

CONSTITUTIONALITY OF BOND QUIZ REPORT

Salem, Or., May 8.—Condemning the system which places the responsibility for the investment of state funds on the shoulders of one man, the Marion county grand jury in its report on the conduct of the state treasury department by State Treasurer Hoff, which was filed with Circuit Judge Bingham Friday afternoon...

SYSTEM IS BLAMED

Condemns the policy of the state treasurer in investing such large sums of money in one locality or investment; also his theory and practice of buying bonds that pay at the rate of 4 per cent without looking to the value of the property back of the bonds that must ultimately redeem the principal.

IRRIGATION PLANS FOR WATERING OF

Salem, May 8.—Application for permission to construct a reservoir of 25,000 acre feet capacity and for the appropriation of water from Cow creek with which to fill it, has been filed with State Engineer Cupper by the Jordan Valley Cattle company.

BOARD IS ADVISED

The right to invest the money of the state in bonds should be left to no individual person, the report of the inquisitorial body declares. The legislature should create a board consisting of at least three members, therefore, and it would not be necessary to create any additional state office for such purpose.

STATE SHOULD BID

It should be remembered that the various counties, school districts and municipalities are but agencies of the state, and the state, as principal, has a direct interest in each of all of its agencies.

SYSTEM LONG STANDING

That the system to which the grand jury refers in its report is one of long standing is indicated in the paragraphs. One of these condemns "the system that has obtained in the office of the state treasurer for these many years of making advances on salaries and claims against the state before the same have been audited by the auditing officers of the state, namely the secretary of state."

CRITICISM IS VOICED

The investigation developed the fact that bonds were often paid for before delivery thereof; that at the time of the investigation all sums paid for undelivered bonds were secured with collateral, the report states, adding: "The records further reveal that bonds which were not yet in existence had been sold by Morris Brothers, Inc., to the state treasurer at an exorbitant profit and payments in full made thereon by the state treasurer. It is claimed, however, that delivery of the bonds to the state treasurer was secured by bonds deposited as collateral."

NEW YORK DEMOCRATS MAKE VEILED ATTACK ON LEAGUE

Albany, N. Y., May 8.—Containing a rather thinly veiled attack on the League of Nations as advocated by President Wilson, resolutions on suggestions for the Democratic platform adopted by the New York delegates to the national convention were concerned chiefly with minor issues of the day.

MORRIS BROS. SALES

There should be no strings upon any bonds purchased by the state of Oregon, the report declares. The apparent partiality of the state treasury department toward Morris Brothers is explained in the statement of J. G. Richardson, deputy state treasurer, embodied in the report, to the effect that a sweet arrangement with the Portland bond brokers the state treasury had invested some \$500,000 of industrial accident funds in securities through this firm with the understanding that they could be resold to the same firm at the purchase price at any time the money might be needed in the state of 4 per cent.

STATE MAKES MONEY

This Richardson's statement explains, however, that the state made much more advantageous arrangement, so far as the state is concerned, than the previous policy of the department, which maintained the huge sum on deposit in banks at only 2 per cent interest.

AGREES FILED

By E. H. Green of Dee, water of an unnamed spring branch for the irrigation of the irrigation of a small tract development in Hood River county.

KNOX IN RACE ADDS TO G. O. P. COMPLEXITIES

Herbert Hoover. For the former food administrator is far from dead politically, if the word of several astute politicians may be accepted, who hold out that at no time since Hoover refused to enter the general scramble for delegates in the presidential and state convention has been other than a "dark horse" candidate, and as such he has retained a reserve strength that has not yet been exhausted.

IRREVERSIBLE FIRST BALLOT

With all but six of the states having chosen their Republican delegates it becomes more apparent that no candidate can hope to win on the first ballot. Instructed delegates at present are apportioned as follows: Wood, 136; Johnson, 106; Lowden, 73; Harding, 49; Senator Miles Poindexter, 14.

COX LEADS DEMOCRATS

Democratic delegates are still widely distributed. Instructions have been made as follows: Governor James Cox, 74; Hoover, 33; Governor Edward I. Edwards, 28; Senator Robert Owen, 20; Senator Gilbert Hitchcock, 16; William J. Bryan, 10; James W. Gerard, 10.

HIGH TAKES ALL RIGHT IF JUST TO ALL, SAYS SWEENEY

Thomas A. Sweeney, Republican candidate for congress from the Third district, is not afraid of high taxes as long as they are just, so he told the Knights and Ladies of Security Friday night.

JOHNSON 161,323 AHEAD IN COMPLETE CALIFORNIA VOTE

San Francisco, May 8.—(U. P.)—Complete returns from 577 precincts, some of which are official, give Senator Johnson a lead of 161,323 over Governor Hoover in the election for the California state convention a majority of 161,323 over the group pledged to Herbert Hoover.

CARS SHORTAGES PROMPT CAMPS TO STOP RUNNING

Over 600 employees of logging camps and lumber mills at Cochran, West Timber and Scofield have been laid off during the past two days because of a shortage of cars to handle logs from the woods to mills. Four camps at Cochran, which are operated by C. H. Wheeler, closed down Thursday and Friday, and will remain closed, according to Wheeler, until a supply of cars is guaranteed by the Southern Pacific company.

LOSSES HEART BALM; BULLET ENDS LIFE

La Grande, May 8.—A Phillip Connally, who two days ago lost a breach of promise suit by default, brought to trial by Mrs. Celia George, late Friday afternoon committed suicide by firing a bullet through his heart.

LUMBER OUTPUT IS HEAVY DESPITE CAR SHORTAGE

Lumber manufacturers of Western Oregon and Western Washington are continuing their operations on a high standard of production. The output of 115 mills reporting to the West Coast Lumbermen's association last week was \$1,711,530 feet, only 1,243,170 feet or 1.5 per cent below normal.

Suit Is Begun by Keeler Brothers to Recover Bid Deposit

Suit was filed in the federal court Friday by Keeler Brothers, a bond house incorporated in Arizona and maintaining a large office in Portland, against school district 25, Gilliam county, the first of a series of suits maintained by the western National bank and the United States National bank of Portland, to collect \$5000 said to have been deposited with a bid to purchase road bonds and never refunded.

Presidents of Four Railroad Companies Are Still in City

Four railroad presidents still remain in Portland from the conference of executives of transcontinental lines held here Thursday. Ralph Budd, president of the Great Northern, is visiting his sister and mother, who live here.

S. P. Announces New Night Train Service

The new night train service on the Southern Pacific between Portland and Coos Bay territory will begin Sunday evening when special sleepers will be placed on the first section train No. 13. Returning, the service will become effective Monday evening at Marshfield.

Nature Is Busily Repairing War Loss

London, May 8.—As after all previous wars nature appears to be again busy restoring the population of European countries to normal and counterbalancing the excess of women caused by the war, the birth rate in London showed an enormous increase in the number of new-born boys. A record was reported which showed 21,814 boys were born, as against 4559 girls.

Farm Brings \$18,000

Vancouver, Wash., May 8.—William Elliott Kennedy has sold to M. W. Woolf his improved 20-acre farm in the Lake Shore district for a consideration of \$18,000.

Treaty Compromise Report Debated by Methodist Leaders

Des Moines, Iowa, May 8.—(U. P.)—The League of Nations and peace treaty were up for discussion again at today's session of the Methodist general conference meeting here.

RECEIVER ASKED; ALLEGES ASSETS WERE TRANSFERRED

Suit was filed today by Matthew J. Lynch against L. L. and C. H. Leadbetter, the Portland Paper Box company, the Portland Paper Package company, and the Astoria Pulp and Paper company, demanding the appointment of a receiver for the assets of the companies, showing what has become of the company's assets.

SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR PASSING WORTHLESS CHECKS

William McKay, convicted of passing fictitious checks, was sentenced by Circuit Judge Gatens Thursday to the state reformatory for a term of three years, and a minimum was stated, because of certain conditions in connection with McKay's case.

CHARGES HUSBAND ASSAULTED HER; SHE ASKS FOR DIVORCE

Melvin Stonebrink went to the apartments of his wife, from whom he was separated, bolted the door, turned on her and, according to accounts made by Mrs. Deborah Stonebrink in a suit for divorce filed Friday, she says that he tried to strangle her.

MAPLEWOOD ASKS FENCE BE REMOVED FROM ROAD

The Maplewood Commercial club notified the county commissioners today that a fence on the Borch road, between Shahapta station and Garden Home road, is 10 feet in the road right of way, and asked that it be moved back.

MRS. GALLAGHER ESTATE IS ESTIMATED AT \$17,000

The value of the estate of Mrs. Della Gallagher, who died in Portland April 24, is placed at approximately \$17,000. Her will was probated Saturday and Albertus J. Robertson, a daughter of this city, is named as executor without bond.

EARLY CONSTRUCTION OF RAIL EXTENSION DESIRED

Early construction of the proposed extension of the coast railroad from the St. Johns line to municipal terminal No. 4 is deemed of vital necessity by the dock commission. The work will not be started, however, until one of four routes which have been suggested has been selected.

Leslie Butler, Hood River Banker, Is Ill

Leslie Butler of the Butler Banking company, Hood River, is suffering from an attack of pneumonia following in his room at the Benson hotel. Butler was on a business trip to Salem when he became ill. He attempted to motor home, but was forced to stop in Portland. He is considered in a serious condition.

HEIR OF ESTATE FILED FOR PROBATE IN COURT

The will of Thomas Emil Hendricks, senior member of the firm of Hendricks & Dahm, proprietors of the Pacific Tent & Awning company, was filed for probate today. David Dahm is named as executor. The value of the estate is placed at not less than \$50,000.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Vancouver, Wash., May 8.—Marriage licenses have been issued to the following couples: George J. Crawford, 24, and Gertrude H. Galloway, 26, San Francisco; Richard R. Robertson, 26, and Bernice Crosby, 19, Vancouver; Don C. Folsom, 47, and Rose Taunton, 43, Portland.

GERMANS MAY ASK POSTPONEMENT

London, May 8.—(I. N. S.)—If Germany requests a postponement of the conference with allied representatives at Spa on May 22 it probably will be made discretionary with the foreign office today.

HALEY WINS SUIT AGAINST CLAY PRODUCTS COMPANY

The jury in the suit of Arthur L. Haley against the Clay Products company in Circuit Judge Gatens' court, today brought in a verdict for the plaintiff. Haley was suing for \$1000 for drafting of plans and engineering work for the company, and for \$1000 for raising a subscription list of \$12,000 from the citizens of Vancouver, Wash., as a bonus to induce the company to reestablish its plant in that city.

MRS. ARNDT'S DAMAGE SUIT CALLED FOR TRIAL BY JURY

Trial of the suit of Mrs. Julia Arndt against the Portland & Oregon City Railroad company was started before Circuit Judge Tucker Friday, but the regular jury panel was exhausted before a jury was obtained and the case was continued to Monday morning.

TWO NEW DAMAGE SUITS FILED IN CIRCUIT COURT

New suits filed in the circuit court Friday included in action by P. Greco against M. B. Conde for \$5000 alleged damages. The plaintiff claims that Conde's delivery truck ran her down August 31, 1918, at East Eleventh and Division streets and caused serious injuries.

PLenty of Power but no Traction—spinning wheels that get nowhere



Plenty of Power but no Traction—spinning wheels that get nowhere—and the man in the taxi believes he is paying for the futile spinning of the wheels. The meter on his car back home would register them in miles.

Weed Tire Chains

For Sure and Certain Traction. The taxicab companies protect the Public and themselves from skidding accidents—from excessive costs. Taxicab wheels spin only when drivers disobey the companies' order to "Put on Tire Chains when streets are wet or slippery."



BOLSHEVIK MOVES SIBERIAN ARMY TO STOP POLES' RUSH

London, May 8.—(U. P.)—Kieff has been captured by the Poles, an official soviet wireless communique from Moscow today said.

PETITIONS ASK ALBERS' FREEDOM

United States Attorney Lester W. Humphreys was informed Friday that petitions were being circulated asking for the elimination of the prison feature of the sentence imposed on Henry Albers, wealthy miller, convicted of making seditious utterances in violation of the federal espionage act.

Wedding License Issued

Oregon City, May 8.—Lela M. Matney of Cottage Grove and Euter C. Wolz of The Dalles were issued a license to wed here Friday.

Council May Force Railroads to Use One Central Station

Endeavors to assure the arrival and departure of all trains at Union station instead of various other depots now used were begun Friday by the city council with the passage of a resolution asking Deputy City Attorney Tomlinson to determine if the city can force railroad companies to utilize the main depot.

PREMIERS MAY HAVE TO TREAT WITH D'ANNUNZIO

Paris, May 8.—The old problem of how to oust Gabriele D'Annunzio from Fiume will soon confront the allies again. It may be put up to the premiers when they meet at Spa May 25, and according to the Serbian delegation in Paris, the Italians and Jugo-Slavs are in accord on the principal points of settlement of the vexatious Adriatic problem.

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