

LEGAL FIGHT IN COUNTY GASOLINE CASE IS OPENED

Bills for Gasoline Used by County Officials on County Business Are in Question.

Argument on the board of county commissioners' gasoline case began before Circuit Judge Percy Kelley of Albany, in the Multnomah county court house at 1 o'clock this afternoon.

The case was instituted by John W. Kaste, Portland attorney, against the county of Multnomah in an attempt to prevent the payment of a gasoline bill for \$544, presented to the county by the board of county commissioners.

Some time ago the commissioners passed a resolution to the effect that if certain county officials used their own personal automobiles for county work, the upkeep of the machines should rest largely on the county.

In connection with this, a bill for gasoline and accessories totalling \$544 was presented to the county by the commissioners. County Auditor Martin refused to indorse the warrants. Acting over his head, the board ordered County Clerk Joseph Beveridge to issue the warrants, which he did.

Payment on these warrants was stopped by a temporary court injunction obtained by Kaste, pending the outcome of the suit.

No testimony from the commissioners was taken this afternoon, the court dealing largely with the pure legal status of the matter. In a stipulation entered into between Attorney Kaste and George W. Mowrey, deputy district attorney, who is appearing for the board, it is stated that inasmuch as the board ordered private owned machines for county work, it is only fair that the county should stand some of the depreciation, but the stand taken by Kaste is that the action of the board is an extremely bad precedent, and one which should not be allowed.

REWARD MONEY AT ISSUE

Equity Suit to Settle Award of \$2000 Starts.

A suit in equity was started this morning before Circuit Judge Gatens to determine who is entitled to the \$2000 reward offered for the arrest and conviction of John Cyril Lard, slayer of Deputy Sheriff Frank Twombly, November 19, 1918.

The claimants are Dan Kelleher, Frank Snow and J. M. Tackaberry, detectives; John La Grande and Henry Torkelson, who furnished some information; and Mrs. Esther McFarland, Lard's landlady, who first suspected Lard.

Ex-Convicts on Trial

August Perry, Robert Burns and Herbert Merrieth, all ex-convicts out on parole, went on trial in Judge Morrow's court this morning, charged with highway robbery. The men are accused of having held up C. H. Wattenburg the night of December 19.

Sentenced to Prison

Two years in the penitentiary was given this morning to Hugo Turner by Judge Morrow of the circuit court. Turner was convicted on the charge of receiving stolen property.

J. C. Alton Sentenced

J. C. Alton, 42 years old, who was convicted on the charge of kidnaping, was sentenced this morning to serve two years in the state penitentiary by Judge Bingham of Salem, who is holding court in place of Judge Tucker in department No. 2.

B. A. Weller Talks Too Much; Glibness Brings \$27.50 Fine

B. A. Weller talked himself out of several dollars in the municipal court this morning. He was arrested by motorcycle policeman Wiles for speeding at 30 miles an hour. He denied the charge and remonstrated until Patrolman Leavens walked into the room and recalled that Weller had been arrested several days ago for speeding and jockeying on Broadway bridge, and had not reported in court. Weller had just told the judge he hadn't been in similar trouble before.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC LEASES SPACE IN HENRY STRUCTURE

Fourth Street Station to Occupy New Quarters Until New Place Is Available.

Leases were signed Thursday by officials of the Southern Pacific company for the ground floor space in the Henry building now occupied by the Lawyers' Title & Trust company and the Fourth street station of the Southern Pacific electric lines will be moved to this location March 1, when the present building at the northwest corner of Fourth and Stark.

The lease on the Henry building is of short duration, according to John M. Scott, general passenger agent of the Southern Pacific company, and before January 1 it is expected that the Fourth street station will be permanently established in the building at the southwest corner of Fourth and Stark now occupied by the Lyric theatre.

The lease held by the theatre company expires September 1, when the building will be taken over by the Southern Pacific company.

The Lyric theatre property belongs to Samuel and Louis Rosenblatt and their two sisters. The building is 50 by 100 feet.

Extensive alterations are planned to equip the property for use as a railroad station. The lease on the new location expires in 1925, concurrently with the Southern Pacific franchise of its Fourth street right of way.

The present quarters of the Southern Pacific electric station were leased last autumn by George L. Greenfield from the Bushong estate and will be occupied as a shoe store after March 1.

Eugene Quarantine For Smallpox Has Only Three Houses

Eugene, Feb. 13.—One half of the pupils of the Eugene city schools have been either vaccinated or are immune from the smallpox. Before the state board of health requested general vaccination, only 20 per cent of the pupils were immune. Now that smallpox conditions are not threatening, and on account of the opposition to vaccination by women, the school board will take no further action, unless there is danger of a smallpox epidemic. Only three houses are quarantined today.

Francis Campbell, Civil war veteran and member of the local Masonic lodge, died today at his home in the city at the age of 73 years. He is survived by two sons, Walter Campbell of Santa Clara, Or., and George Campbell of Genesee, Idaho.

DOCK OWNERS ASK LEAVE TO REPAIR OLD STRUCTURES

Protest Made Against Order of Dock Commission Condemning Property on Waterfront.

Protesting the right of the city to condemn waterfront property deteriorated more than 40 per cent, without giving the property owners the right to repair their docks, representatives of the owners of Front street property, recently reported by inspectors to have deteriorated more than the limit, appeared before the dock commission this morning.

Representatives of the Alder street, Page Investment company, Chitook Investment company, Everding & Farrell, Oregon Sheet Metal Works, the Cochran and the Portland Seed company, dock owners, appeared to be given a chance to protect their holdings.

In every instance these representatives read reports of other dock inspectors showing that their property had not deteriorated to the amount reported. The representatives informed the commission that they would carry the matter to court.

Contrary to the stand taken by others, one legal adviser representing the Corbett estate holdings, between Salmon and Taylor streets, said the owners were willing and ready to have the buildings torn down, providing all property-owners were treated alike.

The commission agreed that a joint committee representing the commission and the property owners should try a harmonious settlement, but before adjourning the property owners were cautioned by F. C. Knapp to remember that their docks were "a menace to themselves and the entire city."

Two Are Seriously Hurt When Wagon Drops Into Creek

Baker, Feb. 13.—En route to a dance at Homestead, Ray Metcalf and Lee Brown of Coppefield were seriously injured when a wagon in which they were riding skidded from the road and plunged over a 45-foot precipice into Pine creek. Michael Brown suffered a deep gash upon the head, Bert Ingram a sprained knee and Tracey Sheridan, who was thrown 20 feet into Pine creek, escaped without injury. Metcalf is believed to have been injured internally.

The funeral of W. H. Nichols, who died here Monday of heart trouble, was held Wednesday. Mr. Nichols was 70 years old and came to Baker county with his family nine years ago. Besides Mrs. Nichols, a son and three daughters survive.

Twenty-two Violators Fined

Violation of city traffic ordinances today contributed \$550 in fines to the city through Judge Rossman's court. Twenty-two violators, practically all accused of speeding, were fined from \$5 to \$50 each, and one, B. L. Lambson, was assessed \$45 and sentenced to spend 30 hours in jail for speeding. C. Rosenberg paid \$50 for driving at excessive speed on Broadway and R. Seger was fined \$45.

SPECIAL SALE MEN'S SUITS STARTS TODAY AT BROWNSVILLE WOOLLEN MILLS.

Oregon-made pure wool men's suits, regular prices up to \$35, on sale today at the Brownsville Woollen Mills store, Third and Morrison. Be an Oregon booster—wear an all-Oregon suit.

YOUNG RESTAURANT MAN IS PNEUMONIA VICTIM



John Nissirios

John Nissirios, 21 years old, interested with his brothers in a number of east side restaurants, died Thursday at Good Samaritan hospital after a short illness from pneumonia. Nissirios was born in Greece and came to Portland in 1915. He was naturalized in 1917. He is survived by his father and mother, three brothers and three sisters. One of the brothers, Philip Nissirios, is a student at the University of Oregon. Nissirios lived at 283 Grand avenue. The funeral will be held Saturday afternoon.

MYERS IS INVITED TO PRESENT CASE

Deposed Portland Postmaster Is Given Opportunity to Air His Alleged Grievances.

Washington, Feb. 13.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—Chairman Townsend of the senate committee on postoffices and postroads has notified Frank S. Myers, deposed postmaster at Portland, that if he desires to appear to present his case the committee will hear him. Townsend made this announcement today following receipt of letters from Chamberlain and McNary, formally stating that they have no objections to any hearing of the committee may desire to make.

Townsend further stated that if Myers responds to the invitation the "other side" will of course be heard also. It is understood that while the postoffice department refuses to disclose information concerning the dismissal of Myers, it will submit all data to the senate committee and supply any witnesses desired.

Apparently the entire matter will be thrown open, if Myers accepts the invitation now extended him.

PORTLAND SUBSCRIBES \$12,000 TO NEAR EAST RELIEF IN THREE DAYS

Energetic Work Remains to Be Done to Raise City's Quota of \$73,200.

When the third day of the Near East relief campaign closes Thursday night, Auditor H. C. Anderson had on hand in cash and pledges only about \$12,000 of Portland's \$73,200 quota. Chairman S. Lancaster explained that this amount does not include several large checks promised by business and industrial concerns, nor a considerable sum which will be netted when complete returns are in from campaigners in the residence districts.

"We are not at all discouraged," said Lancaster this morning, "because there is a splendid responsive spirit by the public and the money continues to come in steadily. The difficulty is that we have not succeeded in getting inaugurated a systematic canvass of the city's very wealthy persons and big financial and business firms. This branch of the work is usually done by a 'flying squadron' of leading men of the business and financial world, who can get prompt and proportionate results. But since the end of the war it is almost impossible to get any of these men of large affairs to act in this capacity. They seem to feel that their obligations ceased with the signing of the armistice, save to write checks when someone has hunted them up as aspirants to contribute. The present drive is to save from slow starvation 800,000 people of one of our bravest and staunchest allies. These people are war-victims, and this campaign is war work. The obligations of the American people did not end when the guns ceased firing, but a great many persons do not seem to understand this, and it is why the rest of us must bear the responsibility."

Frederick K. Elder Is Reported Better

Lieutenant-Commander Frederick K. Elder, in charge of the navy recruiting station in Portland, was reported past the crisis by Dr. George Whiteside, naval surgeon, this morning. Elder is at St. Vincent's hospital suffering from pneumonia. His temperature was still above normal, however, and his physicians said he could see no visitors for some days yet. His condition for several days has been alarming.

Conference Opens February 20

Definite announcement that the aviation training conference at March field, California, will open February 20, was received this morning at the forest service in a telegram from Colonel H. H. Arnold, saying reservations will be made for five men from Oregon and Washington. The workshop of Eugene C. W. Boyce of Portland, F. M. Graver of Baker and L. F. Chartrand of Hamilton, Wash., will attend the conference.

ELECTRICIANS MEET ON STRIKE ORDER

International Union President Arrives in Portland to Investigate Local Situation.

A lull, supposedly that preceding a storm, has fallen upon members and officers of Electrical Workers' unions in Portland today, with the arrival of P. J. Noonan, international president of the brotherhood, whose presence is taken as significant in connection with reports of a strike to come.

Noonan reached Portland from Seattle this morning about the time advice from San Francisco spread word that electrical workers employed by the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company were to strike for higher wages, beginning Saturday morning. Noonan immediately left for a trip over the Columbia river highway with T. C. Lowry, business agent of local union No. 125.

This afternoon Noonan will be closeted with the executive committee of the local to discuss strike matters, and this evening a mass meeting of members of the union will be held at the local headquarters. Officers of the local were reluctant to discuss the proposed strike this morning, although they admitted having been advised of the action at San Francisco. President Martin of the local declared that "there may be a strike later."

Possibility of a sympathetic strike on the part of switchboard girls is dependent largely upon the action of the Electrical Workers' union.

Recent organization here of workers' associations in the phone company's ranks are a barrier in the way of a strike. Home products in many branches of phone company work have signed labor agreements with the company, and the loyal membership of such associations may stick by the company and help to prevent strike attempts on the part of the electrical workers.

Telephone operators are not involved in the strike called from San Francisco by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, according to positive statement this afternoon by Mrs. A. A. Johnson, business agent of local 41-A, the operators' branch of the union.

STRIKE EFFECTIVE SATURDAY IF WAGE DEMANDS DENIED

San Francisco, Feb. 13.—(U. P.)—Unless the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company meets the wage increase demands of the Electrical Workers' union, its electrical workers in California, Oregon, Nevada, Washington and Idaho will go on strike.

If the company has refused to meet any part of the demands, and nothing remains but to strike," announced T. C. Vickers, member of the executive board of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, secretary of R. E. Swan, secretary of the Pacific district of the brotherhood, said the strike would be sent out and automatically will be in effect. The telephone company meets the demands of \$1 a day increase before tomorrow morning.

No definite action has been taken regarding the operators' demands, but it is understood a sympathetic strike will be ordered unless the company agrees to recognize their union and grant demands of a minimum wage of \$2 for beginners and \$4 for girls of more than three years' experience.

Robert Wakefield, Pioneer Contractor, Dies at Age of 75

Robert Wakefield, a native of England, aged 75, and a resident of Portland for 28 years, died at his home, 548 Franklin street this morning. He was a contractor and builder and a member of the Chamber of Commerce, Portland Real Estate Exchange and Shrine.

Wakefield is survived by his widow, Mrs. Della Wakefield; two sons, William and Frank; and two daughters, Mrs. Mildred Hager and Mrs. Alice Borghorst, all of this city. Funeral arrangements are in charge of J. P. Finley & Son.

William J. Daly

William J. Daly, aged 85, and a resident of Portland for 60 years, died Thursday night at his home, 870 East Irving street. He is survived by his son, John H. Daly, and his wife, Margaret Daly, died February 28. Daly was a carpenter and builder in this city for many years and well known to many pioneers. He resided at 255 East Oak street and was engaged in building some of the early buildings of what was then East Portland. Funeral services will be held at Dunning & McEntee's parlors Saturday at 11 a. m. in St. Francis church, Twelfth and Pine. Final services will be in Mount Calvary cemetery.

William Dryden

William Dryden, age 87 and a resident of Portland since 1871, died Thursday at his home in East Knott street. He is survived by five sons and two daughters, Joseph, W. H. Presler, Charles R. and Mrs. Pearl Truman of this city; Gilbert Dryden of Creswell and Mrs. Alice Hill of Vancouver. Dryden crossed the plains in 1865 from Iowa to Montana and came to Portland six years later. In 1876 he settled on a farm in what became Irvington. Funeral services will be held Saturday at 2:30 at the Finley chapel, the Rev. W. G. Elliot Jr. officiating.

Mrs. Sarah Kate Black

Mrs. Sarah Kate Black, 74, a native of England and a resident of Portland for 12 years, died Thursday at her home, 414 East Eighth street north. Mrs. Black is survived by her son, Alfred C. Black, formerly of the Colon Meat company, and now with the Wilcox Hayes Co. She was interested in suffrage, Red Cross and other movements. Funeral services will be held at the Portland Crematorium, Saturday at 2:30.

Mrs. Donna M. Goodwin

Mrs. Donna Myra Goodwin, 18, a native of Oregon, died Thursday night at her residence, 89 East Jessup street, a victim of influenza. She had been married but 13 days and was the bride of Raymond G. Goodwin. The child was reared by her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Perdue of Days Creek, Or. The body will be forwarded by Dunning & McEntee to Riddle, Or., for interment.

J. W. Felbaum Dies

Pendleton, Feb. 13.—J. W. Felbaum, 75, died Thursday of cancer of the throat. He worked here as a bricklayer for 10 years, and was an elder in the Presbyterian church. His wife and two married daughters survive.

Driven to Robbery By Want, 2 Explain; Sentenced to Jail

Ill, penniless and despondent, John Stegmann and Emery Brannor attempted to commit robbery on February 6, they admitted in police court today. Stegmann was sent to jail by Municipal Judge Rossman for 150 days, and Brannor for 120 days.

"I carried the gun to commit suicide if I couldn't get a job," Stegmann said. When they demanded money of a pedestrian, their intended victim knocked Stegmann down with his fist.

KERR AND LEWIS WILL ADDRESS MEETING OF MULTNOMAH FARMERS

Large Gathering Is Expected at Gresham Saturday; Interesting Program Arranged.

Farmers will gather at Gresham tomorrow to hear President W. J. Kerr of Oregon Agricultural college, C. I. Lewis of the Oregon Growers' Cooperative association and others. It is the first meeting of the kind to be arranged for the farmers of Multnomah county, announces S. R. Hall, Multnomah county agricultural agent, and a large attendance is anticipated.

The program is as follows: Eleven to 12 o'clock, address, "Advantages and Opportunities in Cooperative Marketing of Fruit," C. I. Lewis, editor of the Oregon Grower; 12 to 1 p. m., home products luncheon; served by Gresham Business Men's club; music by the high school orchestra and girls' glee club; 1 to 2 p. m., greetings from the business men, K. A. Miller; "Oregon Products," A. C. Clark; "The Local Advantages in Education," George W. Stapleton; "The Future in the Berry Business in This Community," D. E. Towle; "What Means Fair Deal to Agricultural Development," H. A. Lewis, president of farm bureau; 2 to 2:30 p. m., "The Growth of Agriculture in Oregon," President W. J. Kerr, Oregon Agricultural college; 2:30 to 3 p. m., "Handwriting on the Wall," P. V. Harris, county agent leader.

Clearing House for Charities Proposed

City and county officials and representatives of the various relief and charity organizations of Portland gathered Thursday in the Chamber of Commerce rooms to discuss plans for the reorganization of a central clearing house for charities in an effort to prevent duplication of relief work. To finance the plan a committee of three was authorized. Ben Selling was named chairman. County Commissioner Hoyt recommended the use of the welfare bureau rooms in the courthouse as headquarters.

Woman Dies Three Days After Death Of Baby at Birth

Freewater, Feb. 13.—Mrs. Nellie Mae Reid Haun, wife of Thomas Haun of Ferndale, died Tuesday from influenza, following the death of her baby Saturday at birth. Mrs. Haun was 29 years of age. She taught for four years at the Ferndale school.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Boylan, living near the Walla Walla river, and their two children are in St. Mary's hospital, Walla Walla, suffering from influenza. Boylan is seriously ill with double pneumonia.

Prince Estate Admitted

The estate of Thomas R. Prince, estimated to be worth about \$500,000, was admitted to probate this morning by Judge Taxwell. Dr. H. F. Ong was appointed administrator.

ARREST COMES JUST AFTER ACCUSED HAD DECIDED TO REFORM

Railroad Pass Fraud Suspect Denies, However, He Is Ringleader of Gang of Operatives.

Fearing apprehension, Theodore W. Powell brought his wife and child to Portland from Los Angeles on bogus railroad passes, rented a tailor shop and determined to "live straight." Powell was arrested Wednesday night by department of justice operatives and has made practically a complete confession to William Bryon, special agent, Bryon said today.

"I will tell everything I know," Powell is reputed to have said. "The ring's system was to sell railroad passes to travelers at very much reduced figures, and to demand their return at the completion of the trip, so that they might be used again. Powell, urged by his wife to forsake his evil ways, used such passes to come to Portland. He was determined to go straight and had started on that path, according to Bryon, when arrested.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Powell and the child are missing. They were supposed to be following Powell, after his arrest, to Bryon's office, but they had not appeared today.

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Electrical Sewing Machine Stolen From 10th St. Apartment

An electrical sewing machine and other valuable articles, including jewelry, were stolen from the apartment of Miss Alice Barringer at 415 Tenth street Thursday afternoon, according to Miss Barringer's report to the police. A neighbor saw an unidentified woman about the place Thursday afternoon, it is reported. Thieves entered the room of N. P. Lampros, Commercial hotel, Thursday and in addition to stealing two tailor made suits took a complete outfit, from socks to shirts and left the room in a disordered condition. Lampros has reported.

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