and a number of other notables of the city and state, will preside at an open air celebration in Totem park.

Speeches will be made and the national anthem sung in praise of the man who is being referred to in Tacoma today as the "man of the hour."

TRACK WALKER SHOT WHILE ON DUTY NEAR EAGLE CREEK BRIDGE

D. Macias Is in Dangerous Condition at Local Hospital.

Charles Richard Hayes, 31 years old, was arrested this morning four miles east of Cascade Locks by Special Agent Woods of the O-W. R. & N. Co., and Deputy Sheriffs Phillips and Beckman, as the man who shot D. Macias, a trackwalker, near Eagle Creek bridge, seven miles west of the point of the arrest, about 9 o'clock last night.

Macias was shot through the jaw and behind the ear, and is at the St. Vincent's hospital in a serious condition. Drs. K. A. J. MacKenzie and D. H. Jessop took X-ray pictures of his head this morning and will operate upon the injured man as soon as his condition will permit. One bullet was located, but one or two others are believed to be in Macias' head yet. He is unable to talk.

In Hayes' pocket was found a .38 caliber U. S. revolver with one empty chamber and two chambers next filled with empty shells. The barrel of the gun was dirty and bore traces of fresh powder smoke. No money was found on Hayes, and, while it is believed Macias was held up for robbery, the officers learned that he seldom had money about him.

Hayes' Movements Traced.

On checking up Hayes' movements the officers found that he appeared at Cascade Locks last night about 11 o'clock walking rapidly along eastward through the rain. At a mill beyond Cascade Locks the fireman said Hayes came there a little later wet through and showing the effects of fast walking. He asked permission to step inside and dry himself, and was allowed to remain for the night.

The condition of Macias was learned when he staggered up to the trackwalker's house near where he was shot, and fell just outside the door. Men inside the house heard the fall and rushed to him. He was cared for as well as possible and word of the holdup was sent to Portland.

Said He Was Held Up.

The officers went at once to Vlento, beyond Cascade Locks, and started back, stopping everyone as they came. They walked part of the way and rode on a speeder the remainder. When they reached Hayes he told them that he was held up last evening before dark on the main street of Cascade Locks by three men who intimidated him with a big revolver. He said they dropped the revolver he was carrying and that he picked it up when they left going east. Investigation proved his story without foundation and he was at once arrested.

Hayes admitted that he is the brother of Jack Hayes who was convicted of participation in the holdup of the O-W. R. & N. train at Clarnie, in 1909. Jack Hayes, "Dutch Pete" Strof and William Burke were each sentenced to 12 years in the penitentiary for that crime. Strof was released later and was arrested after being shot while holding up a store near Portland some time ago.

Cordray Refuses To Sign Agreement

Musicians Union Presents Oaks' Management With New Form of Contract Affecting Hiring of Transient Bands.

George E. Jeffery, president of local, No. 99, of the American Federation of Musicians, today submitted an extract from a contract drawn up by the local and submitted to Manager John F. Cordray of the Oaks Amusement Park, by the leader of the orchestra at the park last Monday.

Mr. Jeffery says Mr. Cordray refused to sign the contract, and expresses the hope that it will remove any doubt as to the truth of any statements he has made in connection with the matter. The extract referred to follows:

And it is further understood and agreed that several traveling bands have been booked to give one or more concerts in this park during the summer, each band not to exceed four concerts, the bands playing as a special added attraction and admission being charged to the Auditorium.

It is further understood and agreed that when these traveling bands are strictly union bands composed of members of the American Federation of Musicians, the orchestra may be laid off during those concerts and the rain clause, as agreed upon in the terms of this contract, shall be in effect. The party of the first part agrees to give the orchestra one week's notice of any layoff under this section.

It is also understood and agreed that under no circumstances shall the orchestra be laid off on any day or time that a musical comedy company, or other vaudeville attractions or acts, is playing in the park.

It is further agreed that the orchestra may be laid off for the Euther College Concert band and chorus, Carlo A. Speratti, director, providing that at no time during the remainder of the season of 1915, at the Oaks park, shall an amateur or non-union traveling band play at the Oaks park without a band composed of members of local, No. 99, American Federation of Musicians, being employed on the same days at the Oaks park, and it is further understood and agreed that under no circumstances shall any other than a federation band play in the grounds at the Oaks park except as a paid attraction as above outlined.

The theatre managers will meet tomorrow to discuss the proposed standard adopted by the musicians, to become effective September 1.

U. S. Medical Corps Asked if It's Ready

Members in Sacramento, Cal., Receive Circular From War Department Regarding Preparedness for Service.

Sacramento, Cal., June 19.—(U. P.)—Dr. Norman E. Williamson, city health officer and first lieutenant in the medical reserve corps of the United States army, is in receipt of a letter today from the war department to the effect that he should notify the department "in view of possible contingencies" whether he is ready to enter active service.

The notice, in the shape of a circular letter to all members of the medical reserve corps, is regarded as significant, inasmuch as the only notice of the kind previously received was when the United States sent troops to Mexico a year ago.

Dr. G. Parker Dillon of this city, also a member of the medical reserve corps, received a letter.

Old Enough for Penitentiary.

Marshfield, Or., June 19.—One day of age may put Walter Morgan, a Bandon youth, in the penitentiary. Monday Morgan was 18 years old, and Tuesday he broke into a Bandon saloon and attempted to rob the till.

The fact that he is 18 years old will make his punishment confinement in the penitentiary, while had he committed the crime two days sooner the worst he could have been given was the reform school, or possibly only trial in juvenile court.

PAYMENT IS SOUGHT FOR WINNINGS ON MOTORBOAT RACES

Milton Smith, Manager of the "Oregon Kid," Sues Captain E. W. Spencer.

$625 IS SUM DEMANDED

Issue Hangs on Division of Share of Trophies Which Craft Won in the East.

Milton Smith, who managed the eastern tour of the motorboat "Oregon Kid" in 1913 for Captain E. W. Spencer, owner of the boat, yesterday sued Captain Spencer to collect $625 which he alleges is due him from the winnings of the boat. The boat, he alleges, won $500 in cash and three trophies valued at $2500. Smith said he was paid his share of the cash, but asks for one-fourth of the value of the trophies which he says is due him under the contract with Captain Spencer.

JITNEY DEMURRER FILED

City Attacks Complaint Asking for Injunction.

City Attorney La Roche, representing Mayor Albee, today filed a demurrer to the complaint which asks for an order restraining the mayor from enforcing the jitney ordinance passed by the voters at the recent city election. The demurrer states that facts sufficient for a cause of action are not given in the complaint.

The injunction is sought by the jitney operators, who filed the complaint June 19. The complaint alleges that the ordinance was illegally submitted to the voters because no publicity pamphlet was issued; that it is class legislation and unconstitutional.

Sues to Enjoin City.

Frank W. Lange, owner of a blacksmith shop at the southeast corner of Second and Salmon streets, yesterday started suit to enjoin the city from tearing down the two-story frame building he occupies and from arresting him for failing to tear it down. The building was condemned June 15. Lange alleges that it is not unsanitary or a nuisance and that to tear it down would violate his constitutional rights. He says his business is worth $5000 and would be decreased in value if the building is torn down.

Fraud Is Alleged.

Clara Barr and Nell G. Andrus yesterday sued C. H. Thoren to recover $3335, alleging fraud on Thoren's part in representations which, they say, led them to purchase the lease and furniture of the two upper stories of the Koehler building, Fourteenth and Washington streets.

Frank Bruhn Fined.

Frank Bruhn was fined $10, the minimum, yesterday by District Judge Dayton when he was found guilty of advertising a compound as lard. The offense is said to have been technical, as it was shown Bruhn did not know the law on the subject.

Fine Doubled by Court.

District Judge Dayton yesterday doubled the recent fine of $10 imposed by Judge Bell upon H. F. Corbett for speeding and fined Corbett $20 on a similar charge. Coe White and E. F. Younger were each fined $7.50 on similar charges.

Convicted of Simple Assault.

James Morgan, a Vancouver barracks soldier, was convicted yesterday of simple assault by a jury in Circuit Judge Gatens' court and the recommendation was made that he be paroled because he has already spent considerable time in jail.

Divorces Are Granted.

Divorces were granted this morning by Judge Bell to Alta Hughes from Frank E. Hughes on grounds of desertion and by Judge Gantenbein to Nance E. Stone from Frank E. Stone on grounds of desertion.

Will R. King Sued.

Will R. King was sued this morning by Charles H. Page for the recovery of $2200 on a note given October 10, 1913, $248.83 interest and $250 attorney fees. Pogue, Page & Roberts appear as attorneys.

Divorce Suits Filed.

Divorce suits filed yesterday were: Nancy I. Hyde against George A. Hyde, cruelty, and Nellie Kauffman against Elmer G. Kauffman, desertion.

Wife Begins Divorce Suit.

Divorce proceedings were started yesterday by Bertha A. Hoon against Frank W. Hoon, whom she charged with cruelty.

Police Investigate Death of Powers

Two Men Held at Seattle in Connection With Finding of Body of Former Federal Officer.

Seattle, June 19.—(P. N. S.)—James Carroll and E. Hurley, laborers, are held at the city jail pending further investigation of the death of former Chief Deputy United States Marshal John J. Powers, whose body was found in Elliott Bay early yesterday. Carroll and Hurley have been identified as the two men who took Powers' badge away from him in the Bon ton saloon Thursday night.

Powers' watch and revolver were missing when the body was found and two watches were found in Carroll's possession. Mrs. Powers has been asked to come to Seattle from her home in Kingston and view the watches.

Carroll admits taking Powers' badge from him in the saloon but denies any knowledge of Powers' actions after leaving the saloon.

WOOD BLOCK TEST FOR PAVING ASKED OF COMMISSIONERS

Lumbermen Present Petition and Offer Ten Year Guarantee of the Work.

Faith in the wood block type of pavement prompted Oregon lumbermen and timbermen to petition the county commissioners this morning to put wooden blocks to a competitive test with other recognized kinds of paving, to the end that taxpayers may know beyond question just what is the best pavement under Multnomah county conditions.

For the purposes of the test the petitioners ask that the paving of the Linnton road be apportioned in equal areas among five different kinds of paving. They propose bitulithic on crushed rock, bitulithic on a concrete base, cement, brick and wood blocks of Douglas fir. Laid in equal areas and under identical conditions, subjected to the same use and wear, the lumbermen assert that a thorough test will show which of these materials is most economical and satisfactory in use.

The Linnton road, bids for the paving of which have not as yet been accepted, is 2.27 miles long, and would give to each type of pavement 2376 feet.

Guarantee Is Offered.

The lumbermen guarantee wood blocks for 10 years, and presented the commissioners a guarantee signed by leading lumbermen. The petition itself is signed by G. M. Cornwell, publisher of the Timberman; Henry Kirk of the Beaver Lumber company and H. D. Langille of James D. Lacey & Co.

The county commissioners took the matter under advisement and a conference with John B. Yeon, county roadmaster, was set for 10 o'clock Monday morning.

Lumbermen in advocacy of the wood block type of pavement point out that blocks are used extensively all over the world and yet, in the heart of such a great timber district as the Pacific northwest are hardly considered. Tests made by governments and municipalities have demonstrated the superior durability and all around value of wood block pavement, they assert.

In the resolution presented to the commissioners this morning they say, "the labor and business interests of Oregon could best be aided and sustained by the use of wood blocks for paving and the use of wood blocks on the highways of Multnomah county would advertise to the people of other parts of the world the merits of wood paving beyond the possibility of any other form of advertising, immeasurably increase the demand for the products of our forests and our mills, and aid every industry, business and workman in Oregon.

Equal Shares Requested.

The resolution itself requests the county commissioners "to apportion the paving of the Linnton road in equal areas as between the several types of paving already adopted to be laid on highways of Multnomah county and in addition thereto bitulithic pavement on a concrete base and wood blocks of Douglas fir, which is to say bitulithic on crushed rock, bitulithic on a concrete base, cement, brick and wood blocks of Douglas fir, in order that the merits of each of these paving materials shall be tested under identically the same conditions and the taxpayers of Multnomah county and the state of Oregon shall be given to know which of these materials is most economical and satisfactory in use."

At the rate the Slavs are reported "pushed back" from day to day, they'll soon be fighting with their backs against the Siberian border.

POLICYHOLDERS IN DEFUNCT CONCERNS OWE ASSESSMENTS

Judge Galloway Orders That Amounts Must Be Paid or Action Will Be Taken.

WELLS CAN NOT QUIT

Refusal of Receiver to Furnish List of Holders Is Upheld by the Court.

Salem, Or., June 19.—Following the receipt of a report from Receiver Harvey Wells that of assessments levied on 3725 policies of the Horticultural Fire Relief, 283 members have paid, the total being $1616.49, and of assessments levied on 882 policies in the Oregon Merchants Mutual, 139 members have paid, the total being $763.04, Circuit Judge Galloway today issued an order that the receiver again notify the policy holders that their assessments up to 100 per cent of the standard rate must be paid on or before July 15 and upon their failure so to do, to secure judgment, including costs, against them.

The receiver has been endeavoring by order of the court to collect full rate assessment in order that fire losses against the defunct Mutuals may be paid.

Wells Asks Relief.

Wells had asked Circuit Judge Galloway, to be relieved of the receivership of the companies, asserting that he did not care to assume the disagreeable features that have arisen. He said he had received many letters in answer to the call for assessments containing criticisms which he considered uncalled for. He pointed out that he had accepted the receivership at the request of the boards of directors.

The court asked that such letters be turned over to him in the future so that he could cite the writers to appear and show reason why they should not be punished for contempt.

Must Stay on Job.

The court further said that it would not consider relieving Wells as receiver, as it considered him to be the proper person to look after the affairs of the associations.

Wells was ordered to make a report July 15 showing the number and amount of the assessments paid in.

The court upheld the action of the receiver in refusing to furnish a policy holder with a list of the policy holders in the companies, declaring that any citizen may obtain a list by applying to the court and paying the cost of copying the same.

England Holding U. S. Ship Portland

Owners Send Protest to State Department; Say American Flag Painted on Both Sides of Craft.

San Francisco, Cal., June 19.—(U. P.)—Protests against the seizure of the American ship Portland by the British off Kirkwall, Scotland, were wired today to the American state department by W. E. Keller, president of the owning company, and George W. McNear, who chartered the ship. Messages received from Captain A. H. Rees declared that the British admiralty has ordered him to discharge the cargo of California foodstuffs.

Before the boat sailed for Stockholm American flags were painted on either side and the captain was provided with a document stating the cargo was consigned to Stockholm importers and that none of it would eventually find its way into Germany.

Cross Is Killed At Marshfield

Marshfield, Or., June 19.—William Cross, employed at the McDonald and Vaughan logging camp, was crushed to death yesterday afternoon, when caught between the ends of two logs on a train. He leaves a wife and child. The body was brought here for burial, and the entire camp of nearly 100 men shut down to attend the funeral. Cross was a veteran of the Spanish-American war and a Mason.

Paul Hinds Is Dead.

Mrs. George Le Febbre, wife of the steward of the Elks club, received word this morning of the death of her brother, Paul Hinds, in Cripple Creek, Colo. Mr. Hinds visited Portland about two years ago, and made a number of friends. He was 43 years of age, a native of Kentucky, and is survived by a widow and four children.

Would Have Co-Eds Know About "Sleep"

U. of C. Professor Creates Stir in Child Hygiene Classes by Announcing He May Lecture on Subject.

Berkeley, Cal., June 19.—(U. P.)—Whether the co-eds of the University of California shall receive instruction as to "twilight sleep" and whether if they do receive such instruction, it is proper for a male physician to address young women on the subject are questions which today threatened to disrupt the harmony of the instructors of the child hygiene classes.

In response to the deluge of inquiries regarding "twilight sleep" and its after-effects on mother and child, received by the members of the child hygiene class, Dr. Robert Legge, university physician and lecturer on hygiene, is considering the advisability of giving lectures on the subject. Dr. R. Parons, lecturer on hygiene in the woman's position at the university, believes that the authorities should obtain the services of experts to lecture on the subject before the co-eds.

Dr. Stella Lehr, who studied "twilight sleep" in Germany, takes the stand that the question should not be discussed at present and that in any event women physicians only should be permitted to tell the co-eds of the value of "twilight sleep."

Witnesses Are Held On Perjury Charges

Court Believes Patrolman Who Said He Was Sold Liquor Sunday Instead of Trio Who Said He Took It.

Taking the word of the policeman instead of three witnesses who appeared for the defendants in the charge against W. O. Rose, rooming house proprietor of 223½ Market street, of selling liquor on Sunday, Municipal Judge Stevenson this morning clapped the three witnesses in jail on charges of perjury and they are held in the sum of $1000 bail.

Patrolman Schmidke, who arrested Rose two weeks ago, testified that the latter sold him a bottle of whiskey for $1, but Claude Curkengall, Robert B. Mackay and Fred Lester, roomers at the house, asserted that the patrolman entered the room where they were seated about a table, and took the whiskey.

The stories of the men differed in several respects, however, and they wavered when Judge Stevenson questioned them about the veracity of their tales. Deputy District Attorney T. G. Ryan said he would take up the perjury charges with the grand jury next week.

Stewart Patterson Dies at Medford

Medford, Or., June 19.—Stewart Patterson, wealthy property owner, who was injured in an automobile accident early Friday morning, died last night. Patterson was thrown out on his head when the car, owned and driven by Lucio Mintzer of San Francisco went into a ditch on the Pacific highway, after its lights had suddenly gone out.

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From 8 o'clock in the morning until 5 o'clock in the evening, the steamship Northern Pacific will be at the municipal dock No. 1, at the foot of Seventeenth street, all day Sunday and Monday for free public inspection.

Was Native of Norway.

R. Elias Ellison, who died at the home of his only daughter, Mrs. A. J. Robinson, 2743 Sixty-first southeast, was a native of Norway, born in 1827. He settled in South Dakota 18 years ago, and has lived in Portland during the past eight years. Mr. Ellison is survived by three sons, one in South Dakota and two in Sioux City, Iowa. The funeral will be held tomorrow from the residence at 2:30 p. m., and interment will be in Mount Scott Park cemetery.

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