

## MANY SIGNERS SEEK VOTE ON NEW FRANCHISE

### REFERENDUM CERTAIN ON FIRST DAY

### AUTUMN VOTE BASIS

Minimum of 161 Signatures Required Easily Passed—Many Ask Privilege of Signing—No Refusals Received—Filing by April 17

General support given the referendum petitions on the Gilson water works franchise yesterday insured the question being submitted to the people. The petitions had been out less than nine hours when there were more than 200 signers. The petition circulated by T. H. Foley, manager of the Bend Water, Light & Power Co., who started the movement for a referendum, held 120 signatures.

According to the law governing a city referendum, signers must equal in number 10 per cent of the total vote cast for mayor at the preceding general election. The majority vote in November, 1920, the largest ever cast in Bend, was 1,508, so that 161 signers were needed to qualify the petition.

A feature of yesterday's referendum work was the number of people who came voluntarily to the petition circulators and asked for the privilege of signing. Of those whose signatures were requested, not one refused, it was reported this morning.

Petitions continued in circulation today. They may be filed any time up to April 17.

## WARDEN FORESEES BIG DUCK SEASON

PORTLAND, March 29.—"From all indications, there will be a great many more ducks in Oregon and Washington next season than is usual," said United States Game Warden R. C. Steele, upon his return from a 10-day trip throughout the district.

"There should be a good early shooting at the opening of the season October 1. I have noticed more mating than usual, and the ducks seem to be staying in the Northwest," he said.

## FIND BOOZE UNDER FLOOR IS CHARGED

The case of Lester Bryan, charged with having liquor in his possession, will be heard in police court tomorrow, Judge Ross Farnham states. As the result of a search conducted late Saturday afternoon at the Bryan home, on Gilchrist avenue, a number of bottles of home brew were found underneath the floor of the woodshed, Chief of Police R. H. Fox reported.

## MILLIONS IN GOLD POURING INTO U. S.

NEW YORK, March 29.—New York is a "true gold port" these days. Gold is flowing into this country from all points of the compass. From Australia, England, Holland, Sweden, and India, have come shipments within the past few days—great boxes of bar gold. In two days, New York banking houses received \$5,325,000 in gold from Europe and Asia.

## HOLD FUNERAL FOR PNEUMONIA VICTIM

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon from the Niswonger chapel for Marjorie Bloom, 14 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Edgar Bloom, who died Friday of pneumonia. Rev. J. E. Purdy conducted the services.

## BABY BOY BURIED TODAY

Funeral services were held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock for Albert Jr., three weeks' old son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Vaughn, who died Sunday. Rev. H. C. Hartrauf conducted the services at the Niswonger chapel. Burial was in the Pilot Butte cemetery.

## Etheridge May Be Deprived Of His Citizenship

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)  
PORTLAND, March 29.—Fraud in procurement of citizenship papers is charged against John Etheridge, ex-president of Morris Bros., bankrupt bond house, in a suit to cancel his naturalization, filed today by United States Attorney Humphreys in federal court. The action was ordered by Attorney General Daugherty, from Washington.

## CHANGE SCALE AT BEND MILLS

### TO BE EFFECTIVE ON APRIL 1

Announcement Made By Brooks-Scanlon And Shevlin-Hixon Officials—Reduction Less Than In Other Coast Plants, Declared.

Announcement of a new scale of wages which will go into effect at the Bend mills on April 1, was made today by H. K. Brooks, general manager of the Brooks-Scanlon Lumber Company, and J. P. Hennessey, assistant general manager of the Shevlin-Hixon Company. The following statement by the mill officials carries the announcement and the explanation for the action taken:

"Lumber prices have slumped so heavily since the first of the year and there has been such a downward tendency in the general industrial and economic situation that the managements of the local mills hardly feel justified in continuing operations on the present basis of labor costs. Consequently the resident officials of The Shevlin-Hixon Company and Brooks-Scanlon Lumber Company, after giving careful consideration to the matter and conferring with the 4 L committees, have fixed on a common labor minimum of \$3.60 for eight hours, to take effect April 1st.

"The average reduction will be only about 7 per cent. Practically all other mills on the coast and in the Inland Empire and California will be still lower to the extent of at least 20 cents per day, and some from 40 to 50 cents. The employees of the mills here have been anticipating a wage cut and it is generally admitted that the reduction about to become effective is as reasonable as could have been expected."

## INVITE HARDING TO CONVENTION

CONGRESSMAN McARTHUR ASKS PRESIDENT TO ATTEND STATE MEETING OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AT EUGENE.

(Bulletin Washington Bureau.)  
WASHINGTON, March 29.—Congressman McArthur today conferred with President Harding and invited him to attend the annual convention of the state of Oregon American Legion convention to be held at Eugene July 1 and 2.

The president assured him that he would be delighted to accept if conditions would permit, but both the president and the congressman believe that congress still will be in session at that time and that it would be impossible for the president to reach Oregon on that date.

The president said he was looking forward to his Pacific Coast trip with much eagerness and pleasure and hoped to start immediately after adjournment of congress.

Mrs. McArthur accompanied her husband and was presented to the president just as he was leaving. Congressman McArthur suggested to the president that he arrange the trip so that he could get three or four days of salmon fishing in some of the Oregon streams, and the president said nothing would please him better.

## PORTLAND POST ADMITS WRONG

### ALIEN QUESTION IS BROUGHT TO END

Legion Unit Called To Time By State Adjutant For Action Taken By Charles B. Rucker In Usurping Power of Department.

Virtual admission that Portland Post, American Legion, exceeded its authority in attempting to deal direct with the question of employment of aliens throughout the state, is contained in a reply which that post has made to correspondence on the subject from E. J. Eivers, adjutant for the department of Oregon. The Bend, Eugene, and Hood River posts to alien employment ratings given out by Charles B. Rucker, civilian employe of the Portland post.

State Adjutant Eivers, in his letter to Portland pointed out that "Department headquarters has received no information from your employment committee that they were handling state matters." He added: "You can realize that unless we thoroughly cooperate, and matters of this kind come through the proper channels before being published, it embarrasses everyone concerned, and interferes with the standing of the posts in their communities." He requested that action of the kind be not repeated.

### Rucker Ignored

Throughout the correspondence, no direct reference is made to Rucker, but apology for his actions is made by the Portland post in the following words: "The members of the executive committee regret that this situation arose, and they wish it distinctly understood that it was not the intention in any way to encroach upon the work or interests of any post in Oregon, or in any way to overlook the state department."

Announcement by Rucker that a drive would be made to oust alien labor, and that Bend was third in the list of cities employing aliens, brought an investigation by the Bend Commercial club, disproving the charges, and prompted a determined protest on the part of Percy A. Stevens Post.

## AGED NATURALIST DIES DURING TRIP

John Burroughs, On Way East To Celebrate 84th Birthday, Is Stricken While On Train.

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)  
NEW YORK, March 29.—John Burroughs, naturalist, died on the train en route from Pasadena to Poughkeepsie, according to a telegram from his secretary, Dr. Clara Barrus.

Burroughs had planned to celebrate his 84th birthday with Henry Ford, H. S. Firestone, and Thomas Edison on April 3, and was returning from the coast with this idea in mind.

He was born in Roxbury, N. Y., in 1837. At 14 he began writing essays, and at 19 was a contributor to the Atlantic Monthly. He was graduated from Cooperstown Seminary, and taught school for nine years.

## One Man Accused of Gambling; Says It Was Only Exhibition, With Money To Lend Realism; \$25 Fine Assessed

A. L. Wilson was found guilty in police court yesterday afternoon of shooting craps with himself. At any rate, he was the only person charged with manipulating the speckled cubes. His attorney, Charles W. Erskine, pointed out to the court that it is impossible for less than two people to gamble, but Wilson was ordered to pay a fine of \$25. An appeal may be taken.

With a pair of transparent dice, a \$10 bill, and two dollars in silver as the state's exhibit, the case went to trial when Chief of Police R. H. Fox and Officer Tom Carlson told of going to the house

## Film Star Goes To Jail 10 Days On Speed Charge

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)  
LOS ANGELES, March 29.—Jail holds no terrors for Bebe Daniels. Jesting, the screen actress prepared today to serve 10 days in the Orange County court, charged with obtaining money under false pretenses from an O. A. C. girl. Douglas is alleged to have courted the girl, obtained all of her college money amounting to \$750, then disappeared. His home is Warsaw, Indiana.

## FOREST PATROL IS UNCHANGED

### OREGON TIMBER TO HAVE SAME PROTECTION BY AIR AS LAST YEAR. SENATOR McNARY ADVISES FORESTER.

(Bulletin Washington Bureau.)  
WASHINGTON, March 29.—Senator McNary today advised State Forester Elliot that Oregon would have the same air patrol service and protection from the federal government that it had last year, but that the personnel and appropriations would not permit any extension of the service.

This information was in response to a letter from the state forester, wherein he said he feared there would be no air protection. The war department informed Senator McNary of the above facts and said that the details were in the hands of the general commanding the 9th army at San Francisco.

## GUNMAN FIRES, TWO WILL DIE

### MYSTERIOUS ATTACK ON FOUR ITALIANS BY UNKNOWN MAN, RESULTS IN WOUNDING OF THREE IN TACOMA.

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)  
TACOMA, March 29.—Patrick Piazza is believed dying at the hospital today, Frank Kelly may be fatally wounded, and Raphael Milleli is suffering bullet wounds received in a mysterious attack by an unknown gunman who fired upon the three Italians and a fourth, who was not hit, near St. Leo's church, on Yakima avenue, last night.

## STATE VETERINARIAN WILL LOOK FOR SCAB

On his way to Lakeview to look into the scab situation among Lake county sheep, Dr. W. H. Lytle, state veterinarian, passed through Bend today, accompanying Gilbert D. Brown, supervisor of the Fremont National forest.

According to Dr. R. A. Parsons, representative in Central Oregon for the U. S. bureau of animal industry, scab is not at all prevalent in Lake county. Dr. Parsons just returned from that section.

## BOMB EXPLOSION, KILLS, MAIMS, IN "BLOODY NINETEENTH" WARD; LOSS OF PROPERTY IS \$1,000,000

### Victimizes Girl, Lieutenant Will Serve 13 Months

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)  
PORTLAND, March 29.—Robert Douglas, former lieutenant in the Spruce division, at Vancouver barracks, was sentenced today to 13 months on McNeil's Island by the federal court, charged with obtaining money under false pretenses from an O. A. C. girl. Douglas is alleged to have courted the girl, obtained all of her college money amounting to \$750, then disappeared. His home is Warsaw, Indiana.

### CHICAGO FIRE CREWS RUSH TO SCENE

### GAS LEAK IS BLAMED

But Detective Chief Finds Torpedo Cap And Accident Theory Is Discredited—May Be Outbreak of Political Feud.

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)  
CHICAGO, March 29.—The latest tabulation shows 10 killed and fifty injured in today's explosion.

CHICAGO, March 29.—Several are reported killed in a bomb explosion in the "bloody nineteenth" ward on the west side here today. All ambulances and police reserves were rushed to the scene.

The "bloody nineteenth" has been the scene of many battles lately waged by opposing political factions. Several were recently injured when the hall was bombed in which a political candidate for the city council was making a speech.

Six were killed in today's explosion, according to early reports from the Maxwell police station. Eighteen known injured are in nearby hospitals.

### Breaks Glass in Wide Area

Fire crews from the entire city were rushed to the scene. It is reported that a whole city block was demolished. The explosion heard all over the city, and windows were broken within a radius of a mile.

Efforts to get in touch with the district by telephone were futile, indicating that the explosion had destroyed all telephone communications.

The blast occurred in the factory of the Joseph Well Paper company, on fourteenth and Halstead streets. Officials of the company said they believed it was caused by a gas leak. They claimed they had no labor troubles, nor feuds.

Police, however, immediately went to work on the theory that the cause was a bomb, and that the disaster is part of the political feud waged in the "bloody nineteenth" for years.

### Relatives Fear Crazy

A torpedo cap was found by Chief of Detectives Mike Hughes, who reached the scene soon after the disaster. A cordon of police was immediately thrown about the scene to keep back frantic Italians who rushed up to determine if any relatives were among the victims.

Ordinarily pleasant mannered Italian women, wild with the fear that some of their loved ones had been killed, or injured, battled with the police. Thousands of men, women and children held back in repeated efforts to rush the police lines, gasped, and fell into silence as they saw two bodies with heads blown off pulled out, and put on stretchers.

The foot of a girl, still neat with its satin pump, was pulled out and put on a white canvas stretcher, waiting for the remainder of the shattered body.

Police estimated the loss from the explosion will reach the million mark. This included the wrecked factory, and the little homes near it.

## ASK TRACTORS FOR ROAD USE

### REQUEST MADE TO SENATOR McNARY BY BEND COMMERCIAL CLUB WILL PROBABLY BE GRANTED, SAYS SENATOR.

(Bulletin Washington Bureau.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 29.—The Bend commercial club has wired Senator McNary for help in getting the war department to turn over to the forest service and bureau of public roads 12 tractors for use on secondary roads inside of the forests of Oregon and Washington. Senator McNary believes the request will be granted. He has taken the application up vigorously with the departments involved, so the equipment will be available at once.

## CLARK PURCHASES GARAGE INTEREST

Manager of Associated Industries Buys Jech Holdings In Cent-Ore Motor Co.—Will Locate Here.

A. G. Clark, manager of the Associated Industries of Oregon, closed a deal yesterday for the purchase of the half interest in the Cent-Ore Motor Co. held by E. P. Jech since the formation of the company more than three years ago. The consideration involved is \$15,000. By the purchase, Mr. Clark becomes associated with his son-in-law, J. L. Van Huffel, the other large stockholder in the business. For the time being, the firm name will remain unchanged.

It will be some three weeks before Mr. Clark will be able to take an active part in the management of the business. He will be at his headquarters in Portland until his successor as manager of the Associated Industries can be appointed and qualify, after which he will move his family to Bend. Mr. Clark's son is to arrive this evening from Portland to take charge of office work.

Mr. Jech has made no decision as to his plans for the future.

## BEND HEN EQUALS RECORD IN KANSAS

Four and A Half Ounce Egg Laid By Black Minorca Belonging To Ernest Fulton, of Federal St.

The account, published in a Portland paper, of a Kansas hen which laid a four and one-half ounce Easter egg, prompted Ernest Fulton, of 860 Federal street, to bring a made in Oregon egg of the same size, to the Central Oregon bank today. Only the Fulton hen didn't wait until Sunday. Her egg was left in the nest on Easter Saturday.

"It isn't at all necessary to go as far as Kansas for big eggs," Mr. Fulton declared. "Oregon hens can do just as well any time."

The Fulton hen which equalled the record of the Kansas chicken,—and did it first—is a Black Minorca.

## PRICE OF HAIRCUT AND SHAVE LOWER

Barbers' Local No. 730 Decides On Cut To Take Effect April 4—Bend First In State To Reduce.

A general reduction in the price of haircutting, shaving and shampooing, as well as in other branches of the barber's art was announced this morning by Barber's local 730, the action having been decided on last night.

The cut in prices, which goes into effect April 4, was decided upon as the logical move at the present time when other prices are being lowered, members of the local stated today.

"So far as we know, the Bend local is the first in the state to make a reduction," said one barber this morning.