

HOLDING COMPANY TO TAKE OVER LAND GRANT IS PROPOSED

State Could Not Be Bonded to Pay S. P. Its Equity, Says Ex-Governor.

PERSONNEL IS SUGGESTED

Significance of Plan Is That Development Would Be Faster Than If Government Took Possession.

With consideration of former Governor West's suggestion that the state seek from congress permission and authority to pay to the railroad company its debt in the O. & C. railroad land grant and take over the lands for disposal, comes the question of how the state would finance such a proposition.

"The plan for taking over the O. & C. R. E. land grant, submitted in my recent letter to Governor Withycombe, did not suggest the issuance of bonds by the state," said former Governor West today. "Our state constitution expressly prohibits the issuance of bonds, except for road purposes. The issuance of bonds by the state should only be considered as a last resort and could come only through an amendment to our constitution."

"If it comes to pass that the railroad company must release the lands upon payment of \$2.50 per acre, it would undoubtedly wish to see them pass to the state rather than the federal government, for state ownership would insure early settlement and development of such lands as were suitable for agricultural purposes and the early sale of the merchantable timber. Such a policy, by aiding development, would not only provide additional traffic for the railroad, but would, by adding to our taxable property and increasing our school fund, go far toward reducing existing tax burdens."

"In view of this present attitude of the railroad company, I would suggest the formation of a holding company, to consist of the state treasurer, a representative from our commercial organizations, a representative from the farmers' organizations, a representative from organized labor, and a representative from the banking organizations."

"This holding company could, with the consent of congress and the railroad company, take over the grant, and, through the issuance of bonds or otherwise, reimburse the company for the amount due in accordance with the decision of the United States supreme court."

"The lands could be disposed of in accordance with the wishes of our legislature and the proceeds, after the payment of the indebtedness incurred, could be paid over to the state for such disposition as may be provided by law."

Mikado Decorates California Man

Berkeley, Cal., July 2.—(U. P.)—Professor Gail Cleland, graduate of the University of California in 1909, was notified today that he had been decorated by the mikado of Japan with the fifth Order of the Sacred Treasure for "meritorious services in the cause of education." For three years he was professor of English in the Imperial University of Tokio. He is at present in Fresno county. Cleland formerly lived in Spokane.

NEW HIGHWAY DEDICATED

Seattle, Wash., July 2.—(U. P.)—Governor Lister at noon Thursday, at the summit of the Snoqualmie pass, delivered the principal address dedicating the new Sunset highway, which provides for the first time a suitable road across the mountains.

A number of Seattle automobile parties accompanied the governor to the pass.

Britons Refuse to Use Gases in War

Will Not Resort to This Means of Killing Enemy Because It Is Contrary to Hague Rules.

New York, July 2.—(U. P.)—The British government refuses to use asphyxiating gases in the European war, because it is contrary to the rules laid down by The Hague conference, according to the declaration made today by Dr. W. E. McLaughlin of Brooklyn.

He asserts he showed attaches of the British embassy in Washington how to pour sulphur dioxide gas into the enemy's trenches, rendering opposing troops helpless but leaving no permanent ill. The British ambassador refused to consider the plan, because it had been condemned by the international peace conferences. Three months later, he said, the Germans began using chlorine gas.

Sorority Meeting Is Concluded

Gearhart, Or., July 2.—With a beautifully appointed banquet, and "stunt" program, the national convention of Kappa Alpha Theta ended last night.

Following is a complete list of the new officers: Grand president, Hope Davis, Alpha Epsilon, Indianapolis alumnae; grand vice-president, Hazel Allison, Kappa, Emporia, Kan.; grand secretary and editor, L. Pearl Green, Phi, Ithaca, N. Y.; grand treasurer, Martin Cline Huffman, Rho, Merna, Neb.

District Presidents—District 1, Arda Knox, Indianapolis alumnae; District 2, Elva Leonard, Upsilon, Twin City alumnae, Minneapolis; District 3, Jean Overturn, Alpha Gamma, Spokane; District 4, Mabel Milman Hicks, Sigma, Toronto, Canada; District 5, Marie Davis, Alpha Iota, St. Louis; District 6, Ray Hannah, Phi, Los Angeles; District 7, Amy Baker, Alpha Beta, Philadelphia; District 8, Alice Rankin Gifford, Kappa, Houston, Texas; District 9, Estella Diddle Dodge, Kappa, Ontario, Or.

A resolution was adopted urging President Wilson to start a world's peace movement. Concerning a meeting place for the next convention the convention was called upon to consider two invitations, one from Mackana, Mich., and another from District 5, representing Kansas, Missouri and North Dakota. No final vote was taken and the officers will make the decision later.

COUNTY COURT NEWS

The county commissioners approved a \$10,000 surety bond submitted by the Interior Warehouse company with the National Surety company as surety. The board allowed Ed Venero \$2.25 a day for nine days lost because of injury received while employed on the Columbia River highway May 25. Martin Welch, who was injured April 12, was allowed similar wages for nine days lost.

Hearing of a petition by T. A. Garner, 1947 East Stark street, for \$25 indemnity for one cow slaughtered because of tuberculosis, set for July 12, at 10 o'clock. The purchasing agent was instructed to secure endorsements from insurance companies protecting the county on the St. Johns ferry that the insurance may cover the ferry while it is being repaired.

Colonel Blethen Still Lives. Seattle, July 2.—(P. N. S.)—Colonel Alden J. Blethen, editor of the Seattle Times, whose condition on Wednesday became so serious that hope for his recovery was abandoned, today is reported to be holding his own after a slight rally. The veteran publisher is making a valiant fight for life but members of his family today hold little hope that he will win.

Williams Speech Arts Head. San Francisco, July 2.—(U. P.)—George C. Williams of Ithaca was selected president of the National Speech Arts association today at the closing session of the twenty-fourth annual convention of the organization.

Home Life Available. Single men or women, if they desire home life at a minimum cost, need look no further than "Rooms for Rent" column in the classified section of The Journal. (Adv.)

CHERRY FAIR, SALEM, OPENS WITH CROWD THROUGING THE CITY

Baby Parade and Crowning of Queen Anne IV Are Features of Morning.



Miss Anna Yantis.

Salem, Or., July 2.—With every indication of success and the greatest program ever presented in the Capital City, the Salem Cherry fair opened this morning, and will continue until tomorrow night.

The attendance is large and much enthusiasm is manifested. The city is elaborately decorated and everyone has joined in the celebration. Red, white and green, the Cherry fair colors, are much in evidence.

The first big event on the program today was the annual baby parade. It was the largest and most beautiful ever presented here, and included many unique features. Flowers were used profusely in decorating the vehicles used, and the effects were artistic and pleasing to a remarkable degree.

More Babies There. There were more babies in the parade this year, and many more children took part. Color schemes more elaborate than those ever before attempted in a cherry fair parade were carried out.

There were butterflies, Japanese soldier boys from Tipperary, Moonbeams, Scotch Highlanders, Brownies, a doll's wedding and many other interesting features. The music for the parade was furnished by Hebel's Cherrybud band, a boy's organization of Salem, and Salem members of his family today hold little hope that he will win. At 11 o'clock Miss Anna Yantis was crowned queen of the Cherry fair and during the next two days will be known as Queen Anne IV. The ceremonies were staged in Willson park

NAVY OFFICIAL IS BETTER

Washington, July 2.—(I. N. S.)—Assistant Secretary of the Navy Franklin D. Roosevelt passed a restful night, according to a statement today.

Roosevelt, who yesterday was operated upon for appendicitis within a few hours after he first became ill, today showed marked improvement and an early recovery is confidently expected.

Wedded at Forest Grove

Forest Grove, Or., July 2.—At the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Martin, just east of this city, their daughter, Bessie, was married to Dr. Ralph Mills. The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. E. Dunlap, pastor of the Methodist church. Miss Sarah Martin, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Dr. Ray Cole of Portland was best man.

Dr. Mills and his bride have long been residents of this vicinity. They will live at Willamina, where Dr. Mills, who recently graduated from a dental college, will practice.

Visitor Here From New Mexico. William Wallace, who has made his home for the past 20 years on the Navajo Indian reservation in New Mexico has been the guest of his cousin, Dr. Charles E. Hill, 651 East Eleventh street. Mr. Wallace went to New Mexico for his health and is now an entirely well man. "I was almost dead," he said yesterday, "when I first settled at a little trading post on the reservation, but New Mexico proved a life saver and here I am." Mr. Wallace left this morning for Montana.

Loss Overcome

If purchase would mean an economic loss, because you desire to fill only a temporary want, find what you wish in the "For Rent" columns of The Journal. (Adv.)

Cold Lemonade Is Served During Show

"When Justice Sleeps" is the headline at the National theatre. Well balanced, with plenty of spirited action, it is a photoplay of unusual interest.

Ruth Roland as the extravagant wife with her desire for jewels and all manner of luxuries far beyond her husband's reach, gives a splendid interpretation of the type of woman she is to represent. As the young bank teller and husband, Henry King has a difficult role which he handles with ability. "They Nearly Got the Money," is the name of a breezy comedy farce with plenty of tumbling to suit the most exacting small boy in the audience.

Investigates Recruiting

San Francisco, July 2.—(U. P.)—The federal grand jury is expected to complete its investigation today of the alleged recruiting activities of British agents in this city. Indicating that they will be retained as witnesses in a jury trial, three of the returned recruits were released today on \$300 bail. Each had appeared before the grand jury. Five other recruits were released on their own recognizance.

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Disappears on Hike

San Francisco, July 2.—(U. P.)—While on a hike from New York city to San Francisco, William Richardson of Brooklyn disappeared. His mother, Mrs. James Richardson, today appealed in a writ to the local police to search for him. Richardson left New York city in March, 1914, to walk here for a \$600 bet.

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