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QUESTION OF ELECTRICITY BROUGHT UP

Citizens Issue Petitions to Council Relative to Copco Contract.

'RUMORS UNFOUNDED' Mayor Loomis Issues Statement, Saying Sponsors of Petitions Misinformed

Considerable interest has been revived in the much discussed question of electric power for the city by the appearance of petitions on the streets and in a few business houses, asking the mayor and council not to enter contract with the California-Oregon Power Co. for a greater amount of electricity than is supplied by that company at the present time.

The petitions state: "It is understood that the company will make a proposition to sell the city all the electricity desired for use by the city and in regard thereto we hereby petition that you do not enter into any contract for the purchase of any greater amount of electricity than the city is now paying for, and we prefer that the city own and operate its own power plant to the extent of furnishing all the electricity for use of the city and its inhabitants."

It is not known how many of the petitions are being circulated but it is believed that at least four or five are in existence. The first intimation of the petitions being in evidence became known Saturday.

Mayor Loomis and members of the light committee of the city council express surprise in the matter and the former is of the opinion that those responsible for the petitions are misinformed relative to the subject. Mayor Loomis has issued the following statement:

"Ashland, Or., Dec. 31, '23 "To the Tidings:—

It has come to my notice and to the attention of the members of the light committee of the city council that petitions are being circulated in the city that indicate that the city is considering entering a contract with the California-Oregon Power Co. for a greater amount of electricity than provided for under the present contract, and that rumors are afloat that the council is considering the matter of closing the municipally owned plant. Nothing could be farther from the actual truth of the matter and I am inclined to believe that those responsible for the petitions and rumors are actuated by wild rumors which they believe made of whole cloth.

"As a matter of fact the light committee has not even had the matter of a new light contract presented by the Copco people. Two of the representatives of the company were in Ashland December 14 and discussed generally the question of electricity but submitted no form of contract. An arrangement was made for a meeting to be held a week later, at which time discussion of a contract was to be entered into. However, representatives of the company advised members of the committee that they would be unable to be here on that date and January 3 has been set for a conference.

"Citizens of Ashland can rest well assured that at the coming meeting with officials of the C. O. Power Co. that no action will be taken that will in any way affect the operation of the municipally owned plant. No other thought exists than to operate the local plant to its fullest capacity. Members of the council are unanimous in this, and I am sure that even though they were adverse to operating the plant that public sentiment would preclude such action.

"The local plant cost Ashland \$105,000. The unpaid balance totals only \$30,000. We have a sinking fund set aside for the retiring of the unpaid principal and accruing interest. In addition we have a sinking fund to provide funds for maintenance of the plant. There is at present in this fund the sum of \$18,964.52, and there is invested in improvement bonds of the city \$6,491.63 belonging to this sinking fund, making the total \$25,456.15. Surely these figures are such that no man with common intelligence would consider abandoning the municipal plant.

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THE TIDINGS EXTENDS NEW YEAR GREETINGS

On this, the eve of a New Year, the Tidings extends to its patrons and friends sincere wishes for a New Year of health, happiness and prosperity. The year now closing has held much for Ashland. Growth and almost unprecedented prosperity have been given to us during 1923. Ashland business men and citizens enter the New Year permeated with enthusiasm from the achievements of the past year. We go forth into 1924 inspired with hope and confidence of achieving greater things for our city, our country, and our states.

RETURNS FROM STATE TEACHERS CONVENTION

Mrs. J. K. McWilliams Reports Interesting Session—Briscoe Retains Office.

Mrs. J. K. McWilliams returned early last evening from the State Teachers Convention held in Portland Dec. 27-29. No definite legislation concerning southern Oregon was passed and only resolutions of a very general nature were voted by the convention. All the sessions were very interesting and two noted speakers, Dr. Bryan of the University of Ohio, and Dr. Adams, of the University of London, were men of the program committee were fortunate to secure.

Superintendent Briscoe holds his position on the executive committee another year and no southern Oregon delegates were elected to fill state offices. Only four of the five credentialed delegates were able to be at the convention from the southern part of the state.

All sessions were held in the auditorium of Lincoln high in Portland. The general attendance was very good and the auditorium of the school was filled and the balcony used to accommodate the large number.

Entertainments were provided for visitors and various reunion luncheons were held at Hotel Portland. Mrs. McWilliams was able to attend the Oregon Normal luncheon and it was at this meeting that President Landes, of the Oregon State normal, urged the cooperation of alumni to secure a standard of the state teachers college. The campaign has been started for the movement and its success is assured.

Following afternoon meetings, historical films were shown through the courtesy of Mrs. Kayne, of the Portland teachers council. Charles Ray in "The Courtship of Miles Standish" was one of the films displayed, but it has not been put on release.

Speculation has been advanced as to the next date at which the convention will be held. The meeting place has been automatically set at Portland, but it is hoped by one that the conference will not be held next year during the holidays.

FRANCE WITHDRAWING TROOPS FROM RUHR

PARIS, Dec. 21.—France is beginning to withdraw her troops from the Ruhr, it was officially announced by the district which will not be entirely evacuated until France is satisfied on the reparations issue. The Foreign office announced that three regiments had been recalled during the past month.

KU KLUX KLAN TO HOLD NATIONAL CONCLAVE

ATLANTA, Dec. 31.—The future of the Ku Klux Klan will be determined at a national conclave to be held here February 15, according to Edward Younk Clark one of the founders of the organization.

SEATTLE MAN KILLED

SEATTLE, Dec. 31.—William N. Foran, 49, proprietor of a small cafe, was instantly killed when he slipped and fell backward onto a coal hod, while he was preparing a meal for a customer.

MIDWEST IS IN GRIP OF COLD WAVE

Storm Extends From Winnipeg to Texas, Oklahoma and Tennessee.

WYOMING 40 BELOW

Denver Has Numerous Fires; Thousands of Cattle Endangered by Wind and Snow.

An I. N. S. news report to the Tidings today says: Nebraska is in the clutch of a blizzard, with a temperature of six degrees below zero at Lincoln, and eight below at Kearney. The thermometer has dropped to 20 below at Fargo North Dakota. Winnipeg, Canada, reports 22 degrees below. Snow is drifted four feet deep at Fondulac, Wis., with the thermometer standing at zero.

The same storm has reached down into Texas, Oklahoma and Tennessee. In Oklahoma the mercury dropped as low as five above. Near zero water is also reported at Des Moines, with three inches of snow.

One person is dead, another reported burned to death and several are suffering from injuries and exposures following a series of fires in Denver, caused by overheated stoves, necessitated by the most severe cold wave the city has experienced in many years.

A temperature of 40 below prevailed at Rock Springs, Wyo. The cold is accompanied by terrific gales and threatens to wipe out thousands of cattle and sheep. Anaconda, Mont., reports 20 degrees below, Helena 32 below and Miles City eight below.

Correction A corrected report from Denver places the number of dead in that city at two. Both are women.

Seattle reported 21 above at 5:00 o'clock this morning. Predictions made for 16 above in next 24 hours.

Portland suffered from a Northeast gale, the mercury tumbling to 19 above. Eastern Oregon and Washington suffered. Baker is the coldest town in Oregon with the thermometer at 8 above. Spokane reported the lowest temperature in Washington with 2 above.

Chicago Doctor Killed In a blinding blizzard which gripped Chicago today, Dr. Heigler was killed when a train struck his automobile.

Ashland Has Snow. Ashland experienced the breath of winter beginning early yesterday morning. Snow fell to a depth of about 3 inches. Rising temperatures prevailed during the noon hour and afternoon, most of the snow melting. Another light snow was recorded about 4:00. The thermometer dropped to only 23 above during the night. Another light snow fell this morning, the depth never attaining more than two inches. It is thawing this afternoon and warmer weather is in evidence.

FATALITIES REDUCED AT R. R. CROSSINGS

Southern Pacific Reports a Reduction of 15 Per Cent in Lives Lost.

In the month of October, compared with October last year, grade crossing fatalities on the Southern Pacific involving automobiles were reduced 33 per cent and injuries 15 per cent, despite an increase of 16 per cent in locomotive miles and a very large increase in the number of registered automobiles.

Commenting on the result, R. J. Clancy, Assistant to General Manager of the Southern Pacific, said: "By the efficacious work of the press, automobile associations, schools, churches, and our own safety organization embracing all Southern Pacific officials and employees, the public is being educated in the exercise of safe practices at grade crossings, as evidenced by the reduction in casualties effected despite increase in locomotive miles and registered automobiles, constituting of itself a fine reward for the efforts made and an inspiration for continuous effort in this regard."

THE WEATHER

Report for December 20, 1923, maximum, 38, minimum, 23; set maximum, 32; 3 in. snow yesterday and 3 1/2 in. fell this morning.

Classified ads bring results.

Denver Girl Patches Up Personal Estrangements



Miss Jacqueline Fox

Miss Fox is literally hunting trouble—not because she's quarrelsome, but because she wants to hire herself out as the official "Miss Fixit" of Denver.

DENVER, Dec. 31.—Miss Jacqueline Fox, pretty young Denver woman, wants to be a friend in need" to all of Denver—at \$2 per hour.

Basing her unique business on the well-known adage that a "friend in need is a friend indeed," Miss Fox has decided to

become "Miss Fixit," and is prepared, according to her "ad" in a local newspaper, to assume "unpleasant jobs and disagreeable tasks" for her clients—at a stipulated sum.

Following is the ad: (Continued on page 4)

DRY LAW ENFORCEMENT STATE CHAMBER WILL COST COUNTY \$10,958 MEET IN PORTLAND

Salaries Total \$6708; Automobile Expense Claims the Sum of \$2590.40.

Prohibition enforcement in Jackson county for the year totals \$10,958.68, according to figures compiled by E. M. Wilson expert accountant, who is auditing the county books. Of this sum \$5357.55 was drawn from the general fund, and \$5602.15 from the prohibition enforcement fund. The monthly average is \$913.37.

Classification of the expenditures shows that \$6708 was paid out in salaries, \$2590.40 went for auto expenses, which includes oil, gasoline and mileage, the general expense totaled \$628.48, which includes money spent for liquor, rooms and other activities of sleuthing for the wily bootlegger, current expense of \$55.46, and \$970 to Attorney O. C. Boggs, for services as "special prohibition prosecutor" before he was ousted by Governor Pierce.

The banner month of the year was October, when \$1429.25 was spent, and December, with nine more days to hear from is second with an outlay of \$1083.45, distributed as follows: M. L. Bailey, tax \$20.00; J. H. Leggett \$199.59; O. C. Boggs \$225.00; William Finley \$88.00; Ray Ingling \$88.00; Sam B. Sandefer \$228.84

EMBEZZLER LAYS TRAP TO REVEAL SHORTAGES

OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 31.—After embezzling \$25,000, Bruce Forman, 31, cashier here in the freight department of the Western Pacific, was so conscience-gripped that he laid a trap to reveal his shortages, the police stated when Forman was arrested. Before leaving Christmas to visit his mother and sisters in Colorado, Forman placed the books in such shape that the embezzlement could be discovered.

LEONARD A. BRUSH, 79 DIED THIS MORNING

Leonard A. Brush, 79, died at the family home on Allison and Union streets early this morning. Mr. and Mrs. Brush have lived in Ashland the past five years and came here from Hillsboro, Oregon. One son and daughter survive him, besides his widow.

Funeral services have not been arranged. J. P. Dodge & Sons have charge of the body.

To meet increased appropriations state tax levy was arbitrarily increased \$133,650, for 1924. Eugene—Baptist to erect new church.

COMMISSIONS CUT TAXES \$1,000,000

Action Taken Under County Law Is Declared Void.

BAKER'S SLASH LARGE Columbia and Umatilla Also Show Big Savings; Opinion Raises Salary Issue.

SALEM, Dec. 31.—Tax reductions made by the county tax supervising and conservation commissions prior to yesterday's announcement by the supreme court that the 1923 act of the legislature creating the commissions had been declared void because of defective title, aggregated approximately \$1,000,000, according to reports received from the various counties by the executive department.

The largest reduction in tax levies ordered by the tax supervising commission was in Baker county. This reduction amounted to \$106,302. In Columbia county the commission pruned the levies to the extent of \$99,107, while in Umatilla county the cuts aggregated more than \$92,000.

A summary of the reductions ordered by the tax supervising commissions, segregated by counties, follows: Baker county, reduction, \$106,302; Columbia, \$99,107; Coos, \$42,631; Curry, \$2344; Deschutes, \$7978; Douglas, \$33,823; Harney, \$35,355; Hood River, \$28,256; Jackson, \$43,370; Jefferson, \$4775; Josephine, \$32,250; Lake, \$3793; Lane, \$78,113; Lincoln, \$27,326; Linn, \$11,830; Malheur, \$38,077; Morrow, \$3750; Polk, \$65,575; Sherman, \$800; Tillamook, \$900; Umatilla, \$92,599; Union, \$18,315; Wasco, \$24,710; Washington, \$10,580; Yamhill, \$72,542.

Reports Are Lacking Counties not reporting to the executive department, exclusive of Multnomah county, which has operated a tax supervising commission for several years, include Clackamas, Clatsop, Crook, Gilliam, Klamath, Marion, Willamette and Wheeler.

The supreme court opinion declaring the tax supervising law void has raised the question as to how the secretaries of the various commissions are to receive compensation for work already done.

The law, as approved by the legislature, provided that each commission should have not to exceed \$2500 with which to pay a secretary, purchase office equipment and for clerk hire. The commissioners served without compensation.

Decision Expected Soon Although members of the supreme court would not intimate as to when the formal opinion in the tax conservation case will be prepared, it was the opinion of state officials interested in the proceedings that the decision will be forthcoming within the next two or three weeks.

In the memorandum opinion handed down yesterday the court confined its ruling to the title of the act. The supplemental opinion to be handed down later will have to do with the constitutionality of the act and other questions submitted to the court.

PORTLAND ELKS ARE HOLDING CELEBRATION

Farewell Ceremonies Held in Old Temple Preparatory to Moving to New Structure.

PORTLAND, Dec. 31, 1923.—Members of Portland lodge of Elks with several hundred lodgemen from various neighboring cities and towns arrived here Friday and Saturday and are celebrating the formal opening of the new Elk's temple at 11th and Alder streets.

The celebration, according to those in charge is more elaborate than any previous Elk affair given in recent years in Portland and featured the farewell services in the old temple Saturday, a street parade from the old to the new temple, dedication ceremonies at the new temple, with open house yesterday and today and a grand ball tonight.

Milton R. Kleppé and C. C. Bradley are joint chairmen of the general committee on arrangements for the celebration with Gus C. Moser in charge of the farewells services, Major Hibbard in charge of the parade and Joe Reich in charge of the ball to be given tonight.

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POULTRY ASSOCIATION COLLAPSE IS AVERTED

PORTLAND, Dec. 31.—The Pacific Cooperative Poultry Producers Association, which has been in danger of collapse, has been saved, according to President Dixon. Difficulty was met in securing support of enough raisers to keep the association together, and a hard fight has been waged the last few weeks to arouse the poultrymen of Oregon and Southwestern Washington. Although 250,000 hens were considered necessary to save the association a thousand more than the required number have been pledged.

BABY BORN IN MIDST OF NEAR BLIZZARD

Mrs. V. Lanini Becomes Mother While En Route to Hospital in Ashland.

A new babe was brought into the world in the midst of a wind-driven snow storm on Dead Indian road this morning at 2:00 o'clock. The mother, Mrs. Vincent Lanini, occupied a mattress, was accompanied only by her husband, and a quilt or two offered the only protection from the storm. The mother and little son are now at the Applegate home and are doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Lanini left their home in the mountains late Saturday for Ashland, where the latter was to enter the hospital. They proceeded on the road down Dead Indian Mountain to a point a mile and a half below the Applegate farm. They had encountered a driving snow storm that bordered on a blizzard. It was at this point that the baby was born. Following the arrival of the baby the husband turned his team and headed for the Applegate home, where shelter and available comforts were afforded the mother and babe. Dr. Swendenburg, accompanied by Kenneth McWilliams left Ashland at 2:30 but owing to the snow and wind on the mountain did not arrive at the Applegate home until 5:45.

Considering the exposure to which she was subjected, Mrs. Lanini is in good condition, and Dr. Swendenburg has hopes for the baby living.

SADATOL ORDERS POOLED BY JACKSON, JOSEPHINE

MEDFORD, Dec. 31.—Inasmuch as Josephine county farmers and others only ordered about 6000 pounds of sadatol, the government explosive, this county will be unable to get a carload, but will pool in with Josephine county, which has ordered over 20,000 pounds. The car load for the two counties will be shipped to Grants Pass, and from there brought to Medford by auto trucks. The cost to Jackson county farmers, including freight and truckage, will be \$8.70 a hundred pounds.

MISSIONARIES FROM MINNEAPOLIS KILLED

SHANGHAI, Dec. 31.—Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Hoff and Mrs. J. Kilen, captured American missionaries, have been killed by Chinese bandits, according to a report which is not confirmed. All three were former residents of Minneapolis.

U. S. WEATHER REPORT WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.

Weather outlook for the period of Dec. 31 to Jan. 5, inclusive: Pacific Coast States—Frequent rains in California, and below normal elsewhere much of the week. Northern Rocky Mountain States—Decidedly colder beginning of week, continuing cold for several days.

SENATOR C. A. McNARY MARRIED IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—United States Senator McNary, of Oregon, and Miss Cornelia W. Morton, of Boston, were married at 1 o'clock Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph B. Morton, the former a cousin of the bride, in Oak Park. The Rev. Carl D. Case, of the Baptist church of Oak Park, officiated. A few relatives of the bride were the only persons in attendance.

Mrs. McNary is a daughter of the late Major Morton, U. S. A., who for 30 years was aide to General Nelson A. Miles.

THEATRE IS DESTROYED AT MEDFORD

Paige Theatre Discovered in Flames at 6:10 Sunday Morning.

FIREMAN IS KILLED

Chief Elliott Injured; Structure a Total Loss; Cause is Unknown.

Only four walls of the Paige Theatre in Medford remain to show the building that has been the center of Medford show activities for the past few years, according to Fire Chief Baughman, who visited the scene of the perplexing fire yesterday.

Amos Willett, volunteer fire fighter and brother of the manager of the Union Oil plant in Medford, was killed instantly when the curtain fire wall on the stage fell upon him and crushed his skull.

Roy Elliott, fire chief of the Medford department, was seriously injured on the face and chest, when he was with Mr. Willett on the stage and knocked down by the weight of the falling curtain.

Workmen were obliged to labor an hour extricating the two men held captives under the weight of debris. Only the top of Mr. Elliott's head was seen when the men started to raise the heavy mass.

Reports given Mr. Baughman were to the effect that the entire building was in flames when the fire department reached the scene at 6:10 in the morning. Ineffective streams of water played on the building three and a half hours, but flames were still roaring in a caldron like manner on the interior at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Cigarette smoking had been allowed in the upper floor of the building for some time, it is said, and it is possible that the flames might have come from the stub of some lighted cigarette.

The approximate value of the building is said to be about \$150,000 and was insured to the extent of about 60 or 70 per cent of the entire valuation.

The building is owned by Dr. F. C. Page, who is in Glendale, Cal.

Late reports from Medford this morning say that Roy Elliott, will get well. Funeral services for Mr. Willett will be held Thursday.

The deceased was a distant cousin of Mrs. Ella Garrett in Ashland and other relatives here who will probably be in Medford for the funeral. He is survived by his wife and one year old child.

Mrs. Willett will be remembered as Miss Alice French, a graduate of the local high school and a musician of repute.

FIRE CAUSES \$12,000 DAMAGE AT ROSEBURG

ROSEBURG, Dec. 31.—Loss amounting to about \$12,000 resulting early yesterday morning when fire was discovered in the Roseburg garage. The sedan belonging to Gorge Lovejoy of Portland and the sedan owned by H. M. Wetzel of Portland were destroyed, as was a touring car owned by Ralph and Eugene Smith of Coos Bay. Three other cars were badly damaged. The garage is situated on the lower floor of the Knights of Pythias lodge building and the fire burned through to the lodge rooms, causing considerable damage there.

McCLOUD LUMBER CO. PURCHASES LARGE TRACT

SISKIYOU, Cal., Dec. 31.—The Red River Lumber Company and the McCLOUD Lumber Company have closed the biggest deal ever made in Shasta and Siskiyou Counties for timber, according to an agreement filed for record last Friday.

The first agrees to sell to the second all the pine timber, standing or fallen, on 86,798 acres of land along the Siskiyou-Shasta boundary, most of it in Shasta County, or nearly 140 square miles.

EXPLOSION IN MIXING ROOM FATAL TO TWO

RIDGEWAY, Pa., Dec. 31.—Two men are known dead and two others seriously injured in an explosion in the mixing room of the Hercules Powder plant at Emporium, 25 miles from here and is reported to have caused heavy property damage.