

LEGAL SQUABBLES RAGE AS ELECTION DAY DRAWS NEAR

Inclusion of Names Power Commission Candidates One Issue to Be Decided Before Vote On July 21

By CLAYTON V. BERNHARD. (Associated Press Staff Writer). SALEM, July 11.—(AP)—With but few days remaining before the special election in Oregon, legal controversies are still being waged over two issues proposed for inclusion on the ballot, campaigns on some other proposals just getting well under way, while incomplete registration figures indicate a decline over the general election of 10 per cent.

The supreme court today will hear arguments on inclusion of the names of power commission candidates for vote on July 21. The opinion of the court might also affect the referendum on the state power commission act, which under a temporary injunction will not appear on the ballots.

State Grange Presses. The state court previously refused to take jurisdiction in the mandamus proceedings brought by the state grange to compel the secretary of state to place on the ballot the names of Morton Tompkins, A. Slaughter, and Peter Zimmerman as candidates for the three commissioners under the Grange power act. A fourth candidate, John H. Lewis, has likewise filed as candidate and will be affected by the ruling.

The Grange then took the proceedings into the Marion county circuit court and obtained a temporary injunction compelling the action. The state immediately appealed to the supreme court where Attorney-General I. H. Van Winkle will argue against placing the names on the ballot.

Filed Too Soon, Claim. Van Winkle will hold that the grange power act if not referred would not have become a law until June 9, while candidates for the new power commission authorized under that act had to file before May 31, which was done. He will hold they filed for office before that office was created.

The grange power act in the meantime is in suspense and the referendum on the bill will not appear on the July 21 ballot, unless the supreme court in its opinion on the candidates issue makes a ruling on the other.

Referendum petitions on the power act itself were filed with the secretary of state which automatically suspended operation of the law. A temporary injunction was secured against a vote on the act on the charges that referendum signers were obtained fraudulently.

Remains Unsettled. Supporters of the referendum were given 60 days by the Marion county circuit court to file its bill of particulars. This would be after the election, thus throwing the issue off the ballot. Yet the referendum issue remains unsettled and the measure still not a law until final decrees are obtained.

In the meantime the secretary of state has not received registration figures from four counties in order to compile complete lists. However, it was stated by the election clerk, David O'Hara, that the decrease would be about 10 per cent under the general election. The total general election registration was 486,146.

The only slight increase noted in registrations were in Crook, Gilliam, Hood River, Klamath, Malheur and Sherman counties. The decrease in the other counties ranged from 1 to 18 per cent. The four counties still unreported are Baker, Curry, Grant and Wasco.

Wets File Candidates. In several counties where dry candidates for election to the state repeal convention were not filed, a ruling went out from the secretary of state's office that names could be written in. Wet candidates were listed completely for all the counties.

Campaigns on the repeal of the federal and state prohibition amendments were launched in earnest over the state this week while the campaign for and against the sales tax, both major issues in the election, progressed with more impetus. Advance dope gives the repealists and

MOLLISONS SET FOR ROUND TRIP OCEAN FLIGHT



Britain's noted flying couple, Capt. and Mrs. J. A. Mollison, who cracked up at Croydon, England, at the start of their projected round trip ocean flight, will try again, taking off this time at Carmarthen, Wales. They plan to fly nonstop to New York, overhaul their plane, and then strike eastward for Baghdad. They hope to make the first Britain to New York flight, the first two-way crossing of the Atlantic and break the nonstop long distance flight record. The couple, their plane and route are shown above (Associated Press Photo)

Opponents of the sales tax edge in the vote July 21.

Other issues to be voted upon, but which no apparent strenuous campaigns have been launched concerning them, include the referendum on the 4-cent oleomargarine tax; issuance of general obligation 5 per cent bonds totaling \$103,779 for a state power fund; constitutional amendment requiring two-thirds vote for municipal corporations to issue bonds other than refunding bonds; authorizing a law for prosecuting public offenses by information of district attorney instead of grand jury indictment; authorizing county manager form of government and repeal after 1938 of state bonus loans and immediate repeal of payment of cash bonuses.

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10:30—Morning Comments.
10:45—Quartettes Parade.
11:00—The Grants Pass Hour.
11:15—Martini Music.
11:30—Song and Comedy.
12:00—Color Magic.
12:15—Radio Rendezvous.
12:30—News Flash by Mail Tribune.
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12:45—Popularity.
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2:00—Dance Matinee.
3:00—Songs for Everyday.
3:30—KMED Program Review.
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4:00—Cocktail of Music.
4:30—Masterworks.
5:00—Popular Parade.
5:45—News Digest by Mail Tribune.
6:00—Medford Theater Guide.
6:15—Sports and Fishing Fishes by Al Piche.
6:20—Interlude.
6:30—Geo. Roberts, speaker for repeal 12th amendment.
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Dramatic Episode Bared in Hearing for Property Settlement — Proxy Father Learns to Love Offspring

LOS ANGELES, July 11.—(UP)—A \$500,000 court battle which unfolded a strange marital triangle brought about by the "scientific birth" of three daughters to petite, blonde Mrs. Mate Hommel was before a referee for final arbitration today.

A proaic hearing into a property settlement between the mother and her divorced second husband, Dr. Wesley K. Hommel, became a dramatic legal episode when Mrs. Hommel testified the children were born to her by "a marvelous scientific practice"—with the father a man she had never seen.

Learned to Love Children. Courtroom spectators, including the three little girls themselves, were startled further as Mrs. Hommel disclosed the domestic rift growing out of the "proxy" father's attachment for the children.

Mrs. Hommel's testimony, by which she sought a division of property from the wealthy Hollywood physician, dwelt on her life with her first husband, James Shelley of Detroit; the "scientific father," Raphael Corcoran, and finally Dr. Hommel, for whose love she gave up both.

The school girls, Jane, 15, Helen, 14, and Gail, 13, were waiting in court when Mrs. Hommel pointed to them and, in a calm voice, said they were "children of science."

"I am their mother, but I never was a wife in fact to their father," she continued. "We had no children but both my first husband, Mr. Shelley, a traveling salesman, and I wanted them."

Science Tried. A conference with their family physician, the decision of the couple to try "the marvelous scientific practice," and the selection of Corcoran by her husband, the doctor, her mother and her mother-in-law were described by Mrs. Hommel.

"Mr. Shelley gave his full consent," she said, "in fact, he told me it was adorable that I should be willing to do this for the sake of having children."

"Then we made a great mistake. We allowed Corcoran to visit our home and see the children. The first time I ever saw him was several months after the first baby was born. He was a big, strapping, attractive man. He came to our home often, and he grew to love not only the children, who were, after all his own, but me as well."

Fell in Love. "I fell in love with him it was decided it would be best for all that I should divorce Mr. Shelley and marry Corcoran."

"Then Dr. Hommel came along. He loved me, too, and at last I married him instead."

The artificial impregnation which Mrs. Hommel disclosed as the "scientific medical treatment, a number of Los Angeles physicians informed the United Press today. It is often resorted to in case of childless marriages, it was said.

The marriage of Dr. and Mrs. Hommel was unsuccessful, and resulted in a divorce. In her present suit she charged Dr. Hommel accumulated \$400,000 during their married life and also took possession of \$100,000 of her property.

By stipulation of attorneys, the case was taken out of superior court and placed before a referee to make an accounting of the properties involved. Judge Bertin Weyl will make his decision from the referee's report.

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Held In Boy's Death



Richard Ragone, 16 (below), was held in connection with the death of William Reilly, Jr., who was found beaten and stabbed to death in a park near Philadelphia. Police said Ragone confessed and later denied that he had killed the boy. (Associated Press Photo)

INDUSTRY CONTROL MAKES CONFUSION FOR BUSINESSMEN

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involved. They are of value to competitors. Thousands of others are in the same stew. They are over-running Washington; hiring lawyers; button-holing politicians; buying tips. Their excitement has doubled since recent rumors that we are headed for another collapse.

Their agitation was not calmed any by Industrial Director Johnson's statement that we would have a collapse greater than we have ever known, unless business cooperates with his movement.

Following are some thumb-nail guidelines on the backstage situation. The collapse talk is over-heated. Johnson is annoyed because certain major industries are holding out on him. Nobody here believes we will do any important taltapping in the immediate future. That means the next two months. Nobody can see beyond that.

The only chance of serious developments lies in the possibility of a real fight between business and the government over the industrial control program. We will hardly come to that. Most of the wrist-slapping now going on comes under the head of strategy.

The trend of prices should continue moderately upward. The administration privately holds they have recently gone up too fast. Therefore there may be some dips and leveling off during the next few days. The general curve will be up. Mr. Roosevelt is wedded to that theory above all others.

This conclusion does not include stock market prices. They are based now on the expectations of a further inflation. The bulls and the bears discount everything ahead of time. The next trend of their market

WOODEN BOX FOR PACKERS, CANNERS REGAINING FAVOR

Wesley Plunkett of San Francisco, organizer of the Woodworkers' Trade Promotion league, was a visitor in Medford Monday, and stated that as a result of a campaign conducted in Oregon and California during the past three months, many manufacturers, packers and canners are now shipping products in wooden boxes instead of substitutes.

"There has been an upturn in the lumber business recently," Mr. Plunkett said, "and the demand has been for building grades. There can be no real prosperity for the soft pine lumber industry unless the use of wooden boxes and crates is increased, owing to the fact that from 70 to 80 per cent of the cut is low grade lumber and unfit for any other use."

"The decrease of the use of wooden containers seriously affected all lines of business in the lumbering regions of the Pacific coast. Railroads have felt a serious loss in freight earnings due to greatly reduced shipments of lumber when the commodity represents 80 per cent of the total freight hauled on the Southern Pacific railroad."

Mr. Plunkett stated that "inroads made on the use of wooden containers is due to the use of cheaply manufactured substitutes, a large percentage of which are made from waste paper and not directly from wood, as was popularly supposed."

"Waste paper, gathered by scavengers in large cities, is made into fibre boxes by entirely automatic machines, with few workers employed. Owing to the saving in payroll at the lost cost of material used in the manufacturing, it is possible to sell the products at slightly lower cost than wooden boxes."

It was pointed out by Mr. Plunkett that the manufacturers of wooden boxes make labor operations necessary from the time the tree is felled until the finished product is loaded. He stated that 65 per cent of the

COAST ROUTE PLANES NEAR PERFECT RECORD

Another near-perfect performance record was chalked up by United Air Lines planes flying the Pacific coast route, between Seattle, Medford and San Diego in June, according to figures released today by Phil Sharp, field manager.

These figures show that the mail-passenger-cargo carriers completed 99.93 per cent of the 178,980 miles scheduled for them in the month, actually flying 178,857 miles. In addition to a large volume of passengers and express, 31,800 pounds of mail were carried on the daylight and overnight schedules.

PENDLETON ENJOYS BANKING FACILITY

PENDLETON, Ore., July 11.—(AP)—The largest banking connection ever enjoyed by Pendleton and Umatilla county became available here Monday when the United States National Bank of Portland opened the doors of its branch institution. Pendleton had been without regular banking facilities since last October.

Superintendents Meet. SALEM, July 11.—(AP)—County school superintendents for the 36 Oregon counties were in session here today with Charles A. Howard, state superintendent of public instruction. The session is the annual meeting of the County School Superintendents' association.

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probably will not develop until they see how far domestic inflation may or may not go.

Most shrewd insiders believe Mr. Roosevelt will revalue the gold content of the dollar within 90 to 90 days. That is pure speculation, but good speculation. Nobody knows for sure, not even Mr. Roosevelt.

He is playing around with the idea of a commodity index dollar but is expected to discard it. The difficulty with that step is to pick the particular commodity price you want (1890) (1923-25) or (1924). It would be even more difficult to hold the level after you selected it. The gold content of the dollar would have to be revalued every month or so.

Nearly the same effects can be reached by revaluation without respect to any particular commodity level.

That is what he probably will decide on.

The most hotly-toasty financial circles have heard rumors recently that the president might put a soft pedal on his whole scheme. The idea was that business is recovering itself and will get along better if left alone.

These rumors have been confidentially denied by every administration authority. The denials are undoubtedly authentic.

The administration economists reason this way: If you inflate business without restrictions you merely fatten the golden-egg-laying goose so much he will burst. You merely blow up the same bubble which blew up in 1929. Inflation would then be concentrated in business profits. National purchasing power would not be increased. Therefore we must have better wages and fair-trade agreements to keep our goose from getting too fat; our bubble from getting too big. It sounds sensible, and it probably is.



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