

65-Year Limit Pension Bill Due Out Today

Franchise For Electric Firm Council Topic

Privilege Tax Club May Be Held Over P. G. E.; No Action Taken

Present Agreement Held Illegal; Willson Park Vacation Bill Up

The city council embarked on a franchise-dickering venture re-enforced by a privilege tax club last night after Alderman Edwin C. Goodenough had introduced a resolution declaring the franchise under which electric power had been distributed in the city since 1885 was illegal.

The Goodenough resolution, which was referred to the light and utilities committee, proposed to allow the Portland General Electric company 30 days within which to agree to a new franchise and to call a public hearing at the end of that period to consider lowering a privilege tax on the firm's gross earnings in case no franchise agreement was reached.

The present franchise is illegal because it is permanent whereas the city has no authority to grant such a permanent right, Goodenough contended. The privilege tax he proposed was authorized by state laws enacted in 1931 and 1933, he said. At present the power company pays the city a \$2500 annual license tax.

Alderman Goodenough repeatedly the champion of the Bohemian club licensing, apparently had won the day until he attacked Marshall personally for "unfairly passing judgment on a business competitor" and Fuhrer for having "smuggled a license through for Holman and Wagner."

Final readings of an ordinance vacating 99 additional feet of Willson park for the state capitol cleared the way for a public hearing on the bill at the March 15 meeting. Considerable opposition was expressed when the proposal was introduced several weeks ago.

Two new petitions for street paving appeared last night as the advance guard of a probable re-

Building Program Decision Looming

At 8:30 a. m. today the ways and means committee will meet to go over the building program for the state. Final action is expected to be taken on the Salem program for a acquisition of ground and erection of a state library. Pending also is a bill for a \$200,000 tuberculosis hospital in Portland.

Portland interests are in dispute over bills to empower the board of control to acquire an office building there. Several interested with buildings to sell are anxious to get a bill drafted which will meet their situations. Among buildings said to be available are the former Elks club, the Oregon building and the Railway Exchange building.

Postal Receipts Show Good Gains

Salem experienced a decided improvement in business conditions last month over February, 1936. If postal receipts are taken as a criterion. The postoffice receipts for last month made a 28.48 per cent gain, according to a report released by Postmaster H. Crawford. Actual receipts were \$24,860.49 last month as against \$19,349.34 in February, 1936.

"SIT-DOWN" STRIKERS STANDED IN COURT



Evicted from the huge Douglas aircraft plant at Santa Monica, Calif., "sit-down" strikers are pictured as they appeared in a Los Angeles court recently to be arraigned on charges arising from their occupancy of the plant. Bail bond brokers appeared in court with the men prepared to write \$385,000 worth of bonds, \$1000 for each man. The bail bond premium was set at \$20,000, which strike leaders planned to collect from the Committee on Industrial Organization "war chest."—International Illustrated News Photo.

Douglas Factory Is Running Again

Reports on Size of Crew Vary Greatly; Picket Line Still There

SANTA MONICA, Calif., March 1.—(P)—Douglas Aircraft factory resumed production today as several hundred strike pickets moved about outside, under police surveillance. The management stopped production last Tuesday noon, two hours after the start of a sit-down strike in which 340-odd workmen were indicated and arrested on trespassing charges.

Higher Education Appointment Not Being Made, Word

"No appointment is being made," Gov. Martin's response to an inquiry over whether he would reappoint B. F. Irvine, editor of the Portland Journal, member of the state board of higher education. Gov. Martin said he was making no appointments at the present, devoting his time to legislative business.

Steel Companies Raise All Wages

40 Hours Week and Extras For Overtime; Strike Spread Continues

(By the Associated Press) Wage increases for thousands of steel workers shared attention along the nation's shifting labor front yesterday with the Committee for Industrial Organization's new activity in the industry. Four steel companies, the Republic Steel corporation, the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Co., the Inland Steel Co., and the Bethlehem Steel Co., announced a hike of ten cents an hour in the pay of common labor and the equitable adjustment of all other rates.

Plan Footbridge To Stayton Isle

A permanent suspension foot bridge is to be hung across the North Santiam river to permit year-round access to Stayton island, site of the new city of Stayton water supply, it was revealed at last night's council meeting. The council approved purchase of approximately 4 1/2 acres of land from the Sarah E. Stayton heirs as right of way for a permanent road and approach to the bridge.

Young Transient Being Held Here

A 15 year old boy who said he had been "on the road" for two years was being held by city police here last night after he was picked up at Woodburn by a state police officer. The boy, giving the name of Richard Owens, said he had come from Seattle, where he worked in a "skid-road" restaurant, and was headed for California, but a number inside his shirt collar led police to believe he might be an escapee from a reformatory or detention home.

Will Test Brakes

Salem motorists had best look to the adjustment of their brakes. The council last night authorized the police department to buy a \$70 brake testing machine.

Five Japanese Slain; Missing Parent Sought

Three Shot Fatally and Two Strangled, Word After Probe Made

AUBURN, Wn., March 1.—(P)—A grave by a suburban shack to-night gave up the bodies of five Japanese victims of an apparently crazed killer. Officers and Japanese neighbors found Mrs. Enechi Kato, about 35, and her four children, Sam, 9; Tom, 8; Betty, 6, and Amy, 5, beneath a mattress in the grave.

Husband-Father Suspect in Washington Crime; Unseen Two Weeks

Seven Japanese laborers discovered the tragedy when they went to the Katos' ramshackle, four-room home to inquire about the family, none of whom had been seen since Kato left. The neighbors found the Katos stripped of food, bed coverings and clothing. Nothing was spaded area in the yard, they dug until they saw Mrs. Kato's head and arm. The coroner and

Record for Bank Debits Set Here

Clearings of the Salem banking institutions during February doubled the all-time low of 1933 and were nearly a million dollars more than bank debits during February, 1929, the report compiled by the Salem chamber of commerce for the Babson Statistical agency shows.

Pipeline Jobs to Be Investigated

A union protest led to appointment of a special city council committee last night to investigate "political pressure" allegedly being used to obtain jobs on the Salem-Stayton water pipeline job and at the American Concrete & Steel company's pipe making plant here.

Bus Line Change Proposal Viewed

A proposal to remove city bus traffic from Liberty street and Court east of Commercial to left hand turns was referred by the city council to the traffic committee last night for study. The bus company proposes to keep the Chemeketa line on that street to Commercial and route all southbound buses westward on Court from Commercial to Front, south to State and east to loading zone at the southwest corner of State and Commercial streets.

Late Sports

VANCOUVER, B. C., March 1.—(P)—The Portland Buckaroos, opening out in the stretch drive towards the Pacific Coast league Bockey flag, hung a 3-2 defeat on the Vancouver team tonight and widened their lead at the head of the league standings to fully five points.

Habeas Corpus Denied

PORTLAND, Ore., March 1.—(P)—The attempt of four longshoremen to free themselves of six-month jail sentences on contempt of court charges failed today when Circuit Court Judge Tucker dismissed habeas corpus proceedings.

New West Coast Strike Is Feared

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Intimidation Attempts Charged in House; Seek Ban Upon One Lobbyist

Harrison Claims Perkins Threatens, Tries to Use Improper Influence; House Rules Sufficient to Keep Outsiders Off Floor, Is Ruling

CHARGES that a lobbyist threatened and sought by improper means to influence a member's vote electrified the house of representatives yesterday afternoon as members debated a motion to bar lobbyists from the hall of representatives. The argument came when Representative Harrison, after rising to a point of personal privilege claimed that he had been threatened by anti-labor lobbyists, and demanded that legislative rules be enforced.

"Gravy Bill" Foes View Racing Doom

Evil effects in prospect if the state's share of pari-mutuel race betting receipts is increased from 2 1/2 per cent to 5 per cent were pictured at a hearing before the house committee on assessment and taxation last night as S. B. 105, by Senator Best, was considered. In addition to increasing the state's share the bill adds a number of new beneficiaries.

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Committee of Senate Favours Some Changes

Change to Be Effective Next Year, Proposal of Ways and Means

Approval for reduction of the eligibility age for old age assistance from 70 years to 65 was given by the senate ways and means committee yesterday afternoon. This reduction was demanded by the pension bloc in the house which pushed the reduction bill through the house Thursday.

Pauper's Oath Put Back In, Likely to Cause Most Objection

The action of the senate committee was greeted by both house and senate leaders as a happy compromise of the pension dispute. It was believed that both would yield to the decision and that the way would be cleared for adjournment of the session.

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