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Bandits Rob Oil Station In Business District

Action Postponed on Resolution Calling Special Bond Election

ELECTION RESOLUTION ACTION IS POSTPONED

Councilmen Desire Opportunity to Investigate McCormick Tract Before Ballot Is Taken on Calling of Bond Issue Election. Members of Body Appear to Favor Passage of Measure

The desire of a majority of the members of the city council to further investigate the McCormick tract in order to determine the feasibility of purchasing the land resulted in the postponement of any action on the resolution calling for a special bond issue election.

Upon petition of the park commissioners the proposition for the issuance of bonds to the amount of \$4500 was to have been placed upon the ballot, separated from the proposition calling for the issuance of \$8000 in bonds for the purchase of the Chautauqua building.

At the reading of the resolution last night, the wording which called for the recommendation of the council that the bonds be voted held up the action. A majority of the council declared they could not recommend a proposition with which they were not conversant, and therefore, before any ballot was taken they declared they desired more time in which to investigate the tract. Mayor Johnson then declared he would have the meeting adjourned subject to a call from him, and immediately after the meeting, called for another session to be held next Thursday evening.

A majority of the councilmen were in favor of the Chautauqua building purchase and the council was unanimous in their desire to put the proposition before the people but stated they could not vote favorably upon the resolution before they had made a thorough investigation.

It seemed to take the consensus of opinion of the councilmen that the land, if it would make a valuable addition to the park, should be purchased, but they desired to go over the tract in order that they might be certain in their belief that the land would make a valuable addition to the city holdings.

According to the terms of the resolution, the election is to be called sometime in February. Therefore, should the council be forced to wait until the next regular meeting it would be almost impossible to carry out the legal procedure necessary to the calling of the election. It was for this reason that Mayor Johnson announced the next session.

The resolution calls for the voting of eight, one thousand dollar bonds for the purchase of the Chautauqua building, these bonds to be retired in ten years, while for the purchase of the McCormick tract, nine, five thousand dollar bonds are to be issued, these also to be payable in ten years. The interest on these bonds is not to exceed six per cent.

The only other item of business taken up at last night's session was the reading of a formal petition from Chief of Police George McNabb, asking that he be reappointed to the position he now holds. Since the appointment to the office of Chief of Police cannot be brought up until the next regular meeting, no action was taken.

Woman Slays Her Husband and Then Commits Suicide

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 23. — After a thorough investigation into the deaths of Mr. and Mrs. A. Parsons here, the police today declared that Mrs. Parsons had evidently shot her husband at least seven or eight times and then killed herself by turning the revolver upon herself.

Mrs. Parsons was found dead in the bedroom of her home, and beside her the body of her husband lay gasping. He died shortly after his removal to a local hospital.

According to the police investigation, it has been discovered that the couple quarreled three years ago and have been separated since that time. A suit for divorce brought by Parsons against his wife was to have been heard in the Domestic court here Monday.

Lone Navigator Is Moving Along on World Cruise

PORT OF SPAIN, TRINIDAD, Jan. 23. — Harry Pidgeon, sailing single handed the four ton American sailing yacht Islander, arrived here today, completing a 35-day voyage from Ascension. The lone navigator left Los Angeles November 18, 1921, on a round the world cruise in his small craft. He visited places of interest in the South Pacific, Indian and Atlantic oceans. After overhauling the boat, Pidgeon will endeavor to return to California by way of Central American ports and the Panama canal. He hopes to arrive in Los Angeles next September.

NEW BILL FOR CONVENTIONS IS INTRODUCED

Jackson County Delegation Puts New Measure Before Legislature

STATE HOUSE, Salem, Jan. 23. — Pre-primary recommending conventions are authorized in a bill introduced in the house by the Jackson county delegation. This is entirely different from the Mills bill, which provides for a nomination convention after the primaries.

There are two schools of thought among those sympathetic to the convention idea. One favors a recommending convention before the primaries and the other prefers a convention after the primaries. These preferences are reflected in the Jackson county bill and the measure of A. L. Mills, who was president of the direct primary league, which gave Oregon the primary law.

In the Jackson county measure, political parties are directed to hold conventions or lose their standing. The county conventions are set for the first Tuesday in February every two years, the first to be in 1926. State conventions are dated for the third Tuesday in February.

The delegates are precinct committeemen and those elected in 1924 are to be the delegates to the 1926 convention, if enacted. At the county conventions delegates are selected for the state convention, no county to be entitled to less than six delegates or more than 60.

The conventions are to recommend for nomination, and the candidates thus favored by the convention are to have printed following their names on the ballot, "recommended by the blank party convention." There is nothing in the plan which prevents

Sen. Borah 'Calls' France for Stand on Debt Payment

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23. — Senator Borah of Idaho today spoke for the administration when he sharply "called" the French nation for her attitude in the payment of her war debt, and served notice that the American government will not entertain any proposition which it believes is aimed at cancellation or scaling of the four billion dollars which France borrowed from the United States upon demand notes during the war.

The White House, and the State Treasury departments revealed that it was their views which were expressed by the chairman of the foreign relations committee, and that these were endorsed with unanimity almost unparalleled in international relations.

NATIONAL VOTE FRAUD COLLEGE REVEALED.



DR. W. I. STROVICH & SMILING GEORGE ROSKEN

Operations of a national school of ballot fixing have been described to a New York City grand jury by George Rosken, a chauffeur, who confessed that he mutilated ballots in the Eighth Assembly District, and charged he was paid to do so by Nathan D. Perlman, Republican, who defeated Dr. William Irving Strovich for Congress from the 14th New York District. Philadelphia, Boston, Jersey City and Hoboken were among the cities in which Rosken said his "pupils" in ballot fixing worked. He asserted he turned them loose there after a course of instruction in the use of a "magic ring," which contained a small lead pencil with which they mutilated the ballots after being appointed voters. He said he charged his pupils \$100 for a course of instruction, and declared boldly: "I am the original ballot fixer." His classes, he said, were so large he had to hire a number of offices to instruct them. Congressman Perlman denied the charges.

NEW CONCERN NO PROMISE ON MAKES BID ON CONSTRUCTION FALLS TIMBER OF NEW BRIDGE

Campbell-Towne Company Successful in Effort to Obtain Oregon Timber

KLAMATH FALLS, Jan. 23. — Klamath acquired another lumber concern Wednesday when the Campbell-Towne Lumber Company of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, proved the successful bidder on reservation timber in the Sprague river section.

In an announcement made last night, W. J. Campbell and Delwin Towle, both of whom are in the city, state that cutting operations will begin without delay and that it is hoped to start by March 1. Options are held on two mills and an arrangement has been perfected to have the logs handled on contract if no purchase of a plant is made.

The Cherry Creek unit between Trout Creek and Squaw flat was awarded to the company at \$6.11 per thousand for what is said to be an exceptionally choice tract of soft California white pine. Approximately 30,000,000 feet stand on the unallotted portion of the tract and 7,000,000 on patented allotments, according to government cruises. Lumber men say that the area will cut out 50,000,000 feet, however. The combined tracts total 6470.

ATTEMPTED HOLDUP STOPPED BY FIGHT

PORTLAND, Jan. 23. — Several robberies in Multnomah county, including the stickup of the Estacada bank may be accounted for following the capture today at Troutdale of William Sill, 31, Estacada rancher, after he held up and robbed 21 persons in a pool-hall. Sill was wounded in the fleshy part of the thigh in a gun battle with residents of Troutdale.

JAP DIET MEMBERS STIRRING UP ROW

TOKIO, Jan. 23. — Demanding that Japan adopt her former firm attitude toward the United States in regard to immigration and the forthcoming American naval maneuvers near Hawaii, Keijuro Nakamura, an opposition member, today delivered a fiery attack in the Diet upon the supporters of the present government, who attempted to stop Nakamura's denunciation were howled down by the members of the opposing party.

Develops Improved Strain of Rye Plant

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23. — A new strain of rye, resistant to three of the worst grain-crop diseases, has been developed by Dr. E. B. Mains, of the Purdue Agricultural Experiment Station, who is the American Phytopathological Society of his work.

Some difficulty was experienced in obtaining a resistant strain that would breed true; but, after four years' work, the new variety not only is consistent in its breeding but resists leaf rust, stem rust and powdery mildew, said Dr. Mains.

Move Made in Missouri to Bar All Japanese

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Jan. 23. — A bill intended, according to its sponsor, to prevent the acquisition of any realty interests in Missouri by Japanese, a measure similar to the California alien land law, was introduced in the Missouri senate today by Senator A. L. McAuley.

The measure would prevent any alien, not eligible to citizenship under the laws of the United States, from acquiring any real property or stock or membership in companies, associations or corporations dealing in agricultural lands in Missouri, except as provided by treaties between the United States and the country of which the alien is a citizen.

MUCH BUSINESS TRANSACTED AT KIWANIS MEET

Report on Convention and Report Upon Memorial Feature Gathering

Preparations for the celebration of the tenth anniversary of the founding of Kiwanis, the report of Henry Enders, Jr., delegate to the district convention at Tacoma, and consideration of an appropriation for the Harding memorial to be constructed at Vancouver, B. C. formed the main business transacted at the regular weekly luncheon of the Ashland Kiwanis Club, held at the Hotel Ashland.

International literature, urging a special program for the anniversary of the founding of the club was read by President McCoy and Secretary Galey. McCoy urged the observance of the rules of Kiwanis during the coming year as part of the observance of the birthday of the organization.

District Trustee Harry Tomlinson reported that the inter club relations committee had decided an assessment should be made upon the treasury to aid in the building of the Harding memorial. It was voted that the club contribute fifty cents for each member toward this work.

An outline report of the work accomplished at the convention was given by Henry Enders Jr., who stated that a further report will be made later.

Professor A. L. Peck, landscape engineer at the Oregon Agricultural College gave a short talk on the work now being carried on in the state toward the beautifying of the highways and the benefits which are to be derived from this work.

At Last the Park, Hotel Are Again Moved to Ashland

Ashland is a bitter rival of the town of Medford, 12 miles distant and so, when in this column there appeared an error the other day to the effect that the Lithia Springs hotel was being erected in the latter city the townspeople of Ashland were, to use the words of Dom Provost, hardware dealer of the city, yesterday, "in a commotion." The hotel referred to is not being built in Medford, but in Ashland, and there is doubt in Mr. Provost's mind whether Medford ever has a hotel as large and commodious as the one being built in this city. "Ashland is also improving the automobile camp, a box factory has just been completed.

MOSS RECEIVES EASY SENTENCE FOR TWO CRIMES

Settlement Is Made With Victims and Moss Fined \$100 With 30 Days

After pleading guilty to a larceny charge, and agreeing to make a settlement with his victims, Steve Moss, former employee of the F. F. Whittle transfer company was yesterday fined \$100 and sentenced to serve 30 days in the county jail. Moss was arrested in Northern California and returned to this city to face the charges against him. Moss confessed to burglarizing

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QUICK WORK RESULTS IN CAPTURE OF THUGS

State, County and City Officers Co-operate to Capture Trio Who Held Up Union Oil Station in Business District Here. Men Make Full Confession of Their Crime to Chief of Police McNabb

Within two hours after they had committed their crime, Steve Elek, 25, of Los Angeles, Roland Eastwood, 38, of Los Angeles and Robert Duff, 18, of San Francisco, were in the custody of local officers and had confessed to the robbery of the Union Oil station on Main street. Co-operation between the county officers, state officers and the city police resulted in the chase and quick capture of the men. Deputy Sheriffs Fornerook and Cronmiller, Game Warden Roy Parr, State Traffic Officer Joe McMahon, Chief of Police George McNabb and Night Police Charles Clause took part in the hunt.

Driving up to the station in the center of the business district about seven o'clock last night, the men forced Charles Lamb, attendant at the station inside the building and after removing \$17 from the till drove away. Lamb immediately notified McNabb, and McNabb got in touch with the officers throughout Southern Oregon and Northern California. Within ten minutes after the crime was committed, every roadway leading out of the county was blocked.

According to the confession made by Duff to Chief of Police McNabb, the men, following the robbery, drove their car out to Wimer street. Here one of the globes in their headlights burned out, and afraid to drive with but one light, Elek returned to the Park Garage to obtain another globe, while Eastwood and Duff proceeded to walk out the highway.

The employees of the garage suspected Elek and purposely gave him the wrong size bulb for his car. When he discovered his light would not burn he drove the car up to the garage, and Traffic Officer McMahon placed him under arrest. After a few minutes questioning by the officers, he told where his companions were. Driving the burglar's car out the highway, the officers sighted the two men and immediately drove up beside them. Thinking it was their companion returning for them they walked up to the car, but when McNabb stepped out of the car, Duff ran. A shot stopped him and McNabb took both men into custody.

TREAS. IS TOLD TO DROP COURT APPEAL CASE

JACKSONVILLE, Jan. 23. — The county court issued an order Wednesday directing County Treasurer A. C. Walker to dismiss his appeal to the supreme court in the suit of the City of Jacksonville, for the recovery of \$5000 in municipal improvement bonds. The bonds were given as security by W. H. Johnson, cashier of the defunct Bank of Jacksonville, for county deposits, and held by the treasurer when the bank failed.

Jacksonville, in the circuit court, claimed that the bonds belonged to the city and were given by Johnson as security without any authority or consent. Their contention was upheld, and the treasurer is now directed to return the bonds to the city.

The county court sets forth "that the carrying of the case on appeal to a higher court would be a needless expense, without any likelihood of a reversal in favor of the county."

The suit is the last of the legal actions arising from the failure of the Bank of Jacksonville in August, 1920.

New Haven Ready to Welcome Coming Eclipse of Old Sol

NEW HAVEN, Jan. 23. — This college town, the home of the famous old Yale University today was preparing to act as a grandstand for the biggest "game" in its history when the sun becomes smothered for two minutes at 9:12 tomorrow morning.

Every hotel and boarding house is booked to capacity with potential skygazers who poured in by automobile and train loads. A generous share of the incoming spectators were men of science from all over America. Scientists and camera men will endeavor to observe and photograph from the dirigible Shenandoah

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