APRIL SETS A RECORD FOR NATURALIZATION RUSH IN MULTNOMAH

Desire of Applicants to Enlist in Army and Navy Helps Bring List to 186.

91 AFTER FINAL PAPERS

Many People When They Come to Register Find They Are Not Yet Full-fledged Citizens.

Naturalization records in Multnomah county for the month of April have broken all previous records. The rush to obtain final papers has been fostered materially by the desire of the applicants to enlist in the army or navy.

During the month 186 declarations of intention to become citizens were filed. There were 91 petitions for final papers. John B. Easter, in charge of the naturalization department in the county clerk's office, is today making up his books for the month.

When a state of war was declared to exist between the United States and Germany scores of young men made for the courthouse. The government program of raising a large army and the conscription provisions added zest to the applicants' desire for haste.

Many people who had believed they were full-fledged citizens discovered when they went to register for the elections, that they were aliens. Numbers of this class have sought to become real citizens. Others who have allowed their declarations to repose at home have brought out their papers, some of which are yellow with age.

HUGHES WILL IS INVALID

Judge Finds Instrument Has Only One Witness Signing.

Probate Judge George Tazwell held that the will of the late Mrs. Rose Tillie Hughes, bequeathing property valued at $2500 to her son and husband, George Hughes, is invalid because only one signature appears on the instrument as a witness. The son and his stepfather were unable to agree, the former objecting to the bequest of $500 given the latter.

Judge Tazwell left the litigants to agree on the appointment of an administrator. Should they fail in this the court will name one. The property consists of a homestead in Wallowa county, lots in Lents and a banana plantation in Mexico.

TAZWELL AWARDS $5000 FEE

Sum Allowed for Administration of $28,000 Prouty Estate.

Attorneys Jerry E. Bronaugh and Snow & McCamant were awarded Monday by County Judge Tazwell a fee of $5000 for services in connection with the administration of the estate of the late H. H. Prouty, former president of the Mazama club. In substantiation of the claim it was said that much work had been entailed in the administration of the estate through the attempt of an only son to break the will.

Former county Judges Cleeton, Northrup and Webster testified that in view of the services rendered the sum of $5000 was a reasonable fee. The Salvation Army, a beneficiary under the will, is expected to protest the fee in the final hearing of the estate.

FIST FIGHT LEADS TO SUIT

Row Over Old Coat Is Basis for Court Action.

Financial balm in the sum of $2500 and costs of court action are asked by Cuncho Arbanoff as a reasonable sum for the physical suffering and mental anguish he sustained as result of being beaten up by George Petroff. The complainant alleges that his assailant knocked him down and broke two ribs.

The fight started over a coat, according to Attorney William Lord, who appears for the plaintiff. It is said that Cuncho, who had taken off the garment and handed it to Petroff on payment of $5, refused to return the money after the buyer had sought to return the coat.

Damage Suit Filed.

An action for damages in the sum of $7500, for the death of Mrs. Wilhelmine Lorenz, was filed in the circuit court Monday by Carl Lorenz, administrator, against the Roberts Motor Car company, Ray E. Henderson, Goon Wu and the Wah Lee Yuen company. On August 19, 1916, Mrs. Lorenz was struck and fatally injured by an auto truck driven by Goon Wu, who was learning its operation. Henderson was in the truck as the instructor, representing the Roberts company, who were selling the car to the Wah Lee Yuen company.

Judge Morrow Improves.

Circuit Judge R. C. Morrow of department 2, who has been ill at his home for 10 days, is reported to be improving rapidly. Monday he was up and about the house for the first time since he became ill. He disposed of a number of urgent motions which were presented by attorneys at his residence.

Cruelty Is Alleged.

Alleging cruel treatment and making the additional complaint that her husband had been convicted of murder and sentenced to life imprisonment in California, Jennie Sampo filed suit for divorce from Giacomo Sampo. One daughter, Angelina, aged 7, is the result of the marriage, which took place in Italy in 1908. The wife asks that her maiden name, Jennie Dadone, be restored to her.

HIGHER WAGE SCALES LURING WORKERS TO OTHER COAST TOWNS

Union Officials Meet With Immigration Inspector and Pledge Cooperation.

The government was assured of the affection and efforts of Portland laboring men today at an informal gathering of labor union officials with Immigration Inspector R. P. Bonham.

The government's census of available labor is going ahead splendidly, but it was believed that by getting together the work could be hurried. The gathering was arranged then and and was quite successful.

Principal trouble here, say laboring men, is that many of the higher class of workmen are being weaned away from Portland by higher scales being paid in Seattle and San Francisco.

A new scale of wages which went into effect in Seattle today was exhibited by the union officials, and it was stated to the government representative that it was higher in almost every instance than in Portland.

The scale was put in effect by employers following conferences with the union officials there and without any threat or talk of strike, it is said.

The census of available ship carpenters shows that at least 700 men of more or less experience are at work in various Portland yards and at least 300 more in Astoria who would be available as expert wood ship-builders. The principal lack seems to be in foremen, however, few men capable of a foreman's job being available.

Paine's Duties Added To.

Waldo G. Paine, vice-president and traffic manager of the Spokane & Inland Empire railroad with headquarters in Spokane, has been appointed assistant general freight and passenger agent of the S., P. & S. company as well in addition to his other duties. The Spokane & Inland Empire is a subsidiary of the North Bank. Mr. Paine takes over the duties of A. B. Jackson who recently resigned as general agent of the S., P. & S. at Spokane. Mr. Jackson continues as representative of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy.

CITY COUNCIL WILL DECIDE WEDNESDAY ON AUDITORIUM JOB

Pederson's Bondsmen Expected to Confer With the Council Regarding Work.

AMIDON BEHIND PILLAR

Notes Taken on Conversation at Session of Council Which Had Not Been Announced.

The city council is to determine Wednesday morning whether or not to take over the public auditorium, complete the structure and charge the cost to Hans Pederson, contractor, and his bondsmen. Commissioner Baker presented an ordinance to the council Monday afternoon authorizing the city to take over the building, but action was postponed until all of Pederson's bondsmen are in Portland.

During the discussion of the auditorium matter Monday afternoon, which had not been publicly announced, Elmer E. Amidon, booster of the Amidon anti-commission charter, sat behind a pillar in the council chamber taking notes on the conversation.

Amidon showed a burst of speed when George L. Baker, commissioner of public affairs and the one primarily responsible for the construction of the auditorium, looked at Commissioner Dieck and said:

"We've done the best we could in the matter, but there are so many restrictions in the charter we have been prohibited from using business methods and business sense."

At this declaration Amidon smiled and hurriedly scribbled to get it all in his notebook.

H. P. Sheel, one of Pederson's bondsmen, is in Washington, but is expected to be here during the consideration of the auditorium matter Wednesday. If he does not attend the meeting it is probable that the council will take over the work.

Council to Consider Report.

A special meteing of the city council will be held Thursday to consider the report of J. L. Stannard, hydro-electric engineer, on the proposed hydro-electric project suggested by Will H. Daly, commissioner of public utilities. Stannard's report is adverse to the proposed project.

Will Hold Hearing.

Hearings on the new building code will be held by Commissioner Dieck next week. The draft of the new code his been prepared and can now be obtained at the office of the building inspector.

Money for Memorial Day.

In pursuance of the usual custom, the city council will appropriate $500 towards the observance of Memorial day. This amount will be apportioned as follows: Grand Army of the Republic $300, Spanish War Veterans $150, Indian War Veterans $50.

Spread of Spinal Meningitis Stopped

Spread of spinal meningitis among the men of the Third Oregon, who have been quartered at the Armory, is believed to have been checked. Only two men are known to have been affected, Privates Barton and Olin. The former, it is said, will recover; the latter has a chance. Both are undergoing serum treatment. Fumigation of the Armory is being carried on by Dr. J. G. Abele, acting city health officer. It will take four days. Companies which have been stationed in the Armory will be removed to an outdoor camp.

Mayor Replies to Those Who Criticize

City's Chief Executive Says Supply of Storage Potatoes Has Decreased Since Publicity Was Given.

A few days ago Mayor Albee charged that a large number of potatoes were being kept off the market by persons interested in taking advantage of conditions and obtaining an excessive price.

His statement was criticised. "For the benefit of those who are so vehemently defending themselves against charges never made," said the mayor today. "I refer to my original statement. Front street merchants, commission men or any other groups of men, were not mentioned. My statement was plain—that I had information that on March 1, 1917, there were over 80,000 sacks of potatoes in storage. For the benefit of those who ridicule the statement, I will say that the assessor's office gives me the information that on that date their records show assessments made on 81,000 sacks. With my usual desire to state facts only, I added that this number had been reduced during the weeks since that date, and further, I will now add that there has been an immense decrease since this publicity was given. I repeat that the man who holds potatoes in large quantities, in the face of the present need of seed, for the purpose of a few added dollars, is deficient in true patriotism. The only man who is justified in replying to the accusation is he who is hit and wishes to defend his action."

Frank H. Potter Is Summoned by Death

Frank H. Potter died at his home, 2060 East Washington street, Monday, at the age of 63, following a long illness. Mr. Potter was a carpenter and contractor and had resided in Portland several years. He was a native of Pennsylvania and is survived by the widow, Mrs. Flora Potter, and two sons, L. V. and Roy V. Potter. Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 9 a. m. from the Church of the Ascension, interment in Multnomah Park cemetery. Miller & Tracey have charge of arrangements.

J. P. Heslin.

Fairview, Or., May 1.—J. P. Heslin, a resident of this vicinity for 50 years, was buried in the Gresham cemetery Monday. Mr. Heslin came to this country from Ireland and was 81 years old. He was married in Fairview and shortly afterward settled on a farm which he occupied ever since. He is survived by Mrs. Anna Heiney and Miss Calley Heslin of Portland, Claude Heslin of the Vancouver barracks, Mrs. F. L. Thompson of Seattle, and E. E. Heslin and John Heslin of Fairview. Mr. Heslin died Saturday morning.

James E. Blackwell.

The funeral of James E. Blackwell was held from the East Side Funeral Directors' establishment this afternoon, with interment in Rose City cemetery. Mr. Blackwell was killed in a railroad accident near Tekoa, Wash., April 24, and is survived by a widow and child in this city. He came from Chicago to Portland about three years ago.

Mrs. Ollie Knight.

Mrs. Ollie Knight died at her home here Monday. She was 51 years of age, a native of Wisconsin and had resided in Portland for nine years. She is survived by her husband, Alonzo Knight, two daughters and two sons. Funeral services will be held at the Miller & Tracey parlors, Ella and Washington streets, Thursday at 2 p m., with interment in Multnomah Park cemetery.

GERMANY WILL MAKE OFFER OF PEACE, REPORT

(Continued From Page One.)

arate peace with Russia through Socialist emissaries permitted to communicate with Russian Socialists. At the same time came rumors from Austria and from Turkey indicating growing weariness with war in those two allies of Germany.

United Press Copenhagen dispatches recently forecast another peace feeler by Bethmann-Hollweg, stating that the terms to be offered in this second bid would on their face appear to be more liberal than those which were rumored at the time of the first proffer on December 12.

First Offer Regarded Political.

Students of German internal affairs have maintained that Germany's first peace proffer was induced by political expediency rather than a sincere desire for stoppage of the war, unless that stoppage came on Germany's own terms. It was pointed out after the first offer that Hollweg, by making it and by receiving the flat refusal that he and other German leaders fully expected when they put the plan into operation, had forced unity for war of all political parties.

The situation in Germany then was that the Socialists wanted peace; the Von Tirpitz advocates wanted unbridled submarine warfare; the conservatives fought submarine and ruthlessness, fearing entanglement with neutrals—including the United States.

Hollweg's proffer was made without any terms by which the allies could judge Germany's sincerity. Because of their distrust of such an offer and knowledge from unofficial hints that Germany wanted the peace of a victor, the allies rejected it.

Refusal Quiets Socialists.

The result, according to authorities on German conditions, was that ruthless submarine warfare was decided upon. The Von Tirpitz advocates were pleased; the anti-ruthless branch and the Socialists were quieted with the plea that since Germany's enemies insisted on further war, Germany must use every weapon of defense.

Following this same reasoning, it was believed possible that now, with the Socialists fast growing in strength and with many Germans holding the forcing of America into the war a mistake, the German leaders have determined on another peace move, with exactly the same sort of a political coup in view.

Officials Refuse to Comment.

Washington, May 1.—(U. P.)—State department officials learned of the reported forthcoming Hollweg peace offer without comment, other than they had not received official word of it. The fact that Swiss Minister Ritter, representing Germany here, had an appointment to see President Wilson this afternoon was thought by some, perhaps to be significant in this connection, though a few days ago he asked an appointment through the state department on the plea that he wanted to discuss the food situation affecting Switzerland.

APOLLO CLUB CLOSES SONG SEASON BEFORE A CAPACITY AUDIENCE

Entire 70 Members of Chorus Make Splendid Appearance and Applause Is Generous.

By J. L. Wallin.

Before the largest audience it has ever had the pleasure to entertain, the Apollo club Monday night gave its annual spring concert which marks the close of the season for Portland's premier male chorus. The concert was given at the Liberty theatre. The house was practically filled to capacity, and that means an attendance of more than 2000.

Conductor William H. Boyer was in his usual happy mood and the 70 members of the chorus made a splendid appearance on the stage with the Columbia river highway curtain, Crown Point, to be exact, for background. It was an all Oregon panorama from wing to wing, good to look upon.

A glorious climax was struck when upon completion of the fixed program the chorus, reinforced by the audience, sang in mighty chorus the national hymn while the Star Spangled Banner floated over the stage. For the information of the person who arranged the flag feature, it may be said that a flag displayed horizontally should show the field of stars to the left.

The program opened with the stirring "On the Road to Mandalay" and in such inspiring rhythm that repetition was demanded. Then followed a beautiful pastoral, "Bendemeer's Stream," in which the tenors showed so well that their subsequent loss of pitch in "Love's Old Sweet Song" was readily forgiven. "The Dance of the Gnomes," by MacDowell, and "Idylle Mongolienne," by Stephenson, were two jolly songs of which the chorus could not give too much it seemed, for both were repeated and then the audience applauded and applauded till Conductor Boyer almost reached the limit of endurance to smile and bow.

The Chinese idyl, which is the vernacular for the words on the printed program, could hardly be called a pastoral, for it sounded more like a hurdy-gurdy symphony—but with the waltz theme sung by a septet to chorus accompaniment, punctuated by much tingling on the piano in the high treble, the number proved one of the gems of the entire program.

Otto T. Wedemeyer, former professional opera singer, now member of the Apollo club, was the soloist, and it was regretted that he appeared in only one group, for his singing was, as always, superb. Mr. Wedemeyer is a baritone of whom Portland may well feel proud. His principal offering was the dramatic "Belshazzar" Schumann.

Edgar E. Coursen and William C. McCulloch were the accompanists.

This was the club's twenty-third concert since organized in 1908.

Epworth Officers Defend Mr. Morse

District Officials Express Confidence in Pastor Deposed From Lincoln Street Methodist Church.

That the enforced resignation from his pastorate, the Lincoln Methodist Episcopal church, by Rev. B. H. Morse, at the instigation of Rev. Dr. Youngson, superintendent of the Portland district, did not meet with the approval of the officers of the District Epworth league is set forth in a letter to Bishop Matt S. Hughes, under date of April 30, and signed by Joel R. Benton, district president; Fred J. Schnell, district assistant vice president, and C. D. Chilson, district corresponding secretary, all officers of the Portland district Epworth league.

The letter sets forth the aims and objects of the society, and the writers express their confidence in the deposed pastor as a man in every way worthy to fill the pulpit of the Lincoln church, especially remarking the successful outcome of evangelistic services held there during his incumbency, and emphasizing the need of eliminating so-called wordly amusements by churchgoing people, in accordance with the tenets preached by Rev. Mr. Morse.

Today Last to Apply For Officers' Reserve

This is the last day for making application to attend the reserve officers' training camp to be held at the Presidio beginning May 15. No applications will be received after 6 o'clock tonight, and only men who have had previous military experience should apply at this late hour. Major F. W. Phisterer and Captain Sherman Miles constitute the examining boards with headquarters at 507 Worcester building.

Sentence Served on Federal Offenders

Sentences were meted out by Judge Wolverton in federal court this morning against four offenders who pleaded guilty to indictments.

Frank Mason was given four years at McNeil's Island for breaking into and stealing property from a postoffice at Hermiston, Or. Mason was captured after an exciting pursuit.

Richard Gould and William Condro will each spend three years on the island for postoffice robbery in Umatilla.

Philip Salvador, a Filipino, was given 10 months in the county jail on a charge of statutory violation on the Klamath Indian reservation.

Passes Through Vancouver.

George T. Slade, first vice president in charge of operation of the Northern Pacific company, passed through Vancouver, Wash., this morning on his way east on a special train over the S., P. & S. Mr. Slade is devoting most of his time to the work of the national council of defense. A. J. Davidson, general superintendent of the North Bank, met him at Vancouver to go over the line with him.

Red Cross Meeting.

Members of the Portland chapter of the American Red Cross association, living in the Mount Tabor, Glencoe, Groveland and Sunnyside districts, are urgently asked to attend the business meeting of the auxiliary Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock in Glencoe school auditorium.

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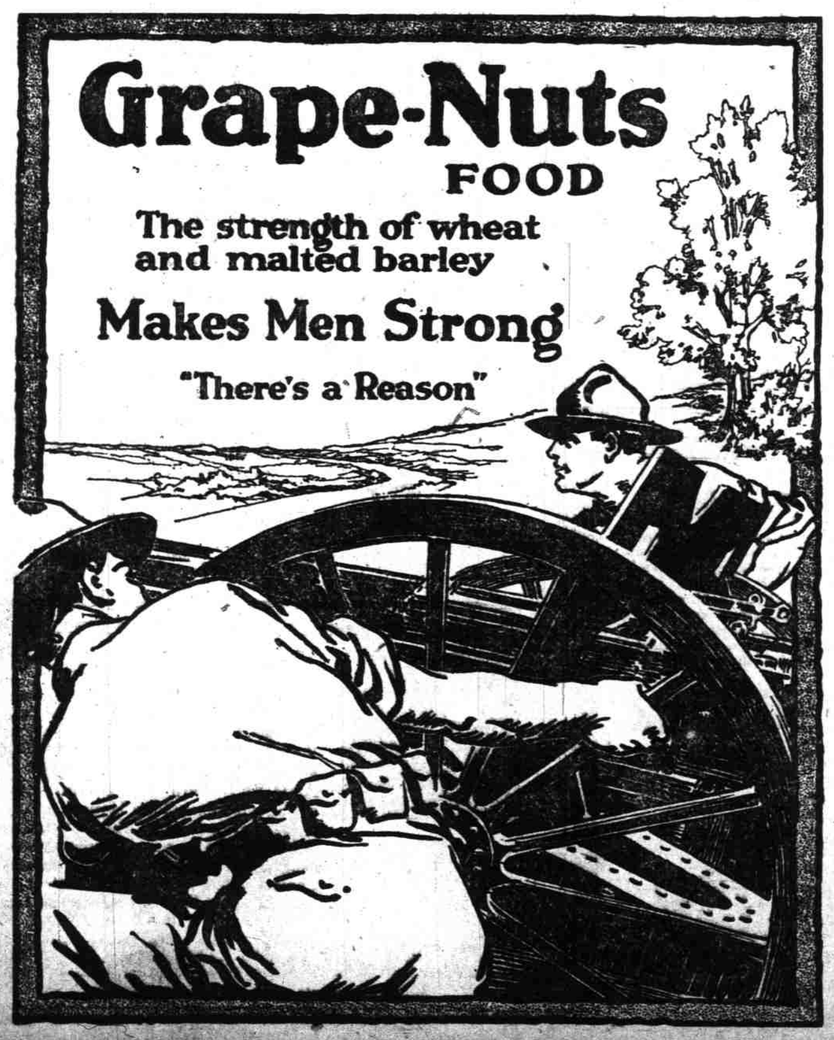

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