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CAPITOL HEARS OF NEAR GRAFT

CONVICT MONEY START OF TROUBLE.

Joe Keller, State Parole Officer, Comes in for Share of Criticism and Partly Accused of Being in on Deal.

(Special to The Bulletin.)

SALEM, Sept. 19.—The wonted capitol calm of September was rudely jolted this past week by disclosures at the state penitentiary which have had the first smattering of graft to them that has been heard of in state government for many years in the past. As it is, this whole thing is very apt to simmer down into nothing but the jarring discord of a few officials who are slightly green-eyed at one another; the machinations of a few foxy convicts and the possible, but not probable, turpitude of a minor prison official or two.

Convict Gets Money.

It seems that a convict named M. S. Irvin came into an estate of a few thousands of dollars not long ago and this money, like all convicts' money, was placed in the hands of Warden Murphy for safekeeping. Irvin sent a note out to Murphy stating that he owed Jack Monahan, Portland employment agent, \$200 and asked Murphy to forward him the money. This was duly done, but the warden's suspicions were aroused at the transaction. Along with George Thacher, Portland criminologist; Attorney General Brown and District Attorney Evans of Multnomah county, an investigation was started and it was discovered, apparently that Irvin never owed the \$200 to Monahan, but Monahan was to return it to Charles A. Sheridan, a guard, who in turn was to hand it over to Jim Conners, an all-round crook and noisy convict. What Conners intended to do with it is a mystery. Sheridan was discharged.

Would Implicate Officer.

An effort has been made to plaster some sort of a suspicion onto Joe Keller, state parole officer, by intimating that the money was to be the purchase price for Irvin's parole. Just where this suspicion could come in on the face of the transaction requires considerable stretching of the imagination to fathom. There seems to be a natural tendency on the part of a majority of people, however, to consider every public official a crook as soon as he is elected to office, and to have the presumption of guilt start running immediately he takes his oath to support the laws and constitution of the state and the United States. Many people have the idea that a public official is engaged in two occupations: wearing out chair seats and stealing public funds and they shriek with joy if they secure any sort of a flimsy pretext upon which to base some sort of a proof for the assumption.

The fact of the matter is the average state official is a hard working bird, who is so doggone afraid that some constituent will find him on the job some day doing nothing that he fairly fumes in an effort to keep busy 24 hours in the day, while as a class they are so honest they wouldn't steal a public postage stamp. That may sound like fulsome flattery, but it nevertheless is true. They will jab one another behind the back to gain a little political prestige; they will go a mile out of their way to grab a vote or the right kind of publicity, but when it comes to stealing, it is a safe assertion that Oregon is about as free from money graft as any state in the Union and the glum eyed, sour visaged reporters about the capitol will tell you they have looked in vain for the dishonest official.

Deal Looks "Fishy."

The penitentiary deal looks a little fishy on the surface and if any money grabbing is going on it is by someone who is rather raw and coarse in his work. It appears to be a rather strange sort of a stunt for some bartering, bribe taking official to have a convict, who was about to buy his way out of the prison send the bribe through the warden's office.

Unquestionably the deal looks funny, and there is a dark man hid-

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FOURTH DRIVE ON TOMORROW

BEND READY TO DO ITS SHARE.

Goal of \$257,000 Has Been Set and Voluntary Subscription Will Raise Amount by the Necessary Time.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Tomorrow morning is the "kick off" and Bend and Deschutes county will launch the drive for the fourth Liberty loan, with the intention of following up the work done in the past and give the county distinction of being among the first to go over the top. Although no definite allotment has been given the county as a quota which to fill, the committees are working toward the goal of \$257,000, more than twice the amount of the third Liberty loan quota, but less than \$25,000 more than what was raised on that drive. Subscriptions are to be entirely voluntary, the slogan for the drive being "Why should one good American solicit another," and from the disposition shown up to the present there is no doubt that the quota will be filled without the waste of effort. Classification of all people living within the county has been completed by the officials of the county war work committee and the drive on the fourth Liberty loan virtually opened this afternoon. Up until noon today \$1350 had been subscribed for Liberty bonds, although the drive has not commenced.

Advertising posters furnished by the government have arrived in profusion and are being sent out to the various districts in the county for distribution. Among these posters is to be found the cards for percentage in subscriptions from various firms where a number of people are employed. A subscription of 75 per cent. of the employes entitles the firm to the card, but the letters 75 per cent. appear, and where the percentage exceeds this amount stickers are furnished by the headquarters corresponding with the amount subscribed.

H. J. Overturf, city chairman, has selected as a general committee H. A. Miller, H. E. Allen, T. H. Foley and Carl A. Johnson. Chairmen for the various sub-committees are as follows: Advertising space, H. A. Miller; publicity, Carl A. Johnson; speakers, H. E. Allen.

THIRTEEN MEN ON FRIDAY, THIRTEENTH

(From Saturday's Daily.)

Thirteen men in the classes of 1917, June, 1918, and August, 1918, compiled and filed with the government on Friday the 13th was too much for J. H. Haner, secretary of the war board yesterday afternoon and he immediately commenced a search to find another man to make it 14, but his search was useless. The war department demanded a total of all men in class 1 under the 1917 and 1918 registration of men between the ages of 21 and 30. The Deschutes county list, including the men working in shipyards, and all totaled exactly 13. Four are left of the 1917 registration, four of the June, 1918, and five of the August,

SLIDE ON O. T. DELAYS TRAIN

(From Saturday's Daily.)

A slide ninety feet in length and several yards deep on the tracks of the Oregon Trunk at mile post 57 has delayed passenger service to Bend, trains which should have arrived in the city this morning not being expected to be here until some time this afternoon.

At 9 o'clock this morning officials of the Oregon Trunk here stated that the train had not at that time left Fallbridge, but it was expected that arrangements would be made for it to run as far as the slide and transfer passengers and express around this point. If this is done the passenger will arrive in here some time late this evening.

BOND BUYERS ARE COMING IN

EIGHT APPEAR THIS MORNING.

Drive to Commence in This County Thursday Morning—Quota Will Be Higher Than Last, but Can Be Raised.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Bend and Deschutes county people are determined that this county will go over the top on September 28 and are already seeking out the managers of the various districts to take out their bonds. H. J. Overturf, who will have charge of the drive in the city, stated this morning that at least eight people had made their appearance at the Commercial club rooms ready to make their subscriptions. They had read in the Portland papers that the drive in other sections of the state was to commence today and tomorrow and were responding early.

Because all of the cards have not been classified, the drive in Deschutes county will not commence until Thursday morning. The rating for each individual has not yet been established.

It is being arranged that the coming drive will be carried on with less wasted effort and greater ease than any of the three preceding drives. While the chairmen are hampered through lack of clerical help, the greater portion of the work has already been done.

It will be the aim of the officials of the drive to keep well checked up on the work, so that at all times they will know exactly what has been done. In the third loan drive, through reports coming in slow, and insufficient help, it was estimated that the county had subscribed to the loan at the rate of 167 per cent. This was found to be in error when the government record of the amount raised here gave the county credit for a percentage of 202.21.

While no quota has yet been assigned it is presumed that the amount to be raised here will be placed at approximately \$257,000. While this on first appearance seems to be large in proportion to the \$116,747 allotment for the third loan, comparing the results of the drive it will be noticed that the county will have to raise but approximately \$22,000 in excess of its last subscription, when 2226 subscribers purchased a total of \$236,100 in bonds.

PUBLICITY TO CARRY BONDS

PARADE LEADS MEETING TONIGHT.

Possible Opposition of the Labor Unions Brought Out at Commercial Club Lunch—Will Get Figures for Campaign.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

A fear that the labor unions of the city might oppose the adoption of the \$20,000 bonding measure for the purchase of fire equipment was expressed at the noonday meeting of the Commercial club today. To avoid this the most complete publicity for every detail of the plan was advocated and also the appointment of a committee from the Central Labor council to act with the committees already at work.

Deputy Fire Marshal Stokes was the first to mention a possibility of union opposition, saying that he had heard it was to be reckoned with, while D. G. McPherson said that the only thing to be done to insure the passage of the bond measure was complete publicity and co-operation between the Commercial club, the city council and the labor council.

R. S. Hamilton urged the collection of facts which would show what would be saved in insurance premiums if the proposed expenditure was made, and President Foley asked that the insurance agents get the facts together.

For the purpose of getting a crowd to the meeting tonight it was decided to hold a parade in the downtown streets, in which a feature would be an exhibit of the existing fire equipment of the town.

H. J. Overturf spoke of the coming Liberty loan, and it was voted to appoint a committee to take charge of the erection of the Liberty temple, the committee being named by President Foley to consist of Clyde McKay, Lee A. Thomas and J. L. Gaither.

Answering a question asked by Councilman Edwards as to the share of the rent of the rest room to be assumed by the club, D. G. McPherson said that as the rent of the new room was no more than that formerly paid it was his understanding that the club paid none of it.

QUESTIONNAIRES TO BE SENT OUT SOON

(From Friday's Daily.)

Questionnaires in yesterday's registration are not to be mailed out for at least a week. This is the opinion of members of the local draft board here.

CARDS BEING SEGREGATED

WAR BOARD AT WORK ON DISTRICTS.

1368 Have Registered in the County with One District to Be Heard From—Work Piling Up on Employes.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

Employees of the war board office are today engaged in arranging in proper order for filing and numbering the list of registrants of Thursday's registration. All precincts have now been heard from with the exception of Brothers, and this is expected to arrive here today.

In many instances registrars in the various districts failed to make report of the number registered, and in instances such as these the cards must all be segregated, the various ages being checked up on and the reports made out accordingly.

As soon as the segregation has been completed all registration cards are to be shuffled, much after the same fashion as a deck of cards, and then given their serial number. After this has been done, alphabetical lists will be made up. All of this work must be done before the questionnaires are mailed out.

Registration in the county had this morning reached a total of 1368. This includes all of the districts reported with the exception of Brothers. Redmond, Tetherow, Cline Falls and Millican came in this morning. This number is in excess of what it was thought by the local war board the total would amount to and exceeds by 272 the official estimate of 1096. The percentage of increase in Deschutes county ranged as high as in other parts of the country, where 8 1/2 per cent. increase was announced yesterday.

The following is the report of the districts complete, as corrected by the employes of the war board today:

Bend No. 1.....	138
Bend No. 2.....	57
Bend No. 3.....	60
Bend No. 4.....	33
Bend No. 5.....	49
Bend No. 6.....	44
Brooks-Scanlon Camp.....	41
Brooks-Scanlon Mill.....	143
La Pine, No. 7.....	35
Lava, No. 8.....	2
Awbrey, No. 10.....	29
Tumalo, No. 11.....	40
Plainview, No. 12.....	27
Sisters, No. 13.....	36
Lower Bridge, No. 14.....	15
Terrebonne, No. 15.....	35
Redmond, No. 16.....	85
Tetherow, No. 17.....	41
Cline Falls, No. 18.....	13
Deschutes, No. 19.....	23
Alfalfa, No. 20.....	16
Grange, No. 21.....	32
Millican, No. 22.....	15
Brothers, No. 23.....	—
Hampton, No. 24.....	11
Brick Yard.....	8
Shevlin-Hixon Mill.....	190
Shevlin-Hixon Camp.....	79
Cards through mail.....	71
Total.....	1368

PAYMENT PLANS ON BONDS ANNOUNCED

(From Friday's Daily.)

Payments on the fourth Liberty loan bonds are to be divided over a period of four months, according to a telegram received by C. S. Hudson, county chairman, this afternoon. Terms under which the bonds may be purchased are as follows: Ten per cent. down, 20 per cent. each on November 24, December 19 and January 16, and 30 per cent. on January 30.

PETITIONS OUT FOR P. H. DENCER

(From Friday's Daily.)

Petitions for the purpose of placing in nomination P. H. Dencer for representative from the Twenty-first legislative district have been prepared and are being circulated throughout the district. Mr. Dencer received the endorsement of the Good Government league at the convention of this league held in this city on September 28, and it is through this organization that the petitions are being circulated.

GROCCERS AFTER CASH BUSINESS

WOULD DO AWAY WITH CREDIT.

Meeting Held Last Night With Price Fixing Board Opens With Popular Discussion—Merchants Not Prepared to Act.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Merchants of Bend are not to go on a cash basis for some time, at least if the sentiment expressed at the joint meeting of the federal price fixing board and the merchants of the county, held last night, can be accepted as evidence.

When the matter of price fixing for Deschutes county was commenced two weeks ago, merchant members of the board declared that the publication of prices in the county, and in Bend in particular, would force the merchants to take up a cash basis as the limit of profit permitted by the government would not be sufficient to carry on a credit and delivery business. The government provides that two sets of prices be published—one for a cash and carry business and another to apply to a credit and delivery business. The percentage of profit between the two is set at 16 to 20 per cent., and this, merchants declare, will not take care of the loss experienced with bad accounts and the expense of delivery, even under the one delivery per day system.

E. L. Payne of the Tri-State Terminal and member of the price fixing board, opened the discussion at last night's meeting in a short talk, in which he outlined the plans of the government and the necessity of the merchants taking up the cash basis system. To publish the two lists of prices as required by the government, he declared, would be an injustice to the merchants doing a credit business. It was his suggestion that all stores act for a cash system immediately.

N. G. Gilbert of Gilbert's Grocery stated he was willing to go on a cash basis providing the other merchants were in sympathy with the proposal. The expression of opinion along this line was limited, and was finally brought to a close when a motion was made by Gilbert that a vote be taken to determine how many of those present were in favor of a strictly cash basis. The vote was light, there being but two ayes while the nays made no response. The merchants had not entered into the spirit of the thing and were not even prepared to vote.

Following the close of the discussion on the cash basis question, the price fixing board took up the matters of arriving at prices on the various articles for Deschutes county, as required by the government, a session lasting until long after midnight. Many of the merchants remained until the close of the meeting, adding the members in ciphering out the more intricate details of many of the articles.

The price list will be completed some time today and as required by the government will appear in The Bulletin tomorrow.

COUNTY AGAIN LEADS STATE

FIRST CHECK TO BE RECEIVED IN SALVATION ARMY DRIVE IS SENT IN BY CAMPAIGN MANAGER FOR THIS COUNTY.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

For the second successive time Deschutes county leads the state in a war drive, according to a news item appearing in yesterday's Oregonian. The last time was in the war savings pledge campaign in June, and the second, just reported, is the Salvation Army drive.

Under the heading "Deschutes County Leads," the Oregonian report says: "Deschutes county holds the banner for rapid work in the Salvation Army war fund drive. Its check for \$600 was received yesterday, the opening day of the drive."

LOOSEN UP, TURTLE



The Fourth Liberty Loan is the first item on the program of national war finance since the announcement of our intention to put five million men in France and finish the war next year. On our response to its call for our dollars our friends and enemies will judge of our sincerity and earnestness in making that pledge.

The nation's resources are ample. The success of the Fourth Liberty Loan depends on our converting a share of those resources into Fourth Liberty Bonds. Nothing more. The loan should be subscribed the first day and oversubscribed the second day.

Buy Liberty Bonds. Don't be a Turtle.