

BRONOUGH MAY GET TRUSTEESHIP OF BOND HOUSE

E. C. Mears, Portland attorney, endorsed Thursday night in an unofficial meeting of creditors called by Dr. J. D. Duback in Library hall, was leading his morning in the individual vote for trustees taken at the official meeting of creditors of Morris Bros., Inc., bankrupt bond house, the lead was cut down at the afternoon session that Referee A. M. Cannon announced the probable nomination of Judge E. C. Bronough.

The proxy vote was what swung the majority of money involved away from Mears to Judge Bronough, nominated with Mears and the Portland Trust company as possible trustee.

Other nominations made during the morning meeting were those of Oswald West, W. L. Whitcomb and the Title & Trust company, through Robert E. Smith and E. C. Bronough. Upon the name of the Title & Trust company being withdrawn, Bronough was proposed individually. The nominating period of the meeting was the only portion of the creditors' convocation parading excitement, and there seemed to be a distinct feeling among those present that a trust company should not act for them.

Creditors who had not already done so filed their claims against the bankrupt bond house immediately following the closing of nominations. The voting then proceeded and continued until after 12 o'clock, when a poll of those present had been completed.

Referee Cannon announced this afternoon that no more ballots would be received and that the clerk would check the number of creditors voting, with the amounts of their claims, so that official announcement would be made Tuesday at 10 o'clock in the federal courtroom.

Police Matron Is Suspended for Cruel Treatment of Girl

Mrs. J. S. Sampson, senior police matron employed on the day relief, was suspended for 30 days beginning January 29, by Mayor Baker and Chief Jenkins, this afternoon. Charges of cruel and inhuman treatment preferred by Marjory Patterson (see page 1) have caused the suspension. Miss Patterson is said to have voluntarily surrendered herself to the police in an effort to be cured of the narcotic habit. Mrs. Sampson is alleged to have allowed Miss Patterson to fall down several times and to have refused to send for a doctor for the woman on four occasions. The report of Miss Patterson alleges that Mrs. Sampson said she had no more use for a "hophead" than for a snake. As Mrs. Sampson is a civil service employee she will have recourse to the civil service board.

Portlanders Will Join Excursion to Mexico Next Month

Plans for the addition of a Portland car to the San Francisco excursion to Mexico were fixed this afternoon by the receipt of telegraphic invitation from the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce to the Portland Chamber of Commerce, asking that business representatives of this city participate in the journey. The excursion leaves San Francisco February 11 and 23 days will be consumed in the trip. Inquiry into business opportunities is the object. It is believed that Portland business interests will profit materially. The first of the excursion excursion representing Portland is Joseph P. Jaeger of Jaeger Brothers.

\$1,000,000 Is Voted For Civilian Training At the Cantonments

Washington, Jan. 28.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL).—The army appropriation bill, which was reported today, includes \$1,000,000 for civilian training at cantonment locations. This is believed to insure a "Plattberg camp" at Camp Lewis for the Pacific Northwest next year.

Eastern Roads Will Not Join in Rates

"Lines east of Chicago refuse to join in export and import rates on the Pacific coast ports." This message received from Joseph N. Teal in Washington, D. C., by J. H. Rothrop, manager of the Portland Trade & Transportation association, this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, is the ultimatum feared from the Eastern lines which will have the effect of diverting to Atlantic ports business which, with equalization of rates, would move through the Pacific coast ports. There is no appeal from the decision save pressure of business interests affected, said Rothrop.

Portland Boy Named On U. W. Committee

University of Washington, Seattle, Jan. 27.—Russell E. Ferguson of Portland and Carlton Dark, formerly of Vancouver, Wash., were appointed members of the Junior day committee here. This committee has charge of the aquatic events given on Junior day, annual student celebration event. Miss Katherine Miller of Portland was appointed a member of the Junior breakfast committee.

WHO WANTS THIS FEDERAL ELECTRIC WASHER at \$11.55?

Of course it is marked \$2 less every day, but—somebody else may get it first!

Scott Electric Co.
FIFTH AND OAK

Funeral at Lapwai For James Grant, Prominent Indian

Lewiston, Idaho, Jan. 28.—The funeral of James Grant, prominent Indian, was held Wednesday at Lapwai. For many years he served the government agency as judge of the court of Indian affairs and of late years was official chief of police and genealogist for the allottees. He is survived by his wife, to whom he had been married 52 years.

A meeting of the depositors of the defunct bank of Grangeville, Idaho, is to be held Saturday. The stock of the bank recently was offered for sale, but only a small portion was bid in.

FIRE ORDINANCE CHANGE BOUGHT

More than 30 local theatrical men, representing the various vaudeville and photoplay houses of Portland, met in the city council chamber with Fire Marshal Edward Grenfell today to protest the proposed fire ordinance amendment compelling all theatres to keep their inner foyers and entrances free from congestion as a safety measure.

Dan J. Malarkey, as counsel for the owners, charges the fire marshal with being an unreasonable extremist, and working for the interests of fire insurance companies, thereby placing unfair burdens on property owners. Malarkey also made the statement that despite activities of the fire prevention bureau insurance rates had never been reduced. Grenfell produced figures to prove that fire insurance rates in the business district had been reduced 9.9 per cent as a result of the preventive work done by his department and that the loss had been reduced more than \$1,000,000 a year in the city, which Malarkey admitted.

Charges that churches were shown favoritism, though very grave fire hazards, that Grenfell was trying to copy after Seattle, and that it was not dangerous to crowd theatres and many similar statements were made by the theatre men.

Fire Marshal Grenfell also pointed out the imposition on the public in letting them get into the theatre before learning they were in a theatre. He pointed out that the theatre men did not consider that an imposition on their patrons, they told Grenfell.

Charges that the agreement could be reached at the hearing, the theatre men decided to "let the ordinance amendment go before the council and fight it out there on its merits."

Body of Logger Is Found in Boathouse

Aberdeen, Wash., Jan. 28.—The body of Henry Falk, aged 45 years, filer for the Polson Logging company, was discovered Thursday by friends, who had missed Falk for two days, in his boathouse home at the foot of Michigan street. Death apparently was caused by heart disease. Notes in his diary, which were made up to January 25, indicate he was not in the city. No particulars as to relatives are available.

Nine-Mile Stretch Of Pacific Highway Paving in Prospect

Woodland, Wash., Jan. 28.—Paving of nine miles of the Pacific highway from the present end of the hard surface at Pioneer, about three miles south of La Center, to Woodland is reported to be in prospect for the summer.

Improvement of the Woodland-Davis Landing road, for a distance of about three miles, to a detour route would be necessary. The Davis Landing ferry would be used. The detour would make trips from Portland and other Southern points slower but the paving will eliminate much of the traveling. Late fine gravel has been spread over this stretch, and the road is in fair condition.

The road in Clarke county along the Lewis river near Woodland, in Washington, is to be macadamized and the new grade near the old Elma postoffice over Gardner hill will be rocked.

Unemployed Family Men Demand Work

Spokane, Wash., Jan. 28.—Officials of the Spokane Unemployed Men's association framed an appeal for work to be sent to President Woodrow Wilson, United States Senators Miles Polindexter and Wesley Jones, Representative J. Stanley and Governor Leach, and Lewis P. Hart. It will request that the demand for the state to supply work for 650 unemployed family men of Spokane be read before the two houses of the legislature immediately.

Olcott Bedridden After Operation

Salem, Jan. 28.—Governor Olcott has been absent from his office for the past several days recuperating from a minor operation. He is still confined to his bed at his residence, but attending physicians state that he will probably be able to be out and around the first of the coming week.

Grandmother Must Serve as Kidnap

Spokane, Wash., Jan. 28.—The conviction of Mrs. Emily Hoyle, found guilty of kidnapping the 2-week-old illegitimate child of her daughter, Agnes Charest, was affirmed by the state supreme court. Mrs. Hoyle was sentenced to serve not less than 10 years in the penitentiary at Walla Walla. Hoyle testified she had given the child to a woman who was going to California. The child has never been found.

College Elects President
Spokane, Wash., Jan. 28.—Professor H. P. Olson, acting president of Spokane college, has been elected permanent president.

Miners Honor Official
Spokane, Wash., Jan. 28.—G. B. Dennis, founder and for many years president of the United Mine Workers association, was elected first honorary president and given a life membership after 26 years of service to the organization.

ALLEGATIONS OF RACEDUMPSEY SCRAP CALLED OFF

The Portland boxing commission at a special meeting called Friday by Frank E. Watkins, chairman, at the request of Mayor Baker, decided to drop all allegations for the appearance of Jack Dempsey, world's heavyweight champion, in a title bout here in April.

Chairman Watkins said: "After a conference with Mayor Baker, Friday, in which the mayor stated he would not permit the staging of any bout of the semblance of a championship contest, the commission agreed to call the whole Dempsey matter off. I thought the boxing fans would like to see Dempsey in action, and for that reason was perfectly willing to try to secure Dempsey for the contest, but opposition to the bout brought a change of mind."

"The commission has decided to go ahead and hold its show as usual, but unless it is given the proper support the game will be shut down. If the boxing public is not satisfied, we will quit."

"The commissioners have cut down \$500 of the overhead expenses of the shows, and intend to cut down the purses to be paid contestants. In the future we will have here at our prices or not at all."

ASK \$100,000 FOR FREEDOM OF BERGDOLL

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to Philadelphia on May 20. I had been in communication with my chauffeur, Eugene Steicher. This was made possible by bribing the soldier guards on Governors' island to smuggle out letters. "Steicher met me at the station in Philadelphia with an automobile. I went home, Fifty-second and Winfield avenues, to stay over night with the two sergeants as guards. Sergeants York and O'Hare requested whiskey. We bought them all the whiskey they wanted. Soldiers are thirsty over there, for they cannot get anything to drink."

"We slept in my home that night and the next morning the sergeants drank more whiskey. Towards noon they were pretty well filled up. I had not planned to get the sergeants drunk. That was their own idea. I did not think it would be so easy. I had made other plans, but thanks to the sergeants' thirst, I did not need them."

"About 2 o'clock in the afternoon, when the soldiers were busy playing the electric piano on the second floor, I gave Steicher a wink, bidding him go down and start the motor of the automobile. Just as the telephone rang, I told the sergeants I would answer the telephone, but instead I went out and stepped into the motor car and we drove off."

"The sergeants did not know anything about my departure. I understand, for half an hour. We drove first to Baltimore and then to Gettysburg, Pa., and thence to Chambersburg, Pittsburg, Wheeling, W. V., and to Cambridge, Ohio, where we spent the night. The next morning we continued our journey, going to Columbus, Dayton and Richmond, Ind. Just before we reached Indianapolis we saw a junk dealer with a Ford beside the road. I stopped and asked a fellow by the roadside to take me to Indianapolis. From there we went to Lafayette, Ind., and thence to Chicago, CRASH BOYER

"Leaving Chicago, we proceeded to St. Vincent, Minn., on the Canadian border. As a bluff and to secure information where and how to cross into Canada, I asked a fellow by the roadside where I could get a drink. He replied: 'Just walk on from this side of the road and you will miss the United States. I asked a fellow by the roadside to walk for about half a mile, when two fellows came along in a Ford and invited us to get in, saying they would take us to the border. They drove across the border to Emerson, Canada. We spent that night at Emerson. The following day Steicher hired a taxicab to cross into the United States and into a motor car, but the United States customs officials held him up and turned him back. We had to leave our motor car and baggage where it was."

"The Canadian immigration officer, a gentleman in a bright red coat, began to get suspicious and we got a tip that started us on our way again. We started to walk on, but the man went about 17 miles when we reached a town with the French name of Letellier. There we hired a Ford and drove 18 miles to a railroad station. There we caught a train for Winnipeg, arriving in that city on June 1.

OFFICIALS ARE 'STUMPED' BY ATTEMPTED KIDNAPING

Berlin, Jan. 28.—(I. N. S.).—The foreign office has begun an investigation into the attempt of two Americans—Charles Neaf of Baltimore and Frank Zimmer of Denver—to seize Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, rich American draft dodger, at Eberbach and the affair thus to become an international incident. Officials of the foreign office said today that they sought more definite information before taking action.

Hoover in Cabinet, Taft Says
New York, Jan. 28.—(I. N. S.).—William H. Taft, ex-president, who arrived Thursday from Bermuda aboard the Port Victoria, said he understood Herbert Hoover was to have a place in President Harding's cabinet.

The Juvenile
Quiltmakers & Children.
143 Sixth Near Alder

Phone Company's Employees Not to Lose Their Places

Salem, Or., Jan. 28.—No reduction will be made in the working force of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company in Oregon pending appearance of the public service commission order on its application for an increase in telephone rates. This assurance was contained in a letter received by the commission here this morning in reply to a letter sent to the telephone company earlier in the week, asking a delay in its scheduled reduction and promising all possible haste in compiling and issuing the rate order.

Employees of the company, in the face of a threatened reduction in rate working force unless a rate increase was forthcoming by February 1, had petitioned the commission to rush the order down before that date. This the commission found to be physically impossible, getting the final hearing for January 31 and intimating that the order would be forthcoming by February 15.

FREED ON CHARGE OF SLAYING CHUM

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 28.—(I. N. S.).—William P. Brines was freed today of the charge of murdering Elmer C. Drewes, his college chum. Judge Ferguson withdrew the case from the jury and ordered Brines discharged.

Holman Criticizes Gordon Bill and Mulkey Is for It

Passage of house bill No. 9, presented to the state legislature by Herbert Gordon, would deprive the people of Multnomah county of self government and place the expenditure of funds raised by county taxes in the power of the governor of the state, according to county Commissioner Rufus Holman, who addressed a meeting of the Portland board in the grill room of the Portland hotel at noon today.

Holman denounced the bill as an attempt of certain powerful financial interests to take over the county government. He called attention to the appropriation of \$5000 per annum, provided by the measure, to pay the expenses of the county government, appointed by the governor of the state to supervise the tax budget of Multnomah county, as an evidence that the bill proposes additional expense rather than a reduction.

Senator Mulkey spoke in favor of the Gordon bill, stating that the governor of the state has better opportunities to choose competent members of a supervising tax commission than would the electors of the county.

George C. Howard spoke in favor of the bill, which provides for the investigation of the waterpower possibilities of the state.

Swat Grouch With Smiles, Advice Given Clubmen by Hofer

That the average man's outlook on the world is too tragic to lead to the highest efficiency and weakens his ambition to "tick around" to a ripe old age formed the basis of a talk by Colonel E. Hofer, publisher of the Manufacturer and Industrialist at Salem, to the members of the Portland City club at luncheon in the Benson hotel this noon.

Colonel Hofer, an enthusiastic philosopher on life based on the humorous side of things and warned his hearers not to lose the "divine sense of humor" if they wish to live 120 years.

Dr. Yutaka Minakuchi, noted Japanese statesman and author, gave a short talk on the differences between the Orient and the Occident in the morning and evening. According to Dr. Minakuchi, the Western world gave Japan the material education of the modern day and neglected to give the spiritual and moral, resulting in the vast difference between the two races.

Mrs. Lownsdale's Funeral to Be Held Saturday Morning

The funeral of Mrs. Harriet Lownsdale, who died at her home, 68 North Twenty-first street, Thursday, will be conducted by the Rev. W. T. McIlvaine at the Holman chapel Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. The interment will be made in Riverview cemetery. Mrs. Lownsdale is survived by her husband, C. D. Lownsdale; one daughter, Miss Gladys Lownsdale; two sisters, Mrs. R. M. Barret and Miss Caroline Johnston, and one brother, T. W. Johnston.

U. S. Trapper Kills Huge Mountain Lion

A huge female mountain lion, 64 feet long and nearly 24 feet high, has been killed by Willie Scott, government trapper, near Vance, in Lewis county, Washington, according to the United States biological survey. Scott, with his three sons, while killing the cougar, which had been eating fresh deer, found two yearlings which they also killed.

Musical Instruments Sacrificed
FREE LESSONS GIVEN
McDougal Music Co.
230 ALDEN STREET
BETWEEN SIXTH AND SNOWBOW

MURDERER WANTS TO HANG; HE WILL

(By United Press)
Seattle, Wash., Jan. 28.—Death sentence was pronounced on Bandit John Smith, 26, slayer of three policemen, by a jury of eight men and four women in superior court Thursday. The jury deliberated 50 minutes.

Smith stoically heard the sentence and stopped chewing a piece of gum for a second only. He turned to Sheriff Matt Starwich, smiled and said:

"The trial began this morning before a packed courtroom. Deputy sheriffs and patrolmen policed the court and corridors. A high barricade was built to hold back the crowd."

"What do you think of death now?" Smith was asked after the verdict.

"The whole thing is to find out," he replied, with a German accent. Smith will be taken to Walla Walla state prison to await hanging. The date of which will be set by the warden.

Smith killed Detective Jimmy O'Brien and fatally wounded Patrolman W. T. Neple and Neale N. Milligan in two gun duels last Friday night.

"I don't want life imprisonment; I want death," Smith said before the verdict.

BOARD URGES FUND TO STOP LAND FRAUD

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time. Thirty-six thousand acres of swamp lands in Klamath county, he indicated, came under this latter head. The state had also been called upon to defend its title to thousands of acres of swamp land in the Warner valley, which was being claimed by riparian owners.

Malheur lake alone, he pointed out, contained 47,000 acres of land worth more than \$1,000,000, to which the state's title had never been made certain, and another 10,000 acres in Silver lake needed attention to preserve the right of the state.

Some objection was raised by members of the committee to appropriating money from the general fund for prosecuting investigation which resulted only to the benefit of the school fund. The school fund, they argued, should be willing to foot the bill for the investigation. Ligeist was asked to advise the committee as to whether such a procedure were possible under the state constitution and if so, draft a bill covering the same.

MAN'S ASKS MONEY
When Ligeist proposed to present to the ways and means committee in behalf of the state land board arguments against a bill by Senator Ryan exempting the state from payment of state royalties, Representative Kay objected on the ground that it would not be fair to the committee which has this bill under consideration.

John M. Mann, city commissioner of Portland, appeared before the committee with an offer to turn over the entire plant and equipment of the Cedar Rapids detention hospital, valued at \$55,185, to the state without cost if the state would operate the plant.

If the state did not care to accept this proposition, Mann asked that an appropriation equivalent to \$2 per day per inmate from counties outside Multnomah county be given to the institution where the institution. This, it was estimated, would aggregate \$73,000.

There was no apparent disposition on the part of the legislators present to accept the offer in the institution where it was agreed, was now being operated far more economically than might be the case should the state attempt to take it in hand as a state institution.

An appropriation of \$92,629 is being sought by the state board of health as against \$48,816 appropriated two years ago. Included in the budget for the forthcoming biennium is an item of \$20,000 for the bureau of nursing which has been subsidized by the Oregon tuberculosis association during the past two years. Mrs. Dunbar, secretary of the association, appeared in behalf of the request for the public nursing bureau.

WOMAN'S LIFE IN DANGER

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HOT FIGHT WAGED ON SUGAR TARIFF

Washington, Jan. 28.—(U. P.).—"The battle of sugar" continued today in the senate on the twelfth day of the Harrison filibuster against the emergency tariff bill.

The fight on the measure centers on its provision putting the American sugar tariff on a sliding scale. These provisions, senators oppose them, will mean 15 to 20 cent sugar to the American consumer. The proponents of the bill insist that this is absurd and promise the price won't go above 11 or 12 cents and then only for a short time.

They concede that in a year the proposed tariff would cost the American public \$160,000,000. Foes of the bill say it would be nearer \$500,000,000.

The sugar tariff, which is to apply only to raw sugar goes to 4 cents a pound and refined to 10 cents a wholesale, was put in the bill by the senate finance committee on urging of Senators Clay and Ranssaw, Louisiana. They said Louisiana sugar planters lost heavily and say the tariff is intended to let them recoup their losses.

Western senators are opposed to the sugar tariff, but say it is necessary to include it to pass the bill.

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