

BROWN COMPLETES BALLOT TITLE FOR WAGE AMENDMENT

Measure Proposed for Submission to Vote Ready for Signatures; Penalties Included in Bill.

Salem, Dec. 30.—The proposed minimum wage amendment, initiated by J. E. Medley of Oregon City, is ready for signatures, the ballot title having been completed by Attorney General Brown today.

The amendment would make it criminal for any person, firm or corporation hiring another, to pay a wage less than \$4 per day for eight hours for any male employee, or a wage of less than \$20 per week of 48 hours for any female, and excepting from the provisions of the amendment, farm labor or females employed as domestics. It provides a penalty for violation of not less than \$25 nor more than \$500 or by imprisonment of not more than six months, or both fine and imprisonment, and confers jurisdiction upon certain courts. The amendment would be self-executing.

This proposed amendment, which prescribes a misdemeanor, is regarded by attorneys here as a most unusual one, inasmuch as the constitution is regarded as composed only of fundamental law. The ballot title for the proposed constitutional amendment initiated by George L. Baker of Portland for the restoration of capital punishment was also completed by Attorney General Brown today, and is ready for circulation for signatures. The purpose of the amendment, according to the ballot title, is to restore capital punishment by providing by constitutional amendment that the penalty for murder in the first degree shall be death, except when the trial jury shall, by their verdict, recommend life imprisonment, which results all provisions of the constitution in conflict with the same.

This same ballot title will be appropriate for use if the measure should be referred to the people by the special session of the legislature.

Application for an increase in rates was filed with the public service commission by the Sherwood Telephone company Friday.

The ballot title to the proposed constitutional amendment initiated by James E. Stewart of Corvallis, for the purpose of increasing the limit to which the state may be bonded for road construction purposes, has been prepared by Attorney General Brown. The amendment would permit the creation of debts and liabilities, including previous debts and liabilities, for the purpose of building and maintaining permanent roads to the amount of 4 per cent of the assessed valuation of all the property in the state of Oregon, instead of 2 per cent, as now provided by law.

Bids for furnishing Marion county with 10 motor trucks for road construction purposes were opened Friday. Thirty-one bids were submitted, ranging from \$49,500 to \$57,000 for the 10 trucks.

Six employees, four of them loggers, were killed in accidents in Oregon in

SCHOOL CHILDREN ASK FINLEY'S RETENTION



Group of boys and girls and their teachers from Franklin and Washington high, Glencoe, Kellogg, Llewellyn and Hawthorne schools, who stormed The Journal with petitions asking aid in securing State Biologist Finley's reinstatement.

duities during the week ending December 18, according to the weekly report of the state industrial accident commission. A total of 845 accidents were reported to the commission during the week, of which 593 were subject to the provisions of the workmen's compensation act, 11 were from public utility corporations not subject to the provisions of the act and 24 were from firms and corporations that have rejected the provisions of the act.

There are fully 50 per cent more coyotes in Oregon at this time than there were a year ago, according to reports reaching Dr. W. H. Lytle, state veterinarian. Dr. Lytle attributes this increase to the fact that so many hunters, who formerly trapped for a living, have deserted the prairies of Central and Eastern Oregon for the larger industrial centers, due to the high wages, leaving the coyotes unmolested.

Birds Eat From His Hand During Storm When Feed Is Short

"Here, pidge, pidge, pidge," cooed James Reed as he sat on a bench in the Plaza block opposite the courthouse last week and tossed handfuls of seed to the pigeons hopping about, cold and hungry. As he went on throwing out bits of ground peanuts which his bag contained and winning the confidence of the pigeons, Reed showed how he could persuade them to light upon his knees and shoulders and eat from his hand.

Reed has been feeding the birds every day during the cold snap. The pigeons about Lowndale park were indebted to the Journal as well as to Reed, for it was in response to the invitation published in The Journal that bird food would be given to anyone wishing to help look after the feathered folk of Portland that Reed had secured a large sack of grain, contributed by the Lilly Seed company, and was treating his friends to a warming and appreciated breakfast.

POULTRY INDUSTRY OF OREGON EXPECTED TO BE GIVEN BOOST

Alfred G. Lunn Appointed Assistant Professor in Poultry Husbandry at O. A. C.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Dec. 29.—The poultry industry of Oregon is expected to be given a boost through the efforts of Alfred G. Lunn, a graduate of the college and formerly instructor in the department of poultry husbandry, appointed associate professor in the department. He has been away four years and has made a signal success of his work at the Massachusetts Agricultural college and the University of British Columbia.

Professor Lunn will have charge of instructional work and special extension work for the department of poultry husbandry. Frank L. Knowlton of Laurel, Md., has been employed as a research assistant in the department of poultry husbandry. He will tabulate and analyze breeding and incubation records, and the information gained will be published. After being discharged from the army as a lieutenant, he was graduated from Cornell.

Harry Palmer Cady, who was graduated from O. A. C. in 1911 and who served in the army in the United States and for 37 months in the air service in Europe, has been made instructor in electrical engineering. He was with the General Electric company of Schenectady, N. Y., for four years in testing engineering work and was power salesman of the Eastern Pennsylvania Light & Power company prior to the war.

A new instructor in art is Frederick

H. Burns, a graduate in the course of design at Syracuse university, who will take the place of Miss Edna M. Florida, who has resigned. Mr. Burns received special training at Columbia university and New York university.

Berger, Reelected To Congress, May Go To Jail Cell First

Chicago, Dec. 29.—(I. N. S.)—Victor L. Berger, reelected to congress from the fifth congressional district of Wisconsin yesterday, may go to jail before he goes to congress, if the plans of United States District Attorney Clyne do not miscarry.

Clyne is investigating charges that Berger violated Federal Judge Alschuler's stipulations under which he was admitted to bail pending an appeal from his conviction for violations of the espionage law, by "repeating anti-government statements and criticizing the courts."

Berger was admitted to bail upon the condition that he refrain from statements similar to those which resulted in his arrest.

Violinist to Assist At Organ Recital This Afternoon

A brilliant program is announced for this afternoon's concert at The Auditorium, beginning at 3 o'clock. Frederick W. Goodrich will be the organist and Robert Louis Barron will play violin solos.

The program follows:
Overture, "Mignon"..... Thomas
"Narcissus"..... Netin
Selection, "Fugue"..... Gounod
Violin solo, "Ciaccona"..... Stiel
(a) "March of the Magi Kings"..... Dubois
(b) "Christmas in Sicily"..... You
"The Little Grey Home in the West"..... Leff
Requies.....
Violin solo, "Romance"..... Wieniawski
Wedding march..... Mendelssohn

SCHOOL CHILDREN GETTING UP BIG FINLEY PETITION

Young People Will Be Satisfied With Nothing But Reinstatement in Office; Pictures Liked.

"It was a mean, dirty trick. Won't we ever see his pictures any more?"

"Let's go up to Salem and tell Governor Olcott what this old fish and game commissioner did."

"Don't they want us to know about the birds and animals in Oregon?" Denunciations and questions fairly stumbled over each other when school children stormed The Journal office Friday afternoon, with protest and petition against the dismissal of William L. Finley as state biologist.

Such a cascade of words from a hundred childish tongues there was that it all sounded like one of the waterfalls where the naturalist has studied the habits of the eccentric water ouzel.

Finally it all came out. The children were carrying formal petitions. With quite a surprising recognition of the power of the press, the documents were addressed to the editor, asking the

newspaper's aid in securing Finley's reinstatement. Less than reinstatement the youngsters would not be satisfied with. They stilled on the spot the plan to rescind the dismissal of the fish and game commissioner in order that Finley might resign without humiliation after his long public service.

"That would take him away from us just the same as firing him did," declared one of the boys. "We want him to go on telling us about birds and animals and showing us his movies."

"I'll give the pennies I saved up for Christmas to help pay his salary," sturdily offered a tiny girl. Although the little folks, accompanied by their teachers and by W. S. Baker of the Audubon society, thronged the Journal building lobby and the long aisle of the business office, it appeared that already they had formed organization with the following official delegates: Mary E. Baker, Franklin high school; Madge Porter, Glencoe; George E. Mooney, Kellogg; Janet I. Crawford, Llewellyn; Donald Bates, Hawthorne, and Anne Center, Washington high school.

"Every one of the 30,000 students in Portland's schools will sign the petition to keep Mr. Finley working so we will know about animals and birds and fish and be kind to them when we grow up, if we have to," was one of the parting announcements as the little folks turned homeward.

Crude Oil Price Advanced Oklahoma, Okla., Dec. 30.—(I. N. S.)—The Prairie Pipe Line company advanced the price of crude oil in the Midcontinent field from \$2.50 to \$2.15 a barrel today.

They're wonderful—those Dixie Special mince pies. Better give your grocer your Christmas order today.—Adv.

1000 RETURNED SOLDIERS WILL GET EMPLOYMENT

Manufacturers Promise to Take On Ex-Service Men; Mayor and Governor Are Highly Pleased.

The unemployment emergency of ex-service men in Oregon may have found its solution.

Manufacturers of the state have come to the front with a proposition so uniquely public spirited that both Mayor Baker of Portland and Governor Olcott have put themselves officially back of the plan.

Each of the 375 manufacturers, members of Associated Industries of Oregon, has given pledge to take its quota of unemployed returned soldiers.

TO AID OVER 1000 It is expected that thus more than 1000 men will be given work.

"To do this, we will engage deliberately in over-production," said H. C. Huntington, president of the association.

"Such a course would be financially ruinous to us except for one thing. We expect the people of Oregon to increase their support of home industry sufficiently to absorb the surplus produced through

the work of ex-service men. If the families and relatives of ex-service men alone would buy more goods of "Oregon Quality" the surplus would be taken care of. "But we assume that as the unemployment emergency is a concern of all the people, so all the people will make it their business to see us through."

EXPOSED BY MAYOR Mayor Baker endorsed the project Saturday in a statement which reads: "Portland faces an acute employment problem, which must be solved immediately to avoid a crisis. Fifteen hundred ex-service men, who dropped everything to respond to the nation's call to arms, are today without work, without an opportunity to earn a living. For the next 90 days, or until the mills and camps open in the spring, there will be a scarcity of jobs. Portland must put these men to work without delay. As mayor of the city of Portland, I have called on the manufacturers for assistance, and they have come forward promptly with a guarantee of employment of their full quota of these men during the critical period; but this involves an increase in the output of the products of these factories unless the people of this state and state sense the seriousness of this condition and do everything in their power to support the manufacturers."

COOPERATION IS ASKED I therefore most urgently request that for the next 90 days every man, woman and child in Portland shall back up the manufacturers in their effort to meet the situation.

Buy the products of our local factories and absorb the increased output of these ex-service men. This meets our impending crisis on a business basis without the taint of charity. These ex-service men do not want charity. They want work, and you can give them plenty to do. For five years Portland has been an "Over the Top" city. This is a new call on the citizens and the response should be universal.

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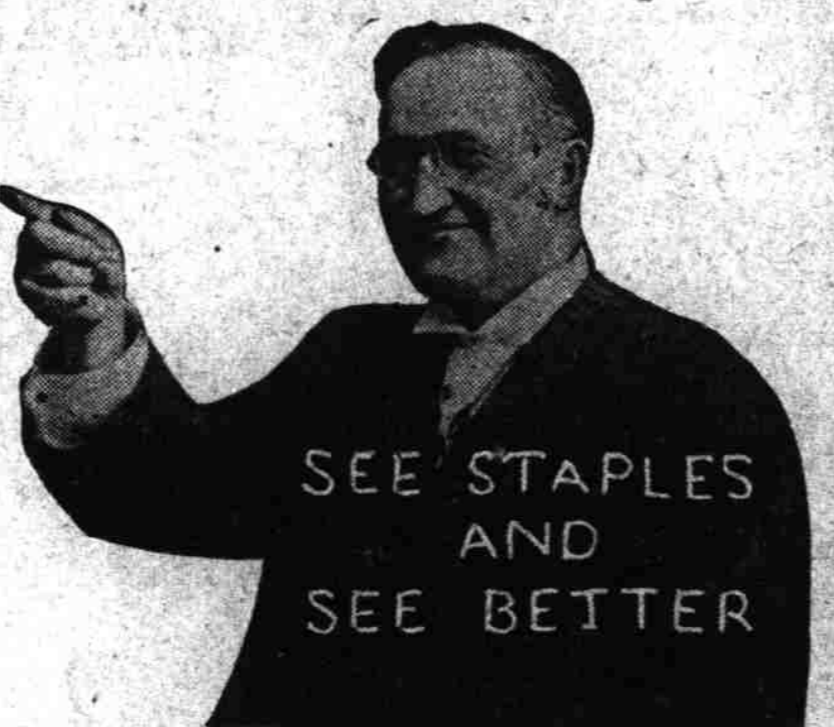
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