

City May Purchase O-W Firm

Municipal Ownership of Water Plant Proposed

Ordinance to Be Asked Submitting Issue to Voters

The first constructive suggestion made in months of discussion about the water service in Salem was advanced Friday by Alderman David B. O'Hara when he announced that he would ask the city council at its next meeting to pass an ordinance submitting to the voters the question of municipal ownership.

Credit for this suggestion is divided between Alderman O'Hara and the Hollywood chamber of commerce, which has done on record as favoring the move.

Strictly speaking, a start was made in this direction several months ago when the council at the instance of its special water supply investigation committee, made a gesture toward revoking the water company's franchise.

When showing made in the nature of a demand that the company show cause why the franchise should not be revoked, but was discarded after the company responded with an announcement of its plans for improving the condition of the water through the installation of a purification plant.

All this took place while agitation was prevalent against the taste and smell of the water.

Shortly afterward, petitions were circulated in North Salem asking that the matter of municipal ownership be submitted to the voters, but this work was carried on quietly by residents of that district and the results never made public.

However, Alderman O'Hara's announcement of Friday is the first definite move in this direction on the part of any member of the council. What the attitude of the council in general will be, could not be determined Friday, but it is known that a large portion of Salem's citizenry is in favor of municipal ownership and Mr. O'Hara's program will have widespread support.

Karolyi Levels Guns on Fascism During Lecture Tour in America



Count Karolyi, former president of Hungary, pictured in his hotel suite at Boston, Mass. The Count is to lecture against Fascism. During an interview he declared that the Fascismo movement was a menace to world peace.

200 Dentists On Hand For Session

Pacific Coast Clinic Gets Off to Successful Start Here Friday; Speaker Stresses Interdependence of Professions

DENTISTS, doctors and public, all must be educated to the interdependence of the medical and dental professions in building and maintaining health, Dr. Boyd S. Gardner, chief of the dental division of the Mayo clinic at Rochester, Minn., said in substance last night at the open meeting of the mid-winter clinic, which opened Friday morning for a two-day session.

Almost 200 dentists had registered last night for the clinic, which is being held at the Elks' temple. Dr. David B. Hill of Salem, president of the Maroon-Polk-Yamhill dental society, which is sponsoring the clinic, has acted as chairman of the sessions.

Meetings during the day are of purely technical nature, and are bringing to the dentists gathered some of the newest ideas and accepted practices in their profession. This afternoon table clinics will be held, and for these demonstrations alone approximately 50 more dentists are expected to be present from Portland. Main clinics and lectures are in the hands of Dr. Gardner and Dr. Floyd Eddy Hogeboom, noted dentist.

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POLITICAL POT SHOWS SIGNS OF SIMMERING

James Mott Believed Likely To Enter Race for Job In Legislature

Candidates for Lower House Getting Ready to Make Votes Campaign

Life was injected into the more or less dormant political situation locally Friday when indications were seen that James W. Mott, former state representative from Clatsop county and two years ago a candidate for congress, would probably cast his hat into the ring again for a seat in the lower house of the state assembly, this time for Marion county.

Mr. Mott moved back to Salem, which was his boyhood home, about a year ago, and political observers have been wondering just how long he would be able to remain out of politics.

As a representative from Clatsop county, he was a prominent figure in the legislature, holding outstanding committee assignments and figuring as a leader in important issues. He was as able a talker as there was on the floor in the 1927 session.

In the 1928 congressional race he was defeated for the nomination by the veteran W. C. Hawley, but other men have fared likewise in the past 20 years without losing any of their political standing thereby. As it was, Mr. Mott polled something over 17,000 votes in the district, which was a better showing than most of his predecessors had made.

The only weakness in Mr. Mott's prospects is the case he announces candidacy for the lower house, is the fact that his present residence here has been brief. However, this is largely offset by the fact that he lived here for many years prior to moving to Astoria, and that he and his family are familiar to most of the voters.

Paulus Rumored Likely Candidate
Another candidacy for the lower house rumored Friday as likely was that of Otto K. Paulus, prominent young local attorney.

Mr. Paulus is a graduate of Willamette university and took post graduate work at Harvard. The Paulus family has been prominent in Salem for many years, and this younger member has achieved recognition through his ability as an orator.

The field in this county for the lower house is practically wide open, with none of the four men who comprised the delegation last January yet committed to run for reelection. Frank Settle, miler of Woodburn, was at latest reports considering a race for the upper tribunal, although the course is crowded with aspirants.

W. Carlton Smith was also listed as among those eyeing the Marion county desks in the senate chamber; Lee McAllister is uncertain about indulging in politics of any sort this year, and Romeo Goulet has been seriously ill with pneumonia recently and not in any condition to think about politics.

Mary A. Paulson of Silverton was recently reported as a possible candidate for the seat he held three years ago, and several dark horses have also been mentioned.

They will leave Salem this morning headed for Los Angeles, from where they will turn northward and travel diagonally across country to the north Atlantic coast, then south to New Orleans. They are proceeding in leisurely fashion and will not reach that city to embark for Australia and other far away continents until March, 1931, according to their plans. Their trip around the world will take eight or ten years.

Expenses of the trip they plan to finance through sale of astronomical and mathematical charts descriptive of the principle of harmonious vibrations of which they are devotees, and through lectures. Miss Hestie has a considerable reputation as a healer.

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Brookhart Raps Andrew Mellon



Senator Brookhart, U. S. senator from Iowa, who last night made the public statement that Secretary Mellon does not want the prohibition law enforced.

MELLON ATTACKED BY IOWA SENATOR

Brookhart Explains in Debate Why Prohibition Not Enforced

CLEVELAND, Feb. 7.—(AP)—Senator Smith W. Brookhart of Iowa, in his prohibition debate here tonight with Representative Florelo H. Laguardia, of New York, said Andrew Mellon, secretary of the treasury, did not want to enforce the prohibition law.

The debate was held under the auspices of the Cleveland Advertising club.

"The reason prohibition is not enforced perfectly," Senator Brookhart said, "is that somebody does not want it enforced. That man is Andrew W. Mellon."

Mr. Laguardia opened his argument on the negative side of the question "Can Prohibition be Enforced?" by saying there was no more drinking per capita in New York than in Iowa.

"Let's take prohibition down south," he said. "The entire southern bloc in the house votes dry, but any southern gentleman can have his liquor if he wants it. But if any negro is found with a half pint in his pocket, he is sent to the chain gang."

"No law can be enforced unless the people are back of the law or unless you are willing to adopt military methods. Fifty-six thousand persons were sent to jail in one year for violation of the prohibition law. Do you call that progress?"

Senator Brookhart said he conceded that "you cannot completely enforce any law until public sentiment sustains it."

"But it will come," he asserted, "for the detroning of king alcohol is the most valuable asset that human civilization has ever acquired in the history of this world."

The public hall music room, with a capacity of 3,000 persons, was filled.

WOMAN DENIES SHE ATTEMPTED SUICIDE

Hubby's Threats Told in Lawsuit

Lying unconscious in the gas-filled kitchen of her basement apartment at 492 South High street, Mrs. Mary Palmer was rescued from possible asphyxiation Friday afternoon by police officers who broke through a screen on one of the windows.

W. Carlton Smith was also listed here last night and today by federal prohibition agents on evidence obtained during the past two weeks by under-cover men, working in the guise of telephone company employes. Six of those entered pleas of guilty in justice court tonight and were sentenced to 60 days in jail and fined \$350.

Mrs. Palmer denied that she had attempted to take her own life, explaining that she had been baking bread and had forgotten to turn off the gas jets on the stove after completing the task.

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POLICE SCHOOL WILL BE MADE ANNUAL AFFAIR

Announcement Made by Dean Hewitt of Willamette Law School

First Event of Kind in N. W. To Be Brought to Close Here Tonight

The police school which has been in progress during the past week at Willamette university under the direction of the university school of law is to be an annual affair, according to a statement made yesterday by Dean Roy R. Hewitt, of the law school.

Tonight closes the police school which has brought to the officers of the northwest the best teaching talent which is available along the line of crime detection.

This morning at 9:35 Luke S. May, noted criminologist of Seattle will deliver his final lecture on "The Recognition, Preservation and Presentation of Criminal Evidence." Mr. May is nationally known in his field of crime detection and his lectures have been well received by the students of the school and the public as well.

Portland discusses "Departmental Co-operation and Public Contacts." At 10:30 Chief L. V. Jenkins of the Portland police department will discuss "Organization," and at 11:15 Captain Harry Niles, also of the Portland department will speak on "Police Records." At 12:15 Lieut. William C. Epps of Portland discusses "Departmental Co-operation and Public Contacts."

In the evening William S. Levens, deputy attorney general for the state, will discuss "The Law Relating to Search and Seizure." This is a topic often discussed by the layman and the public is cordially invited to come and hear the facts concerning their rights. The meetings are being held in the Waller Hall on the university campus and the evening meetings are in the chapel of the hall.

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Oil Man Held Wine Smuggler



Herbert L. Pratt, chairman of the board of the Standard Oil Company of New York, has been charged with receiving \$25,000 worth of champagne smuggled into the United States, and a shipment of "flower pots" from France, at his estate at Glen Cove, L. I.

PAYNE CASE HEARD IN JUSTICE COURT

Six Witnesses Summoned to Tell Story of Alleged Chair Attack

Six witnesses have been subpoenaed to appear in justice court at 10 o'clock this morning to give testimony at the hearing for Robert L. Payne, pastor of the First Baptist church, who will answer a charge of assault brought against him by Virgil O'Neill.

Time for hearing of this case was first set for Saturday of last week but a request was made to have the case continued until today and this was granted by Judge Brazier Small. No jury will be present this morning, it was indicated late Friday, and the hearing will be held in regular form.

Payne was named as a defendant in the case when O'Neill filed the complaint following a meeting of deacons at the Baptist church. The deacons had met to ask Payne to resign, and when a letter was submitted by O'Neill to be read before the assembly, Payne is declared to have committed the assault. He is accused of welding a chair with intent to do injury.

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Cards Put On Table By Britain

England and America in Closer Accord Than Ever

Battleship Holiday Is Now Suggested by MacDonald

By FRANK H. KING
Associated Press Staff Writer
LONDON, Feb. 7.—(AP)—Prime Minister MacDonald of England today laid his cards on the London naval conference table beside the spectacular hand that Secretary Stimson of the United States delegation uncovered last night.

Their similarity shows that Great Britain and the United States, the world's greatest naval powers, are in closer accord on the age-old question of sea armaments than ever before.

Mr. MacDonald's statement, with facts and figures on Britain's policy at the London conference, backed by full authority of the dominion delegations and approved by the British cabinet, was as unexpected as was Mr. Stimson's outline of American policy last night.

It definitely proposes the abolition of the submarine; a battleship holiday until 1936, with the ultimate hope that battleships may be ruled off the seas; tonnage limitation for small cruisers; restriction of armaments and category limitation to maintain equilibrium between the fleets of the various nations, also further limitation of tonnage and gun caliber for aircraft carriers of the United States and Great Britain from 10,000 tons to 100,000 tons, with the maximum size of these ships reduced to 25,000 tons each.

The proposals regarding aircraft carriers provide the only clash of British and American policy except for very minor matters which spokesmen say can be easily adjusted.

Reduction of Present Naval Forces Opposed
Mr. MacDonald's statement combined cold facts with the emotional appeal that the London conference "ought not only reduce existing fleets and building programs but put an end finally to competition in naval armaments and thus constitute an important step for ultimate elimination of the causes of war and the establishment of peace on an unassailable foundation."

While the Stimson and MacDonald declarations were being read the atmosphere of the London conference, one outstanding point of difference in the two national viewpoints—that is, to the question of aircraft carriers—was attracting considerable attention. The American delegation said it was "unacceptable."

The difference of opinion exists between Mr. Stimson's diplomatic advisors and his technical naval advisors, the latter objecting to the reduction from the 135,000, declaring this category of ships "obsolete" and finally saying that a large percentage of the American allotment had been consumed by the cruisers Lexington and Saratoga.

The experts argued for retention of the present level by citing that Great Britain has 50 merchant ships suitable for conversion into aircraft carriers, while the United States has 14 and Japan the same number.

Distinct Advantage Seen for Britain
Hence it is their view that the British proposal would give Great Britain a material advantage over the United States if reduction were made to 100,000 tons. The experts declare that Britain has used only 45,000 tons of her allotment, leaving 55,000 tons available. The American experts figure that Britain thus would have superiority of 32 per cent in the aircraft carrier category, since the United States, possessing the Lexington and the Saratoga, would have only 34,000 tons for new residents.

The Bandon coast guardsmen called on the Coos Bay crew for help after they had fallen in serious straits from the beach north and west of the town.

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