

# LIBRARY BOARD IS NOT SUBJECT TO PUBLIC CONTROL

Board, However, Has Entire Control Over Spending Library Fund Contributed by Public.

## IS SELF PERPETUATING

As Administrative Agent of a Private Corporation, Board Not Responsible to People.

The library board which exonerated M. Louise Hunt, assistant librarian, after she had refused to invest in Liberty bonds any part of the salary paid her by the public, and later accepted her resignation rather than discharge her for failure to support the government, is not a public body, but a self-perpetuating, administrative agent of a private corporation, the work of which is chiefly supported by taxing the people of Portland and Multnomah county.

While the board has entire control over the spending of the public library fund the public exercises no control over the board.

The Portland Library association is composed of "perpetual, life and ex-officio" members. "Perpetual" members are those who have paid \$250; "life" members, those who have paid \$200, and "ex-officio" members are at present the three county commissioners. The total membership of the association is about 70, but for some years the attendance at the annual meetings has been restricted almost entirely to the personnel of the board of directors.

During the years that it has spent in building up one of the recognized great library systems of the country, the library board has established a traditionally independent policy and has been impressed with no necessity of referring to the will of the people the issues of its administration.

When the controversy questioning Miss Hunt's loyalty arose—she had refused to buy a Liberty bond on the ground that she is a "conscientious objector" to war and consequently could do nothing to aid her government's fight for world safety and democracy—the majority of the library board found in the strong public sentiment no reason for departing from its established custom of disposing of the matter in accordance with its collective judgment influenced by personal friendships engendered by years of supervision of Miss Hunt's work.

### Minority Stand Approved

But a minority found in the exigencies of war a reason for demanding a departure from tradition, a close consultation of the public's wishes and a refusal to continue on a payroll supported by a public fund an employe whose patriotism did not meet the test of the nation's war emergency. The minority consisted of William F. Woodward, Portland merchant and chairman of a draft exemption board, whose duties had made him feel the absolute necessity of entire devotion to patriotic duty, and Rufus C. Holman, chairman of the county commissioners who as an ex-officio member of the board, participated in this viewpoint. Mr. Woodward, particularly, was criticized by his fellow board members, for his urgency, and the reaction of many Portland people to the criticism directed against Mr. Woodward, was an often repeated question.

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## ENTHUSIASTIC OVER CAREER IN THE ARMY



Frank E. Manning

"This military life surely agrees with me," writes Frank E. Manning, now of the aviation section of the signal corps, to Portland friends from Hazelhurst field No. 1, Hempstead, N. Y., where he was recently sent from Camp MacArthur, Waco, Texas.

Mr. Manning is a Portland attorney associated with the law firm of Manning, (John) Stater & Leonard prior to his enlistment in December. He entered the office in August, 1914, after completing his course at the University of Oregon in May, '14, with the degree of L. B. He is a member of the Phi Alpha Delta law fraternity.

During the first American Red Cross campaign, Mr. Manning toured the state on a speaking campaign and again in the second Liberty loan campaign he was actively interested in making a two weeks' tour of Oregon.

"I am fast becoming accustomed to military life and like it very much," continues Mr. Manning. "The majority of the men in my squadron are from Oregon and among them are several of the boys I have known for years. The military life surely agrees with me, as I have gained 11 pounds since I came into the army. I attribute my good health and gaining in weight to the regularity of meals, lots of sleep and plenty of good exercise."

Mr. Manning is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Manning of Woodburn, Or.

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in advance in coin. In this requirement is reflected the disturbed financial conditions of the last of the Civil war.

With the passing of the years eligibility to "perpetual" and "life" membership was defined as stated. Through the Ella M. Smith bequest, the library board was enabled to build the old Central library at Broadway and Stark streets. In 1911 this site was sold. The report of the sale in the library report for 1911 by a committee composed of R. L. Smith, William L. Brewster and W. M. Ladd, states: "The arrangements were entered into for the sale of this Stark street property resulting in the disposal of the same for the sum of \$400,000 less the sale commission of \$10,000. . . . The report adds that the site at Yamhill, Tenth, Taylor and Eleventh streets was purchased for \$242,000, but it does not state whether a sale commission so large was paid. The amounts paid in memberships and for the use of books, not meeting the expenses of the library, its officers decided to secure the aid of the city and the state. Enabling legislation was passed which in one instance permitted the city to establish a library or give support to one already established and in another permitted the county to do the same. The city passed an ordinance in 1901, making a 10 year contract to pay to the library association the proceeds of a one fifth mill tax, and the report of C. A. Dolph, then president of the library board, for 1901 says: "By the express terms of the ordinance the control and management of the library is left to the board of directors of the association."

The last clause of this paragraph refers to a preceding paragraph which, in part, reads:

"The county agrees to lease unto the association, the land which is conveyed by the association to the county for a public library building. . . . and all other real property used or to be used solely for public library purposes within the county of Multnomah and owned or controlled by said county at this time (1911) or hereafter together with the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging; to have and to hold the same unto the association so long as the association shall continue to maintain public libraries in and upon said premises. . . ."

The county is, however, charged with the maintenance and insurance of the building which belong to the library association.

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### Public Support Is Large

"The records in the office of City Auditor Funk show that from first to last the city, under its 10-year contract with the library association paid the following amounts:

1902-4	\$36,145.99
1905	8,843.29
1906	13,700.33
1907	19,999.40
1908	21,164.90
1909	26,893.90
1910	28,893.74
1911	39,574.00
1912	57,140.02
	\$253,185.59

The county began levying taxes for the library, also on a 1-5-mill basis, in 1901, but it was not until 1911 when the county court added a special levy of 1 1/2 mills to help build the new library, that members of the county commission were admitted to ex-officio membership. The tax rate sheet issued by County Assessor Henry E. Reed shows that the following amounts have been levied and paid to the library association:

1901	\$ 8,674.00
1902	8,768.00
1903	10,078.00
1904	11,286.00
1905	14,886.00
1906	22,612.00
1907	25,646.00
1908	26,774.00
1909	32,684.00
1910	35,274.00
1911	43,240.00
1912	43,458.00
1913	45,728.00
1914	51,082.00
1915	54,728.00
1916	52,821.00
1917	52,812.00
	\$1,662,704.00

Thus it is shown that the people of the city and county to date have paid in taxes for the support of the library a total of \$1,915,899.59.

Library Board In Control

While the county is under contract to levy taxes for the support of the library and while it owns the building and block at Tenth and Yamhill streets, the entire property by formal lease is controlled and administered by the library board.

A paragraph of the contract states: "The said library collection (books, etc.) and all other property of the association, which shall or may be placed

in said building shall continue to be and remain absolutely the property of said association, and the county shall not, by reason of said property being placed in said buildings or continuing therein, have any right title, property, or interest therein, and the association by reason of the use and occupation of said buildings, under this contract, shall not acquire or be deemed to have acquired any right, title or interest in said buildings, or the appurtenances, or the land on which the same are erected, except insofar as expressly granted by this contract."

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### Maine Miller Has Tide Time Gauge

Probably Only Man in County With Industry Not Affected by Daylight Saving Plan Has Mill Operated By Tide.

Kennebunkport, Me., April 20.—(I. N. S.)—James D. Perkins, proprietor of a tidewater mill, is probably the only man in this country whose hours of labor were not affected by the new daylight saving plan.

The mill, located on the Meusam river, is operated by the tide. When it is full, Mr. Perkins closes gates and confines the water to a reservoir. As the tide ebbs he opens the gates to allow the water to escape into a sluiceway.

As the tide is about an hour later each day, Mr. Perkins cares nothing for clocks or the sun, or any other daylight saving plans. He is following the tide schedule, as he has for many years.

### Unpatriotism Is Punished

Clearfield, Pa., April 20.—Charged with slurring America, George Derrick was made to repeat the oath of allegiance to the American flag as he stood in police court when Mayor Hogland held an emblem over his head.

## CENTENNIAL EDITION HONORS MEMORY OF LOUISVILLE FOUNDER

George Rogers Clark and Party by Efforts Added Northwest Territory to U. S.

Commemorating the 100th anniversary of the death of George Rogers Clark, February 18, 1818, the Courier Journal and Louisville Times, of Louisville, Ky., have issued George Rogers Clark centennial editions, paying tribute to the memory of one of America's most prominent frontiersmen and reviewing the first definite steps to make a great city at the falls of the Ohio river.

It was through the efforts of Clark and a small body of men that what was known in revolutionary days as the "Northwest territory" was added to the United States.

Out of this territory was carved the states of Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin and Minnesota.

George Rogers Clark was a brother of William Clark who figured in the early history of the Pacific Northwest as the Clark of the Lewis and Clark expedition. He was also a brother of

Jonathan and Edward Clark, both of whom rendered eminent service in the Revolutionary war.

The founder of Louisville was born in Virginia and as a youth fitted himself to be a surveyor and land locator.

He was commissioned by the governor of Virginia a lieutenant colonel, and in May, 1778, he founded the city of Louisville, Ky. At the head of a small body of resolute men he entered the Illinois campaign and captured Kaskaskia and Vincennes from the British. This put a stop to the Indian raids on the settlements of Kentucky instigated by British officers at these ports.

## Cost of Election Saved to Buy Bonds

Aurora, Col., April 20.—(I. N. S.)—This town has decided to forego its regular spring election in the interest of patriotism. The decision was made by the city council and the chairman of local committees of all parties. All present officeholders will hold over for another term. The money that would have been expended for spring elections will be divided between Liberty bonds and good roads. Each fund will receive approximately \$750.

### Ballooning Seriously Injured

Cleveland, Ohio, April 20.—(U. P.)—Charles E. Bauch, Boston, army balloonist, was seriously injured and his five companions were hurt when they were tumbled out of an army balloon when it was forced to descend abruptly here today.

## PROPOSAL MADE TO KEEP ALL DOGS SHUT UP FOR THE SUMMER

Mayor Baker Makes Suggestion to Council for Protection of the War Gardens.

A mighty howl threatens Mayor Baker as a result of a proposal to be made to the city council Wednesday, which, if passed, will prohibit dogs from running at large during the months of April, May, June, July, August and September.

"Dog owners should be brought to realize that war gardens are an imperative need at this time and that dogs allowed to run at large do a great deal of harm," said Mayor Baker. "I feel that all owners of dogs will heed an appeal from the city council to keep the animals up during the gardening period. The seriousness of the destruction caused by loose dogs may be realized by the numerous complaints which I have received."

"I am a lover of dogs, have two at my home—and I would not want to deny any family the right of having a dog,

but inasmuch as the war garden is advocated by the president of the United States, and knowing that families who are utilizing corner lots are unable to fence them as they are in most cases only lent by the owners, some method of protection must be devised.

"In face of conditions, I believe that an ordinance should be enacted by the council to force owners to keep dogs up in all cases where they will not do this of their own accord as a patriotic measure."

## American Aviators Equipped by U. S.

Washington, April 20.—(I. N. S.)—Every American flyer ready for flight at the front is now equipped with a machine owned by Uncle Sam. This was learned this afternoon from an unquestioned source in answer to criticism that American airmen in France are handicapped by lack of flying equipment.

It was also authoritatively asserted that American production is about to show itself at its best in aircraft ready for the fields.

### Pioneer Railroad Man Dies

Moro, Or., April 20.—"Hank" Bryant, a well known railroad man of pioneer days of Oregon and for many years conductor on the Heppner branch of the O-N. R. & N. Co., died at The Dalles hospital early this morning from heart trouble of long standing. He was the father of Mrs. L. W. Ross of this city, formerly a resident of Albany, Or.

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