

COUNTY BOARD'S BILL FOR GASOLINE TO HAVE HEARING

Albany Judge to Decide Whether or Not Commissioners Pay for Auto Accessories.

Sometime in the near future the county commissioners will have an opportunity to explain before Circuit Judge Percy R. Kelly of Albany just how much of the \$533 worth of gasoline and automobile accessories, the bill for which they presented to the county, was used for sole county benefit.

A message was received from Judge Kelly Saturday by District Attorney Evans stating that the judge would be able to hear the case any time within the next two weeks. This information was conveyed to John W. Kaste, the attorney who obtained temporary restraining order compelling the treasurer to withhold payment on the commissioners' warrants, and who also brought suit to compel the commissioners to pay the bill from their own pockets.

The trouble all arose from a measure passed by the board of county commissioners in which it was authorized that, providing certain county officials furnished their own automobiles, the county treasury should stand the major portion of the expense of maintaining these machines in operation, at least on such occasions as they were used solely for county business.

To cover the first expenses under this measure, the county commissioners presented a bill for \$533 for gasoline and other articles. County Auditor Sam Martin refused to sign the warrants, thus rendering them invalid. The board then passed an order over the auditor's head compelling the county clerk to issue the warrants in accordance with the order. It was then that attorney John W. Kaste stepped into the breach by obtaining a temporary court injunction, restraining payment on these warrants, and starting litigation to make the injunction permanent.

It was decided not to try the case before a Multnomah county circuit court judge, and request went to Judge Kelly of Albany to hear the proceedings. Interesting developments are expected from the case, as Kaste has made some hints as to entertaining testimony which will be introduced. Considerable of a stir was created last summer concerning some automobile tires, which the county commissioners were interested in. Deputy District Attorney George Mowry will represent the board.

Poisoned Hubby Who Framed Fake Story Is Deserted by Wife

After a thorough investigation of the alleged "poison" case of John Salta, inspector Joe Morak classed the entire affair as a hoax Saturday night, and intimated that he would recommend to the court the release of Mazzino Cicco, arrested as the man who gave Salta the poison.

The police were called to 386 East Eleventh street, Friday night. There Salta was supposed to have taken poison. He told a tale of being forced to drink poison on the point of a loaded revolver held by Cicco.

Morak says in his report that Salta and his wife had been having trouble, and that Cicco had become the successful suitor. Morak believes Salta took the poison to win his wife's affections. Mrs. Salta did not visit her husband when she learned he was sick. Salta had recovered today.

Ranger Lectures to Boy Scouts on Help To Fire Prevention

Lectures to Boy Scouts on how they may aid in preventing forest fires to be given by Forest Ranger Albert Wisendanger, of the United States forest service during February and March have been announced as follows:

St. Johns school, Thursday, February 5; Albina library, Tuesday, February 10; North Portland library, Thursday, February 12; Lents school house, Friday, February 13; University park library, Friday, February 20; Sellwood public library, Friday, February 27; South Portland public library, Wednesday, March 3; East Portland public library, Friday, March 5; Arleta public library, Thursday, March 11; Woodstock public library, Wednesday, March 24; Liwellyn public school, Friday, March 12.

Wisendanger, who is stationed at Eagle creek during the summer, is lecturing under auspices of the Portland council Boy Scouts and the Library association. He shows 130 lantern slides on methods of fire protection and gives demonstrations of the fire finder and telephone instruments. Wisendanger also is handling out the forest service's publication on "Vacation Land" in the national forests of Oregon to everyone who attends his talks.

The lecture is given for the purpose of securing cooperation from the public in preventing fires.

QUITS AUDITORSHIP AFTER LONG SERVICE



Ralph Blaisdell

Ralph Blaisdell, auditor for the O-W. R. & N. for more than 13 years, has resigned the local office to accept the position of treasurer of the United States railroad administration, according to advice received in Portland earlier this week. The resignation and acceptance of the new position were both effective today.

Although official word has not been received by the O-W. R. & N. workers they received messages telling of the nature of the new position accepted by Blaisdell. Charles A. Lutz was former treasurer for the administration. Blaisdell came to Portland January 1, 1907, to accept the position of auditor for the O-W. Later he became auditor for the San Francisco & Portland Steamship company and the Camas Prairie railroad. His resignation and acceptance of the new position were both effective today.

Herbert N. LaDow, chief clerk in the disbursements of accounts division of the O-W. since February, 1915, is the new auditor for the railroad and steamship company, according to an announcement made this week by J. P. O'Brien, federal manager of the O-W. Appointment of LaDow to the auditorship of the Camas Prairie railroad is expected this week from the federal manager of the Northern Pacific railroad.

Although the railroads are expected to return to their private owners March 1, the division of finance will likely continue for several years, pending readjustments between the government and the private owners of the railroads, according to local officials.

Street Cars Full of Passengers Collide; 2 Persons Injured

Dozens of passengers narrowly missed serious calamity Sunday afternoon when a Twenty-third street car jammed into the rear end of a Depot-Morrison car at the intersection of Twenty-third and Northport streets, badly damaging the two street cars.

The Depot-Morrison car was knocked from the rails, fell across the street, almost into the curb, according to Motorcycle Officer Anderson.

E. C. Robb, motorman of the Twenty-third street car, was slightly injured about the knee. He was able to walk to St. Vincent's hospital.

One passenger was slightly injured by flying glass. No one else was injured. The Depot-Morrison car was under the control of Motorman Droke, who had been employed by the company for a year and a half. Robb has been operating streetcars for about a year.

The Depot-Morrison car was going east on Northport and the other car south on Twenty-third street when the accident occurred.

Timber Workers to Meet

Spokane, Wash., Feb. 2.—The annual convention of the International Timber Workers' union is to be held here March 13-17.

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NELSON BLACKHALL IS ELECTROCUTED WHILE HE IS IN BATH TUB

Electric Vibrator Makes Short Circuit and Journal Pressman Is Instantly Killed.

Without an instant's warning an electric current jared the life out of Nelson Blackhall's body as he sat in the bathtub at his home, 759 East Couch street, Sunday afternoon.

Blackhall was 32 years old, a pressman employed by The Journal, and an especially strong man physically. He was past president of the pressmen's local union No. 17, and past secretary of local 42.

Blackhall had told his mother he would bathe and come directly to dinner. When he did not put in an appearance she called him. He made no answer. She called again and then

opened the door of the bath room. Blackhall was lying dead in the tub. A short circuit from the electric vibrator he was using evidently caused him to drop the appliance, which fell into the water against his right side and killed him instantly. A wide burn was left. The water and the metal formed a perfect "ground," according to Chief Deputy Coroner Goetsch.

Blackhall was formerly a pressman with the Oregonian, before he became associated with The Journal. He has been in Portland most of his life, and has been engaged in presswork for a number of years.

Since the death of his father, several years ago, Blackhall has been living with his mother in their home on East Couch street. Besides his mother, Mr. Jennie Blackhall, he is survived by five sisters—Bella Blackhall, who lives near Corbett; Mrs. Floyd Reed, near Corbett; Mrs. Gertrude Benedict, Lebam, Wash.; Mrs. Jack Scates, Sandy, and Mrs. Fred N. Bay, Portland. A brother, Roland Blackhall, died while in the army. Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 10 a. m. at the Breeze & Snook chapel, the pressmen's union in charge.

The report of the mothers' pension fund for Ada county for the year 1919 shows that for humanitarian reasons the probate judge and probator officers in that county had been forced to wink at a direct violation of the law in order that 44 women and 106 children need not starve.

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Washington, D. C.—Washington Bureau of the Oregon Journal.—The sugar debate in the senate has served to call attention sharply to the position the Louisiana sugar crop bears to the problem of sugar production and prices in this country. Louisiana has been the great stumbling block in every move that has been made.

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