

J. H. RANKIN TO RUN FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER

J. Howard Rankin made formal announcement of his candidacy for the Republican nomination as county commissioner this morning. Rankin has been a resident of Portland for the past 14 years. He was first employed as an accountant and credit man by the Lion Clothing company, and later as sales manager. He is now conducting his own business under the firm name of J. H. Rankin & Co. He is a past president of the Kiwanis club, a member of the Portland Ad club, Progressive Business Men's club and the City club, is worshipful master of Sunnyside lodge of Masons and is a member of the Knights of Pythias and of the Woodmen of the World.

In outlining his platform Rankin states that he has given serious consideration to the subject of his candidacy and believes that the commission-ership is strictly a business man's job.

PROMISES ECONOMY

His platform follows:
"In submitting my name for the consideration of the electorate of Multnomah county for nomination for county commissioner at the primary in May and for election in November, I do so in the belief that I can be of service to the taxpayers and to all the people—in the belief that my 20 years' business experience—14 years of which have been in the city of Portland—have eminently qualified me for this office.

"If elected, I pledge the practical application of those same principles to the affairs of Multnomah county that have characterized my business career in the city of Portland the past several years and which have proven successful in my own business.

"I believe in the conservation of the taxpayers' money to the greatest possible extent consistent with the proper maintenance of necessary institutions, and will therefore exert every possible effort to the end that the tax rate may be lowered and encouragement thus be given to the prospective builders of homes and business property within our county.

BOOSTS GOOD ROADS

"I believe that the continued construction and adequate maintenance of highways and bridges, in addition to furnishing necessary convenience for ourselves, is the surest means of encouragement and development of tourist travel which is destined to be one of our greatest assets, because in addition to expenditures of tourists for supplies while passing through, many thus attracted will become home builders and thus increase the amount of our taxable property and enable us to lower the tax rate.

"We should continue to develop and adequately maintain our highway system, keeping the arteries of travel and especially the Columbia river highways open at all times; and also suitable steps should be taken to preserve for all time the natural scenery adjacent thereto.

FAVORS COOPERATION

"Our county charities should be efficiently maintained at the lowest possible cost, and every possible effort should be made through the cooperation of city

and county governments to minimize the amount of charity thus required.
"County funds should be expended for home projects so far as is consistent with sound business principles; and every possible assistance should be rendered to the unemployed who have served our country in the cause of humanity."
"Just as the great fundamental principle—a dollar in value of service or merchandise for a dollar of pay—is the prime essential for success in any commercial enterprise, so should this principle be applied to the affairs of Multnomah county to the end that it may be a thriving unit of our government. To these principles I pledge my utmost endeavor."

Bede Enters Race For Seat in House From Lane County

Elbert Bede, editor of the Cottage Grove Sentinel and for the past two sessions of the legislature the reading clerk of the house of representatives, has announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for representative from Lane county. Bede was a candidate for the nomination for this office two years ago at the primary election, but his efforts were unsuccessful.

PETITIONS OUT TO IMPROVE STREETS; 60 BLOCKS LISTED

Petitions for the improvement of some 60 blocks of streets in the district bounded by East Burnside, 12th, 20th and Stark streets are being circulated, according to information received today by A. G. Johnson, assistant commissioner of public works.

The streets at present, with the exception of Ashkeny, are macadam. The petition is for asphaltic redress. The estimated cost is between \$250,000 and \$500,000. Among the streets affected are 12th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, Ash, Oak and Pine streets.

DEISEL ENGINES MAY BE PUT IN TWO FIREBOATS

Changing the mechanical installation of the two fireboats, the George H. Williams and the David Campbell, from steam to either gasoline or Diesel engines, is being investigated by the fire bureau, Commissioner C. A. Bigelow has announced.

The investigation is being made to ascertain whether the cost of operation and the "stand-by" cost cannot be reduced by changing the engines. At present both boats have to keep up steam

at all times to be ready for a call. If it is decided to make the change the expense of keeping the boilers hot at all times will be eliminated, Bigelow pointed out.

"Of the two types of installation being considered, the Diesel is by far the most expensive at the outset," he said, "however, the cost of operation and the reliability, an important factor in a fireboat, of the Diesel, is more favorable than for gasoline."

"Still in our fireboats there is not many hours' running time in a month and it is possible that the gasoline engine may prove satisfactory. Los Angeles and San Diego both use gas engines in their boats and from reports the installation is very satisfactory."

No plan is being considered for building a new boat, he explained. The hull of the Williams is still in good condition, while that of the Campbell is practically new.

The Diesel or semi-Diesel type of engine has proved satisfactory in marine engineering. The cost of operation of ships using this type is much less than steamers. Instead of having all the complexity of boilers, condensers and evaporators, the Diesel engine derives its power from the combustion of fuel oil in the cylinder. The fire boats of course do not have evaporators, as sea-going vessels do, but the installation of the Diesel engine would eliminate the boilers and make more room in the craft.

EXAMINATIONS FOR CIVIL SERVICE ARE ANNOUNCED

Examinations for eight positions with the city government will be held during April by the civil service board, W. E. Marion, secretary, said today. The examinations and the dates are as follows: Cement worker and cement finisher, April 10; plumber, April 18; traction

engineer, April 19; blue printer, April 21; playground director, senior gymnasium and playground director and lieutenant motor cycle division of police, April 15. The examination for police lieutenant is for promotion. All applications for examination must be filed at least three days prior to date of examination.

PORTLAND PAVING COSTS LESS THAN AT BAY CITY

Despite the presence of large cement mills near San Francisco, both Portland and Seattle get concrete paving done at a cheaper cost than the Bay City, was the information revealed in answer to a questionnaire sent out by Mrs. C. L. B. Sigrist, municipal reference librarian, San Francisco, says the letter of M. M. O'Shaughnessy, city engineer, pays \$2.38 a square yard for 4-inch concrete paving, while both Portland and Seattle average \$1.60 a yard. All three cities use the 1, 2, 4 mixture. Portland, however, gets part of its cement from San Francisco and part from the Oswego mills.

NEW LICENSES FOR HOTELS TO BE GIVEN BY COUNCIL

Eight licenses to operate hotels and rooming houses will be granted by the city council Wednesday upon the recommendation of Mayor George L. Baker, as head of the department of public safety. Those to receive licenses will be P. S. Fujahara, 271 1/2 Grand avenue; P. P. Shipman, 23 1/2 North Second street;

Laura E. Burr, 28 1/2 Grand; Mrs. Robert Clark, 226 1/2 Burnside; Maude Klag, 173 Washington; Peter Bonetti, 231 Morrison; Mrs. Mary Bradley, 264 1/2 First and Joe Lopez, 422 Alder street.

Claude Sherman will also receive a license to operate a massage parlor at 245 Columbia street.

NO NEW INFLUENZA CASES REPORTED; WEEK'S DEATHS

Ten deaths with influenza as the contributing cause were reported last week to the city health bureau, it was announced this morning. No new cases were reported. This, Dr. John C. Abele points out, is a sign that the disease is decreasing.

The count of other contagious diseases this morning was: Smallpox 52, scarlet fever 26 and diphtheria 17.

ELEVATOR CODE RECEIVED

Copies of the Philadelphia elevator code, recommended by the United States bureau of standards as the best in the nation, were received Saturday by A. G. Johnson, assistant commissioner of public works. The code will be studied in view of applying it to local conditions.

DEFAULT JUDGMENT GIVEN

Vancouver, Wash., March 27.—Lewis Shattuck was granted a default judgment for \$122.28 and costs of \$90 against Ray Holmgren Saturday.

3 BOY PRISONERS WILL BE FREED; MRS. HARDING AIDS

Washington, March 27.—(I. N. S.)—Three small boys, age 7, 8 and 10, now serving five years in prison for alleged burglary of a postoffice in West Virginia, will soon gain their liberty and be returned to their parents through the interest and intervention of Mrs. Warren G. Harding, it was learned today.

An investigation of their cases by the department of justice, which followed Mrs. Harding's intervention, disclosed an unusual set of circumstances which led to the imprisonment of these "youthful desperadoes." Officials said today they never should have been sentenced, not alone because of their tender years, but also because the evidence in their cases did not warrant conviction. They have already served about six months in the national reform school here.

The lads are Andy Bergola, aged 7; Frank Bosko, aged 8; and Teddy Bosko, aged 11. Their parents live at Weirton,

W. Va. They were tried in the federal court of Northern West Virginia, before Judge Baker, and were sentenced, along with seven other older boys, ranging in years up to 15, each to five years at penal servitude.

The chief evidence against the youngsters, it is now shown, was furnished by bloodhounds. The dogs, used by the local police of Weirton, took up a scent at the point of the alleged robbery and tracked it through the woods to a settlement of steel workers. There the police gathered up the 10 boys, and, on what is now said to have been purely circumstantial evidence, all were found guilty. The attorney general's investigation showed today that the three youngsters, along with the seven other alleged "desperadoes," as they were called by the district attorney, were put through the district degree, and that police officers at Weirton wrote confessions of guilt from the boys.

The boys later denied their guilt and so pleaded, but apparently were victims of police prejudice, in a locality where the steel workers are under the lash of police authority.

Warren Martin, assistant to the attorney general, visited the lads, investigating the facts, and declared today that steps were being taken to return the boys to their parents. They probably will be pardoned by the president.

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