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SALOONS MUST PAY \$900 LICENSE COUNCIL IS A UNIT AGAINST MAYOR NOT A SINGLE VOTE STANDS BEHIND THE MAYOR'S VETO ON FINAL PASSAGE OF BILL

Mayor's Veto is Brief and Self-Explanatory, But the Five Councilmen Who Voted Against the Proposed Raise Change Their Minds and Also Their Votes and Go Over to the Majority--Mayor Insists on Occupation Tax as the Only Means of Wiping Out the City's Indebtedness, Interest on Which Is Now Above \$12,000 a Year.

Without a dissenting vote, the city council last evening passed an ordinance increasing the saloon licenses in the city, over the veto of the mayor, and henceforth every saloon in the city must pay an annual license of \$900 a year instead of \$600.

The unanimous passage of the ordinance over the mayor's disapproval came as a surprise, as when the ordinance passed the council the vote was nine for and five against it. The five voting against the ordinance voted in favor of it last night, some of them explaining their votes, and others not doing so. The explanation made was that when the ordinance came up they did not consider the license high enough.

Gives Reasons for Veto.
In his veto message, which is as follows, the mayor, in brief, gives his reason for vetoing the ordinance:

"I return herewith ordinance No. 1048 with my veto. I am a firm believer in strict regulation and high license as a solution of the liquor question, and I wish it distinctly understood that my veto is not based on the ground of the license being excessive, because it is not; but there are other businesses in our city which require police regulation which at the present time are exempt from taxation in the form of a license, and for this reason I hardly deem it fair and equitable to shoot the saloons full of holes, simply because they make a good target, and are vulnerable, and at the same time allow others to escape. Whenever the council determines to enact an ordinance to embrace such occupations as come within the scope of police regulations and then follow it up with another increasing saloon licenses I shall unhesitatingly affix my signature thereto, assuming, of course, such ordi-

nances are based on sound logic and equity."

Further Explains.
The mayor also took occasion to verbally give his reasons for vetoing the ordinance. The city, he asserted, was now in debt \$125,000, and was paying an interest of from \$12,000 to \$14,000 on that debt. In his annual message, he stated, that he recommended the saloon licenses be raised, and also an occupation tax be passed, to clear up this indebtedness. With the raise in the saloon licenses and an occupation tax, he estimated, that the debt could be cleared in from two to three years.

He did not veto the license ordinance, he asserted, because he was opposed to a high license for saloons. He was in favor of that, he stated, but not unless a tax was also placed on other business institutions. There were institutions, he alleged, that needed police regulation, and he believed that they should assist in paying for it, and that the saloon men alone should not be compelled to carry the burden. If an ordinance would be brought in, he said, levying a tax on these other institutions, he would sign an ordinance raising the saloon license, though it made the license \$2500 a year.

Councilman Townsend, Pemberton and Rigdon, and also Waring, stated that they could see no connection between the license ordinance and an ordinance levying a tax on other institutions.

Councilman Lafky, in a long talk, defended the occupation tax, and was taken to task by the mayor for talking on a subject which was not before the house.

According to statements made last evening in the council there will be no occupation tax ordinance introduced.

MANCHUS PREPARE FOR DESPERATE LAST STAND

Pekin, Jan. 23.—Preparations to resume the war in China were begun today following an announcement by the royal family that the imperial treasures of the palace at Mukden would be sold to raise money to finance the campaign.

Not less than \$14,000,000, it is said, could be raised by the sale, and Prince Chung has notified the dowager empress and her advisers that he can raise 5000 loyal troops.

Hundreds of Manchus are volunteering as the result of special inducements offered to recruits.

The royalists now plan to send an expedition against Nanking and the war department today presents a scene of unusual activity.

Premier Yuan Shi Kai is in hiding, and it is known that his life would be endangered should he appear in public. The younger Manchu princes are accused of plotting to kill Yuan Shi Kai.

A Bitter Fight Probable.
The action of the Manchu rulers, coupled with the almost certainty that Premier Yuan Shi Kai will resign, is taken by diplomats here to mean that another deluge of blood is to come before the final fall of the dynasty and the establishment of a republic.

It is believed certain that the Manchus have still sufficient force available to put up a desperate resistance, and there is hardly a doubt that

bloody fighting will ensue before the princes finally consent to lose their power and pensions.

It is reported here that dissension has broken out between Wu Ting Fang, minister of foreign affairs in the proclaimed republic, and Dr. Sun Yat Sen, its provisional president. Wu, it is declared urged Dr. Sun to resign his temporary presidency in favor of Yuan Shi Kai, but Dr. Sun refused. The decision of the Manchu princes, however, to fight it out is likely to heal any breaches in the republican ranks, and an immediate advance on Peking, with desperate clashes en route, is expected.

Yuan Shi Kai Quits.
London, Jan. 23.—Abandoning all hope for a settlement of Chinese differences, Premier Yuan Shi Kai, according to a cabled dispatch received today, has transferred the reins of government to the throne.

General Yin Tshan, a strong loyalist, it is reported, will succeed Yuan Shi Kai as premier.

A Straggling Fight.
[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
San Francisco, Jan. 23.—Dull care drove John Watson to attempt suicide. He leaped in front of a car. The fender tossed him beneath the hoofs of a team of runaway horses, which stopped still, and John saved Miss Gwen Morrow's life.

Will Not Break It.
Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 23.—
United States Judge Hazel today fined the Standard Oil company of New York, \$55,000 for violation of the Elkins act in accepting rebates from the New York Central and Pennsylvania railroads on shipments of oil from Olean, N. Y., to Burlington, Vermont, during the years 1904 and 1905.
The company was convicted December 6 last on an indictment containing 143 counts. Motion for a retrial was denied.

Each Wants Battleship.
Honolulu, Jan. 23.—Every foreign consul on the continent of Asia is yelling his head off for a warship in his own particular port, declare officers of the U. S. S. New Orleans from China and Yookhama.
This explanation is taken as solution of the problem as to why the authorities at Washington held the Pacific fleet here after the time of its scheduled sailing for home.

PUSHING THROUGH THE BIG DEAL
ENTIRE WILLAMETTE VALLEY DEMANDS RATIFICATION OF THE PROGRAM TO ACQUIRE THE FREE LOCKS AND CANAL AT OREGON CITY.
[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
Corvallis, Jan. 23.—Governor Oswald West, who is also chairman of the state canal board, the other members of the board being State Treasurer Kay and Secretary of State Olcott, has taken a hand personally in the free lockage question at Oregon City.
The Commercial club of Corvallis, through its president, John F. Allen, are also making an effort to loosen up the \$600,000 now lying idle in the state treasury, which is there for the express purpose to buy the old locks at Oregon City, on the agreed price, recently made by its owners, of \$450,000, instead of the original price of \$600,000.
President Allen, of the Commercial club, on January 19 sent the following message to Congressman W. C. Hawley:
"Corvallis, Or., Jan. 19, 1912.
"Hon. W. C. Hawley, House of Rep., Washington, D. C.
"An agreement reached by the U. S. engineers and locks at Oregon City for \$450,000. Col. McIndo, U. S. engineers, now on way to Washington to put matter before the board of review. Purchase will avoid long delay.
"CORVALLIS COM. CLUB.
"John F. Allen, Pres."
"Washington, D. C.
"Mr. John F. Allen,
"Pres. Com. Club, Corvallis, Or.
"Thanks for wire. Can you give me exact terms of agreement reached. I want locks where they can be built best and cheapest and quickest. Wire details, my expense.
"W. C. HAWLEY."
Mr. Allen at once, in reply to above message from Congressman Hawley, wired all the details necessary, and also wired as follows, to Senators Jonathan Bourne, Jr., and George E. Chamberlain:
"Being advised that the matter of selecting a site for a canal and locks at Oregon City is soon to come up before the board of review at Washington, I wish to advise you that the state board of canal commissioners, after thoroughly going into the matter, has recommended the purchase and enlargement of the old West Side locks. I firmly believe that this action is necessary, in order to bring about a speedy opening of the river, and therefore ask that you kindly appear before the board of review, and urge such action.
"JOHN F. ALLEN,
"Pres. Commercial Club."
Last Saturday afternoon Col. E. Hofer, editor and publisher of the Daily Capital Journal, of Salem, and W. C. Cowgill, of the Daily Republican, of Corvallis, also as representing the Commercial club and retail Merchants' association of Corvallis, were granted an audience with Governor Oswald West, in his private office in the state house.
Governor West immediately sent the following telegram to Senators Bourne and Chamberlain:
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Must Release Nurses.
Paris, Jan. 23.—The French cabinet in session here today discussing the seizure of the French merchantmen and the 29 Turkish Red Cross nurses, has agreed not to arbitrate unless the Turkish nurses are released.
French newspapers applauded Premier Poincaré's attitude in the case, and "The Matin" hints that a clash with the Italians is not improbable.

HIS PLAN TO LEASE THE LAND
U. S. Forester Henry S. Graves Says Leasing of Alaskan Coal Lands, With Adequate Royalties Is the Only Solution OF THE ALASKAN QUESTION
The Government Operation of Mines Would Lead to It Also Cutting Its Own Timber From Forest Reserves—This Would, in Turn, Lead to Its Going Into the Dressed Lumber and Other Business—Would, in Fact, Lead to Practical Socialism.
[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
San Francisco, Jan. 23.—Government leasing to private concerns of coal lands on the public domain in Alaska, with adequate royalties, seems to me more feasible than the outright government operation of Alaska coal fields, said United States Forester Henry S. Graves, who is in attendance at a conference of Sierra district forest supervisors here.
"The same thing mitigates against government operation of mines and railroads in Alaska as is urged against the government sawing and marketing of timber from its reserves—the reluctance of the people to take this radical step.
"Theoretically, it is desirable; practically it is not so feasible. The public does not seem to be ready to place the ownership and operation of these things in the hands of the federal authorities, because they believe the time is not ripe when the government stewards can operate as efficiently as private concerns.
"For instance, if the government sawed its own timber in its reserves, where would we stop? Would we be content to get the timber out to market, or would we be virtually compelled to finish it, and see that it got to the customer, rather than to the retailer? That would result in public operation of all business if the scheme were carried to a logical conclusion. The public does not seem ready as yet to take that step."
Forester Graves believes that the law applying to permits for the use of government land by water power combinations should be changed so that these permits could be given for a limited term of 40 or 50 years, instead of being as at present revocable at any time. He believes that this would attract a great deal more capital to the slopes of the Sierras, and would do much to help solve the water problem in California. He probably will suggest such legislation in the near future.

Must Face Trial.
[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
Detroit, Jan. 23.—United States Judge Angell today denied the motion of the Colwell Lead company, defendant in the bath tub trust case, to quash the indictments against the corporation.
The trial will begin January 30.
Took His Degree and—
[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
San Francisco, Jan. 23.—"I'm a graduate of Harvard and took my degree," said Nat Woodbourne to Judge Sullivan. "Don't doubt it a bit," answered the court. "You'd take anything that was not nailed down. Six months."

SINGLE TAXERS WIN GREAT VICTORY
THE SUPREME COURT SUSTAINS IT
COUNTIES MAY LEGISLATE
CLACKAMAS COUNTY TO VOTE
ON SINGLE TAX QUESTION
Justice Bean Wrote Opinion, Justice McBride Especially Concurs, While Justice Burnett Renders a Strong Dissenting Opinion—Also Decides Jackson County Case, Holding That Counties Have No Power to Issue Bonds or Borrow Money for Any Purpose—Bonding of Jackson County Would Be Illegal.
Single tax advocates in the state won a sweeping victory today when the supreme court in an opinion rendered this afternoon granted the writ of mandamus prayed for by C. Schubel, of Oregon city, to compel Secretary of State Olcott to place on the ballot at the next general election the title of a single tax law for Clackamas county.
The opinion is written by Justice Bean and is voluminous. Justice McBride especially concurs, and Justice Burnett renders a strong dissenting opinion.
Counties Have Power.
The question involved was whether under the recent tax amendment to the constitution the counties had power to legislate. The single tax people in Clackamas county presented to Secretary of State Olcott a petition asking him to place on the ballot at the next general election a single tax measure for Clackamas county. Olcott demurred on the ground that the constitution did not vest the counties of the state with power to legislate, maintaining further legislation on the subject to be necessary. The supreme court holds against this contention, and in favor of Schubel.
Bond Case Reversed.
The supreme court reversed the circuit court of Jackson county in the case of Andrews vs. the county court of Jackson county. At the last

ROUTINE BUSINESS OF COUNCIL
If an ordinance prepared by Dr. Miles, city health officer, and which was introduced last evening at the council, passes that body it will mean that all milk sold in the city will have to undergo a rigid inspection.
Dr. Miles was assisted in preparing the ordinance by Dr. Clements, who also talked at length upon it before the council. Basing his assertions on inspections made by himself of milk provided people in the city, he stated that it was generally of an inferior quality. After it had been discussed at length, it was referred to the health and police committee for consideration.
Two Other Ordinances.
Two other important ordinances were also introduced and referred to committee—an ordinance creating the office of city physician, and an ordinance decreasing the price of gas. The reduction is made to \$1.61. Both these ordinances will come up for passage at the next meeting of the council.
An ordinance granting the Oregon & California Railroad company a spur on Third street between blocks 71 and 72 was referred to the ordinance committee.
The rest houses in Marion square, it was reported, was completed, and the city recorder was ordered to draw a warrant paying the contractor for his labor in connection with them.
Routine Business.
Plans and specifications for the construction of a lateral sewer in sewer district No. 16 were adopted. Plans and specifications for a lateral sewer in sewer district No. 17 were referred to the sewer committee. Plans and specifications for lateral sewers in sewer districts Nos. 18, 19 and 20 were adopted.
A request by the Portland Railway, Light & Power company for the payment of its bill for cluster lights in the city was referred to the committee on lights.
Captain Abrams appeared before the council with relation to charges brought against Company M, that it was paying but \$20 for the rent of the hall, and that it was using streamer lights, which run the light bill of the city up to more than the rent.
He stated that he found that streamer lights had been put up, but stated that it was without his knowledge. The company, he stated, depended on gas for illumination, and paid for it.
He assured the council that no more dances would be held in the armory, and also that a floor which had been put down for dancing purposes would be taken up.

WANTS NOMINATION ON A SILVER PLATTER
[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
Chicago, Jan. 23.—Despite Colonel Theodore Roosevelt's attitude regarding the Republican presidential nuddle, headquarters of the Roosevelt national committee opened here today in the Congress hotel. As former United States Attorney Shus, a Roosevelt appointee, is in charge of the committee, politicians here believe that a statement will be forthcoming soon from Roosevelt to the effect that he will accept the nomination, providing the delegates to the convention tender it to him on the first ballot.

general election the people passed an amendment that no county should create a debt in excess of \$5,000, save for emergencies or for road building. Jackson county voted a sum not to exceed one million for road work, and suit was enjoined to restrain the county court from declaring the result of the election.
In an opinion by Justice Burnett, reversing the circuit court in a Jackson county case, it was held that as a negative, restraining power against incurring indebtedness the amended section of the constitution in self-executing; that the powers of the county court are the same as they were before the amendment only the form of the restriction upon indebtedness being changed, and that although the legislative power of the state had provided the method of voting on the election of officers and upon direct legislative measures, it has never established any plan for voting on county indebtedness in the absence of which there was no authority for holding the election in question and it would not validate the proposed indebtedness, the amendment being in that respect not self-executing. The court further held that county orders or warrants are the only form in which county indebtedness may be evidenced under the present state of legislation and that counties have as yet no power to borrow money or issue bonds.

BOY LOST IN THE HILLS GOES CRAZY AND DROWNS
LaGrande, Or., Jan. 23.—Tracked for miles through the deep snows of the mountains, where he had walked, rolled and crawled in delirium, the body of Roy Crandell, of LaGrande, was found in Five Point creek by a party of searchers last night and brought here today. An autopsy indicates that Crandell drowned.
He had been lost three days. He left here Saturday to look at some traps he had set, and apparently lost his bearings.
His tracks showed he had become mad after the first day and night in the wilds. In some places he had attempted to climb steep cliffs when other passages existed. The last three miles of the trail showed where he had rolled and crawled on his hands and knees until, thoroughly exhausted, he fell into the stream.

YURANN SAYS TEDDY WILL ACCEPT NOMINATION
[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
New York, Jan. 23.—The first statement that Colonel Roosevelt will run again for the presidency, was made here today by James Yurann, a well known politician of Blue Rapids, Kan., who visited Roosevelt in his office at the Outlook today. After he emerged Yurann detailed the conversation.
In greeting the former president, Yurann declared he said:
"All Kansas wants you to run again, Colonel, and I came all the way from that state to convince you. I know that you cannot afford to seek the nomination."
"I am not a candidate," Roosevelt replied, "and I am not seeking the nomination. I won't ask anyone for it."
"Well, Colonel," Yurann says he responded, "you know that you told your friends in Kansas and the West that while you were not seeking the nomination, you were a patriot and would serve your country when needed."
"Most assuredly I will," is what Yurann says Roosevelt replied. "That means," said Yurann, "that Colonel Roosevelt is going to run again. He cannot refuse the demand that is growing for him in every section of the country."

GOULD LINES WILL ENTER LOS ANGELES
Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 23.—That the Gould lines will enter Southern California within the next few years is the prediction of J. M. Johnson, vice-president in charge of traffic on the Missouri Pacific system, who is in Los Angeles today.
"It is not reasonable to suppose," Johnson said, "that with our lines extending eastward to Buffalo and westward to within 650 miles of Los Angeles, that we will not eventually enter this city. The field demands it, and that is our present intention."
NO "ANIMAL" DINNER FOR THE UNFORTUNATES
Terre Haute, Ind., Jan. 23.—Poisoned, William McVey, his wife and their five months' old child, were found dead in their homes here today. The family was destitute and it is believed that the parents poisoned the child and then ended their own lives.
The Alarm Woke Him.
San Francisco, Jan. 23.—Police-man Burke, leaning against a telegraph pole, came out of his reverie with a start. An alarm was going off in Tom McGowan's suite. Burke wanted to see the clock. It proved to be a stolen burglar alarm.