

COURTS MAY HAVE TO DECIDE FIGHT ON OLD SHACKS

Barbur Is to Get Decision by Pressing Recommendations of City's Water Front Committee.

Enforcement of the city waterfront committee's recommendation for condemning and removing the remaining structures which have been declared subject to removal by that committee, but have not been officially condemned by the dock commission, promises some interesting litigation in the courts, in the opinion of Assistant City Attorney L. E. Latourette, a member of that committee.

Latourette's interpretation of the city charter is that the dock commission only has the authority actually to condemn and remove these structures which come within the zone placed under its control. While the general application of the charter empowers the department of public works, in concurrence with the city engineer and a four-fifths vote of the city council, to remove condemned buildings, Latourette does not believe the removal of buildings within this zone are subject to general law.

"The city charter gives this trio of authorities power over all public improvements," said Latourette, "but whether or not the courts would hold that the term 'improvement' could be applied in the case on the ground that the removal of a declared fire hazard is necessarily an improvement is a question."

Commissioner of Public Works Barbur said he was not sure as to how the law would be interpreted, though he intended to find out by pressing the recommendations of the waterfront committee to the point of action.

The following structures along the waterfront have been recommended for removal:

Panama Cooperage docks, between Salmon and Main streets; Pacific docks, south side from Salmon street, owned by Union Trust company of California, John Webb, agent; Taylor street dock, between Taylor and Salmon, W. H. Fries, 15 Fourth street, owner; Corcoran dock, north side foot of Taylor street, owned by Meade estate; Portland Seed company, south side foot of Yamhill street, Meade estate, owner; Oregon Sheet Metal works, between Morrison and Alder streets, Percy G. Blyth, owner; Everding & Farrell, south side foot of Alder street, Percy G. Blyth, owner; Alder street dock, between Alder and Washington, Harkness Transportation company, owner.

Many of these owners are expected to contest the tearing down of their structures in the courts.

Proposed Exemption Of Mortgages on Residences Is Topic

Walter M. Daly represented the Title & Trust company at a meeting of the Washington title association of title men at Olympia Saturday. Discussion of proposed federal legislation exempting mortgages on residence property from federal income taxes was a feature of the meeting, according to Daly, and the association went on record as favoring the measure.

Title insurance practically has superseded the abstract as evidence of title to real estate in Washington, Daly stated, and is gaining in popular favor in Oregon, Idaho and other Northwestern states. Daly returned from the convention late Saturday night.

Department Store Gives Gay Party

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man, Wolfe & Co., to its employees at the Multnomah hotel Saturday evening. Jazz music and dazzling dresses were the order of the evening. The costumes showed much spirit and work, for some of them were very cleverly made up.

Manager of Local Phonograph Firm Buried by Masons

Earl W. Barlow, who died in this city recently, was born in Plain City, Ohio, November 22, 1866. As a young man he early became interested in manufacturing. In 1900 he moved with his family to Mt. Carmel, Ill., where he organized and conducted the Barlow Manufacturing company. Coming to Portland in 1911 he became active in the furniture business until he was made vice president and general manager of the Stradivari Phonograph company, which position he held at the time of his death. He is survived by his wife, Nettie Dunham Barlow; a daughter, Ruth; a son, Howard of New York city; two brothers, Dr. E. H. Barlow of Toledo, Ohio, L. C. Barlow of Urbana, Ohio; two sisters, Mrs. J. R. Hill of Urbana, Ohio, and Mrs. Elva R. Sanders of Miami, Fla.

He was an active Mason, belonging to the various organizations, among them Oregon commandry No. 1, Knights Templar and Al Kader Temple of the Shrine. He was accorded the complete Knights Templar funeral ceremonies, which were conducted by Oregon commandry.

London Club Raided; 15 Are Under Arrest

Although a policeman had been placed at the London Development clubrooms in the Buchanan building to prevent gambling, police grew suspicious of activities which were going on at the club Saturday evening and raided the club. Ed A. Brown and Roy Sexton, with 13 alleged participants in the gambling game, were arrested and held for investigation. The men were playing "pan," a new game said to surpass poker for speed. The fact that the players retained their poker chips led to suspicion and the raid.

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Manchester Martyrs Will Be Honored by Father Harrington

Anniversary exercises in commemoration of Allen, Larkin and O'Brien, the "Manchester martyrs," will be held Monday evening in Hibernia Hall, 340 Russell street. The speaker will be the Rev. Gabriel Harrington, O. M. Cap., of Cork, Ireland. Father Harrington was a warm friend of Terence MacSwiney, the late mayor of Cork, and was chaplain of his battalion. He arrived from Ireland only a few months ago. Father Harrington will preface his address with a few remarks in Irish. Dr. Andrew C. Smith will preside. The program will open with the singing of "The Star-Spangled Banner," and among the well-known entertainers who will appear are Miss Helen Farrell, Gaelic step dancer, who appeared at the recent Irish fair; Miss Marcella Larkins, violinist, and Miss Bease Smith, lyric soprano. Miss Mary Claire Larkins will be accompanist. The meeting will be public, without admission fee or collection.

Crops and Lands Are Damaged by Colony of Beaver

Yakima, Wash., Nov. 20.—Beavers are causing George W. Skidmore an annual loss of \$500 in addition to keeping 10 acres of valuable land under water, converting it into a morass, according to his complaint filed at the county auditor's office Saturday. The land is adjacent to the Rattlesnake mill on the Naches river and was purchased by Skidmore in the spring. The farmer had the land planted to timothy, when the beavers decided on the location for a swimming pool. After demolishing their dams six times and finding them repaired, waterproof, with-

Jacksonville Holds Big Banquet Over Courthouse Victory

Medford, Or., Nov. 20.—Jacksonville citizens held a big community chicken banquet tonight in celebration of the defeat of the courthouse removal proposition on November 2 with hundreds of guests present from all parts of the county. The women of the county seat served the banquet, which was one of the biggest affairs in Jacksonville's history. The American Surety company of New York has just paid over to the city \$5000 for which Jacksonville's treasurer, William H. Johnson, the bank wrecker, was bonded in the company. The city of Jacksonville despite this payment will lose several thousands of dollars through the bank's failure.

National System For Dealing With Criminals Is Urged

Walla Walla, Wash., Nov. 20.—A nation-wide system of handling criminals and dealing with their problems, from the time the crime is committed until the "term" is released and finally finds his place back in society, is recommended in the fourth biennial report of Henry Drum, warden of the Walla Walla state penitentiary, which reached the hands of Governor Louis F. Hart Saturday.

"If a new department of federal government is created," the report states, "as reported under consideration, to be known as the department of public welfare, it could appropriately include a bureau of crimes and criminology (or another title), with jurisdiction over all prisons and their management. This would in time assure that there would come to the solution of this problem the very best methods that the government could provide from all the resources at its command."

Patrolmen for the funeral of Patrolman Jerome Palmer, which will take place at 2 p. m. Monday at The Auditorium, were selected Saturday night. They are: Patrolmen Thorpe, Endicott,

Alleged I. W. W. Is Found Guilty on Syndicalism Charge

Everett, Wash., Nov. 20.—(U. P.)—The jury in the case against Pat Cantwell, alleged member of the I. W. W., charged with violation of the state anti-syndicalism law, brought in a verdict of guilty this evening, after having been out since late yesterday. Cantwell's attorney at once gave notice of motion for a new trial. In the meantime Cantwell is out on bail. Trial of Walter Smith on the same charge will begin next Friday.

Moonshiner's Bullet Kills Prohi Agent At Oklahoma City

Oklahoma City, Okla., Nov. 20.—(L. N. S.)—As a result of a gunshot wound received in a raid last night on a moonshine still, Kirby Frans, federal prohibition enforcement officer of this district, died at a local hospital early today, bringing the death toll from raids on stills to three this year. A posse of county and federal officials today was searching for George Wells, charged with the shooting. He is believed to be hiding in the surrounding hills.

W. Gates Injured

W. Gates, 1702 Union avenue, sprained his back Saturday afternoon as the result of a fall while at work at the Northwest Steel company. He was taken to St. Vincent's hospital.

Policemen Will Be Pallbearers for Victim of Bandit

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Soft Drink Parlors May Be Asked More License, Says Pier

City Commissioner S. C. Pier will start an investigation of the soft drink and confectionery business of Portland this week, with a view to asking for an increase in the license paid by those concerns. While no definite statement as to the amount of the proposed increase could be obtained, a raise from the present fee of \$1 a year to at least \$4 and possibly \$12 has been suggested.

Alleged Organizer Of I. W. W. Arrested

Aksel Manninen, alleged I. W. W. leader and organizer was arrested in a pool hall at 4 1/2 North Third street Saturday night. Manninen is said to be one of the leaders of the I. W. W. movement in the West. He had in his possession I. W. W. membership cards, booklets, stamps and posters. A charge of violation of the state criminal syndicalism act has been preferred against him.

Schmeer Will Talk To Albany Chamber

Albany, Or., Nov. 20.—R. W. Schmeer, vice president of the United States National bank of Portland, will address a membership meeting of the Albany Chamber of Commerce Monday evening, following a luncheon to be served at the community house. Schmeer will deal with economic, financial and credit problems.

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