

TEST SUIT AGAINST CITY OFFICIALS OF THE WATER BUREAU IS ON

Strict Observance of the Civil Service Ordinance Is Now Demanded.

EMPLOYMENT ISSUE IS UP

J. W. Dryden Complains That Younger Men Were Given Work in Preference; Damages Are Asked.

Alleging that city officials with supervision over the water bureau have disregarded civil service regulations in giving employment, J. W. Dryden, a mechanic on the bureau, has filed a writ of mandamus, ordering strict observance of the civil service ordinance. The writ is returnable April 15.

Dryden also asks for a judgment of \$34.37 as damages for time alleged to have been lost through his seniority for employment being disregarded in favor of others.

The suit is brought as a test, Will H. Daly, assistant commissioner of public utilities, L. S. Kaiser, superintendent of the water bureau, and E. J. Gray, general foreman, being named.

It is alleged that Dryden has been on the civil service list of the bureau since March 22, 1909, but that he has been laid off steadily in favor of younger men in the service.

It is also alleged that the officials named have put laborers at mechanics' work without requiring examinations as to fitness although such examinations are provided under the municipal civil service.

The court is asked to restore these men to favor, ordering that whenever there is work, they shall be employed before others junior to them on the list.

BLAME FOR FAILURE PLACED

Anders Makes Claim in the Rural Credit Union Trouble.

Blame for the troubled waters which are swamping the Western Cooperative Rural Credit Union, headed by C. M. Hurlburt, who was one of its promoters, and Bank Superintendent Sargent, by Edwin Anders, who resigned February 29 as secretary of the union.

Suit was filed yesterday by the district attorney to dissolve the union on the ground it has violated the rural credit union law. Anders says Hurlburt's poor business management would make it impossible for the union to succeed and that the state bank examiner was negligent in not giving closer supervision to the methods of the organization when it started.

Anders was elected secretary after Superintendent Sargent and notified the union to cease doing business.

WOMAN IS SUING FOR \$20,000

Mrs. M. Merriam Houston Alleges Personal Injuries.

Mrs. M. Merriam Houston is today suing the Keats Auto company for \$20,000 alleged damages for personal injuries received last week when she and Mollie Albright were struck by an automobile being recklessly driven by A. J. Chance.

Mrs. Albright sued the company yesterday for \$10,000 alleged damages for the injuries she received, and by agreement of the attorneys the verdict in her case is to remain sealed until a verdict is returned in the case being tried today.

The cases are before Judge Gantenbein. The question at issue is whether Chance, who is said to have been intoxicated, was conducting an independent automobile business or was an employee of the Keats Auto company. The defense contends he was conducting an independent business, selling second hand cars on a commission basis.

Information Against Druggist.

An information against Dr. Henry E. Currey, doing business at Baker under the firm name of Live and Let Live Drug company, was filed in federal court this morning by Deputy Federal Attorney Rankin. Violation of the pure food and drug act in the labeling of an antiseptic preparation is alleged. A bench warrant was issued, naming \$500 as bail.

Schultz Case Commenced.

The case against George Schultz, who was convicted in the district court of violating the prohibition law at the sort drink bar in the Perkins hotel, went to trial today in Judge Morrow's department of the circuit court. Schultz took an appeal from the verdict rendered in the district court. The jury was drawn this forenoon.

Italian Minister of War Aide Resign

General Morroto to Succeed Major-General Zupelli as Chief; Alfieri to Succeed Elia as Assistant.

Rome, April 5.—(U. P.)—Major-General Vittorio Zupelli, minister of war, and General Elia, under secretary of war, have resigned. It was announced. Their successors will be respectively Generals Morroto and Alfieri.

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House-Warming Plans for Local Body Elaborate

Plans for the Chamber of Commerce's formal "house-warming" in the newly christened Oregon building Friday night include several concerts by a large orchestra and the display of the famous Berger-Jones natural color pictures of the Columbia river highway. A special committee of women will look after the welfare of women guests, as the wives of chamber members are included in the general invitation. This committee will be headed by Mrs. William H. Daughtrey and the women members of the chamber will assist her. The entire building at Fifth and Oak streets will be thrown open on this "house-warming," starting with the newly finished exhibit room on the first floor and ending with the kitchen on the top floor.

FRENCH TROOPS HAVE DRIVEN GERMANS OUT OF CAILLETTE WOOD

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a period spent as the guest of General Joffe at the French front. "The French situation is excellent," Cadorna said. "The German class of 1916 has been on the firing line for months."

Germans Deny Claims.

Berlin, April 5.—(U. P.)—Denial of French claims of success in the Caillette woods and about Fort Douaumont was made today in the official German statement. It says: "Artillery duels in the Aronne and the Meuse continue undiminished, with the situation generally unchanged. To the left of the Meuse we prevented the French recapturing the hill northeastward of Haucourt. Southwestward of Douaumont the French made repeated counter attacks, all of which broke down with sanguinary losses. In the northern part of the Caillette woods the French made unsuccessful attacks. In Alsace-Lorraine there were some engagements between patrols, in which we were successful. During the month of March the Germans lost 14 aeroplanes. Seven were lost in air flights, three were downed by high angle guns and four are missing. The English and French lost 44 aeroplanes. Twenty-five of the enemy air craft fell within German lines. The others fell outside them."

"Eastern front—There were no important developments. Between Lakes Narocz and Wiznow, artillery firing increased."

French Shell Railway.

Paris, April 5.—(U. P.)—French troops have made further gains in trench fighting south of Douaumont. The English and French made official announcements today. A squadron of French aeroplanes heavily shelled railway stations at Natillois and Danville.

The air raiders dropped 14 shells at Natillois and five at Danville, it was claimed. Fifteen sky battles were fought around Verdun, two German aeroplanes being destroyed.

With the exception of French gains at Douaumont and an intense bombardment in the Moulainville-Chatillon sector, the most important activity was noted around Verdun.

In Lorraine the Germans hurled several attacks against the Arracourt-St. Martin sector after a severe bombardment. All assaults were beaten off.

Eastern Glee Clubs Will Visit Portland

University of Michigan Glee and Mandolin Clubs Leave Ann Arbor on Long Jaunt to the Pacific Coast.

The University of Michigan Glee and Mandolin clubs left Ann Arbor yesterday for their long jaunt to the Pacific coast. They will give concerts in Minneapolis, Great Falls, Helena, Missoula, Spokane, Aberdeen, Tacoma, Seattle and Portland, where they will appear at the Eleventh Street playhouse, Tuesday evening, April 11.

The 40 men of the Ann Arbor institution who are making this trip are traveling in their private cars and will be the guests of the alumni associations in the various cities where they will stop. In Portland they will be the guests of the University of Michigan club of Oregon, and a special program has been prepared for their entertainment here.

Naval Battle Fought Off Norway, Report

Swedish Message Says German Destroyer Was Badly Damaged in Minor Engagement With Torpedo Boats.

Copenhagen, April 5.—(U. P.)—Dashing from the Baltic, a German squadron steamed into the North sea and fought a minor skirmish with British torpedo boats off the coast of Norway, reports from two sources declared today.

A message from Kullen, Sweden, said that following a heavy cannonade a damaged German destroyer was towed past Helsingborg.

CITY WILL INSTALL WATER METERS FOR MANY CONSUMERS

Commissioners Daly and Baker Clash Over the Old Question.

ELECTION IS RECALLED

Assertion Is Made That People Were Misled in Campaign Against the Installation of Instruments.

Accusing members of the city council of "playing small politics," Will H. Daly, commissioner of public utilities, started a row with Commissioner Baker at this morning's session of the council. The row was over the purchase of water meters for which property owners had made requests.

The ordinance authorizing the purchase of 250 meters carried. Commissioner Baker voted against the ordinance and Commissioner Daly and Dieck voted for it. Mayor Albee cast the deciding vote.

Before this was done, Daly said: "Some of the smallest politics that I have ever seen are being played in this meter game."

"I think you're right," answered Baker. "There is nothing but business to be considered in running a water bureau," continued Daly. "Meters are the easiest thing in the world to do the best and let the water bureau do the best it can."

"Says People Were Misled." "Where are we going to slide by the decision of the people?" asked Baker. "They voted against the ordinance authorizing the purchase of 5000 water meters."

"Yes, a vicious campaign was waged against the purchase of meters," said Daly. "The lying campaign of the Oregonians was so contemptible and the issue so confused that the people believed that the ordinance was for the expenditure of \$450,000, which was not the case at all. The people did vote against the ordinance authorizing the purchase of 5000 meters, but the ordinance providing that the water bureau shall install meters is still in effect and we are trying to obey those ordinances."

"I would suggest, Mr. Mayor, that you take the water bureau over to Mr. Baker. That would be both pleasing to himself and the Oregonian."

"I'm not going to take it," replied Baker, "but if it's turned over to me I'll try to handle it."

Last Year's Conditions Discussed. "Conditions last year showed that we did not have an over abundance of water," went on Daly. "The pipes carried all the water there was in Bull Run river."

"That's not true," retorted Daly. "It wouldn't make any difference, if it were, however, for all the water in the river went into the pipes."

"We have 40,000 unwatered water services. If we put in 1906 a year it would take a long time to get them all. Does the council wish to allow the wasteful conditions to exist for 40 years and take no steps to remedy them?"

"I don't think that I'm playing politics," answered Baker, "when three of the papers are in favor of meters. I'm enough of a politician to know that it's best to get along with the newspapers. It would be better politics for me to stand with three than one."

"Well, I never thought that the purchase of meters for those who wanted them was in conflict with any vote of the council," continued Daly, "as I cast the deciding vote which put an end to the row."

Viaduct Work Commenced.

After a delay of nearly four years the Southern Pacific has started construction of the Holgate street viaduct across its tracks on Holgate street from East Eighteenth to East Twenty-fourth. Notice that work was being started was received by the department of public works today. The viaduct and approaches will cost approximately \$50,000.

Realty Syndicate Assessed.

The Melinda Heights Realty syndicate is not to be allowed to have assessments for the improvement of Kingston avenue and other streets on Arlington Heights carried by the individual lots, under a decision reached by the council this morning when it passed an ordinance placing the assessments against the realty syndicate.

College Students Clean Up Campus

Academic routine is forgotten today at Reed college, while students and faculty members are observing the fourth annual campus day, the men in overalls and the women in gingham dresses. The women are weeding and the men are doing the heavier cleanup work, and paying special attention to the athletic field.

Colonel Discusses Mexican Conditions

Colonel Cornelius Gardener, United States army, retired, addressed the monthly assembly at Portland academy this morning on conditions in Mexico. He spoke from a first hand knowledge having served nine years on the border and having traveled throughout that turbulent country.

Japanese Held Under Bail.

Miss Ruby Clark worked for Frank Nichi, Japanese novelty merchant, in a booth at Council Crest last summer. Nichi became infatuated with her, and during the fall and winter pursued his affections. Yesterday Miss Clark had Nichi arrested on a charge of assault and battery of trespass and of threatening to kill. Nichi was released last night under \$600 bail and will be given a hearing in the municipal court April 11.

Tax Collections Heavy.

This is the last day for the payment of first half of taxes without interest. The tax department at the courthouse will remain open until 9 o'clock tonight. For the last three days a big rush of taxpayers has crowded the tax department. It is estimated that over \$2,000,000 has been collected in the last three days.

320 Miles of Road On Oregon Coast Is Sometimes in Sea

Salem, Or., April 5.—Puzzled by the disappearance of 320 miles of highway in Lincoln county and the appearance of 2000 miles in Malheur county in two years, as shown by state reports, the department of agriculture at Washington appealed to State Engineer Lewis for an explanation. From R. R. Miller of the Lincoln county court, came the explanation that the first report was made when the tide was out and there were 320 miles of good highway along the beach, while the mileage of roads for the next biennial period was computed when the tide was in. In regard to Malheur county's great road building record, it was explained that highway can easily be made by a few horse-drawn wagons going in one direction along a certain line once.

SECOND HAND MAN OFFERED A DOLLAR, NEVER GOT A LOOK

Auction Sale of the Esmond Hotel Antique Furniture Arouses Bidders to Activity

"Now, here," said the auctioneer, slapping the black walnut, "is a piece of furniture that cost one hundred fifty originally at least and all you have to do to modernize it is to take off at the top that rooster-comb effect, how much am I offered?"

"One dollar," said a little grizzled second-hand man whose stiff hat rested on his ears.

"Where do you expect-to-go-when-you-die-Weinstein-I-said-how-much-am-I-offered?" said the auctioneer, rapidly, without glancing at his first bidder.

Bidding Becomes Keen.

Three dollars was bid, and then, by quarters and halves, the price went up to eight dollars, stuck there, and the big black walnut clothes cabinet was "knocked down" at that figure.

It happened this morning at the old Esmond hotel, at Front and Morrison streets. All the furniture is being sold. Most of it was bought, the best that could be had, when the Esmond was opened early in 1890, as the leading hotel of Portland and one of the best stopping places on the Pacific coast.

"Black walnut and mahogany predominate in the furnishings, with marble tops the rule, and many easy chairs, the honesty of whose upholstery is witnessed by the fact that the original leather, though watered and frayed, still covers the springs."

Hotel Built in 1879.

The Esmond was built in 1879 at a cost of \$45,000 by Samuel Coulter and C. F. Church. Mr. Church is still a resident of Portland. It was leased to J. H. Brenner, who opened it as soon as the furnishings could be installed. The newspaper reports of that day said that "no expense was spared" in choosing them.

The Esmond continued as Portland's leading hotel for many years, and was operated as a hotel until about two years ago. The ground floor is now rented for business purposes, and the rooms in the building recently were used for a lodging house.

Among the many famous men who were entertained at the Esmond, in the days when it was the meeting place for the captains of the community, was President Hayes.

REASONS FOR DUTCH WAR MOVE TO BE SECRET FOR PRESENT

Public in Holland Is in Throes of War Scare While Committee Deliberates.

RUMORS ARE NUMEROUS

Announcement Says Neutrality Will Be Maintained and Suspension of Furloughs Only Precautionary Move.

The Hague, April 5.—(I. N. S.)—With the public in the throes of a war scare, the general committee of the second chamber of parliament is meeting today to consider the military situation. Rumors that Great Britain may attack Germany through Holland, that Germany may attack Holland, that Holland is preparing to attack Germany, and innumerable other reports are in wide circulation.

The meeting of the parliamentary committee was opened by the president reading a statement in which it was declared that the government was firmly resolved to maintain neutrality, and that the suspension of furloughs in the army was only a precautionary measure against the possibility of increased dangers.

The statement added that the suspension of furloughs was decided upon after receipt of certain information which the government deems expedient to withhold for the present.

The government today instituted an investigation into the sinking of the Dutch steamer Elzina Halera yesterday in the North Sea, with a view of sending a strong protest to Germany.

Denmark May Enter War.

Copenhagen, April 5.—(I. N. S.)—Intimations that Denmark may soon be allied with the enemies of Germany for the submarine attacks on unarmed Danish ships and the drowning of Danish sailors. For weeks Denmark has suffered severely by the activity of the German submarines in the Baltic and a sentiment for reprisal, which has steadily grown, seemed today to be on the point of crystallizing into action.

Murder Suspect Has Alibi.

San Francisco, April 5.—(P. N. S.)—James Gaffene, held here awaiting identification as Pietro Torturich, charged with murder in April, 1905, today claimed to have received a letter from F. K. Duffner, a farmer at Jenner Springs, Calif., stating that Gaffene worked for him steadily between 1903 and 1907.

Negro Trapped in Burning Barn, Shot

St. Charles, Mo., April 5.—(U. P.)—Trapped in a burning barn, by a mob of 500 men and boys, Lafayette Chandler, 25, negro, was shot to death at noon today. Last night he shot and fatally wounded Sheriff John Dieker, who died this afternoon.

Negro Is Lynched.

Kingston, N. C., April 5.—(U. P.)—Dragged from his cell in the county jail, Joseph Black, negro, was lynched here today. The mob claimed Black gave his son a gun with which the boy wounded officers attempting to arrest him on an assault charge. The son is held in Raleigh penitentiary.

British Vice Consul Here Is Promoted

J. T. Trant Receives Notice of Promotion to Similar Post in Boston—Starts East Tomorrow.

J. T. Trant, for several years British vice consul in Portland, has received notice of his promotion to be vice consul for his government at Boston. He will start for the east tomorrow.

Mr. Trant will be succeeded here by a Mr. Browne, who comes here from Boston where he was attached of the British consulate. Mr. Browne is expected in a few days.

During his stay in Portland, Mr. Trant has made several industrial investigations for his government, notably in regard to the lumber industry. A report on this subject proved so enlightening to his superiors that he won much commendation.

LARSON WAITED FIFTY YEARS FOR TRAIN HE TOOK THIS MORNING

Over 200 Persons Leave on First Passenger From the Coos Bay Country.

Marshfield, Or., April 5.—The first regular passenger train over the new Willamette-Pacific railroad left Marshfield this morning at 9:40, and left from North Bend about 20 minutes later. The train started a little later than schedule to give the people from the Coquille valley opportunity to catch it. Over 200 persons left for Reedport and Portland. The train consisted of a baggage car and five coaches. Many persons from Eugene are expected to come in this afternoon on the train, arriving at 3:30.

This is cleanup day in Marshfield, and all stores are closed while the people are cleaning up the city. There was no demonstration when the train left, but the populace stood on the street and watched the train pass down Front street, and expressed its pleasure.

This afternoon practically all business men of the city will meet the incoming train near the city limits to welcome the visitors.

Among those who went to Reedport and Portland today was Julius Larson, who has lived on Coos bay for 50 years and who said he had waited half a century for the railroad to come, and that he was determined to go out on the first train.

S. P. Officials at Eugene.

Eugene, Or., April 5.—W. R. Scott, vice president and general manager of the Southern Pacific company, headed a party of railway officials making the trip from Eugene to Marshfield on the first regular train over the Willamette-Pacific today.

Mr. Scott, accompanied by F. L. Burckhalter, superintendent of lines in Oregon; H. A. Hinshaw, general freight agent of the company, and Ralph E. Moody, attorney for the company, arrived in Eugene last night and were given an informal reception at the Chamber of Commerce.

The company also plans to run its trains so that the trip from Eugene to Marshfield may be made between 7:20 and 3:30 p. m., requiring about an hour and a half ferry across the Umpqua river at Gardiner.

Mr. Scott says he observes a great improvement in conditions since last fall when he made his last trip over the Oregon lines.

"I find that a large number of sawmills of the state are running and the price of lumber is high," said Mr. Scott. "This means that money will be distributed in all branches of business here and means greater prosperity for your people. I believe the coast is on the eve of one of the greatest eras of prosperity it has ever seen."

DEVELOPMENT PLANS WILL BE READY, SAYS ATTORNEY FOR MOORE

Summer and Abert Lakes Salt Extracting Plant to Be Installed.

Well within the time limit, May 1, set by the state land board, Jason C. Moore, the New York promoter, will have his Oregon company formed for the development of Summer and Abert lakes to extract potassium and sodium salts. This declaration was made today by Chester A. Sheppard, attorney for Mr. Moore, on advice he had just received from his principal.

Pending enactment of satisfactory water power laws, Mr. Sheppard said, Mr. Moore probably will install a \$300,000 refining plant at the lakes, upon which he holds a state lease, sufficient to produce the salts on a commercial basis and pay interest on the investment as well as the royalty required by the state.

The plant, however, will be only temporary, Mr. Sheppard said, to be supplanted with an enormous works when congress has stabilized the hydro-electric laws so that an investment of many millions in power may be made.

Symphony Orchestra Stars Will Be Guests

Josef Hofmann, Walter Damrosch and Other New Yorkers Are to Be Tendered a Luncheon Here.

Josef Hofmann, Walter Damrosch and the members of the New York Symphony orchestra will be guests at a luncheon to be given here next Monday at noon by the Portland Musicians' club and the Portland Symphony orchestra.

W. D. Wheelwright, honorary president of the local orchestra, will preside at the function.

Cornelius Has a Boy Scout Troop

Cornelius, Or., April 5.—Troop 1, of Boy Scouts, with three full members, has been organized at Cornelius. Dr. Crowthers has been chosen scoutmaster and Alex Cellars, assistant scoutmaster. The boys are remodeling the skating rink for a club house and plan a home talent show on April 24, under the direction of Professor O. Olsen.

Passenger Liners Arrive.

The Hill liner Northern Pacific crossed into the Columbia river from San Francisco at 12:40 p. m. and the Big Three liner Beaver at 1 o'clock today.

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