

METRIC SYSTEM IS STRONGLY OPPOSED AS U. S. MEASURE

How would you like to ask a haberdasher for a 406 millimeter collar when you wanted a 16?

If you wanted a 7 1/2 hat would you like to request a 187 millimeter hat?

And if you wanted an 8x10 photo plate would you like to ask for a 203 by 254 millimeter plate?

That is what every person in America would be compelled to ask for if legislation proposed to congress to establish the metric system of weights and measures in place of the English unit system were passed, according to William C. Wilson, assistant to the president of the American Institute of Weights and Measures.

He is in Portland in opposition to any legislation intended to compel universal adoption of the metric system in the United States.

The Dillon bill was proposed to congress for that purpose, Wilson pointed out this morning, and a second attempt to put a similar measure through congress was recently thwarted. It was to accomplish defeat of such legislation and to iron out irregularities in the English and American system that the American Institute of Weights and Measures was founded.

Wilson explains that use of the metric system in the United States is legal now, and that those firms which desire to employ it may do so, "but we do object to having it crammed down all our throats by law," he says.

ENGLISH UNIT FAVORED

The industries of America are all standardized on the English unit, Wilson explained, and on that basis the greatest industrial structure in the world has been reared. Goods are manufactured on the English basis, books are so kept on the English basis, and the English unit is employed in that system.

Ninety-nine per cent of the manufacturers believe such a step would be a calamity, Wilson declared, and the institution of another basis of measurement would cost hundreds of millions of dollars. The entire country would necessarily have to be reeducated.

That such a step is necessary in the interest of foreign trade was branded as absurd by Wilson. He pointed out that England and America are two of the greatest manufacturing and trading countries in the world and that they have already established the English system universally.

Wilson will speak on the question at an informal luncheon at the Chamber of Commerce Thursday. Proponents of the metric system will also be present.

Chicago Predicts Other Reductions

Chicago, May 26.—(U. P.)—Food went to lower prices here today and commission men predicted the decline will continue as summer advances. Staple vegetables and fruits have fallen from 5 to 35 per cent.

Body of Drowned Man Is Discovered Floating in River

Vancouver, Wash., May 26.—The body of Roy Dunn, who, with "Bill" Darling, was drowned in the Columbia river May 5, a short distance out from Washougal, was found floating in mid stream Tuesday by George Wing, a fisherman.

An identification card was found on the body, giving Dunn's age as 23 and his place of residence Fall Bridge, where he was employed as a mechanic by the S. P. & S. Mrs. Dunn is said to be living there.

The body of Darling, also a mechanic and well known at Camas, where he had previously worked in the paper mill, has not been found. Dunn's body was brought to Vancouver by the coroner and is at Knapp's funeral parlors.

OLCOTT LEADS AS FLYING GOVERNOR

Sacramento, May 26.—(U. P.)—Governor Olcott of Oregon is the flying governor of the nation. He flew from the international border at Blaine, Wash., to Stockton, then Stockton to San Francisco Bay and last night he came to Sacramento—by air—for supper with Governor Stephens.

He left at 12:30 a. m. for Salem, Oregon.

McAdoo High Man In Umatilla Vote

Pendleton, May 26.—William Gibbs McAdoo polled more votes for president in Umatilla county than any candidate, Republican or Democrat, in the primary Friday. He received 1573 votes, while Leonard Wood, Republican choice, received 1342. McAdoo received 470 more votes than T. L. Taylor, Democratic candidate for sheriff, who is considered the strongest vote getter in his party in the county. No other Democrat was given a vote for president, according to the official count.

Omaha Store Will Halt Reductions

Omaha, Neb., May 26.—(I. N. S.)—One of the largest merchandise stores in this city, which recently cut its prices from 20 to 33 1/3 per cent, thereby starting a nation-wide slashing of prices throughout the country, announced today that the reduction sales will terminate on next Saturday.

Missing Car Found

The sheriff's office at Ashland notified the Portland police today that it had recovered an automobile taken from the City garage, 56 Tenth street, Sunday night. The garage reported to the police that the car had been rented the night before by J. H. Wright and that he had failed to return the machine.

SOMMER'S DEATH IS INVESTIGATED

Vancouver, Wash., May 26.—Investigation of circumstances under which William J. Sommer met death Tuesday evening was made by a coroner's jury this morning. Cedric Miller, justice of the peace, presiding in the absence of Coroner W. J. Knapp, who is in California.

The jury exonerated the driver, holding the death accidental. Sommer, with others, was riding on a Vancouver Sand & Gravel company truck on his way from the Standifer shipyards to Third and Main streets, where he intended boarding a Portland car. He is said to have attempted to leave the truck before it was stopped and in so doing his foot caught in a rear wheel, throwing Sommer's body in such a position that it was crushed beneath the wheel. A shoe, torn and crushed, is at the police station.

S. S. Hickox, driver of the truck, is said by witnesses to be entirely free from blame in the affair. He has been placed under arrest, however, pending the investigation.

Sommer's brother, Adolph, came to Vancouver Tuesday night. The dead man was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Sommer of Newberg, Or., and had been living with his brother in Portland. He was about 22 years of age. The body will be taken to Newberg for burial.

Mexicans Turn to American Papers to Get News of Revolt

"When Americans or Mexicans in the Mazatlan section of Mexico want to know what kind of revolutions are rampant in that country, they have to get an American newspaper," says J. Oren Thomas, former employee of the Southern Pacific in this city, who arrived from the South this morning.

Thomas is in charge of a large ranch which produces every kind of tropical fruit and vegetable. The ranch is on a large island just south of the Mexican port of Mazatlan, which is half way down the west coast.

"Figures have been compiled to show that less than 6 per cent of the citizens of Mexico are under arms or have been under arms during the last two years," said Thomas.

"It is true that a revolution recently resulted in the overthrow of the Carranza party, but the revolution was bloodless. The two armies galloped towards each other and when the cavalry detachments reached each other they joined and the whole army went in one direction."

\$10,000,000 Gold Is Part of Cargo

San Francisco, May 26.—(I. N. S.)—A veritable treasure ship, the British freighter Charlatan Hall, arrived today from Shanghai carrying gold shipments to banking interests here estimated to total \$10,000,000. The vessel also carried a cargo of rice for Havana.

Buyers Attracted By Bargains Seen In Liberty Bonds

In the face of the decline of Liberty bonds some good buying is in evidence among the investment houses. Eastern houses that make a specialty of government bonds declare that investors are being attracted by the exceptional bargains now represented by current Liberty prices.

As yet this buying is in small amounts and not sufficient to offset the large institutional selling that has depressed the market of late. It is believed that this buying movement will gain headway when the situation is fully appreciated throughout the country.

MILLION SPENT TO LAND WOOD IN PRESIDENCY

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Since then I have advanced \$500,000 which has not been covered by contributions."

"Do you not know of any large subscription to the campaign?" Senator Reed asked.

"The largest I know of is that of Colonel Ambrose Monell, a personal friend of General Wood, who gave \$25,000," Proctor continued.

"Do you know of one contribution of \$500,000 and another of \$500,000?" Reed asked.

"No," Proctor replied.

"Some names withheld?"

"Some men do not wish their names mentioned, but they all are in our trust's records," Proctor said.

"We have insisted on it from others," Reed insisted, "and we want you to tell us."

William Wrigley, the chewing gum man, subscribed, as did Colonel Byllesby of Chicago," Proctor said. "I don't know how much."

"What about others?" Reed asked.

"I think the Goodrich Rubber man of Akron, Ohio, gave some, I am not sure," Proctor replied.

Proctor said John T. King was in charge of the Wood movement before he entered and that King resigned.

"I want to organize a new movement," Proctor declared.

"Why was a new management deemed necessary?" Reed asked.

"The Wood campaign was an organization when I took charge," Proctor declared.

"I asked Mr. King relative to his organization, but never was informed. He declined to tell me," Proctor said.

Reed began a cross-examination of Proctor which was objected to by Proctor as "not coming within the jurisdiction of the court," and the judge ordered the den of new Jersey.

Proctor was supported by Senator Edge of New Jersey.

REED SEEKS LIGHT

"What does he wish to hide about this campaign?" Reed asked.

Carlin was asked all manner of questions to establish his connections and those of Attorney General Palmer.

"I have no objection to your questioning Mr. Proctor if it is to lead to some light on the finances of the campaign," Reed said.

"What did Mr. King tell you when you asked him the status of his campaign?" Reed continued.

"He seemed to enlighten me, but there was no organization," Proctor answered.

The question Proctor objected to was, "What was the reason General Wood supplied to support King?" Reed did not press the question and the committee adjourned until 3 o'clock.

C. C. Callin, Attorney General Palmer's campaign manager, appearing in the senate campaign fund investigation, submitted a detailed account of Palmer's receipts and expenditures. Among the contributors were:

Joseph Guffey, Pittsburgh oil man, \$10,000; Frank L. Crocker, New York, \$5000; Francis P. Garvan, assistant attorney general, \$1000; J. H. C. Long, Philadelphia, \$2000; Bozack Michael, Scranton, Pa., \$1500; John F. Crosby, Hartford, Conn., \$1000.

COUNTY G. O. P. COMMITTEE CALLED TO MEET JUNE 2

The Multnomah Republican county central committee, elected at the recent primary election, has been called to meet at the Auditorium June 2, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of perfecting its organization, electing its officers and also electing a state committeeman from this county. This call has been sent out by John L. Day, chairman of the present committee.

Incidentally, Day seems destined to continue in the gravel-wielding position at the head of the committee. He made sure of that by filing some 300 precinct committeemen, and as there was not a great scramble for those positions, the great majority of the Day candidates were elected.

Another interesting sidelight on the situation is that Colonel David M. Dunne, present state committeeman, is slated for retirement to unofficial life, according to the gossip floating about the inside corridors of the state capitol. Chairman Day are not so politically friendly as they might be, or were at the time Day's committee elected the colonel.

Joseph E. Dunn, the Lowden manager in the recent primary campaign, has been picked to fill the place of Colonel Dunne on the state committee, according to gossip. Joe Dunn and Jack Day are tiliacums, politically and otherwise, and the county chairman would have a closer contact with the state committee if his friend were the Multnomah county committeeman than if Colonel Dunne held that job. Chairman Day wants to be United States marshal, and he does not want to overlook any political grips to which he might be able to cling.

The Republican state central committee will, in all probability, not meet and elect a state chairman until after the Chicago convention. For one thing, the county committees are usually slow in perfecting their organizations and electing their state committeemen. But it is also desired by the organization leaders to await the action of the national convention so that a state chairman may be elected who would be in full harmony, not only officially but personally, with the presidential nominee as determined upon at Chicago.

CITY'S FINANCES CAUSE NO WORRY TO CONTRACTORS

Private contractors have no immediate fear of the city's present inability to finance street improvement and sewer construction because of the failure to find a buyer for municipal improvement bonds.

This was the opinion expressed by Commissioner Barbur this morning when bids were read before the council. Private contractors entered bids on all jobs offered.

This afternoon the council will meet contractors in an effort to work out a solution of the present financial problem.

The complete list of street improvement bids opened by City Auditor Funk this morning follows: Kensington street, O. M. Patton \$1395.50, Hetrick & Kline \$1408; East Seventy-sixth street: Warren Construction company \$26,588; Killingsworth avenue: Municipal paving plant \$12,307, Warren Construction company \$15,819; Ainsworth avenue: United Contracting company, \$42,325.

The following bids on Keesling construction work were submitted: Forty-second avenue southeast: Lundstrom & Carlson \$1915.11, Joseph & Son \$1990.89, Mehmert & Co., \$1584.86, Lundstrom & Carlson \$1653.60, Portland Realty & Trust company \$1784.

PERMIT WILL BE NEEDED TO PUT APARTMENT BUILDERS who contemplate erecting apartment houses cannot do so until January 1, 1921, without first getting the consent of property owners within a radius of 200 feet, following an ordinance passed this morning by the council extending the time limit on a recent ordinance.

The council placed apartment houses in the list of restricted buildings for a six months' period about five months ago, when a permit was refused to erect the Berkshire apartments in King's Heights addition. The time limit was to expire July 1. Owing to the fact that the Berkshire apartment case is now before the supreme court, and indications are that it will not be decided for some few months, the council desired to allow the regulation to continue on other apartment houses.

Hearing Set for Friday

Friday morning at 10 a. m. was set by the council as the time for the public hearing on the proposed change of Denver avenue to Derby street, from Lombard to Prescott streets.

Prominent Jackson County Man Passes

Medford, May 26.—Frank Owens of Ashland, county commissioner of Jackson county and prominent farmer and stockman, dropped dead here this forenoon at the courthouse of Jacksonville, presumably of heart trouble. He was just exalted ruler of the Ashland Elks lodge.

Combustion Starts Fire

Spontaneous combustion in the sawdust bins caused a small fire in the sawmill factory, Columbia boulevard and Derby street, at 11:30 a. m. today.

Membership Drive For American Legion Opens in Portland

The 1920 membership drive of the American Legion, with the aim in mind of 5000 new members, was inaugurated today at a luncheon at the Oregon grill to the captains of Portland district.

A gold watch fob, gold American Legion brooch (for a woman) or a radiator emblem has been offered to the legion member securing the most new members by Orton E. Goodwin, chairman of the membership committee.

Members desiring to enter the contest may obtain blanks at post headquarters, 421 Morgan building. Ex-service men desiring to join the legion may do so at post headquarters or at Stillier's cigar store, Broadway and Stark street.

WELLS FARGO BANK GETS AINSWORTH

Word was received Tuesday by H. B. Ainsworth, vice president of the United States National bank, that at a special meeting of the board of directors of the Wells-Fargo Nevada National bank of San Francisco, he had been elected as first vice president of that institution.

Ainsworth has been vice president of the United States National since 1916, the most interesting period of its growth.

EXPANSION IS RAPID

The extension of its magnificent quarters at Sixth and Oak streets, the absorption of the Lumbermen's National and the purchase of the Elks' property for expansion purposes, mark the most important transactions in the history of the bank.

"I regret greatly leaving Portland," stated Ainsworth, "but this was an opportunity that I could not refuse. I am happy in the thought of being connected with F. L. Lipman, president, and his associates."

TRAINED IN CALIFORNIA

Ainsworth received his first bank training immediately after graduating from the University of California in the Central Bank of Oakland, now the Central National.

During his long residence in Portland, born on the site of the old location of the United States National bank at Third and Oak streets, Ainsworth has strongly entrenched himself in the business and social life of the city, and his presence will be greatly missed.

The Wells Fargo Nevada National bank, established in 1852, with present assets of \$10,000,000 and deposits approximately \$5,000,000, is one of the oldest and most prominent banks of the Pacific coast.

Ainsworth leaves tonight for San Francisco and will assume his duties there on June 1. His family will follow as soon as a suitable home can be obtained.

Execution Order Issued

An order of execution from the circuit court of Multnomah county was filed with the sheriff's office today by George L. Rauch, as attorney for Tony Dagostino, who recently secured a judgment against the Portland Railway, Light & Power company for \$3500 and costs of suit.

G. O. P. DELEGATES ARE IN QUANDARY

Politicians who do not want Hiram W. Johnson to have any more Oregon delegates under his banner at Chicago than the law and the conscience of the delegates will demand, want to know whether a district delegate is bound by the vote of the state at large, or of the electorate of his own particular district.

If the state vote binds them, then Senator Johnson will have nine votes, Judge McCamant having bolted the big trip on the ground that he filed his candidacy by the initiative petition route and is therefore not pledged to vote for the high man.

If the district vote binds district delegates then the California man lost a vote or two, according to rumors floating about today.

In the First congressional district, which elects two delegates to the convention, General Wood, according to incomplete returns so far received, is just four votes ahead of Senator Johnson, the general having a total of 23,726 and the senator 10,172 votes. What the complete count will show is of course uncertain, but there is a possibility of Wood losing Johnson out in the Western Oregon section.

There is a persistent rumor that a good many Wood leaders down in the First district are contending that a Wood majority in the district would bind the district delegates to Wood, irrespective of the fact that Johnson carried the state at large. They contend that the district delegates were elected by the district electorate, and that the district delegates are expected to stand by the "high man" of the district.

Walter Toose Jr., the sure winner as a First district delegate, had for his slogan "For president—Your Choice My Choice." He was not at McMinnville today and could not be reached, so his views on the subject are not known.

Dr. Joel C. Booth of Lebanon, who is still one of the contenders for second place as a delegate, says he is bound by the state vote and that though he is a Wood man or Lowden man, he will cast his vote for Johnson, should the final returns show him to have been chosen for second place on the delegation.

Frank T. Wrightman of Salem, the other contender for second place on the delegation, is reported to incline to the view that the preponderating vote of the district from which he secured his election, should the final count show him to have been successful, would bind him, and that, should the complete vote show Wood to have carried the district, he would be bound to vote for Wood and not for Johnson.

Anyway, they are very much interested in the complete return from the first district, and if these show Wood to have had the most votes within it, the course of the first district delegates at Chicago will be full of interest.

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Vancouver Beautiful Idea Brings Out Big Attendance at Meet

Vancouver, Wash., May 26.—Nearly every organization in the city was represented at a meeting in the Chamber of Commerce rooms Tuesday night, called by Mayor Percival for the purpose of furthering the "Vancouver beautiful" idea, which is the object of the civic society.

Mayor Percival will appoint an executive committee of the Civic society today, and a meeting will be held Thursday evening for the purpose of electing a permanent chairman. The city will be divided into districts and vacant lots belonging to residents and non-residents will be cleaned of rubbish and the city will be made attractive for the thousands of visitors expected during the summer.

Taft Accepts Job With Unitarians

Boston, May 26.—Ex-President William Howard Taft has accepted the honorary chairmanship of the Unitarian campaign committee, according to an announcement made today at the offices of the committee, Unity House, 7 Park Square, this city. The committee has been organized for the formulation of plans for a great campaign to spread the message of Unitarianism.

Senate Passes Civil Appropriation Bill

Washington, May 26.—(I. N. S.)—The senate late this afternoon passed the sundry civil appropriation bill carrying an approximate total of \$441,000,000.

Portland Husband Sues

Oregon City, May 26.—Two couples married in Portland filed suit for divorce here Tuesday. Dewey Elroy brought suit against William A. Elroy, to whom she was married November 30, 1919, on the charge of cruelty. George E. Larson charges desertion in a suit filed against Sarah Larson. They were married September 8, 1919.

No Work For Ma getting lunch, says Bobby

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I want Portland mothers to know the benefits of this real clothing sale

In dollars and cents the volume of men's business naturally is greater, but the ratio of savings is just as great in the boys' clothing as in the men's!

Portland mothers—and fathers, too—can buy during this real clothing sale the finest and best boys' clothes in America at reductions of 20% and more. Here are the country-famed Skolny Clothes and the wonderfully good Wearplege Insured Clothes for boys at prices which make generous buying an imperative duty. If I had boys I'd buy suits in pairs and in trios at such prices!

So let the mothers come with their boys! The second floor holds the boys' and young men's clothes.

Steady and continuous buying continues in the men's department. Last week's arrivals served to fill up the depleted ranks. There are actually regiments of suits here from which to choose. The reductions begin at 20%, but they average much more!

It's an Opportunity, Men, in This Real Clothing Sale!

Leading Clothier Morrison at Fourth

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Suits for Men and Young Men

Including Hickey-Freeman, Skolny, L. System.

\$40 and \$45 Suits \$30

\$50 and \$60 Suits \$40

\$65 and \$70 Suits \$50

\$75 and \$80 Suits \$60

Boys' Belted Suits

With one and two pairs of "knickerbockers."

All \$15.00 Suits at \$9.65

\$16.50-\$18 Suits \$13.65

\$20-\$22.50 Suits \$14.65