

# BEND COUNCIL TO LOOK INTO RESCUE WORK

## PROTECTIVE DIVISION INTERESTS

### ACTION IS DEFERRED

Mayor And Council Unwilling To Continue Office Formerly Held By Mrs. Stockwell Until More Information Is Gained

Until a more thorough understanding may be had of the work done in the last eight months of 1920 by the Woman's protective division, headed during that time by Mrs. E. F. Stockwell, Mayor E. D. Gilson and a majority of the new city council are unwilling to authorize the continuance of the office. To gain a more complete knowledge of the subject, an investigation will be conducted by the entire council, it was decided at Friday's meeting of the city administration. The motion providing for this action was made by Councilman N. H. Gilbert.

Expressing himself as dissatisfied with the results secured by the woman's protective division, and declaring that too much money has been spent in this department of the city's work, Mayor Gilson stated that he did not care to re-create, even temporarily, the office formerly held by Mrs. Stockwell as head of the protective division. The mayor made known his stand in reply to a request by Rev. J. Edgar Purdy, representing a large number of interested taxpayers, that the council investigate the work of the protective division and that, during the investigation, these services to the community be continued under the direction of the health committee.

**Appointment Motion Loses.** The suggestion was upheld by Dr. J. C. Vandever, City Attorney C. S. Benson and Councilman Lon L. Fox and on the mayor's refusal, Councilman H. E. Allen moved that the health committee be authorized to continue the work of the division for 30 days, under Mrs. Stockwell, during which time the committee could investigate the effectiveness of the department, for the purpose of submitting a report to the council. Councilman Fox seconded Mr. Allen's motion.

Councilman Baker took this as an attempt to override the mayor's decision, but the maker of the motion assured him that Mrs. Stockwell had been employed by the old council and had not been appointed by the mayor. "I believe that it is the intention of the mayor to accomplish the same result in a different way, and that he should be given the opportunity to do it," Councilman Innes declared. "It's the first I had heard that he had any plans," Mr. Allen commented.

Mayor Gilson stated that he had no definite suggestion for an alternative plan and turned the matter over to the council. Councilmen Leverett, Innes, Baker and Gilbert, voted in the negative.

**Work of Division Sketched.** In making his request, Rev. Purdy represented the Women's Civic League, the Ministerial association and the Red Cross, while Dr. Vandever spoke for the physicians of Bend. Mr. Purdy outlined the work of the protective division in rescuing delinquent girls, and the special emphasis which has been placed on preventive work by Mrs. Stockwell.

"One objection which I have heard is that the city can't afford the expense," he said. "We are aware of the city's financial condition, but we can just as well afford to discontinue the fire department as to discontinue the work of the protective division." "Since Mrs. Stockwell has been in charge, 100 girls have been under her supervision, and the preventive feature is clearly shown in the fact that of these only 18 were immoral. These have been dealt with in a way to give the girls another chance. It has not been the object of the division to cover up the misdeeds leading to these delinquencies, for we believe and urge that the men responsible should be dealt with by the police.

**Prevention Is Feature.** "Many girls come to Bend to seek employment. Temptation is often placed in their way, and sometimes they yield. It has been the purpose and the achievement of the protective division to prevent their fall. The division gets in touch with these girls, and they are placed under official parole. The city is freed of the menace of immorality. The work

is developing, and the field which is being served is surprising.

"When a house burns, we are all responsible, and bear the expense of extinguishing it. The same is true in the case of a robbery. We also owe an obligation to the girlhood of our community. We must deal with the men, but it is true that society is too prone to forget the girl. She must go through life with a crime fastened on her for which she is not wholly responsible.

"It is the obligation of society to heal the wounds. In an experience of 11 years, I have never seen a plan which seemed to have solved the problem as well as the protective division has in Bend. The amount provided in the budget for health and public morals is only \$2600. Even this might be reduced somewhat, but in fairness to the health, morals and reputation of the city, we cannot afford to leave it out completely."

**Prosecutions Favored.** District Attorney A. J. Moore was called on by the mayor for an expression of opinion, and declared that he should have favored more publicity than has been given. The protective division, he said, should have placed the information it had gained at his disposal, in order that the men responsible in these cases might be prosecuted.

N. H. Gilbert, head of the police committee, said that he believed the solution of the question had been sought from the wrong end, and that better results could be attained if the cause—the men responsible—were dealt with by the police. He advised that the police and moral squad "get busy," and that jazz music at public dances be eliminated. In the last recommendation he was backed by Councilman Baker.

"I have been rather opposed to the program as it is," Mr. Baker added. "I would like to know Mrs. Stockwell, and to know more of what the situation is. At present I am undecided."

**Gilbert Asks 30-Day Trial.** Councilman Allen pointed out that, while Mrs. Stockwell is unofficially endeavoring to carry on the work of the division, she is being seriously hampered by the fact that she is now vested with no recognized authority. Councilman Gilbert declared that it was apparent that little confidence is being placed in the council's ability to cope with the situation and get results. "We would like a 30-day trial of our own plan," he said. His motion that the entire council investigate conditions, and that no action be taken until this investigation is completed, carried unanimously.

**Warrant Debt Big.** Councilman Fox reported that the city's warrant indebtedness totals \$60,000, and City Attorney Benson stated that a large part of this is due to the non-collection of improvement liens. Mr. Fox also mentioned the Riverside boulevard improvement ordinance, read for the first time at the last meeting of the old council, but no action was taken, Councilman Innes declaring that he did not care to vote on any more paving until it is demonstrated that the paving already contracted for will be laid.

Requests of auto truck and jitney drivers for suspension, and ultimate repeal of the licensing ordinance were referred to the police and license committee. On the motion of Councilman Fox, a starter for the fire engine and other equipment for the volunteer department was ordered purchased. The department was authorized to answer all mill alarms. The annual library report showed a total of 3488 books now available and gave the circulation during the past year as 9496 books taken out by adults and 4674 by children. An audit of the city accounts was ordered in response to a request made by Recorder Ross Farnham. On the recommendation of the health committee, Dr. C. A. Fowler was reappointed city physician.

**ASKED TO LOCATE MISSING PARENTS** Red Cross Endeavoring To Find Father And Mother of Sailor Who Is In Tuberculosis Hospital. Bend Chapter, American Red Cross, is in receipt of a letter from the Red Cross field director at the U. S. naval training camp, Guilford, Miss., asking cooperation in locating Mr. and Mrs. Jacob A. Bahr, parents of Lester Wilding Bahr, U. S. Bahr enlisted in the navy at Chicago on November 5. He had attended school at Eugene and Corvallis. The boy is sick in the hospital with tuberculosis, and any information which will lead to the location of his parents will be much appreciated by the Bend chapter. Mrs. Vernon A. Forbes, home service secretary, asks to be given any information which may result in locating the parents.

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# GRAND JURY TO GET CALF CASE

JAKE KOOYMAN AND C. L. EVANS HELD UNDER BONDS OF \$1000 EACH FOLLOWING PRELIMINARY HEARING.

As the outcome of the preliminary hearing held Thursday afternoon before Justice of the Peace Gilson in the cases of C. L. Evans and Jake Kooyman, charged with stealing a calf from Beth Stookey, Horse Ridge rancher, the defendants are held to the grand jury under bonds of \$1000 each. The bonds were furnished immediately on the conclusion of the hearing.

Following the testimony of Mr. and Mrs. Stookey, their 13-year-old daughter, Lois, took the stand and stated that she had seen Evans driving the calf from the Stookey corral Thursday, December 30. Stookey's 16-year-old son testified that he accompanied his father to the Evans ranch and heard Evans and Kooyman admit that the calf, which they were butchering at the time, was his father's.

# FOREST RANGER TO ATTEND AIR SCHOOL

Roy Mitchell of Fort Rock Chosen as One of Four Men to Spend Month at Mather Field.

Roy Mitchell, forest ranger at Fort Rock, is one of four men selected from Oregon and Washington to attend the air conference to be held at Mather Field, Cal., from January 15 to February 14. Announcement of the appointment was made this morning by Supervisor Plumb of the Deschutes National forest.

The air conference has as its chief feature a training school where forest service men are given general instruction, including lessons in flying. Those completing the course will be placed in charge of air patrol bases during the summer months, where they will have direction of the correlating of forest service and air service work. As the bases are located at Medford, Eugene, Portland and Spokane, this will mean that Mr. Mitchell will probably be temporarily transferred from the Deschutes forest with the coming of the fire season.

# W. B. BARRATT NAMED NEW COMMISSIONER

SALEM, Jan. 10.—Following the action of Jay H. Dobbins in declining the appointment as state highway commissioner to succeed E. E. Kiddle, Governor Olcott has named W. B. Barratt of Morrow county, formerly mayor of Heppner, and at one time president of the Oregon Wool Growers' association, to fill the vacancy.

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