

OLCOTT ACTS IN INTEREST OF HARMONY

Three Members of Child Welfare Commission Removed—Portland Residents Are Named as Successors.

LETTER LENDS LIGHT TO GOVERNOR'S WISH

New Appointees Said to be Experienced in Child Welfare Matters of State.

There will be a complete reorganization of the child welfare commission, as far as the members of that commission appointed by Governor Olcott are concerned, according to announcement made by the executive, William D. Wheelwright, Mrs. Henry L. Corbett and Mrs. Edmund C. Giltner, all of Portland, will be named as members of the commission to succeed W. D. DeVarney and Mrs. Millie R. Trumbull of Portland, and Mrs. Fred G. Schlike of La Grande.

The board is constituted of five members, three of whom are appointed by the governor, one who shall be a member of the faculty of the University of Oregon, and is selected by the president of that institution, and one by the president of the state medical association.

The governor's action, however, does not in any way interfere with the appointments of the University of Oregon and the state medical association.

Harmony is lacking. In advising the three present members of the board of the change that is to be made, the governor sent each member the following letter: "Because of apparent inharmonious conditions, I have decided to make a complete reorganization of that portion of the child welfare commission which was appointed by me after the new law went into effect as enacted by the 1919 legislature. For that reason I am appointing three new members to replace the three acting members that the law provides shall be appointed by the governor. This commission is one of great importance because of its close connection with the many institutions and child caring agencies of the state and it is quite essential for the good of all of these institutions that the commission as a whole conduct its business with the greatest harmony possible without the sacrifice of efficiency.

"In advising you of this action I wish to say that I have a high personal regard for each individual member of the commission, but there seems to be conflicting and seemingly irreconcilable elements among the membership which make it impracticable for the commission, as it is now constituted, to function longer and attain the best results for the unfortunate children of the state. I am appointing as successors to the three present members who were originally appointed by me the following persons: W. D. Wheelwright, Mrs. Henry L. Corbett and Mrs. Edmund C. Giltner, all of Portland. Their commissions of appointment are to become effective as of this date, or as soon hereafter as they may qualify for the respective appointments."

ARGUMENTS ARE FILED FOR VOTERS PAMPHLET

SIX AMENDMENTS AND PROPOSED LAWS INDORSED

Lengthening of Legislature is Favored by Representative Lewis of Multnomah.

Affirmative arguments for five of the proposed constitutional amendments and initiative measures to be submitted to the voters of Oregon at the general election in November were filed with the secretary of state here Saturday. The argument for proposed constitutional amendment lengthening the legislative session from 40 to 60 days was submitted by Representative D. C. Lewis, of Portland, while the proposed constitutional amendment providing for compulsory registration carried the signatures of Senators W. W. Banks, F. C. Howell and Walter M. Pierce.

The Roosevelt Bird Refuge argument was filed by the association sponsoring the proposed law and was signed by John Gill, president of the organization. Argument for the measure providing for lengthening the terms of certain county officers from two to four years was presented by R. J. Green and Herbert K. Stewart, both of Portland. The argument for the so-called "single tax" measure carried the signature of J. R. Hermann, president of the Oregon Single Tax league.

The time for filing the affirmative arguments with the secretary of state expired last night. These arguments will be printed in the voters' pamphlet and will be distributed throughout the state several weeks prior to the November election.

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MILL IS BURNED; LOSS \$200,000

Thousands of Feet of Lumber Saved by Heroic Work of Employees.

DALLAS, Or., July 10.—Fire entailing a financial loss of more than \$200,000 and throwing approximately 300 men out of employment, occurred here this afternoon when the plant of the Willamette Valley Lumber company was totally destroyed by fire. Although endangered at times, the firemen succeeded in saving the power plant of the Oregon Power company, the Southern Pacific roundhouse and other structures in the direct path of the flames.

The fire was first discovered at 2 o'clock, and within five minutes the entire structure was a mass of flames. A half hour later a pile of smoldering timbers was all that remained of the plant. The mill was as dry as tinder, and the heat from the flames was so intense that the firemen were unable to advance nearer than a few hundred feet of the burning buildings.

Railroad employees, who were called to the scene of the fire following the first alarm, removed several loads of lumber, and otherwise assisted in salvaging material in the yards. Also assisting in fighting the flames were 500 men employed in the camps of the company in Polk county. Only a small quantity of lumber was destroyed. The mill was erected about 12 years ago and had a capacity of 150,000 feet a day. It is believed that the fire ignited from a hot box on a steam engine.

Charles K. Spaulding of Salem is one of the stockholders in the Dallas company. He said the plant was well insured and that the work of rebuilding the mill would start within the next few weeks.

Chinese Rebels Moving Forces Toward Peking

PEKING, July 10.—Generals Wu Pei Fu and Tso Tsun Kun are reported to be moving their forces toward Peking along the Peking-Hankow railway in defiance of the warning given by the government by the diplomatic corps here yesterday that in case of an uprising no fighting must take place in the city and that the city must be subjected to bombardment. General Tuan Chi-Jui, former premier who is exercising dictatorial powers, has appointed Tuan Chi-Kuei, a former war minister to be chief of the forces moving to check the advance.

Martial law has been put into effect and the western gates of the city are guarded against the unauthorized entry of troops.

THIRD PARTY CONVENTION IS CONVENED

First Day Session Devoted to Keynote Speeches and Organization Work. Order is Maintained with Difficulty.

LIBERAL AND RADICAL ELEMENTS IN CLASH

Fireworks Due When Platform, Party Name and Nominees Chosen.

CHICAGO, July 10.—Foundation stones were laid today for a new party on which to unite all third party movements when the committee of 48 and the single tax party joined in their first national convention to draft a platform and pick nominees who, they hope, will win the support of ten or a dozen liberal organizations.

The first day's session, devoted to keynote speeches and organization work, developed as many different views as there were factions represented. Rules, resolutions and nominations for permanent officials were debated step by step and at times acrimoniously. Allen McCurdy of New York and the temporary chairman, J. A. H. Hopkins, head of the committee of 48, who opened the convention, maintained order with difficulty.

Division between the liberal and radical groups was brought out in the rules debate when Swinburne Hale of New York said the state delegations were divided "fifty-one per cent liberal and 49 per cent radical." He was pleading for a change in the rules that would prevent the radicals being outvoted by the majority liberals, but the majority ruled and his plea was lost.

Participation of the single taxers in today's convention followed an earlier session at which they decided to present their platform demands and views on candidates. They were understood to be willing to accept either Charles H. Ingersoll, watch manufacturer, or Amos Pinchot, one of the leaders of the committee of 48, for presidential nominee.

They are opposed, their leaders say, to accepting Robert M. La Follette, the favorite presidential candidate of the forty-eighters, and may bolt the convention and select their own ticket if La Follette is nominated. Determination of the single taxers' course was declared to be contingent upon three things:

First, the platform, which they said must include a single tax plank; second, the candidate, and third, the name of the party.

The party name promises to develop a fight. Members of the single tax group want some reference to their name incorporated in the party name. The labor party of the United States, whose convention gets under way tomorrow, is willing to join the party and probably will accept La Follette as its candidate. He demands that the word "Labor" be included in the designation.

GASOLINE SHORTAGE AGAIN BECOMES ACUTE

STANDARD OIL TANKS DRY AT PORTLAND SATURDAY

Tanker Drake Due at Portland Today with 1,250,000 Gallons of Gasoline.

PORTLAND, Or., July 10.—The gasoline shortage in Oregon became so acute today that the Standard Oil company ceased its sales completely at its filling stations. Other companies continued the sale of gasoline in small quantities.

The local storage tanks of the Standard Oil company are dry according to officials of the company. Temporary relief is promised Sunday when the tanker Drake with 1,250,000 gallons of gasoline is due to arrive in Portland from San Francisco with a shipment consigned to the Standard Oil company.

LODGEMEN FROM PORTLAND HERE

Shiaks, High Degree of Order, Furnish Entertainment Features.

The Ancient Order of United Workers of Industry, No. 8, Portland, Oregon, arrived in the city last night at 6:30 o'clock on the Southern Pacific train. They detained on the side-track at South Commercial street.

Industry No. 8, the Portland branch of the A. O. U. W., are in Salem for a fraternal visit with the local organization. It is not to be a secret meeting. The Portland order chartered special cars to bring their visiting members to Salem.

The Shiaks, a high degree in the order, furnished the entertainment for the evening. The local lodge served a dinner at 7:30 o'clock in the evening.

The A. O. U. W. is a beneficiary organization and the Salem lodge is the second oldest in the state. The Portland organization is smaller than the Salem order and the visit to this city is made to foster better fraternal spirit between the two lodges; consequently, the evening was devoted to merriment, fun-making and revelry.

Practice Drill Brings Death to Rescue Team

SEATTLE, July 10.—Three members of the Pacific Coast Coal company's mine rescue team at Black Diamond, Wash., are dead and two others are expected to die as a result of breathing poison gas fumes during a practice drill in an abandoned shaft at Black Diamond shortly before noon today. The dead are: Hugh Hughes, Harry De Winter, James Lockwood.

Louis McDonald and a man named Parker are in the hospital at Black Diamond and are not expected to live. James Murphy and Fred Pontin were also overcome by the fumes but are not believed to be in any danger.

Members of the team said that while they knew of the presence of the "black damp" gas in the shaft, they did not believe there was any danger until Hughes and De Winter toppled over. The other men made an effort to drag their comrades to fresh air, but themselves were overcome. The bodies of Hughes and Lockwood were recovered but De Winter's body still in the mine at 7 o'clock tonight.

Some years ago a boy wandered into the abandoned shaft while playing and was killed by the poisonous fumes. Since then it has been kept locked except when rescue teams were practicing there.

Bolshevik and Armenian Peace Treaty Signed

CONSTANTINOPLE, July 10.—Armenian representatives in Constantinople have been advised that peace will be concluded at Moscow between the Bolshevik and the Armenians and that consular and diplomatic relations will be resumed immediately.

With the Bolshevik dominating Azerbaijan, the British evacuating Batum and Bolshevik ministers in both Tiflis and Erivan, speedy domination of the entire Caucasus by the Bolsheviks is inevitable.

SALEM JAUNT FEATURE OF SHRINE SHOW

Colfax Newspaper Devotes Much Space to Auto Tour of Willamette Valley—Capital is Declared Wonder.

VALLEY ROSES LAUDED BY VISITING WOMEN

Luncheon, Inspection of State Institutions and Other Entertainment Provided.

That the Shriners in attendance at the recent convocation of the order held in Portland thoroughly enjoyed the automobile jaunt to Salem, and will advertise the resources and natural advantages of this locality in all parts of the United States and Canada is indicated in an article published in the last issue of the Colfax Gazette, at Colfax, Wash. The article reads:

Just one little incident in the magnificent hospitality of the cities of the northwest to the visiting Shriners from all parts of North America took place at Salem, Or., 55 miles up the Willamette valley from Portland, when the annual convocation of the imperial council was in session two weeks ago.

Portland had her hands full during the convention to give the Shriners and their ladies, about 75,000 in all, a taste of real hospitality with free rides up the Columbia river highway, free automobile trips through the residence districts of the city and feasts and dances for the various segregations of the big delegation.

Four representatives from each Shrine temple in North America transacted the business of the annual session at the auditorium while the thousands of accompanying Shriners and their ladies enjoyed the festivities.

When the second day of the convocation arrived there was no formal parade until evening. The bands, 75 of them, each accompanied by a uniformed marching organization, were guests of Portland at a sea-food dinner at The Oaks. Thousands of Portland people volunteered the use of their automobiles to entertain the other visitors and there was a constant stream of visitors up the Columbia highway all day.

That was the state of affairs when Salem stepped in with a carefully arranged program to give a few of the visitors a glimpse of the Willamette valley.

Six hundred and twenty-four cars, so the final figures showed, came down the valley from Salem and the surrounding communities and took 256 visitors out of Portland for a ride of more than 100 miles through a beautiful valley, heavy with the fragrance of white city roses and beautiful roses and everything green.

It was a gala day up the valley. Business was suspended, the mephibos were driving the cars and the women and children were either waving from the porches or standing beside the road throwing roses into the passing cars as the red-tipped visors bowed and waved their appreciation.

The start was made a 9 o'clock in the morning from the court house in Portland, and it was nearly noon when the caravan began to arrive at Salem, after a run of 55 miles over the paved Pacific highway with a few detours through small towns along the way. All cars stopped at the north entrance of the state capital building, passengers were given the number of their cars and instructions to take the same car at the east entrance to the capital building and then the guides called attention to the kegs of logan berry juice and sandwiches which were in waiting under the trees on the lawn on the west side of the capital building.

Two big sandwiches and a pickle, wrapped in paraffine paper and tied between two paper plates, with a rose tucked under the string. That was the lunch handed to each of the 2500 visitors. And loganberry juice—there was no limit to the native beverage of the Willamette valley.

When the lunch hour ended an announcer with a megaphone standing on a table at the west entrance to the state building, called out numbers and the visitors had no difficulty in finding their cars. Practically all the Oregon state institutions are located at Salem amid rose gardens and shrubbery that surpass even the beauties of Portland.

COUNTIES MAY ISSUE WARRANTS FOR BONDS

OPINION GIVEN BY ATTORNEY IN UNION COUNTY CASE

Legal Advisor Holds that Bonds Are Not Necessary to Road Campaign.

Counties may issue warrants in lieu of bonds for permanent road construction, according to a legal opinion given by Attorney General Brown following a receipt of a request for interpretation of the statutes from John S. Hodgkin, district attorney of Union county.

In his letter to the attorney general Mr. Hodgkin said that Union county had voted bonds in a large sum for the permanent road improvement work, but that the county had been unable to sell the securities at par as provided by law. Because of this the district attorney said road building operations would have to be abandoned or other means found for financing the improvements.

"Under the authority of chapter 103, laws of 1917," said Attorney General Brown's opinion, "the warrants issued by the county court in lieu of bonds must bear the same rate of interest as the bonds would have borne and shall be made payable at no specified time. In the judgment of the county court such warrants may provide for interest payable semi-annually, or interest deemed. Or in its discretion the county may issue coupon interest bearing warrants providing interest to be ultimately redeemed as other county warrants."

"Warrants may not be sold for less than par."

WOOD CALLS AT HARDING HOME

Harding Will Get Support of Italian-American G. O. P. League.

MARION, O., July 10.—Interest in the activities of Senator Harding, Republican presidential nominee, was centered in his conference tonight with Major General Leonard Wood, contestant for the nomination, who called to assure the senator personally of his support so far as compatible with his duties as an army officer.

General Wood did not reach Marion until nearly 8 p. m. and went directly to the Harding home where he had dinner with the senator and Mrs. Harding.

This was the first time Senator Harding and General Wood had met since the former's nomination, but the general in a telegram congratulating the senator on his nomination and in a recent conference with national Chairman Will H. Hays, had privately pledged his support.

Senator Cummings, Republican of Iowa, was to have arrived at the same time but it was announced he had postponed his visit until tomorrow night. Mr. Hays is also expected to arrive tomorrow to spend the day with the senator.

The senator today received a letter from the president of the National Italian-American Republican league, composed of more than 500,000 voters, in which it was declared the organization would support him unconditionally.

ROAD MENACE SAYS LETTER ISSUED HERE

Bridges on Line of Portland & Oregon City Railroad Declared to be Unsafe and in dangerous Condition.

PROMPT ACTION URGED BY STATE COMMISSION

Use of Brakes Hindered Because of Vegetation Between the Rails.

The Oregon public service commission, in a letter addressed to J. N. Hart, secretary and treasurer of the Portland & Oregon Railway company, calls attention of that official to the unfavorable condition of the company's lines and urges that something be done immediately to insure the safety of the traveling public.

"Primarily and before proceeding to further discussion," said the commission's letter to Mr. Hart, "we wish to direct your attention to the Kusk Hill bridge, a few miles east of Milwaukie. This structure is so badly decayed, either at the ground or with dry rot above that it is possible to pull the piling apart with the fingers.

Repairs Much Needed. "The commission does not wish to see service over this line interrupted, nevertheless from our advice we deem it imperative for the public safety that cars cease to operate until such instruction, with reference to repairs, are carried out. Further, that these repairs be immediately made and steps taken to rehabilitate, if not rebuild, the entire structure."

The commission also pointed out in the letter that vegetation is allowed to grow unhindered between the ties and over the rails, which acts as so much grease when crushed, and prevents the effective use of brakes. Also that at certain points gravel from excavation has covered the rails in many places making train operation exceedingly dangerous.

Gas Motor Scored. The letter also indicates that the Dedman trestle, near Gladstone, is in need of repairs which should be made promptly. It was suggested that some work should be done on the two trestles at Rock Creek, and further, that the whole line is badly in need of resurfacing, relining on bridges, full spiking, ditching, etc. The gas motor operated by the corporation was said to be in poor condition and does not afford adequate protection against the inclement weather, and a trailer car used to handle the peak traffic also needs attention.

The commission's letter was written following a hearing held in Portland and subsequent inspection of the line by engineers in the employ of the state.

ANNUAL BARGAIN DAY ECLIPSES ALL PREDECESSORS

Stores Crowded with Shoppers All Day Long and Both the Merchants and Shoppers Are pleased with the Event—Some of the Merchants Believe Event Should be Held Semi-Annually.

Salem's fourth annual Bargain day has come and gone—and a big day it was. Big from the standpoint of the merchant in the volume of business transacted, and big to the shopper in view of the value in merchandise received for his money.

From early morning till closing time yesterday the Bargain day stores were crowded with eager buyers, and clerks were speeded on to the limit. All the stores and all the business they could handle, and one of the largest stores had to close its doors for an hour and a half so that the eager crowd could be accommodated.

Evermore was pleased with Bargain day and P. R. Keany, manager of the Portland Clock & Suit company, hopes that it will be made a semi-annual event in lieu of a yearly one. He says the year in merchandising is naturally divided into two semi-annual periods. Most merchants make two major buying trips a year, and many stores hold semi-annual clearance sales in order to get rid of odds and ends and keep their stocks free from old goods and antiquated styles. Bargain day, he says, might well supplant these semi-annual clearances.

The buyers seemed well pleased with the prices charged for merchandise. This is a credit to the merchants of Salem for fulfilling their every promise in regard to the bargains they would offer.

In speaking of yesterday's bargain day, practically all of the mer-

chants were enthusiastic in its praise. We quote from a few of them:

Miller Bros. "I think Bargain day a good thing for both merchant and public. We have had a big business day."

Kaufmeyer Bros. "More trade than we could properly handle, and patrons expressed themselves pleased with the fact that our reductions applied to every article in our store."

J. C. Penny Co. "It has been a hummer! Exceeded expectations."

Gale & Co. "Biggest success since Bargain day was started."

People's Cash Store. "Store overcrowded all day."

The Bootery. "Awfully busy all day. Needed more salespeople."

Price Shoe Company. "Biggest day in our history. People here from as far as Newport especially for Bargain day."

Baxter Brown Shoe Store. "The event couldn't be excelled."

The French Shop. "A big event successfully promoted and faithfully carried out."

Many others might be quoted to the same general effect.

From every viewpoint Bargain day was a huge success and the merchants by their sane and faithfulness have so pleased the buying public that the success of the event will grow greater each year.

Reorganization Is Needed. In making public the reorganization of the commission the governor had the following to say: "When this law was enacted in 1919 and I devolved upon me to appoint three members I made every effort to select a high class personnel and, individually, I think I succeeded in so doing. But various elements in this commission do not seem to mix, and almost from the first there has been continuous complaining in regard to the workings of the commission as a whole. The great authority which the law gives this commission over all child caring agencies of the state makes it one of the most important bodies of state government and it is quite essential that as such it work along harmonious, as well as efficient, lines, so that the various institutions and child caring agencies concerned are not kept in continual turmoil.

New Brunswick Closes Wet and Dry Campaign

ST. JOHNS, N. B., July 10.—The province of New Brunswick voted today on a referendum which will empower the government:

1. To restrain the present "bone-dry" prohibition law adopted during the war, or,
2. To introduce wine and beer licenses, or,
3. To permit the sale of all spirituous liquors under license.

Tongue of Hillsboro is State G.O.P. Chairman

PORTLAND, Or., July 10.—Thomas H. Tongue, Jr., of Hillsboro was today elected chairman of the Republican state central committee. All other candidates withdrew. Mr. Tongue lauded the women of the party in addressing the committee today.

County committeemen were appointed today and it was said that arrangements were to be made later for the appointment of a committeewoman in each county.

General March's Report On Army on the Rhine

WASHINGTON, July 10.—The American army on the Rhine does not suffer by comparison with the allied armies there, Major General Peyton March, chief of staff, told newspapermen today, after his return from a trip of inspection overseas.

The American forces are in splendid condition, with their morale high he said. The French people, General March said, are extremely warmly disposed toward the Americans regardless of national sentiments concerning international matters, such as the league of nations.

Jewish Relief Party Killed by Bandits

WARSAW, July 10.—A Lemberg dispatch reports that Professor Israel Fridlander and Dr. Cantor, rabbi in the free synagogue of New York, were killed by bandits near Kamenetz-Podolsk, where they had been distributing funds for the American joint distribution committee.

Professor Theodor Fridlander sailed from New York three months ago for Ukraine to aid in the distribution of Jewish relief funds.