IMPORTANT SUIT IS WON IN THE SUPREME COURT BY THIS CITY

Municipality Not Liable for Injuries to Persons Resulting from Bad Streets.

OFFICIALS ARE ELATED

Numerous Actions of Similar Nature Will Probably Be Dropped Because of Decision.

The city can not be held liable for injuries resulting from defective streets or sidewalks under a decision rendered by the supreme court today in the suit of Anna Humphreys against the city of Portland. This means that the charter provision exempting the city from liability in such cases is valid.

The woman was injured July 17, 1912, through an alleged defect in a sidewalk at East Glisan and East Twenty-ninth streets. Suit was brought against the city council, the city engineer and the property holders abutting and a judgment of $3000 against the city was awarded by the circuit court.

Deputy City Attorney Davis, representing the city, appealed to the supreme court, which resulted today in reversal of the circuit court's decision.

City Attorney La Roche is very much elated over the decision. He says that had the supreme court held that the city was liable in such case, his office force would have to be doubled to handle the damage suits which would follow. There are at present several similar suits, but because of the ruling of the supreme court these will probably not be pressed.

CITY ENGINEER IS HONORED

Philip Dater Elected Third Vice President Last Night.

Philip H. Dater, city engineer, was elected third vice president of the Oregon Society of Engineers at the annual meeting of that organization held in the Chamber of Commerce last night. Through reelections and holdovers Mr. Dater is the only new officer of the society.

The complete list follows: W. T. Turner, president; E. G. Hopson, first vice president; J. C. Stevens, second vice president; Philip H. Dater, third vice president; H. W. Morse, treasurer; Orrin E. Stanley, secretary; and F. A. Narramore, H. L. Vorse and Douglas W. Taylor, directors.

Following the dinner the members of the society joined their families and friends at a second meeting where they were shown motion pictures of wild game life in Oregon by State Biologist Finley.

New Outlet Is Completed.

With the completion of the new outlet of the Sunnyside sewer, City Engineer Dater has recommended that the work be accepted. The outlet was rebuilt from the river to about 100 feet of East First street. The cost was approximately $2,000.

Meat Ordinance Revised.

The meat ordinance revised in conformance with the recent ruling of the supreme court is to be submitted to the city council probably Friday for preliminary consideration. Among the important changes is a provision for appeals from the ruling of the meat inspectors. It is proposed to allow appeals from the inspector to a chief inspector and then to the city council. The ordinance is being revised by Deputy City Attorney Davis.

To Hold Conference.

A conference is to be held by Commissioner Daly with R. H. Thomas, a member of the municipal civil service board, this afternoon to discuss a recent ruling of the civil service board that sub-foremen of laborers had to be appointed from laborers senior in service when forces are reduced.

To Inspect Signs.

All electric and hanging signs, marquises and structures over streets and sidewalks are to be inspected immediately by inspectors of the city building bureau to determine whether they are in a damaged condition as result of the recent storm.

Public Schools To Be in Session Again Tomorrow

All public schools will be in session tomorrow, according to announcement today from the superintendent's office.

Five, and perhaps six, schools were closed today for lack of electric power to run the fans connected with the heating systems. These schools are Mount Tabor, Woodstock, Glenhaven, Arleta, Glencoe and Linnton. As telephone communication with the Linnton school is disconnected, the superintendent's office was not advised this forenoon whether or not that school was open.

It is expected that the lines supplying power to the schools will be repaired today.

JEWISH RELIEF FUND MARK NOW $15,000, SAYS BEN SELLING

Campaign for Aid for Suffering Jews in War Zone Will Be Kept Up With Vigor.

"We're going to bend every effort to bring the fund up to the $15,000 mark before we close the lists," said Ben Selling, treasurer of the local Jewish Relief fund, this morning, "and for that reason we urge all those who have not contributed and who want to help this worthy movement, to send their donations in at once.

The lists will be kept open two or three days more before we finish our work."

The total now in the fund was augmented by one big donation this forenoon, $181.53, the proceeds of a collection taken up Sunday evening by the congregation of the Second Church of Christ Scientist. The fund now stands as follows:

Previously acknowledged, $12,364.44; S. M. Mears, $20; Mrs. William K. Smith, $20; Mrs. O. N. Denny, $1; Mark W. Gill, $2; Mrs. E. C. Smith, 25c; J. A. Sind, $2; Second Church of Christ Scientist, $131.53; R. R. Hinton, The Dalles, $10; cash, $1; D. E. Bowman $10; J. Francis Drake, $2; William E. Young, $1; Mrs. Weiderman, $1; H. D. W., Baker City, $1; Max Pierson, Marshfield, $3; William P. Mathews, Sutherlin, $1; A Friend, $1; James McI. Wood, $2; Zina Wood, Hillsboro, $5; Multnomah Trunk & Bag Co., $10; Mercie Ellen Meads, $1; H. E. McAllister, Hillsdale, $1; George P. Downey, $2; Dr. James F. Bell, $5; J. G. Mack & Co., $10; J. J. Handsacker $3.83; Odell Christian Endeavor, Hood River, $3; G. C. Eshelman, $5; Walla Walla, Wash., $484.80; cash items, $15; St. Marks' Episcopal church, $5.15; Mrs. R. M. Gregory, $1; Rev. J. A. Stabney, $1; F. Lund, Silverton, $1; E. H. Dokken, Silverton, $1; M. G. Henksted, Silverton, $1; G. L. Alrick, Silverton, $1; Mrs. Brooke, Silverton, $2; Carl Herksted, Silverton, $1; Mrs. Barnok, Silverton, 50c; T. S. Burns, $1; Mrs. Ulrich, $1; Arthur Riggs, $1; Portland Gas & Coke Co., $100; Rexberg, Idaho, I. Braun, $83; Clark Noble, $5; cash, $6; Florence A. Barton, $1; cash, $1; Mrs. E. W. Jones, $2. Total $13,365.50.

Cement Man Comes To Attend Meeting

Society of Civil Engineers to Hear Complete Report on Actual Cost to Taxpayers of Paving.

H. E. Hilts, of New York, representing the National Association of Portland Cement Manufacturers, arrived in Portland today. He has come across the continent to attend the meeting called for tomorrow evening in the Chamber of Commerce by the Portland branch of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

At this meeting a complete report of the actual cost to the taxpayers of the paving paid for from the proceeds of the $1,250,000 bond issue voted April 14, 1915, will be made. County Highway Engineer Nunn will submit his report of cost data and this report will be followed by another prepared by a committee of engineers, analyzing the material, inspection and all other costs of the four classes of pavement laid—bitulithic, concrete, wood block and brick. The meeting is open to the public.

SNOWBOUND FAMILIES NEAR SCENIC HIGHWAY ARE IN NEED OF HELP

Mrs. M. E. Henderson of Crown Point Chalet Brings Report to City.

Families living in the vicinity of Crown Point on the Columbia river highway are stormbound and are in precarious condition, says Mrs. M. E. Henderson, proprietor of Crown Point chalet, whose thrilling escape through drifts was related yesterday.

"The roads are absolutely impassable," said Mrs. Henderson. "The drifts in places are more than 15 feet deep. Some of the families on the ridge near Crown Point are poor. The storm caught them without provisions for this siege. There are little children and they are suffering from want of food. There is sickness that cannot be reached by medical attention. Some of the livestock has already starved or died from want of water.

Emergency Said to Exist.

"An emergency exists. In the name of humanity something must be done. The opening of one road will relieve the situation and permit provisions to be gotten to the people. The responsibility certainly rests upon the county administration. The county commissioners are quoted as saying that no money is available to clear roads of snow. This is but an excuse. In this rich county of Multnomah there is no scarcity of funds that innocent children and the sick should suffer and all know hunger. If the county officials should take the leadership I am sure the men in communities of the vicinity would volunteer their services.

"The opening of the road to the railroad, a distance of four or five miles, would serve the immediate necessity, for then food could be shipped in.

Sweep of Wind Terrific.

"You people down in Portland know nothing of winter. You think you have been having a real cold spell. But let me tell you that the storm at Crown Point a few mornings ago was so terrific that when the man of all work at my place tried to get wood from the woodpile, 15 feet from the house, he was blown from his feet by the wind and his head and face were cut by the driving snow and ice and by the fall. In front of another house the snow drifted so that the inmates had to tunnel through to get to light and air. Some of the barns were crushed by the weight of the snow. We don't have chinooks like you do in Portland. When it was chinook weather here, we still had the east wind and a silver thaw."

Drags Child on Blanket.

Mrs. Henderson came Sunday from Crown Point chalet to Corbett, a distance of five miles, accompanied by little child 4 years old, she dragging the child on a blanket over the drifts, and aided by the caretaker at the chalet.

All telephone wires from Portland to the neighborhood are down.

Divorced Saturday; Marries on Monday

Mrs. Enid Tytler Secures Freedom From Millionaire Lumberman; Is Bride of Dentist, Also Divorced.

San Francisco, Feb. 8.—(P. N. S.)—Divorced here last Saturday from William E. Tytler, millionaire head of a Vancouver lumber concern, Mrs. Enid Tytler yesterday became the bride of Dr. William Thomas Reed, a dentist. The groom also was recently divorced.

The ceremony was performed by Superior Judge Van Nostrand in his chambers a few minutes after the couple had appeared at the city hall and obtained a marriage license. Dr. Reed gave his age as 31 and Mrs. Tytler as 21. Dr. Reed is a former resident of Kern county.

CHANGE IS MADE ON NORTH BANK FOR EFFICIENCY

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business and improve the administration of the customs service. The secretary was advised that the inclusion of the north bank of the Columbia river in the Washington district resulted in unnecessary delay, hardship and expense to vessels entering and clearing.

"While there are three principal places on the north side of the river, Kalama, Stella and Knappton, at which foreign business has been conducted there is only one deputy collector at Kalama and when a vessel entered or cleared, it was necessary, if he could not be found, to communicate with Seattle, more than 100 miles away, which caused delay and expense to vessels."

The efficiency committee of the customs service was of the opinion that expense and delay involved will be avoided by the transfer. Furthermore, it is the general rule in the customs organization not to divide any waterway between two different districts unless absolutely necessary.

Enforcement of navigation laws and laws relating to motor boats render a division in jurisdiction over the same waterway between two different districts inadvisable.

Thomas Carrick Burke, collector of customs, this morning contested the accuracy of the report carried by a local morning paper that the change in customs boundaries had been recommended by the efficiency board of the customs service. "After the board had made its investigations, it reported against any change in the boundaries of the Oregon and Washington customs districts," said Judge Burke. "I then went over the heads of the members of this board to the secretary of the treasury. I endeavored to show that the business of the north bank of the Columbia could not grow under the artificial conditions existing.'

HAWLEY POINTS OUT NEEDS OF OREGON'S RIVERS AND HARBORS

Washington, Feb. 8.—Estimates of the army engineers as to the needs of Oregon's rivers and harbors were used by Congressman Hawley as the basis of his argument before the house rivers and harbors committee for continuation of work on projects already started. He pointed out that $70,000 is needed for dredging the entrance to Coos Bay to such a depth that vessels may take advantage of the 25 foot channels of the lower harbor secured at great expense by the people themselves.

The sum of $47,000, he suggested, was greatly needed for the Willamette river above Portland and the Yamhill river, because the acquisition of the Oregon City locks by the government and their repair permits carrying of larger loads and necessitates a better river channel.

The visit of members of congress to the mouth of the Columbia river was called to their attention when he spoke of the $2,104,000 recommended for the work there. Mr. Hawley said that navigators, enthusiastic over the good results already shown, are confident that the bar problem is nearing solution, and he suggested that the work be continued to prevent damage from elements.

The sum of $360,000, he said, was necessary for the improvement of the Columbia and Willamette rivers to Portland that a channel of sufficient depth may be secured between Portland and the sea.

Attention was called to recommendations by the engineers as follows: Coquille river, $6000; Coos river, $3000; mouth of Siuslaw river, $5000; Yaquina river, $3000; Tillamook bar and bay, $5000; and Clatskanie river, $1000.

He called attention to the proposed six-foot channel at the Oregon City locks but as no new work is to be undertaken there is little likelihood that the $80,000 needed will be forthcoming. A survey of the Columbia and an estimate of the cost of improvement between the Dalles and Vancouver are being asked.

Mr. Hawley also urged the inclusion of the following items for survey and estimate of the cost of improvement. From St. Helens and from Rainier to deep water in the Columbia; for the Siuslaw river from Acme to the entrance; for Hoquarton slough, from Tillamook city to the head of navigation on Tillamook bay, in order to straighten channel; the Willamette river from Corvallis to Eugene, for snagging and dredging.

INDORSES PLANS FOR COMMERCIAL RADIO STATION IN ALASKA

Washington, Feb. 8.—Secretary of the Navy Daniels gives his indorsement to plans for providing a federal radio station on Unga Island, Alaska, which a number of northwest packing interests are urging. The secretary says the station is not needed for the navy, but from a commercial and shipping standpoint is highly desirable, and would also be of benefit to government representatives in other departments. If the station is authorized, he says, the navy department will be glad to erect and operate it. A high power station is not needed, he says, in fact would be objectionable, as vessels in those waters are not equipped with high power wireless.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO ALTER OREGON POSTAL ROUTES ARE SUBMITTED

Washington, Feb. 8.—A postoffice inspector who investigated a request for additional star route service between Bend and Burns, Or., has recommended against it, Senator Lane has been informed, but favored more frequent service to Riverside. Accordingly, daily week-day service will be provided from Burns to Riverside to make close connection with trains at the latter point, effective February 21.

The department has acted unfavorably on a petition for increased service on the Prineville-Fyfe route, on the ground that business is insufficient.

The present route between Canyon City and Burns will be curtailed to omit service between Silvies and Burns.

PUTS RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF FUNDS IN ELECTION CAMPAIGNS

Washington, Feb. 8.—National committees of the political parties will be prohibited from using funds for any purposes except for trains fitted out for candidates for president or vice president, expenses of speakers, or distribution of literature and advertising matter, if Senator Clapp's bill, reported favorably by the senate committee on privileges and elections, becomes a law.

It would prevent the sending of funds into any state to aid in the election of a candidate for United States senator, or into a congressional district. It would prevent organizations other than national committees from sending money from one state to another to assist in any particular state or congressional district in nominating or electing a candidate to either branch of congress.

Military Reservation for Park.

Washington, Feb. 8.—The war department has informed Senator Chamberlain that it has no objection to the enactment of his bill granting the use, under revokable permit, of the Coos Head military reservation in Oregon to the cities of Marshfield and North Bend, for park purposes as the reservation is not needed at present for military purposes.

Want Summer Postoffice.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Representative Hawley has received a petition asking for the establishment of a summer postoffice at Belknap Springs, Or., to be supplied from McKenzie Bridge, and will present the matter to the postoffice department.

To Build Skamania Road.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Another bill in the series proposing to advance funds for road building from the federal share of national forest receipts, with reimbursement to the government at a later period from the state's share of such funds, has been introduced in the house by Representative Johnson. The bill asks for $100,000 for a road 30 miles long between Carson, Skamania county, Washington, and Guler, Klickitat county, through or adjacent to the Columbia national forest.

Against White Brick.

Washington, Feb. 8.—The treasury department is committed to the plan of having specifications drawn for the Roseburg postoffice to permit the use of cream colored brick, as requested by local interests, but is not inclined to provide for white brick only, as requested in a recent request from the Roseburg Commercial club received by Senator Lane.

Wants National Park.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Mount Baker in Washington, is made a candidate for national park honors in a bill introduced by Senator Poindexter of that state.

LAYMEN'S MEETING REGISTRATION TAKES A BIG BOOST TODAY

Total of Names Recorded at Noon 1216; Committee Sets Mark at 2000 Names.

Registration for the laymen's missionary movement convention, which is to open in Portland next Sunday, was boosted to 1216 today, by the addition of 89 delegates reported today noon at the luncheon at the Y. M. C. A.

Strenuous efforts are to be made in the next two days to increase the registration to $2000. Only registered delegates will gain admission to the convention sessions, which will be addressed by the foremost men in church and missionary movements in the world. The convention will last four days and the registration fee of $1 entitles a delegate to admission to all sessions.

Much Interest Shown.

That the convention known as the Laymen's Missionary Movement, which comes to Portland next week for four days, beginning Sunday, will be of tremendous interest to the business men of the city was developed this morning by dispatches from the east where similar meetings are in progress.

Business men are said to be flocking to the conventions because of the chance to ascertain exact conditions that will prevail over the world at the end of the prevailing wars.

It was largely for this purpose that the biggest men were brought from the missionary fields to America.

It was believed by churchmen that permanent peace could only come through sprinkling the program liberally with the principles of Christianity, and that America would be forced to play an important part. In that program the business men of the United States will participate. But in establishing peace the same business interests will be concerned with opportunities for the advancement of the trade of the nation.

Nonchurch Men Invited.

The principle being well understood the men who could advise American business men as to the business conditions that will prevail in those countries and others that will be affected were brought here.

Following an announcement at the Chamber of Commerce yesterday that the meeting will be open to any Portlander who wishes to register and attend, the registrations from nonchurch members began to reach the Y. M. C. A. this morning, and a booth was immediately established to accommodate the public. Dr. E. A. Pierce and Dr. J. Francis Drake were the first to put down their names.

"Please let the public know that the convention is not a public meeting in the sense that the people will be admitted indiscriminately," announced John H. Goodell this morning. "The people must register and pay $1 for tickets that will allow them to attend each and all lectures.

Meeting for Women Planned.

There is no restriction as to who shall not attend. The capacity of the White Temple will be the only limit, and those first registered will have the privilege. The building will not hold nearly all the churchmen of the city, but those men will not be favored with seats if non-members register first."

The official board of the White Temple began a canvass of their congregation this morning, under the direction of W. R. Litzenberg.

It was today determined to hold a great meeting next Sunday afternoon for women. It will be at the First Methodist church at 3:30 and the music will be under the direction of Ernest W. Naftzger, the great singer, who will direct the music at the Laymen's convention.

S. Hall Young, of Alaska, will be heard at the First Presbyterian church Sunday night.

Announcements of the plan for registering attendants at the convention will be made this week at all lunch clubs, so that all business men may have opportunity to attend.

Typhoid Fever Held Covered by Policy

United States Appellate Court Decides Accident Insurance Must Include Fever Contracted While Working.

San Francisco, Feb. 8.—Typhoid fever contracted by employes while at work was held to come within the terms of an accident liability insurance policy by the United States circuit court of appeals yesterday. The court affirmed the decision in favor of the Portland Gas & Coke Co. and against the Aetna Life Insurance company, in which the former sought to recover on a policy with the Aetna money paid out to employes in damages following a typhoid epidemic at the gas company's plant at Gasco, near Portland. The insurance company declined to pay the claims on the ground that the contracting of the typhoid fever was not an accident.

Rotary Club Nominates.

Royal Rosarians nominated present officers for reelection at a meeting yesterday. The annual election will be held in March. It is said that Governor Withycombe might join the Royal Rosarian excursion to Honolulu.

BOOTLEGGERS TO BE PROSECUTED; MUST HAVE U. S. LICENSE

No More Violations of the Federal Law Will Be Permitted Is the Edict.

Federal officials will prosecute all bootleggers caught selling liquor without an internal revenue license, according to information sent by Milton A. Miller, collector of internal revenue, to all the sheriffs in the state.

Mr. Miller says he wants to cooperate with the state officials in seeing that the prohibition law is enforced, and if the sheriffs will furnish the evidence they gather federal prosecutions will be brought.

This will mean that bootleggers will have both the state and federal authorities on their backs when they are caught making illegal sales of liquor, and punishment under the federal statutes is more severe than that provided by the state law. Selling whiskey at retail without a federal internal revenue stamp is punishable by a jail sentence of from 60 days to two years and a fine of $100 up.

Accused of White Slavery.

Dalph Bend will be placed on trial in federal court tomorrow on charges of bringing Margarite Bend from Seattle to Portland for immoral purposes, in violation of the Mann white slavery act. Trial was to have begun this morning, but a civil case had not been disposed of. Bend has been in jail since last August in default of bail.

Teachers Ask Amendment.

Salem, Or., Feb. 8.—The executive committee of the western division of the State Teachers' association, has requested Superintendent O. M. Elliott to prepare an amendment to the constitution setting forth exactly the number of departments which should be recognized by the association.

Administrator Is Appointed.

The Title & Trust company today was appointed administrator of the $15,000 estate of William E. Buckley. Buckley died intestate, and his widow is the only heir.

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