

### PROSPECTIVE ROAD BILL FOR COUNTY UNDER DISCUSSION

Practicability of shaping a bill for presentation at the next session of the state legislature, authorizing Multnomah county to proceed with street and road work whenever petitioned for by a majority of the property owners, and charging the expense to the adjacent property or a definite improvement district, was discussed by the county commissioners Wednesday.

The suggestion was made by Roadmaster William Hatchel, who said that he has long been of the opinion that Multnomah county should have a street improvement law similar to that under which the city of Portland carries on street improvements. There was a variance of opinion among the commissioners as to the advantages of the proposed measure. But it will be given further consideration.

This matter came up when John Bain made application to have the county lay macadam roads in the Green Hills district and charge actual cost to the property owners. It was decided that this work cannot be done at present, because of the pressure of work on county highways where improvements are already in progress and that must be finished before the rains arrive.

### SEEKS TO CLOSE ESTATE OF WOMAN MISSING FOR 9 YEARS

The mysterious disappearance of Mrs. Hilda J. Giberson in 1911 from her little home in Portland and complete absence of any information of what became of her, was called to attention again on Wednesday when W. Jay Seaman filed a petition with the probate department of the Multnomah county circuit court, asking that he be appointed administrator of the estate.

It is probable that the property owned by Mrs. Giberson, a lot and house valued at \$750, will escheat to the state of Oregon.

### ELECTION SUPERVISOR IS DENIED OVERTIME CLAIM

The county commissioners of Multnomah county do not propose to establish a precedent by allowing extra compensation for work of supervisors of elections. The supervisors must be content with the payment of \$3 a day for the actual time served, as provided for by the statute. This attitude was clearly indicated at a meeting of the commissioners Wednesday, when they unanimously decided to disallow the claim of Charles Conroy for payment at the rate of 50 cents an hour for work in looking up members of the election board at the last county election and in cleaning up the room used as a polling place after the election.

### Amended Complaint Filed

C. E. Cripe and C. W. Harris filed an amended complaint Tuesday in their suit against Walker D. Hines and the O-W. R. & N. company, in which they seek judgment for damages for sheep killed by a train. They state that on July 2 they shipped six carloads of sheep to Sonny, in Hood River county, where they were unloaded in the open and

### Divorce Mill

Divorce suits filed: Doris Peterson against Soren Lester Peterson, cruelty; Paloma Carolyn Stone against Harry Selon Stone, cruelty.

Divorce suits filed: Lena White against Roy White, desertion; Lena Demeyer against George F. Demeyer, cruelty.

Divorce decrees granted: Rosetta Marr from Lottie Marr, Herbert Galloway from Ralph Galloway, Willis Costello from Lulu M. Costello, Estella E. Gaynor from Philip B. Gaynor, Margaret N. Baird from J. M. Baird, Estelle Elliott from Edward Elliott, Anna V. Scott from J. H. Scott, Marie Hurst from Claude W. Hurst, Mary E. Williams from Benjamin L. Williams, Ira C. Arnett from Gladys E. Arnett, Fred Frits from Helen Frits, Kate Vaughn from John T. Vaughn.

### Garstaker Rewarded

James H. Jackson, long infirm, died November 9, 1918, leaving two adopted daughters, but no will. One of the daughters did not develop mentally and is a state charge. The other is Mrs. Bertha J. Harvey, who is said to have cared for the aged man in her own home until his death, with the understanding that his estate would reward her. The matter was presented to Circuit Judge Stapleton Tuesday and the \$148.17 remaining in the estate was awarded to Mrs. Harvey.

### Delay Brings Clemency

Failure on the part of internal revenue officers to complete their reports hurriedly and offer Paul Crammoo a speedy trial, brought leniency for the defendant Wednesday when arraigned before Federal Judge Charles Wolverton. Crammoo spent 18 days in jail waiting for trial. "In view of this fact the court will impose a fine of but \$50," the judge said. Crammoo was caught with a suitcase of liquor a short time after he had purchased it from a north-end bootlegger.

### Dry Law Case Dismissed

Complaint charging violation of the national prohibition law on file against Adolph Strubbe was dismissed Wednesday by Judge Charles Wolverton upon motion of Assistant United States Attorney Reginald Fliegel told the court that Strubbe had effected a compromise with the internal revenue department and paid his fine. He was charged with operating a still.

### Alleged Moonshiner Held

Richard Walters of Sellwood Gardens, was held for the federal grand jury Wednesday by United States Commissioner Drake. Authorities testified to finding a 50 gallon barrel of barley and corn mash and parts of a still buried in the back yard when they raided the place. Bail was set at \$500.

### Hard Cider Brings \$25 Fine

Possession of 10 five-gallon kegs of hard cider that tested from 6 to 9 percent alcohol cost John F. Whistons \$25 Wednesday. He was fined this sum by District Judge Bell after he had pleaded guilty. Whistons conducts a billiard hall at Greaham.

### \$750 Damages Asked

Trial of an admiralty suit filed by Thomas Bee to collect \$750 for personal injuries while employed on the schooner Dowsy Freeman was started Wednesday before Federal Judge Wolverton. Bee was injured when he fell through an open hatch in the vessel, while it was loading lumber at the Paganuia Lumber company.

### COMMUNITY CHEST ORGANIZATION IS FULLY PERFECTED

The Community Chest, an organization of Portland's contributors to benevolence with the purpose of condensing all "drives" into a single annual drive when the city's quota of possibly \$1,000,000 will be raised, was perfected at a meeting Tuesday evening in the Portland Chamber of Commerce.

The report of the organization committee consisting of Mayor Baker, chairman ex-officio; E. N. Strong, active chairman; H. L. Corbett, Max S. Hirsch, O. W. Melick, John F. Daly, City Attorney W. P. La Roche, B. C. Ball, W. D. Whitcomb and Milton Reed Klepper was unanimously adopted, as presented by Chairman Strong.

### DIRECTORS ELECTED

This report consisted of the constitution read by Secretary Klepper and the suggested board of directors. The directors were unanimously elected as follows: J. C. Answorth, W. B. Ayer, B. C. Ball, Charles F. Berg, C. D. Bruun, Edward Cookingham, Mrs. E. E. Corbett, J. F. Daly, Marshall N. Dana, J. L. Etheridge, J. C. English, Franklin T. Griffith, Eric V. Hauser, Max S. Hirsch, Mrs. Thomas Honeyman, Milton E. Klepper, Julius L. Meier, Emory Olmstead, Henry E. Reed, Ben Selling, Nathan Strauss, E. N. Strong and W. D. Whitcomb.

The board will elect its own officers consisting of a president, four vice presidents, a treasurer and secretary. The mayor of Portland will always be the honorary president under the constitution.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The board will elect an executive committee of seven which will actually organize and conduct the campaign for funds and there will be a budget committee to pass upon budgets submitted by the several established agencies of the city. Systematic auditing of all accounts will be required both in respect to the agencies and the administration of the community chest. The meeting of the board for organization will be held in a few days at the call of the mayor, it was announced. The organization committee and Secretary Klepper were given a rising vote of thanks in recognition of an unusual public service.

### ORGANIZATIONS NAMED

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The girls in the Portland federal building were all excited Wednesday because their pay checks will be \$2.50 short this month. They have been informed that \$2.50 will be deducted each month until they are 70 years of age, to be applied on an old age pension.

"Who ever heard of a stenographer getting to be 70 years old?" the women asked one another. "It might be alright for the men, but not for the women," one of them told a United States attorney.

The law also provides that the entire sum shall be returned to any woman with 4 per cent interest if she leaves federal employ before reaching her three score and 10 qualification.

Anna A. Parrott filed a suit Tuesday against W. M. and Permelia L. Tyler for \$1750 damages she alleges she suffered when their automobile crashed into her car at East Lincoln and East Thirty-fourth streets June 23 and her car was badly wrecked while she suffered personal injuries.

### Pioneer Minister Of Roseburg Dies; Founded Churches

Roseburg, July 23.—Rev. William Adam Smick, one of the pioneer ministers of Oregon, died Tuesday at his home in this city. He was born in Perryville, Ky., October 5, 1845. At the age of 15 he enlisted soon after completing his education at Princeton seminary, New Jersey, in 1873, he came to Roseburg to begin his life work as a home missionary of the Presbyterian church.

He founded the present church at Roseburg, and six other churches and seven organizations in surrounding communities. For years he was the only Presbyterian minister between the old town of Jacksonville and Eugene. When he retired from the ministry, more than 25 years ago, he was succeeded by Rev. J. R. N. Bell, who later went to Corvallis. He is survived by his wife, one daughter and two sons, all of this city.

### Sentence Must Be Served; Court Firm On Original Order

"The facts simply are that Parks is a thief and a liar."

This was the emphatic declaration of A. Feldenheimer, a Portland jeweler, before the Multnomah county circuit court Wednesday morning. He had been called to tell Circuit Judge Stapleton his version of the theft of a diamond ring from the store of Al and C. Feldenheimer by H. M. Parks, a Korean-Hawaiian. Parks had pleaded guilty and was sentenced to two years in the state penitentiary. Friends of Parks had prevailed upon Judge Stapleton to order a stay of commitment until they could present pleas for a modification of the sentence.

"Parks admitted to me that he did steal the ring," continued Feldenheimer.

"I believe he stole many others. This man deceived me as much as possible. I trusted him and he abused my confidence. He told me just how he took the ring. He got in through a window, took the diamond ring, took out the diamond and had it reset and then traded it in on an automobile. I think he got away with about \$1800 worth of stuff from our place."

Judge Stapleton refused to modify the sentence and Parks will be taken to Salem immediately.

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