

TO BALLOT ON WATER PERMIT GIVEN GILSON

PETITIONS SIGNED BY MANY, FILED

REFERENDUM CERTAIN

Few Refuse To Place Names On Written Request Asking Election On Mayor's Franchise—Some Feel Slighted When Not Asked

Petitions referring the Gilson municipal waterworks franchise, granted recently by the Bend council to the mayor of the city were filed with City Recorder Ross Farnham this afternoon by T. H. Foley, general manager of the Bend Water, Light & Power Co. The petitions were signed by approximately 600 residents of Bend.

June 7, the date of the special state election, is the time named on which the voters of Bend will pass on the franchise ordinance and, according to this, the petitions need not have been filed until April 17. In order to allow an ample margin of time to make any slight changes in the form of the petition which might be required by the recorder, the signed requests for the referendum were turned in today.

Few Refuse to Sign.
One copy of the petition, that circulated personally by Mr. Foley, was signed by more than enough citizens to insure the question coming before the people, and not once was he met with a refusal, he stated. A few of those approached by other petition circulators were unwilling to back the referendum.

On the other hand, it was learned that many who did not have the opportunity of signing felt somewhat aggrieved. Mr. Foley explained that it had been impossible to see everyone, and that failure to make general circulation of the petition was not to be taken as an intentional slight.

DAIRYMEN CUT MILK PRICES

ELEVEN CENTS A QUART IS THE NEW QUOTATION IN FIGHT AGAINST ALLEGED DISTRIBUTORS' TRUST.

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)
PORTLAND, April 4.—Milk prices were cut to 11 cents a quart today, the opening gun in the fight between the Oregon Dairymen's league and distributors, whom the dairymen allege have formed into a "milk dealers' trust." Former prices were 13 and 14 cents, which include a one-cent reduction made by the distributors on April 1. According to Manager Hall of the league, producers will now offer consumers direct 10,000 quarts daily.

TOWN IS DESTROYED BY MIDNIGHT BLAZE

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)
SAN FRANCISCO, April 4.—Fire starting shortly after midnight last night, fanned by a heavy wind, practically destroyed the main portion of the town of Tiburon, on San Francisco bay.

Thirteen buildings were destroyed in the Tiburon fire, the worst in Marin county's history. Estimates of loss vary from \$50,000 to \$250,000.

WATER IN ARNOLD DITCH WEDNESDAY

Water will be turned into the Arnold ditch Wednesday, according to the announcement of officials of the Arnold Irrigation Co. A crew of 15 men has been busy on repair work for three weeks. Three hundred acres of land under this ditch will be newly sown to alfalfa this spring, it is stated.

97 Year Old Wife Dies, Grief Kills Husband of 103

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)
DENVER, April 4.—Grief over the loss of his 97-year-old wife caused the death today of Camillo Tate, 103, Denver's oldest resident. Tate's wife died Thursday. They were married 67 years.

NEW CONFIDENCE OBSERVED HERE

NOTE HOPEFUL TONE IN BUSINESS

Spring Weather And Resumption of Mills And Logging Activities Give Confidence In Coming Prosperous Period.

Whether it's the coming of spring weather, or the resumption of mill and logging activities, no one seems to be certain—perhaps it's a combination of both—but a survey of conditions in Bend reveals a distinctly different tone from that prevailing two weeks ago. Not only is business already better, and unemployment on the wane, but a general feeling of confidence that from now on readjustment will be rapid is noted. With this is apparent the belief that, once readjustment to changed economic conditions is completed, Bend will enter into an era of prosperity unsurpassed in its history.

One of the surest barometers for economic conditions is the marriage license department in the county clerk's office, and last week was in keeping with the general trend of events in Deschutes county. More marriage licenses were issued than in the entire month previous.

More people are seen on the streets in the evenings, stores are busier, there is larger attendance at the theaters, and a slight falling off in those asking for credit is noted.

Fear Housing Shortage.
Within a short time, real estate men predict, Bend will see a bad housing shortage. In the last two weeks, sales have increased, with sellers apparently more anxious than buyers, but it will not be long before this relation is reversed. In this connection, the recent reductions netting 20 per cent in building labor and material costs will be important in stimulating new construction. Many are planning to build during the spring and summer season and a boom in the sale of building permits at the city recorder's office is confidently expected.

A source of prosperity independent of local conditions will soon be opened by the annual rush of tourists into the Central Oregon country. Tourist business for Bend has been on the increase steadily during the last four years.

FINANCIER DIES IN LOS ANGELES HOTEL

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)
PASADENA, Cal., April 4.—E. C. Converse, wealthy New York banker, was found dead in his bed at the hotel Huntington here today. He was formerly president of the Bankers' Trust Co.

WOUNDS FATAL TO BROTHER OF KING

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)
ATHENS, April 4.—Prince Andrew, brother of King Constantine, died today from wounds received while fighting the Turks near Brusna, according to a Greek communiqué.

SAFE CONDUCT FOR KARL IS SECURED

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)
LONDON, April 4.—Former Emperor Karl returned to Switzerland today, according to British foreign office officials. Reports said that negotiations with Austria and Switzerland to arrange for his safe conduct had been completed.

INQUIRY INTO SEA DISASTER IS CONTINUED

OFFICER OF STEAMER TAKES STAND

DESCRIBES COLLISION

Quartermaster Lane of West Hartland Says Faulty Steering Gear Not Responsible—Pilot of Governor Also Testifies.

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)
SEATTLE, April 4.—Resumption of the inquiry to fix blame for the sinking of the governor, the finding of the body of Mrs. W. W. Washburn, Jr., and a statement by Quartermaster Lane of the West Hartland were the outstanding features today in the aftermath of last week's sea disaster.

"Captain Alwen sighted the Governor," Lane declared. "He said: 'I wonder what that fellow's going to do.' Our whistle gave one blast and was answered by three from the Governor. This meant the Governor was trying to get out of our way. It took one minute to reverse our engines to full speed astern."

"We struck the Governor with a crash that sent our prow far into her side. The fact that the West Hartland's steering gear was not of the best had nothing to do with this disaster."

Captain W. H. Marden, pilot of the Governor, who said he mistook the West Hartland's lights for shore lights, also took the stand today.

CLEVER PLOT BEHIND DEATH

TACOMA OFFICERS SEEK EVIDENCE IN CONNECTION WITH BRUTAL MURDER OF NORTHERN PACIFIC EMPLOYEE.

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)
TACOMA, April 4.—Deputy sheriffs are today seeking a clue to an apparently carefully laid robbery plot, believed to have been behind the brutal murder of Henry Bacon, a Northern Pacific employe.

His battered body was found in bed in his room at the Dupont water station yesterday evening. Entrance was gained through a window, all doors being padlocked outside. He was missing since Friday.

EXTRACTS CAUSE OF POLICE COURT FINE

Charles Mulcare was fined \$25 by Judge Ross Farnham in police court this morning, pleading guilty to a charge of being drunk and disorderly and resisting an officer. He was arrested Saturday night by Police Chief R. H. Fox. He had been drinking vanilla extract, it was stated.

High Desert Brothers Start Trip to Old Country to Visit Father; Passports to Germany Are Denied

George and Will Steinkamp, ranchers in the Brothers section, are on their way to see their father, whom they left behind in Germany when they came to America more than a decade ago. The reunion will be marred, however, by the fact that the father will be unable to see his sons. He was stricken with blindness during the last year of the war.

Technically, the United States and Germany are still at war, and as a result the Steinkamp brothers, who are full-fledged American citizens, were unable to secure passports when they started making arrangements this winter for a visit to their old home. While they would not be allowed to sail direct to Germany, they found no difficulty in obtaining passports

Mexican Trains Collide, 33 Die on Monterey Line

EAGLE PASS, Texas, April 4.—Thirty-three were killed in the collision of a freight and passenger train 25 miles west of Monterey, Mexico, today. Meager reports said some American cans were among the dead.

FALL EXPLAINS NEW LAND PLAN

SECRETARY TELLS OREGON CONGRESSMAN THAT 45 LAND OFFICES FAILED TO PAY EXPENSES LAST YEAR.

(Bulletin Washington Bureau.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 4.—In response to an inquiry by Congressman Sinnott as to whether all land offices are to be consolidated, Secretary Fall has replied:

"Relative to the proposed bill authorizing the president, in his discretion, to consolidate the offices of register and receiver in United States land offices, I have to advise you that the report of the general land office for last year shows that out of 94 local land offices, 45 were below the maximum; that is, their receipts were not sufficient to pay the register and receiver each \$3000 per year."

"The receipts in these 45 offices ranged from \$300 to \$500 during that year. The other offices with larger land areas and bigger receipts paid larger amounts, and presumably there was more work to be done there."

President to Decide.
"It is my thought to obtain this discretionary authority for the president to the end that he may first consolidate the offices of register and receiver in those districts where the receipts are so small as to afford an inadequate compensation for its officers, and where it follows that the work is not of sufficient volume to require the services of both register and receiver. As other offices fall below the maximum in receipts and work, the offices could be consolidated there."

"The authority in the bill would, however, be broad enough to give the president power to consolidate the two offices in every land district if he found it to be advisable in the interest of economy and good administration."

ANTLES HONORED BY CLUB SECRETARIES

L. Antles of Bend was elected secretary of the Oregon State Association of Commercial Secretaries Friday at the end of a six-day short course in special subjects, given under the direction of the University of Oregon school of commerce.

JAPANESE TROOPS GOING TO SIBERIA

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)
TOKIO, April 4.—Japan will send 10,000 additional troops to Siberia, starting April 6, according to a statement in the newspaper Nichi Nichi today.

MORE FEDERAL MONEY TO USE IN WEST ASKED

STANFIELD PLANS TO AID ROAD WORK

FOREST LAND BASIS

Oregon Senator Would Have Highway Funds Distributed In Proportion to Acreage in National Forests Within State Boundaries

(Bulletin Washington Bureau.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 4.—Federal appropriations for highway construction in Oregon will be greatly augmented if an amendment, drafted by U. S. Senator R. N. Stanfield, to the federal highway bill is adopted.

Briefly, the amendment provides that after the deduction of not to exceed five per cent for administration, 12 per cent of the fund available annually for federal highway construction shall be apportioned to the federal land states in proportion to the number of acres in national forests in each, and that the remaining 88 per cent shall be apportioned to the state in proportion to the number of motor vehicles licensed each year.

Provision is further made that the funds apportioned to the federal land states shall be used for the construction and maintenance of roads, wholly or partly, in the forest reserves.

Party Pledge Adhered to.
"The clause in the amendment providing for the apportionment of 12 per cent of the highway funds to the public land states is in accordance with a plank adopted by the republican party in its platform at Chicago last June," said Senator Stanfield, in discussing the legislation.

"In the western states and Alaska large areas of land have been placed in forest reserves to conserve their wealth for the benefit of the future children of the states, and the plank adopted declares that these public lands should be a controlling factor in the apportionment of federal highway funds.

"These lands are not open to settlement, improvement, development, nor are they subject to taxation. The children of the eastern and middle states are part owners and beneficiaries of this conserved wealth equally with the children of the states in which the forest reserves are located. The eastern and middle states long ago passed their public lands to private ownership, and they are now being taxed to help bear the public burdens of the government, among them its schools and roads.

Would Remove Burden.
"The public land states are compelled to bear all these burdens by tax levies upon privately owned land only, and in some of the states the total acreage of privately owned land is less than half the area of the state."

"The construction of public highways is one of the largest and most important and far-reaching of the many problems of this generation, which may properly be termed the 'motor age.' It is clearly unfair to withdraw from settlement large areas within these states, and prevent their taxation and development without providing some adequate means of extending aid to these states equal to what they should, but do not receive in taxes on these lands. The 12 per cent provided in the amendment is equal, approximately, to the amount these forest reserve lands would pay in state and county taxes if they were privately owned and subject to taxation.

"The apportionment of the remainder of the funds (88 per cent) is made according to the motor vehicle licenses issued in each state. If the funds are raised for public highway activities by a sales tax imposed upon motor vehicles, tires and accessories, as proposed by another amendment prepared by me, then this method of apportionment is exact and equitable. It merely means that the contribution made by the manufacturer to the government at the time the vehicle is sold follows the vehicle into the state, and is there used for the construction and maintenance of roads for the same vehicle to run on.

Plan Held Fair.
"If the funds are raised by an appropriation out of the general fund

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LOYD GEORGE CHALLENGED BY LABOR LEADER

WOULD DEPOSE HEAD OF GOVERNMENT

NATION FACES CRISIS

More Than A Million Coal Miners On Strike And Serious Fuel Shortage Is Imminent—All Sailors Returned To Posts.

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LONDON, April 4.—Arthur Henderson, Great Britain's most powerful labor leader, virtually challenged Premier Lloyd-George to a general election on issues raised by the threatened industrial revolution in the United Kingdom. Known throughout the war as a conservative and conciliator, Henderson in an exclusive statement to the United Press today indicated that his one idea is to overthrow the Lloyd-George government.

Would Force Election.
Great Britain today faced her greatest crisis since the call was issued for the first 100,000 men in 1914. One million, two hundred thousand coal miners are on strike and industry generally is suffering a serious fuel shortage. Week-end meetings of miners and their allies showed a decided trend toward sympathetic strikes. This is regarded as being more significant than a mere strike, as labor's gesture is looked upon as a threat to force a general election on the country and to seize control of the government if possible.

The admiralty has cancelled all furloughs and ordered all sailors and officers who are on leave to return immediately to their posts. Such action is very unusual and may mean that the government intends to use sailors to keep essential industries going in the event that transport and railway workers join the coal strikers.

ATHLETIC CLUB HALL REOPENS

LEGION POST TAKES CHARGE FOR 30 DAYS TO ALLOW USE AS AUDITORIUM AND PUBLIC MEETING PLACE.

Demand for the Bend Athletic club as a public meeting place and auditorium, and culminating Saturday in the request of the school board of the Bend district for use of the hall for rehearsal and presentation of a school play, resulted today in arrangements for the temporary opening of the upper floor of the building, closed for more than a month. The executive committee of Percy A. Stevens post No. 4, American Legion, has agreed to take charge of the building for a period of 30 days, assuming no obligations other than those of current management.

The building will not be open for gymnasium purposes, only the hall, stage and balconies being available for public use. With the withdrawal of the library to the Ellis building on Bond street, the doors of the gymnasium will be closed except during the time that the auditorium is in actual use.

The first use of the building made possible by the new arrangement will be the presentation of the fourth number on the mill employes' lyceum course—the Leiter Light Opera company—on Wednesday night.

EXPERIMENT EFFECT OF FIRE ON GROWTH

An experiment to determine the effect of forest fires on the growth of vegetation has been arranged in the vicinity of Fort Rock by Jack Horton of the forest service. Two tracts, lying side by side, one recently burned over and the other unburned, were fenced in and will be left untouched for five years, conditions of growth being noted at intervals.