

LETTER FROM MAYOR BRINGS WARM REPLY

Governor Says Duties Not So Important as to Ignore Appeal of Suffering.

FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

Letter to Stayton Officials Merely a Reminder That Complaints Had Been Received Here.

Some time ago Governor West called the attention of the constable, the mayor and city council at Stayton to complaints that had been received by his office of violations of the closing laws...

Your letter of recent date to the mayor and common council of the city of Stayton, Oregon, has been received, and the council has instructed me to reply to the same.

In reply will state that from your letter it appears that conditions have been reported to us as being very bad, but, while it is quite possible that there may have been some minor violations of law, such as will be found in any village or city in the state, it is the opinion of the council that the morals of the people of Stayton and vicinity, upon investigation, will prove to compare favorably with those of any section or city in the state.

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In closing will state that, while we do not believe that conditions here are such as to even suggest the necessity or propriety of diverting the time and attention of our chief executive from the more important matters of business of the state at large, we assure you that you will receive our hearty co-operation in carrying out any suggestions you make which will tend toward civic improvement.

Governor West today addressed the following letter to Mayor Beauchamp:

This is to acknowledge receipt of yours of the 8th, inst., in reference to conditions in Stayton, and to say that there was nothing in my communication which could be construed as reflecting upon the morals of the good citizens of your city, but merely as a reminder that the good people of Stayton had called the attention of this office to the fact that local officials, who were charged with the enforcement of the law, were not performing their sworn duty.

I note that you assume that the communication recently sent you was not done under my direction. Please be advised that the said letter was dictated by me, and sent under my direction, and I wish to assume the entire responsibility. My purpose in sending you the said communication was to bring the matter to the attention of your honorable council and yourself, in order that you might be given every opportunity to bring about an enforcement of the law.

As to the closing paragraph of your letter, I wish to say that there are no matters connected with this office so important as to cause us to refuse the appeal of some broken-hearted, destitute and suffering wife or mother, should she come to us for aid or protection, when her condition is the result of the failure of some public official charged with the enforcement of the law to perform his sworn duty.

Substation Burned.

Oroville, Cal., May 12.—The Pacific Gas and Electric company substation here was destroyed by fire early today, the loss being about \$10,000. Employees of the local station did not observe the strike order. The origin of the fire is not known.

Odd Fellows Gather.

Los Angeles, Cal., May 12.—Nearly 1000 delegates of grand lodge, I. O. O. F., of California, are here today for the convention which will open tomorrow and continue until Saturday.

INVOLVE REFERENDUM FOR PRIVATE GAIN

Casualty Companies and Ambulance-Chasing Lawyers Behind It Says Commissioner Babcock.

C. D. Babcock, member of the State Industrial Accident Commission, discussing the future of workmen's compensation in Oregon and the report that the bill passed at the last session of the legislature may be referred, said today:

I have just learned that petitions to refer the workmen's compensation act are on the streets in Portland. There is no doubt whatever that this movement is being financed by the agents of the casualty companies, and by a few ambulance-chasing lawyers. Of course, they are keeping in the dark, and strenuously deny that they are connected with the movement, but those who have investigated the matter know better.

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If the workmen's compensation act is referred, there is little doubt that at the first opportunity there will be initiated a bill providing for a comprehensive system of state insurance. Also it is not improbable that the compensation act will be made compulsory, and the writing of liability insurance in this state by private corporations will be absolutely prohibited, as has been done in Ohio.

Salem Heights. There will be a meeting at Salem Heights hall Wednesday night at 8 o'clock. H. E. Marshall will preach. Everybody come to hear him.

LEGISLATURE WILL ADJOURN TOMORROW

All Ready to Quit Now, But Must Wait Until All Bills Are Enacted.

State Capitol, Sacramento, Cal., May 12.—With enough work before it to keep the legislators busy until mid-night, the California legislature convened soon after 11 o'clock today for the final day of the fortieth session.

At noon, the hour set for adjournment, the clocks in the senate and assembly chambers were stopped.

State Printer Richardson predicted that it would take 15 hours to enroll the final list of bills passed, and since there must be a legislative organization at the capital until this technicality is completed, it probably will be early tomorrow before formal adjournment is taken.

NATIONAL BANKS MAY LEND TO FARMERS

Believed One of the Features of Proposed New Currency Law Will Permit This.

MAY LEND ON MORTGAGE

This Is Forbidden Now and Would Be Beneficial to Both the Banks and Farmers.

Washington, May 12.—Establishment of 15 "regional reserve" associations, as substitutes for the Aldrich central bank plan is the keynote of the administration's proposed new currency bill, it was learned here today.

The administration's experts favor the selection of 15 cities by the controller of the currency, each with a reserve association to be governed by a board of nine members, three to be selected by the president, three by the bankers of the district, and one each by the secretary of agriculture and of the treasury and the attorney-general.

IF STORY IS TRUE WRONG MAN ARRESTED

The police are trying to put the soft pedal on a rough house which started on the corner of State and Liberty streets last Saturday night between Joe Yates, a local barber, and Ade Whorley. It seems, according to Yates' story, Whorley insulted Yates' wife, and the latter went out to heal his wounded dignity Saturday evening.

Pleads Not Guilty.

Los Angeles, Cal., May 12.—After Judge Willis had overruled her demurrer to indictments charging her with contributing to the delinquency of two girls, Mrs. Joesie Rosenberg, former proprietress of the Jonsquil apartments here, pleaded not guilty today to the charge. The date of her trial will be set May 22.

Go to Los Angeles.

Los Angeles, Cal., May 12.—Johnny Goodwin, second baseman of the University of California baseball club, was signed today by Manager Dillon, of the Los Angeles Consters. Goodwin, who will report late this week will be used for utility infield duty.

RECALL ORDINANCE COMES UP TONIGHT

According to the arrangements made at the last meeting of the city council the matter of bringing up the recall ordinance for action tonight will be in order. The recall law has been held to be not self-active, and until some provision is made by ordinance by which it is made effective, it cannot be used.

A Two Weeks' Session.

Seattle, Wash., May 12.—With 30 delegates present, the 17th annual international convention of the Seamen's Union met here today for a two-weeks' session.

MEXICAN HAS BEENS DO UP THE SHARPERS

Couple of Smooth Ones Done Up by the Guileless, Innocent and Unsophisticated Greaser.

San Diego, Cal., May 12.—How C. J. Adams and John McCormick, reputed San Francisco gambling men, were buncoed by a gang of sharpers at Tiajuana, Lower California, across the line from here, is known to local police today, following an interview between the men and Chief of Police Wilson.

They were on the trail of a concession which would permit boxing matches, bull fights, gambling in Tiajuana, and were the accredited agents of a San Francisco aggregation. Adams remained here with the "roll" of \$5000.

McCormick returned here and reported to Adams that he had the concession all but "cinched." He went to Tiajuana next day to close the deal, but, alas, Vega reported there had been a "political revolution" over night, and there was a new "governor," who, too, would appreciate a little entertainment.

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ARIZONA LEGISLATURE TO ADJOURN TOMORROW

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Tulsa, Okla., May 12.—Five persons, possibly more, were killed today by a great electrical and wind storm which swept the Tulsa oil district. Many oil tanks and wells were set on fire and a number of power plants were badly damaged.

Fire in School Building.

San Francisco, May 12.—The lives of 200 school children were jeopardized here today by a fire which threatened to destroy the Harrison primary school. Mrs. Marian Foran, the principal, quietly notified the teachers of the danger, and the children were marched out in safety. The blaze was confined to the roof.

Weather Forecast.

Oregon—Showers tonight or Tuesday. Westerly winds.

PRESIDENT IS NOT WORRYING OVER IT

Says the California Anti-Alien Land Law Matter Will Soon Be Settled.

MAY PUBLISH PROTEST

The President is Also Confident the Tariff Bill Will Pass Senate in Its Present Form.

WILL START WEEKLY PAPER IN PORTLAND

State Printing Expert Harris Will Soon Resign and Will Take Up Newspaper Work.

State Printing Expert R. A. Harris recently announced his intention of resigning his position, and this will be done soon. It is learned from reliable sources that Mr. Harris will soon begin the publication of a weekly paper in Portland, the first number of which is expected to be issued about July 3.

The president expects to encounter little difficulty in reconciling everyone connected with the California land question. He said the clause in the Webb bill which states that its provisions shall not be construed as violating existing treaties, indicated the intent of the former to obviate trouble.

It is understood that John Bassett Moore, counsellor for the state department, has declared the bill as ambiguous and contradictory in certain sections. The president refuses to decide the question of whether the Japanese are eligible to naturalization. He does not think there is any danger of the controversy reaching a point where it cannot be settled by diplomacy.

The president's attitude on the tariff bill is still unchanged. He discredits that the Democratic anti-free wool and sugar element has combined with Republican senators to force elimination of these sections.

Clears O'Hara.

Chicago, May 12.—Corroboration of Lieutenant-Governor Barrett O'Hara's story of his relations with Mrs. Maude Robinson, which were brought into the public eye in an endeavor to discredit O'Hara by business men hit by the state vice investigation committee which he headed, was given here today before a senate investigating committee by State Treasurer O'Connell, of Springfield. O'Connell O. K.'d O'Hara's story of the plot to discredit him.

Annual Conference Brought to a Close

Ordination Service Is Held and Bishop Sprong Preaches Two Sermons During Day.

The annual conference of the Evangelical association, which includes western Washington and Oregon, came to a close at the German Evangelical church Sunday. Bishop F. P. Sprong, of Napperville, Ill., preached the ordination sermon at 10:30 a. m., and ordination service was held at 2:30 in the afternoon.

Lightning Kills Five.

Tulsa, Okla., May 12.—At Collinsville, near here, five pipe line builders were killed when lightning struck a vehicle in which they were going to the oil fields.

CHARLEY UNDERWOOD KILLED IN JOY RIDE

Car Going 40 or 50 Miles an Hour Crashes Into Car Loaded With Lumber.

DEATH IS INSTANTANEOUS

Vance Clymer, Who Was Driving the Car Badly Bruised and in Hospital But Will Recover.

With Joseph Charley Underwood, generally known as Charley, the youngest son of Joe Underwood, the well-known West Salem transfer man, laying cold in death, with his head horribly mutilated and crushed, and Vance Clymer, a workman in the Boedigheim stables, at the corner of Ferry and Liberty streets, swathed in bandages and suffering from many painful gashes about the face and body, and a broken wrist, the tale is told of two young men taking possession of an auto without permission and racing through the streets to their destruction.

The accident occurred at the intersection of Ferry and High streets about 1:30 Sunday morning. The auto in which the young men were riding collided with a lumber-laden flat car standing at the station of the Oregon Electric, and the result was Underwood was hurled with frightful force against the lumber-laden car, while Clymer, who was operating the machine, was jammed against the steering wheel with such force as to break his front teeth, and inflict many other injuries.

Disobeyed Orders. The car, which is a large White touring machine, was taken from the garage not 40 minutes prior to the accident by Clymer and Underwood without the permission of the owner. Clymer had been told to leave the car alone, and he promised to do so at that time.

Where the two had been with the auto is unknown, but, according to Mr. Paul Marnach, Mr. Morrison, a brakeman on the Oregon Electric, and Officer Matlock, the first intimation they had that an accident had occurred was when they heard an auto coming west on Ferry street at great speed, and immediately after heard a loud crash in the vicinity of Ferry and High streets.

An Oregon Electric freight had just pulled into the station on High street, and had not as yet cleared Ferry street with a loaded flat car. Either he could not stop the machine, or lost control of it, Clymer has not been able to tell, other than to say he was driving too fast but the fact that they had no lights is probably the cause of the accident. The auto raced right into the side of the car loaded with lumber. Underwood, who was sitting in the seat opposite Clymer, was hurled from the machine headforemost into the car of lumber. He fell back on the pavement, where he died five minutes later. Clymer, when found, was hanging over the steering wheel in an unconscious state. His teeth were broken out, one eye covered by skin which had been torn loose and his wrist was hanging limply by his side.

Mr. Marnach lifted Underwood out of the water and grease and laid him on a cushion, and medical assistance was phoned for as quickly as possible. The boy did not realize what struck him, however, as upon examination it was found that his forehead was crushed flat and his right leg splintered. With the exception of emitting a few weak gasps, Underwood showed no signs of life.

Clymer Gritty. Clymer, after being taken from the automobile by Paul Marnach and Officer Matlock, revived. He had great desire to get on his feet, and in spite of being requested to lie still, he raised himself on his broken wrist and stood up. He then walked up to the Oregon Electric depot with Mr. Marnach, where he waited for a taxicab to take him to the hospital. Clymer complained of much pain in his abdomen, but internal injuries have not developed yet, according to the hospital authorities, and, as far as can be ascertained, he will recover.

Joe Underwood, the father of the dead boy, stated yesterday that he has repeatedly warned his son to remain away from Clymer and others, who, he says, have been continually getting his boy into trouble. Mr. Underwood states that he told Charley never to take out a car unless given permission, and, in spite of this warning, the lad went out in a stolen car.

Operated Car First Time.

According to Clymer's friends, this

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