

### PLAN UNDER WAY TO UNIONIZE EMPLOYEES OF CITY, IS CHARGED

#### Trial of J. W. Dryden Being Held Before Judge Gantenbein.

### REINSTATEMENT SOUGHT

#### Deputy City Attorney Tomlinson Cross-Examines Applicant for Old Position as Meterman, Calker, Etc.

That the real purpose behind the action brought by J. W. Dryden for a writ of mandamus to compel city officials to reinstate him in the city's employ as a meterman, calker and tapper is to unionize the civil service employees of the city, was the contention of Deputy City Attorney H. M. Tomlinson in his cross-examination of Dryden before Circuit Judge Gantenbein today.

Dryden said he was a member of the Civil Service Employees' association, which Tomlinson characterized as a secret organization composed of a number of the more radical civil service employees, who are working secretly to unionize the city employees. Dryden said the association was affiliated with the Central Labor council, and admitted that he thought the association was paying the expenses of the lawsuit.

The action was brought by Dryden against City Commissioner Will H. Daly, L. S. Kaiser, superintendent of the water department, and R. J. Gray, general foreman of the department. Dryden, who was employed as a meterman, calker and tapper, was laid off February 1, 1916. He alleges that others have since been employed who are junior in the service to him and that laborers are being employed to do the work of mechanics, all of which he avers is in violation of the civil service amendments to the city charter.

Dryden says that in order to bring about this condition the city officials are juggling with civil service classifications. Deputy City Attorney Tomlinson says that the old classification of foreman, calker and tapper has been abolished and a new classification of foreman and assistant foreman has been created. This new classification is broader than the old. He says that Dryden took the required examination for the new classification and did not pass sufficiently high to have his name placed on the eligible list.

Mr. Tomlinson contends that laborers have a right to give assistance to a mechanic doing meter work or calking a joint. On the witness stand this morning Dryden said he first entered the city's employ in 1907 as a laborer and learned to set meters and calk joints and tap a pipe by assisting the mechanics.

"Would you deny laborers now employed by the city the same chance to learn and advance?" asked Tomlinson. "I object if it means that it will put me out of my job," replied Dryden.

### REPORT ON ESTATE IS FILED

#### Administrator's Fee in Rothbauer Case Reduced.

Dr. F. H. Dammasch, coroner, today filed his final report as special administrator of the estate of Joseph M. Rothbauer, a grover in the Mount Scott district, who died recently without known heirs. As special administrator Dr. Dammasch turned the property over to himself as general administrator.

### E. N. FOBES' WILL IS FILED

#### Fourteen Persons Are to Share \$270,000 Estate.

Edward N. Fobes, who died in California June 5, left property in Multnomah county valued at \$50,000, according to a petition for probate of a will filed today by Floyd N. Averill, one of the executors named in the will. The estate consists of stocks, bonds and securities. Mr. Fobes was connected with the Fobes Supply company.

### Probate at Seattle. Mr. Fobes was 50 years old and single.

### MOTHER APPEALS FOR SON

#### Judge McGinn Will Investigate Major Craven's Case.

Old, poor and about to lose her home under a foreclosure of a mortgage, Mrs. Wade Craven of Carson City, Nev., has written to Judge McGinn, begging him to help get her son out of the county jail.

"He promised to return home June 1," she wrote, "and was going to help me. I got him a good job here."

"The son is Major Craven, 24 years old. He was sentenced May 25 to a term of 100 days in the county jail for larceny from a dwelling.

Judge McGinn said he would investigate the case.

### Boy Sties Street Car Company.

#### For a fractured skull and an injured arm and shoulder, Mangus Verdegan, who was injured in a collision between a streetcar and a motorcycle, today filed against the Portland Railway, Light, Power company for \$10,000 damages.

Verdegan, who is 19 years old, was riding a motorcycle on Kirby street, crossing Killingsworth avenue, June 22, when the streetcar struck him.

### STATE INSURANCE FOR WORKERS COST LESS DURING LAST YEAR

#### Number of Employers Under Law Increased 28 Per Cent During Time.

Salem, Or., July 6.—It cost the state of Oregon only \$109 2-3 for each dollar of benefits passed to workmen under the accident insurance law during the year ending June 30, 1916, as against a cost of \$1.13 1-3 for each dollar of benefit during the previous year's operation of the insurance commission, according to the report of the industrial insurance commission.

The number of employers operating under the law in the past year was 6622, an increase of 28 per cent over the number for the year previous, 5085, and the number of accidents reported increased by 57 per cent, being 7162 for the year ending June 30, 1916, as against 4548 for the previous year.

### About Administrative Costs.

The administrative cost for the past year was slightly higher in proportion to the total funds handled, being 77 per cent for the past year and 8.95 per cent for the first year.

During the two years' operation of the Accident Insurance Commission only eight appeals have been taken from the decisions of the commission, four the first year and four in the second year.

### Statement of Finances.

Since the beginning of operation of the accident insurance law and commission, November 5, 1913, the total contributions received, including money paid into the funds by the state, have been \$1,192,593.95, and the total expense for that time has been \$120,950.89.

The administrative expense was 7.99 per cent for the period up to July 1, 1915, and has not run more than 8.67 in any month during the last year.

The total accidents reported for the period ending June 30, 1915, was 11,708, the total for June, 1916, 957.

### Bridgeworker Is Drowned in River

Vancouver, Wash., July 6.—William Bergman, a steel worker, employed by Porter Brothers, McCreary & Willard, was drowned here this morning shortly after 4 o'clock, when he accidentally stepped through the temporary decking on the lift span of the new interstate bridge, now in process of construction. The body was recovered about 5:30 o'clock by Thomas Fox, a member of the grappling parties which immediately began to drag the river.

Mr. Bergman was about 35 years old and single. He had just commenced work on the early shift, commencing at 4 o'clock and ending at noon, and while assisting in arranging some planks on the bridge-decking, mistepped and fell into the water, a distance of about 20 feet.

Bergman had been employed as a bridge worker for more than eight years, and was a general all-around man. He was a great favorite among his fellow workers, all of whom speak of him with great regard. A sister of Portland, who is expected here today, and a brother in Tacoma are among the survivors.

The body is being held at Limber's undertaking parlors pending the completion of funeral arrangements.

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### TROOP MOVEMENTS AFFECT DELIVERY OF VALLEY FREIGHT CARS

#### Southern Pacific Bends Every Effort to Furnish Prompt Service.

### SITUATION IS IMPROVING

#### Lumber Mills Along the Willamette Require About 25 Cars Daily to Fill Orders on Hand.

With demand for freight cars again exceeding the supply, the western railroads are trying to adjust their rolling stock to prevent a recurrence of the "shortage" that came so near tying up traffic some months ago.

Willamette valley lumber mills are feeling the pinch worse than others of this territory and they have appealed to the public service commission for relief.

Southern Pacific officials said today that the sudden call upon freight cars made by the government in moving its troops had disarranged the car supply seriously, especially flats which are needed for lumber.

Since June 17, when the war department called for flat cars to carry army wagons and ordnance, a large number of cars have been taken out of regular service. These probably will not be released for two or three weeks.

On the other hand, 53 flat cars were received at Ashland this morning which will relieve the situation for a day or two. About 25 of these cars per day are needed for loading.

The figures today on the Southern Pacific car situation were: Total orders for closed cars, 233; for open cars, 179. Cars available for loading, 498 close, 165 open and 30 stock. This leaves a surplus of 228 cars, but they are scattered rather widely over the district and in some cases cannot be delivered promptly. This feature causes a shortage at loading points rather than a shortage of the division.

### William Saxour Dies Following a Stroke

Vancouver, Wash., July 6.—William Saxour, an old resident of Pioneer, died yesterday at 207 West Eighth street, this city, from the effects of a stroke of paralysis. He was a native of Germany and was born October 22, 1835. When 19 years old he came to this country, arriving in New York. Later he came west and was married to Miss Mary McCough, in Nebraska in 1856. In 1909 he came to Clark county and settled at Orchard. In recent years he had been a resident of Pioneer. The widow survives.

The funeral was held at 2 o'clock this afternoon at Pioneer and interment was in the Pioneer cemetery.

### Bennett Seeks Divorce

Oregon City, Or., July 6.—Suir was brought Wednesday in the circuit court by W. J. Bennett, who seeks a divorce from Gladys R. Bennett. They were married in Albany, March 11, 1907. The plaintiff alleges that his wife deserted him about one year ago and asks for the privilege of visiting his three children from time to time. Brownell and Severs are representing the plaintiff.

### Hears From Soldier Son.

Oregon City, July 6.—Sheriff William J. Wilson received Thursday morning from his son, Kent, a member of the hospital corps of the Third Oregon regiment. The hospital corps, according to Wilson, arrived in San Diego Sunday and joined the Second battalion, Company G of Oregon City, is a part of the Second battalion. The location of the hospital corps is a beautiful one, writes Wilson, the tents being pitched on a plateau overlooking the ocean.

### Portland Makes Record.

The enlistments in the United States navy this week in Portland are only exceeded by New York city and Dallas, Texas. Seven civilians have signed for the summer cruise on the Marblehead, starting from Portland on July 15.

### Hughes Will Visit Oregon Next Month

#### Ralph E. Williams, Republican National Committeeman, Returns With Report From the East.

Ralph E. Williams, Republican national committeeman from Oregon, has returned from New York where he has been in conference with Republican leaders preparatory to the opening of the presidential campaign. Charles E. Hughes will make a tour of the west during the latter part of July or the first of August, according to present plans as related by Mr. Williams.

During his visit in New York the Oregon committeeman met and conferred with Justice Hughes. The common belief that the nominee is cold and austere is a mistake, according to Mr. Williams, who says that the reverse is true. He makes the prediction that the coming visit will demonstrate this to the people of the state.

The election of a chairman for the Republican state central committee, which has been delayed pending the return of Mr. Williams, will be held Saturday next at the Imperial hotel, and after the organization of the committee the presidential campaign will be launched in earnest.

### KITCHIN WILL OPPOSE INCREASE BY SENATE TO REVENUE MEASURE

#### Majority Leader Shows Attitude Toward White House Has Not Grown Friendly.

Washington, July 6.—(U. P.)—After the house had agreed to vote Monday on the administration revenue bill, Majority Leader Kitchin this afternoon opened the debate on the measure in a speech remarkable for its frankness. He made plain, while earnestly advocating the bill's passage, that his feeling toward the White House has not grown friendly. He also announced his intention to oppose acquiescence by the house in the senate's action in increasing the naval bill to \$315,000,000.

Termining it a non-partisan measure, Kitchin said the bill ought to command the support of all Republicans except a few "extreme oldtime reactionaries, such as Hill, Moore and Fordney and the men who gravitate toward them." Plainly indicating he is not in harmony with all its provisions, Kitchin said:

"I can see why some old-fashioned tariff reformers such as myself would vote against the bill because it contains some pretty strong protective measures.

"If it had not been for the preparedness appropriations we could have run the government without levying another dollar of taxation," he said. "We are spending \$22,000,000 additional for preparedness, and Republicans and Democrats alike are responsible."

He said if it was necessary to spend the \$125,000,000 appropriated for the Mexican situation, this item would be met by issuance of bonds.

Kitchin, who has viewed the preparedness movement with alarm, said that this "frenzy" setting the country, it was impossible to cut down the bills of naval and military committees.

"So far as the naval bill is concerned, however, the additions of the senate, raising the total to \$315,000,000 will never be approved by my vote."

### Matinee Feature To Delight Children

#### Innovation in Program Arranged by Globe Theatre for the Special Benefit of the Little Folks.

The Globe theatre will offer an innovation to its patrons Saturday afternoon in a children's matinee. Films of special interest to children will be shown in addition to the regular offerings.

In the belief that children like life and action and comedy as well as instruction the management plans to make the Saturday afternoon bills carry a special appeal to young folks. Dangerous themes and unpleasant situations in the films will carefully be avoided.

For the first children's matinee the bill includes, "The Story of Audubon," a drama depicting bird life; "Uncle's Little Ones," showing Napoleon and Sally, wonderful chimpanzees; a

scenic, "See America," and a cartoon-comedy, all in addition to the regular feature photography.

If the children's matinees prove popular they will be continued as regular weekly feature and it is possible child vaudeville acts will be offered as well.

### Husband Wants Divorce.

Oregon City, Or., July 5.—Claiming that his wife associated with other men, would go out to dances in company with other men and not return home until 2 or 4 o'clock in the morning and sometimes not at all, naming Will Hoeflin as the man in the case, O. F. Hollingsworth filed suit for divorce Wednesday in the circuit court against Vesta E. Hollingsworth. Couple were married in Portland May 20, 1908, and have two children. The plaintiff asks for the custody of the youngest child, LeRoy, aged 4 years. The other child, Gladys, is 6 years old.

### Sub-station Opened.

A sub-station for recruiting men for the United States regular army has been opened in Salem. This is distinct from the recruiting station at Clackamas station, the latter being for the Third regiment of Oregon militia.

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