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CONCERNS SEEK QUESTIONNAIRE SIMPLIFICATION

Many Clubs and Organizations Said to Have Adopted Resolutions

COMMISSION MAY ACT

Some Business Houses Claim Considerable of Information Not Necessary for Tax Assessors to Have

Many business concerns in various sections of the state are urging the state tax commission to further simplify the questionnaire which is being sent out by the various county assessors. This system was made possible through the enactment of a law at the recent session of the legislature. It has been indicated that the tax commission is considering the requests and may take action in a few days in regard to this matter.

Resolutions Adopted

Reports emanating from the offices of the state tax commission indicated that a large number of commercial clubs, chambers of commerce and other organizations have adopted resolutions condemning the questionnaire as being unfair to the taxpayers and an attempt on the part of state and county officials to pry into the confidential affairs of business concerns. Copies of these resolutions have been received by members of the state tax commission.

The principal objection to the questionnaire is that it required business concerns to supply what has been designated a balance sheet. Under this heading the county assessors seek to obtain from taxpayers the amount of his cash, notes payable, accounts payable, other liabilities, capital investment, surplus and undivided profits, and total liabilities.

Opinions Differ

It was alleged by many business concerns affected by the questionnaire that much of this information is not necessary for tax levying purposes. The state tax commissioner has argued, however, that in event the so-called balance sheet is eliminated from the questionnaire the intent of the law would be nullified and it

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FALSE REPORTS CAUSE BANK RUN

CLEARING HOUSE TAKES UP NORTHWESTERN AFFAIRS

Institution Stays Open Until 6 O'clock to Accommodate Depositors.

PORTLAND, March 28.—(AP).—Recognizing the seriousness of a run which started today on the Northwestern National bank, directors and stockholders of that institution reached a tentative agreement tonight with the banks of the Portland Clearing House association whereby the association would pay off the depositors of the Northwestern and liquidate the affairs of that institution.

It was expected that the agreement would be concluded during the night and that clearing house representatives would assume charge of the Northwestern National bank tomorrow morning.

Under the provisions of the agreement all depositors of the Northwestern will be paid in full on demand.

Rumors branded in financial circles as "utterly false," and springing from sources that were regarded as "inspired" and "malicious" started the run. The customary closing hour, 3 o'clock, found the run at its height. The bank, however, remained open and continued paying off depositors until 6 o'clock.

The savings account department seemed to be the storm center. The bank waived the stipulated 30 to 90 notice for the withdrawal of savings accounts and paid off depositors as rapidly as their accounts could be verified. Women constituted the greater portion of the crowd.

The March 23 call for statements from national banks showed the resources of the Northwestern

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OFFICERS LOCATE CACHE OF LIQUOR

WEISSENFELS ARRESTED AT "OLD GALLON HOUSE"

Barrels Found Buried in Hot House; No Still Landed During Search

Working on one of the most clever caches of liquor since the 18th amendment made possession of such liquids unlawful, county and state prohibition officers seized 18 gallons of alleged whiskey, dumped 100 gallons of mash, and arrested M. Weissenfels of Silverton after a search of more than four hours yesterday afternoon.

Weissenfels is 70 years old and is tenant with his wife and family in what is known as the "Old Gallon House" on the Abiqua river, two miles northwest of Silverton. This place was used during the days of local option when counties could permit houses to handle liquors in salable quantities of one gallon only. During that period the house gained considerable prominence as a men's resort.

In the seizure made yesterday the finished liquor was found buried in the basement in a manner which would have been a "dead-beat" for persons less positive of their grounds for searching.

Led on in hopes of finding the still from which the alleged whiskey was run, the officers found the mash buried in two 50-gallon barrels in a hot house away from the residence. The barrels were carefully planted about six inches below the surface, the ground being tamped almost beyond suspicion. Despite a strenuous search, officers were unable to find a still.

Weissenfels is held in the county jail on \$500 bond which his relatives are endeavoring to raise. Charges have not yet been placed against him, but the only possible one available, according to the sheriff's office, is that of liquor possession.

"POP" GATES MENTIONED

Successor to Malone to Be Named Within Week by Patterson.

Letters and telegrams continued to arrive at the executive department here yesterday indorsing C. E. (Pop) Gates of Medford for the office of state highway commissioner to succeed Wade Malone of Corvallis whose term expires March 31.

Other indorsements have been received for W. H. Jewett of Eugene and Warren Reed of Gardiner.

Governor Patterson has indicated that Southern Oregon would be recognized in making this appointment. Mr. Gates previously served as a member of the state fair board, and was an ardent supporter of Governor Patterson during the campaign.

Mr. Reed has the indorsement of a large number of prominent residents of Douglas and Coos counties.

It was indicated that Mr. Malone's successor would be announced late this week.

ATTACK NESTUCCA LAW

Referendum Petition Filed Relative to Closing River.

A referendum petition was filed in the state department here yesterday attacking a law enacted at the last session of the legislature closing Nestucca Bay and its tributaries to commercial fishing. The petition was referred to the attorney general who will prepare the ballot title.

The referendum petition was filed by the Nestucca Local of the Tillamook County Fishermen's union. A total of 7643 signatures will be required to place the referendum on the ballot.

The law was introduced by Representatives McPhillips and Russell, and was considered at several hearings held by the fisheries committees of the two houses. The bill was opposed by a number of the commercial fishing organizations in the coast counties.

PETELLE BACK IN CELL

Minister Convicted on Liquor Charge Fails to Pay Fine

MEDFORD, Ore., Mar. 28.—(AP)—Rev. M. L. Petelle, former minister of Klamath Falls, was remanded to a cell in the Jackson county court today in default of a \$400 fine for violation of the state prohibition laws, following his conviction in the justice court. The charge involved possession and transportation of a quantity of moonshine liquor.

CHINESE FIRING AT FOREIGNERS AS THEY FLEE

Shanghai Goal of Americans as Anti-Foreign Hatred Spreads

STRENGTHEN BARRIERS

Yangtze River Scene of Fighting as Boats Loaded With Refugees are Fired Upon—Evacuation Proceeds

SHANGHAI, March 28.—(AP).—Fleeing before a rising tide of anti-foreignism, foreigners in nationalist China, most of them Americans, today were moving steadily on Shanghai, some of them running a virtual gauntlet of Cantonese fire on the Yangtze river and others working their way to the coast from other directions through a hostile population.

Shanghai itself was the center of a growing anti-foreign feeling in the native district where leaflets and hand bills were distributed blaming the British for the Nanking bombardment on Thursday and calling for a boycott of British goods and a strike of employees of British firms. The part played by the United States forces was not mentioned.

Positions Safeguarded

In the face of this again, the barriers about the international settlement were being strengthened steadily.

The Yangtze river, chief means of flight from the interior, has become the scene of a virtual state of war between nationalist soldiers on either bank and foreign vessels carrying refugees. Shots have been fired on nearly every ship proceeding down the river, naval vessels themselves escorting.

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JURY SELECTION DRAGS

Twenty-four Venemen Examined Monday in Brownlee Case

EUGENE, March 28.—(AP).—Twenty-four venemen were examined today in the trial of Albert Brownlee, charged with murdering Eaton Hooker, Veneta youth, who was a member of a posse looking for Brownlee after the holdup of a pool hall in that town, and the shooting of the proprietor, William Maddaugh.

It is predicted that the jury will not be complete until some time late tomorrow.

LATHE MACHINES AT HIGH SCHOOL

POSSIBLE NOW TO HANDLE 30 BOYS IN EACH CLASS

Work Turned Out From Shop Brings in Nice Income; Great Advantage Shown

With the installation yesterday of four new lathes in the machine shops at the Senior high school, it will be possible to handle 30 boys in each of the classes, said E. E. Bergman, head of the department, yesterday. The shops are now as well equipped as any in the state, it is said. The lathes are of the latest quick change engine type and cost the school board \$1,000.

From a very modest beginning nine years ago, much equipment has been added, and the growth of the department has been almost phenomenal. A \$27,000 appropriation by the school board paid for the shops and the first equipment. Since that time there has been added a Universal milling machine at a cost of \$1400, an automatic chaper at the cost of \$500, and a Universal grinding machine at a cost of \$500.

Five thousand dollars in actual cash for work done in the shops has been turned over to the school board during the 9 years, offsetting expenditure for equipment. A sanding machine made by the boys was used by Bergman and the school janitors in sanding the desks in the various schools last summer, and it is estimated that the school board was saved an expenditure of approximately \$1450 in this instance. Onion toping machines are also built in the classes and sold to the onion growers in the Lake Labish district for \$250 each.

Instructor Bergman came to Salem from Anderson, Ind., where he was a member of the high school faculty there. Through his efforts, it is said, the great advance in the department's activities has been possible.

TRIO TO APPEAR AT Y

Popular Young Reader Also Secured for Weekly Program

The appearance of a trio composed of Mary Talmadge Hedrick, violinist; J. D. Beebe, cellist; and Clarence Wenger, pianist, is promised for the regular weekly lobby program at the YMCA Wednesday night, according to Ben Rickel, assistant secretary. These musicians are all members of the Elsinore theater orchestra.

Also assisting on the program will be Flora Fletcher Hedrick, vocalist, and Lorena Rideout, popular young reader. The program is under the direction of Miss Beatrice Shelton who will present a number of her piano pupils in concert, during the evening.

FRIENDSHIP'S FIRE SPECIAL FEATURE

BOYS' CONFERENCE FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

Stick From Helsingfors, Finland, to Be Used in Kindling Fire in Salem

The "Fire of Friendship" which is one of the Saturday night features of the Marion county boys' conference held next Friday, Saturday and Sunday in Salem, has a very interesting origin, according to Loyal Warner, boys' work secretary at the local YMCA, who is in charge of the gathering.

At Helsingfors, Finland, last year, 52 nations were represented at a boys' conference, part of the world tour sponsored by the Y. M. C. A. The United States had 45 boys at this conference. On a certain evening a fire was kindled, and as the boys gathered around it, messages from each country were conveyed to the group by selected representatives. Before leaving, each boy was given a stick from the fire, as the following pledge was subscribed to: "We leave this fire with a great vision of Christian fellowship, conscious of a difference, but resolved to love."

A stick from this Helsingfors fire will be used to light the one in Salem Saturday night. After the fire of friendship, which will be conducted by Ed Socolofsky and Frank Moran, each boy will be given a stick from this fire, and so will become members of the world-wide friendship league.

Thirty boys from Salem high school will dress as representatives of 30 different nations at the "fire of friendship" here.

LEON BATTLE IMPENDS

Residents Fleeing City in Expectation of Hostilities.

MANAGA, March 28.—(AP).—Residents of Leon, where United States marines have set up a neutral zone, are reported to be fleeing the city in the fear that an engagement there between conservatives and liberals is imminent.

Official reports were received today from Leon giving details of a brush last night between American marine outposts and a force of 30 men, believed to be liberals.

The reports say that the outpost was fired on about 6 o'clock in the evening, and that the attacking band sought to enter the city. The marines returned the fire and the band fled.

Forty minutes later at the other end of the city the band ignored the challenges of marines until threatened with fire. A third attempt was made at 11 o'clock but also failed. There were no casualties on either side. Four rifles were dropped by the band in retreat.

NEW PROSPECTOR TAKES THE TRAIL



BRITISH DECIDE ON FIRM STAND IN CHINA'S CASE

Cantonese Train Heavy Guns on Warships in Yangtze, London Report

COMMUNISM DECLARED

Hope for Avoidance of Anti-foreign Outbreak Felt at Washington Following Latest Shanghai Reports

LONDON, Mar. 28.—(AP).—The British cabinet decided today to take a firm stand in China and make no further concessions there until the present "anarchical" conditions have ended and the Chinese authorities have proved themselves capable of establishing order.

Leaving a two hour meeting of the cabinet ministers in Downing street, Foreign Secretary Chamberlains and there assured the members that there would be no further surrender of British rights in China until the Chinese could preserve order wherever their authority exists.

Fraises Sailors' Act

In the course of his address, Sir Austen declared that he had not the least doubt that the action of the two American bluejackets who signalled the American and British in the Yangtze to open fire on Cantonese looters at Nanking last Thursday, and the resulting fire had saved the lives of the foreign refugees on Soony Hill.

The signallers were Henry O. Warren of Olin, N. C., and Dennis D. Taylor of Lincoln, Cal., both attached to the destroyer Wm. B. Preston.

The Cantonese at Nanking have mounted heavy guns on Lion Hill, overlooking the Yangtze river and have trained them on the American and British warships and merchantmen anchored in the river, says a Shanghai despatch to the Daily Mail from Sir Percival Phillips, its correspondent there.

The Cantonese also were stated to have manned the river forts between Chekiang and the mouth of the Yangtze and to have fired on all, passed foreign vessels, the

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BUILDING PERMITS GROW

200,000 Mark for March May Be Reached; Work Resumes

Chances for March building permits to reach the \$200,000 mark were enhanced by the addition of \$15,000, representing permits for four dwelling houses, three repairs and alterations, and two garages issued yesterday.

G. A. Hillman, 925 South street, \$2800; George Bruce, 2285 Chemeketa street, \$3,000; A. E. Haulig, 1535 N. Summer street, \$3,000 and I. F. Shutt, 670 South street, \$3500, will build residences at the listed locations.

Permits for repairs went to John Barker, dwelling at 1250 N. 19th street, \$500; Mrs. J. B. Stevens, dwelling at 1165 Market, \$600; and H. E. Caswell, dwelling at 1331 N. 17th street, \$1000.

Otto Kubin, 2020 S. Commercial and J. L. Tucker, 1624 Chemeketa will build private garages at a cost of \$350 and \$250 respectively.

CHAPIN IN DANGER ZONE

Recent Graduate of Willamette Teacher at Canton College

Leland Chapin, former prominent Willamette university student, is a member of the faculty of the Canton Christian college which may be ordered evacuated as a result of Chinese pirate activities. Chapin, who graduated two years ago, signed a three-year contract to teach in the China college.

The Shameen district, the foreign settlement in the city of Canton, where the college is located, is the home of more than 150 American missionaries and other religious workers, including officials and students of the college.

GIRL KILLS FATHER

WINONA, Miss., March 28.—Because her parents treated her younger brother "better than they did me," Kitty Jones, 15, shot and killed her father and seriously wounded her mother last night, she told officials in the county jail here today. Mrs. Jones' condition was declared critical.

SAPIRO RELATES HIS LIFE STORY

RISE TO PROMINENCE TOLD BY MAN WHO SUED FORD

Spent Childhood in Orphanage—Worked Way Through Universities.

DETROIT, March 28.—(AP).—Aron Sapiro, sleek-haired, 42-year-old Chicago Jew, who does not look his age by a dozen years, took the witness stand late today to relate the story of his life in his \$1,000,000 libel suit against Henry Ford.

It was a picture of a most unpromising start which culminated in internationally recognized success which he left with the jurors, because his narration was broken by adjournment before he reached any of the story of alleged personal harm and injury to his efforts as an organizer of farmers' cooperatives done by articles printed in Ford's weekly, the Dearborn Independent.

An hour and a half tomorrow will suffice for the last part of the story, William Henry Gallagher, counsel for Sapiro said at adjournment.

Sapiro leaned far forward in the witness chair, hands grasping a roll of paper in his lap. A vivid flush spread over his face as he cracked answers to his counsel's volley of questions.

Question and answer piled into the voluminous trial record at such a pace that United States Senator James A. Reed, chief of Ford's counsel, appealed to Judge Fred M. Raymond to enforce more deliberation.

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BORAH DINNER OPPOSED

Utica Republicans Protest Honor Paid "Obstructionist"

UTICA, N. Y., March 28.—(By AP).—A group of local business men, including prominent republicans, has protested formally to the local committee in charge of a proposed dinner in honor of United States Senator William E. Borah of Idaho, scheduled for tomorrow night.

Bradford H. Divine, spokesman for the group, declared it should be understood the invitation was of a personal nature rather than political, and does not come from, nor with the approval of, organized republicans.

"The reason that the groups of men for whom I am speaking," continued Mr. Divine, "do not believe that the senator from Idaho is entitled to a public dinner as an honor in recognition of his attitude in Washington is because, if the published reports of his record are correct, he has been obstructive to the policies so ably advocated by President Coolidge and his supporters in both houses of congress.

"For republicans to honor Senator Borah for his obstructive policies would be nothing more or less than a direct slap in the face for President Coolidge."

EAKIN ASKED TO RESIGN

Fish Commissioner "Gladly" Complies, He Tells Reporter

ASTORIA, March 28.—(AP).—W. T. Eakin, fish commissioner, stated here tonight that he had received a letter from Governor I. L. Patterson requesting his resignation from the state fish commissioner, stated here tonight that he had received a letter from Governor I. L. Patterson, requesting his resignation from the state fish board. Mr. Eakin said that he was glad to be relieved of the duty and that he would submit his resignation at once.

He added that he believed a similar request had been made of Commissioner Jess Hays, of Tillamook. The resignation of Commissioner John Veatch is already in the hands of the governor.

Mr. Eakin stated he was not informed as to whom Governor Patterson intended to appoint to the commission.

KIDNAP CHARGES FILED

Former Policeman Arrested; Child Returned After Payment

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., March 28.—(AP)—Frank Baskett, 45, an ex-policeman, was arrested late today and charged with kidnaping and demanding a ransom in connection with the abduction last Wednesday night of Virginia Joy, two year old daughter of City Commissioner and Mrs. Fred B. Frazier.

The child was returned last night after her parents had paid a ransom of \$3,333 to the kidnapers.

Other arrests were expected to follow immediately.

COMMITTEEMEN DISCUSS PLANS OF GOVERNMENT

Mayor's Suggestion of Commission Plan for Salem Considered

NO FINAL ACTION TAKEN

Committees Will Withhold Recommendation Until Members Make Study of Various Forms of Contract

As a first step in the consideration of Mayor T. A. Livesley's plan to change the Salem city government from the council plan to that of a commission form, the committee recently appointed by the mayor met in the chamber of commerce rooms last night to discuss the different systems pro and con.

No definite action was taken, and no recommendations will be made, it is said, until members of the committee have made a careful study of all the different variations of the commission and city manager forms in operation at various American cities. Another meeting has been called for some time next week by Chairman H. H. Olinger at which time a specific recommendation may be evolved.

Opinions Differ

Members of the committee last night appeared to differ in opinion as to which form of the commission plan would be best suited to the needs of Salem. A number favored adoption of the city manager plan, which is coming into favor among the larger cities after having been instituted by the smaller towns. Both commission and city manager plans are being used in various forms by cities which have relegated the council plan to the things antedated. The problem of the committee is to work out some plan which will prove the ideal government for Salem, provided it is finally decided to amend the city charter and make a change.

First Commission Form

What was probably the first commission form of government was established at Galveston, Tex., after the great storm of 1900 which destroyed a whole section of that city. For a time, municipal

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LEWIS SELECTED FOR WARDENSHIP

BOARD OF CONTROL TO CONFIRM APPOINTMENT TODAY

Patterson Indicates Office of State Parole Officer to Remain Vacant

James Lewis was recommended yesterday for the office of warden of the state penitentiary by Henry W. Meyers, recently appointed superintendent of the prison. For the past four years Mr. Lewis has been serving very efficiently as a deputy sheriff of Marion county. His appointment will be confirmed by the state board of control at a meeting here today. It is understood. Mr. Lewis will enter upon his duties as warden on Friday, April 1.

Mr. Lewis was at one time employed at the Oregon state hospital. He later was appointed deputy warden of the prison, and early in the Olcott administration was promoted to warden of the institution. He served in that capacity for more than three years. Since retiring from the penitentiary Mr. Lewis has acted as deputy sheriff.

Mr. Meyers intimated today that he had selected Gene Halley for the office of deputy warden of the prison. Mr. Halley was employed in the sheriff's office in Multnomah county for a number of years, later accepting a position as turkey keeper at the state penitentiary. For the past few years he has been employed in the automotive department of the public service commission.

Mr. Meyers, newly appointed superintendent of the prison, will enter upon his new duties Friday. He was at one time engaged in the mercantile business here. For the past few months he has acted as manager of the Miles Linn mill.

Governor Patterson has indicated that the office of state parole officer would be left vacant.

Mr. Lewis will succeed J. W. Lillis, who has acted as warden of the prison for two years.