

### NEW ORDINANCE EASIER ON ALIEN LABOR FOR CITY

The ordinance providing for employment of American labor in preference to that of aliens on all public work in Portland has been redrafted by City Attorney Frank S. Grant, and the new draft, with an explanatory letter, was transmitted to the city council today.

#### FIXES DIFFERENCE

This exemption is made, says City Attorney Grant, on the ground that if only American labor were permitted on street and sewer work paid for by special assessment, property-owners might contend that the cost of the work had thereby been increased, on the assumption that contractors could employ aliens at a much cheaper wage.

"I find a conflict in the authorities on this question," says Grant. "In the early history of the city the supreme court of this state and the United States district court of this state declared invalid the statute which prohibited the employment of Chinese on street and sewer work and other public work."

"We now have on the statute books of this state a provision which prohibits the employment on any public work of any character of aliens who claimed exemption during the late war, by reason of the fact that they were aliens."

"The ordinance which bears the emergency clause, so that it may become effective immediately after its passage, provides not only for the employment of American citizens on public work, with the exceptions noted, but also preference shall be given to citizens of the city of Portland."

**MUST SHOW LISTS**  
Upon demand of any officer or agent of the city, the contractor will be required to show lists of employees on public work contracts, setting forth whether they are naturalized or native-born citizens, together with the date of naturalization and name of court where citizenship was granted.

It is set forth that the contractors on public work must observe all the provisions of the charter and ordinances of the city of Portland and the laws of the state of Oregon relating to the employment of labor, that the wages to be paid for a day's work of eight hours to all classes of laborers, workmen or mechanics upon public work of the city of Portland shall not be less than the rate for a day's work in the same trade or occupation established or paid by the city of Portland, and that "the rate of wages prevailing at the time of entering into such contract shall not be changed during the life of such contract without the consent of all parties thereto."

Any violation of the provisions of this section shall render the contract of the offender void, declares the ordinance.

**CONGESTED STREETS MUST BE WIDENED, SAYS BARBUR**  
The biggest problem before Portland today—and it will not diminish until properly solved—is that of providing arteries of traffic sufficient to handle the volume of a city of approximately 260,000 people, and the expansion of this volume during the next decade," declared Commissioner Barbur today.

"Portland is trying to get along with the narrow streets laid out for ox team and horse drawn vehicles of 70 years ago. It cannot be done; the streets must be widened in the downtown section or inevitably the business center will shift to a section where wide avenues of traffic are provided."

Barbur says he will advocate the organization of the business men and property owners in the district from Fourth to Park and from Jefferson to Clatsop streets, to consider the big problems that must be solved on this line, similar to the organization that has been effected between the property owners in the district from Fourth street to the waterfront, looking to the reconstruction of that district on modern city lines.

"I believe such an organization is essential to the proper consideration of these big problems," said Barbur, "and that it should be started at once. It could well cooperate with the organization of property owners in the waterfront district, as their interests are identical, and they could work together on many phases to great advantage."

### WEST THIRTY-EIGHTH ST. IMPROVEMENT PLEA MADE

A petition for the improvement of West Thirty-eighth street, from East Yamhill to East Taylor streets, with sidewalks, curbs and the hard surfacing of a 26 foot roadway, leaving parkways 21.8 feet on each side, was filed at the city hall today.

While petitions for street improvements continue to be filed almost daily, Commissioner of Public Works Barbur states that the work on which proceedings are already under way is of such volume that it will require all of the time of contractors and the city paving plant for the ensuing season.

"We have found it impracticable to continue the street improvement work after the rainy season starts in," says Barbur, "and we shall insist hereafter that when the municipal paving plant shuts down work at the end of the season other contractors do likewise, so that the character of work performed may be up to full standard."

#### City Hall Briefs

Application of the Union Oil company for permits to construct and maintain a filling station at the intersection of East Clay street, Alberta street and Alameda avenue, Union avenue and Kilpatrick street, Thelma street and Burnside street, East Twelfth and East Burnside streets, East Water and Belmont streets, East Third street north and Oregon street and Mississippi avenue and Goldsmith street.

The city council has set 2 o'clock of April 28 for hearing the matters of the proposed revocation of the soft drink license of Vid Cuijak for 10 1/2 North Third street, and the similar license of Mike Konik for 55 North Street.

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### KEELEY'S RECORD IS LAID BARE BY JOURNAL ATTORNEY

High lights in the record and reputation of Lee Roy E. Keeley, plaintiff in a \$165,000 libel suit against The Journal, were shown to the jury in Judge Tucker's court by Bert E. Haney this morning in presenting the opening argument for the defense.

Haney contended that the defense was entitled to show what the record of Keeley was both as a lawyer and as a man to meet the charges made by the plaintiff in the libel suit.

Pointing to the fact that Keeley had represented to the supreme court of Oregon, in making application to practice law in this state, that he held a good reputation and record before the bar of California whence he had come, Haney produced records to show that prior to his coming to Oregon Keeley had been brought before the Bar association of Los Angeles in disbarment proceedings and that the report made as a result of this matter had warned him that the repetition of the things done would mean his disbarment.

**LAND OFFICE RECORDS SHOW**  
It was also shown by certified records from the commissioner of the general land office that at the time Keeley came to Oregon, there were pending before the department charges made by Clay Tallman, the commissioner, in which it was alleged that Keeley had been guilty of misrepresentation and fraud, that he had represented different men at the same time, and had taken money from each to aid in securing filings upon the same land; that he had threatened and intimidated homesteaders entitled to possession of the land upon which they had settled in the effort to make them abandon their claims; and that he had engaged in practices which Tallman stated in his citation were, if true, "dishonest and disreputable."

**RESIGNATION IS FILED**  
Haney showed also that Keeley, in the face of these charges, had filed his resignation as an attorney before the land office, refusing to quit practicing before the Los Angeles offices, that Tallman refused to accept this partial resignation, and that Keeley had then, in the face of the charges, filed a resignation from general practice before the department at all.

Haney contended that Keeley had no reputation as a lawyer that could be damaged because he had been disbarred in Oregon by the supreme court and was not now entitled to appear for anyone but himself.

**LEFT CHILDREN TO CHARITY**  
Haney said further that he would show by evidence on the trial of the case that Keeley had "left California between two public officers, one of whom was the court of Los Angeles to appear in the morning to make provision for the care of his children, and that he had committed to the care of his children dependent upon charity and in the care of a charitable institution. He said that he would prove that Keeley had brought his wife to consent to his association with a mistress and that he had sued her for divorce seven different times, all of them without result, and that he had filed the last suit in Oregon when he knew that Mrs. Keeley had obtained a divorce from him in California.

**LIBEL SUITS FREQUENT**  
Haney also gave a list of the cases filed by Keeley since coming to Oregon, showing that in virtually all he had appeared as the plaintiff in libel or other libel cases, one of which was a case filed in the United States court against District Attorney Evans of Portland and the members of the state supreme court, charging them with having entered into a conspiracy to ruin him in business and in reputation.

Following the statement of Haney, Keeley began the presentation of his case in chief, in which he asks for a verdict of \$165,000 against The Journal for general and particular damages because of alleged libel through the publication of seven news stories and editorial articles growing out of the Libbern case.

**Sues for Stamp Money**  
Suit to recover \$24 from the estate of F. H. English, Elizabeth English, executrix, alleged to be the purchase price of 200 War Savings Stamps bought by English during his lifetime from the post-office at Eugene, Or., and never paid for, has been filed in the United States district court by Hall Lusk, assistant United States district attorney.

**Dry Violation Charged**  
Mike Y. Stanich, who operates a soft drink establishment at Third and Everett streets, was this morning arrested by federal authorities on the charge of sell-

### OIL, ALTRUISM CAUSE PACT RATIFICATION

secured the ratification of the Colombian treaty of discrimination against American nationals was beginning to manifest itself. What America wanted was an even break at least with the nationals of other countries. There was no way of compelling Colombia to give American citizens a square deal except by righting the wrongs which Colombia had done her by the separation of the canal zone from the territory of Colombia.

In so far as the treaty soothes the wounded feelings of Colombia, it gives American capital on an equal footing with that of European and Asiatic countries. It was a case of reciprocity. Colombia said in return for the separation of the canal zone from the territory of Colombia.

**MORE THAN EVEN BREAK**  
There is good reason to believe, however, that the ratification of the treaty will not give American citizens an even break. It will probably result in preferential treatment. Assurance have in the past been given that Colombia would award a large part of the \$25,000,000 in the United States, letting contracts for the building of domestic improvements in Colombia, public works, railroads and utilities.

The second great factor in the ratification controversy was the question of the amount of the Panama canal. It was wrong when Panama seceded from Colombia. Mr. Roosevelt admitted in a public speech that he "took Panama," and that he had endeavored to extort a huge sum from the canal rights and that as soon as Panama rebelled against Colombia, he felt justified in recognizing the Panama republic public because otherwise the canal would not have been built. Irrespective of the truth about Colombia's attitude, the impression made throughout South America has been that the United States broke all records in the recognizing of infant republics. The United States recognized the Panama republic 72 hours after the revolution occurred and used American forces to prevent the republic from interfering with the independence of Panama.

**DEMOCRATS SEE WRONG**  
The Democrats in the senate took the position that a great moral wrong was being done. The bulk of the committee, including Wilson and Secretary Bryan were even willing to include an expression of regret in the treaty. The Republicans would not permit it and the Wilson administration considered that the payment of \$25,000,000 was in itself an apology or reparation. The Roosevelt Republicans argued along the same lines, namely, that the \$25,000,000 was an apology and that America had committed no wrong. Out of the Republican membership of 54, 14 deserted the party standard and voted against ratification. The 40 Republican votes remaining were divided 20-20 between the Democrats and the Republicans.

**COALITION DOES IT**  
Thus a coalition of 40 Republicans and 29 Democrats ratified the first treaty that has gone through the senate in many years. It is significant of what may happen with other treaties, especially the amended Versailles treaty. A coalition of the Republicans and Democrats could have put through the Versailles pact and League of Nations with reservations except for the bitter partisanship of certain minority groups which had the balance of power inside the councils of each party.

The outstanding fact is that when the nation's interests demand it, a coalition in the senate ratifies a treaty over which there has been 17 years of controversy. It strengthens the hope that some day, perhaps, not as long as 17 years off, a combination of Republicans and Democrats will ratify the Versailles treaty which thus far has been debated only two years.

**ECLIPSE IS SEEN FROM MT. LOWE**  
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miles in diameter and 11,000 feet deep; Aristarchus, Plato, Tycho, Ptolemy and Kepler. The most beautiful of all these was Aristarchus, supposed to have walls of crystals and which last night had a lustre like a jewel.

At 10 o'clock, Lowe observatory time, the moon entered the earth's shadow. At 11:30 the total eclipse began and this lasted until 12 minutes past 12. The moon left the earth's shadow, which, if anyone has any little bet to decide and

wants to know for sure, had an average length of 58,576 miles at 1:33 a. m.

**HAS COPPER COLOR**  
During the period it was obscured by the earth's shadow, the moon had a copper-colored appearance. This was caused by refracted light from the sun bending around through the 290 miles of the earth's atmosphere and reaching the lunar party. The dust and moisture in the earth's atmosphere was responsible for the peculiar color.

At the time of the total eclipse there were only two planets observable above the horizon Mount Lowe. These were Jupiter and Saturn. Four of Jupiter's moons were plainly visible through the huge telescope. These had a reddish hue as compared to Jupiter's brilliant coloring. One of the moons appeared very near the planet.

The three rings of Saturn, which are now turned vertically to the earth, appeared like one tiny thread. These rings are particles of meteoric matter which are circulating about the planet.

**MOTHER EARTH IS PUNY**  
To emphasize the puny position the earth occupies in the universe, Director Larkin asserted: "One billion worlds such as ours could come to an end and never be missed. There are 3,000,000,000 suns now known to astronomers. There are millions of nebulae condensing in the ether and in from 3,000,000 to 4,000,000,000 years they will reach that stage."

The astronomer said he had been studying for 32 years 10 hours a day and he still has considerable to acquire in the way of astronomical knowledge. As the correspondent started to leave, Larkin quoted a poem composed by Ella Wheeler Wilcox March 31, 1903, on the very spot where we stood. It ran:

My soul walks alone on this mountain top in silent solitude  
What mortal would presume to speak when all else is silent with God.

**Willamette-Whitman Debate**  
Whitman College, Walla Walla, Wash., April 22.—Whitman university, and Whitman college will hold a dual debate Friday, Mowbray Tate, Portland, and Prentice Warner, Spokane, will uphold the negative side for Whitman at Whitman, and Virgil Thomas and Fred Harper the affirmative side at Willamette.

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**Passover Exercises To Begin in Jewish Synagogues Tonight**  
The Jewish Passover, a celebration in commemoration of the deliverance of the Hebrews from Egyptian bondage, will begin at 6 o'clock tonight and will continue for one week. Special services have been arranged by the rabbis in the various synagogues. Unleavened bread is eaten during this celebration by devout Jews and in many homes special celebrations will be held.

Passover services will be held at the Congregation Ahavah Shalom, Park and Clay streets, tonight at 7 o'clock, Saturday morning at 9 o'clock and Saturday evening at 7 o'clock. Rabbi I. Abrahamson will officiate. A special service will also be held Sunday at 9:30 a. m. The public is invited.

Services at Temple Beth Israel for the Passover will begin at 6:30 p. m. today. The Saturday service will be at 10 a. m., with Rabbi Jonah B. Wise officiating. Passover services will be held at the Neveh Zedek Talmud Torah synagogue, Sixth and Hall streets, tonight at 7 o'clock. The Saturday and Sunday morning services will be at 9 o'clock and Saturday evening service at 8 o'clock. Rabbi J. H. Gordon, who came here recently from London, will lecture Saturday night on "Joseph and the Culture of Egypt." The Sunday morning theme will be "Moses the Man and Moses the Prophet." Rabbi Abraham L. Roosen-grants will officiate at each service.

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### Mrs. Thomas Baker Likely to Recover, But May Lose Eye

Mrs. Thomas Baker, who was shot by Joe Boydston, a Vancouver barber, Tuesday afternoon, has a good chance to recover but probably will lose the sight of her right eye, according to authorities at the Sellwood hospital today. Mrs. Baker was shot just above the eyebrow, the bullet lodging behind her nose at the base of the brain. Another shot entered the hip.

The police are still searching for Boydston, who shot Mrs. Baker and her husband while they were gathering wood not far from their home at 7402 Wildrake avenue. Baker is at St. Vincent's hospital suffering from severe fracture of the right arm as a result of the bullet wounds.

### Opera by Wireless Proves Big Success At San Francisco

San Francisco, April 22.—(L. N. S.)—The first attempt to stage grand opera by wireless was a huge success. A concert sung by Frieda Hempel, soprano, and Forrest Lamont, tenor, of the Chicago Grand Opera company, into a wireless telephone was heard as far west as Honolulu, as far east as Salt Lake, as far north as Southern Alaska and as far south as Point Loma, close to the Mexican border. Many ships on the Pacific within a radius of 1500 miles heard the concert. Other members of the opera company had phones to "listen in" on the test.

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