

"Hew to the Line, Let the Chips Fall Where they May."

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CITY CAN TAKE OVER WATER PLANT NOW

WINS VICTORY IN THE SUPREME COURT—PROPERTY OWNERS PROTEST TO MAINS.

That the city of Olympia has the right now to take possession of the Olympia waterworks under the \$88,500 verdict recently awarded in the condemnation proceedings, even though the company may appeal from that verdict, but that the company's notice of appeal is not ineffectual and that the company does not have to give the city an accounting of its receipts since the verdict, were the chief points of the decision given by the state supreme court Wednesday, denying the company's application for a writ of prohibition to prevent the city from acquiring the property before its proposed appeal of the case is decided.

The verdict is taken as a distinct victory for the city. There is some confusion, however, over one point involved, the supreme court, having the general condemnation statute in mind, holding that the company's notice of appeal was not ineffectual, whereas the city's contention on this point was based on a special condemnation statute which, City Attorney Bigelow thinks, would have brought a decision in the city's favor on this point, too, had it been considered by the court. Consequently the city attorney may file with the supreme court before next Monday a motion for re-hearing on that point.

With reference to the company's accounting for receipts, the court held that that portion of the superior court decision should be stricken, ruling that the company need not furnish these figures.

Aside from the fact that the city will proceed immediately to purchase the necessary pipe for the new water mains that must be laid in the Maple Park and South Main street districts, City Attorney Bigelow and the other officials have not yet determined what the city will do with reference to the plant, though in all probability it will take possession as soon as the supreme court passes upon the suit brought by G. H. Uhler on behalf of John E. Price & Co., bidders, on the validity of the bonds.

Protests to assessing abutting property in the Maple Park and South Main street districts for the cost of the new mains and connections were lodged with the city council Wednesday night by Attorney P. M. Troy, representing 42 property owners, including himself, on the grounds that the city would be charging them expenses from which other districts would be exempt. To this the mayor replied that "the entire plant will be in junk in 15 years with the exception of the iron pipe that is down" and that by that time "everybody would be in the same boat." "All it will cost," he added, "will be \$10 a lot. In the past we have paid this same expense in the guise of connections. We are simply calling things by their right names and playing the game above board."

The council placed the protests on file and unanimously passed three ordinances providing for installing new mains in the Maple park, South Main and Seventeenth street paving projects, now under way. The council passed an ordinance last week for paving Nineteenth and Twentieth streets, in which the water mains were included along with sewers and sidewalks, all to be charged against the property.

To Test Horticultural Code.

Hearings will be held by the county commissioners on the afternoon of July 6 on the protests to the new horticultural code filed with the board this week by Attorney P. M. Troy, representing Mrs. M. E. Kinney and J. A. Windsor, in which they also ask for \$500 damages. The new code gives the state authority to spray infected trees where the owners refuse or neglect to do so, and directs the county to pay the bill and assess the costs against the property. Sixty-three dollars' worth of labor and material, together with the sheriff's and auditor's costs, were assessed against the Kinney property and \$14.15 against Windsor's holdings. Instead of benefiting the property, the land has been damaged to the extent of \$500, the protestants allege.

HAVE "BIG TIME" AT PARK.

City's Big Playground at Priest Point Formally Opened This Week.

Fifteen hundred men, women and children of Olympia, it is estimated, joined in the big play day and picnic at Priest Point park Wednesday, on the occasion of the formal opening of the city's playground under the auspices of the city park board. Grocery and meat stores of the city were closed for the afternoon and as many residents of the city as could, participated in the celebration.

No set program was followed, the youngsters enjoying themselves in the afternoon, the elders joining with them in picnic dinner in the evening, and young and old participating in the dance at the chalet in the evening, after the two hours' concert by the Elks' band. Members of the park commission called the affair a great success.

LISTER DECIDES NOT TO RUN FOR SENATOR

IF GOVERNOR ENTERS THE NEXT CAMPAIGN, IT WILL BE TO SEEK RE-ELECTION.

The United States senatorship will not be the goal to be sought by Governor Ernest Lister in next year's campaign, he has announced to intimate political friends. He will either be a candidate for re-election or not at all.

Since the entry of Representative W. E. Humphrey and Senator Miles Poindexter into a bitter contest for the Republican senatorial nomination, the promise of a resultant split in Republican ranks, whichever might be nominated, has led to considerable talk of Governor Lister as a senatorial candidate. One story which has gone the rounds has been that the Democratic ticket might be headed by Lister for senator and former State Senator David S. Troy of Jefferson county for governor.

Governor Lister's decision has been reached, however, to keep out of the senatorial fight. It is by no means certain that he will be a candidate for re-election, but if he seeks any office at all it will be the governorship. Significant statements made by him in recent addresses lead to the general belief, too, that, in case he enters the gubernatorial campaign he will make his fight on the "dry" side of the prohibition issue.

Democrats throughout the state have urged the governor strongly to stand for re-election, in the belief that he could carry the state, while no other Democrat might have the chance. The state administration to date has been thoroughly a Lister administration, these men urge, and no one but Lister could carry through the fight which he has started. Early last winter, Lister was not figured as a candidate to succeed himself, but since that time there has been strong pressure upon him to convince him that he is the strongest Democrat that could be named and to get him into the fight.

The failure thus far to develop a strong candidate for the governorship is regarded as responsible for the governor's determination to eschew any possible ambition for the senatorship and to enter the gubernatorial fight if he gets into the campaign at all.

Thomas McKee Now U. S. Citizen.

After a perfunctory examination by Superior Judge Mitchell Monday, Thomas M. McKee, assistant postmaster at Little Rock, was granted his citizenship papers. He had been born in Canada but was reared in Michigan, serving in a Michigan regiment during the Spanish-American war and being honorably discharged, and had voted for many years, believing himself entitled to citizenship because his father had been naturalized. When it came to proving that his father had been naturalized, however, McKee was unable to produce the papers and, as all government employees are required to be citizens, he immediately took out his own naturalization papers.

The purchase of American securities is continuing, according to the financial editor of the Paris Temps, through agency banks which are charged with assuring means of paying outside of the exchange market on behalf of the government.

LANSING SUCCEEDS BRYAN

Temporary Appointment Made Permanent—Choice Popular.

Robert Lansing, who as counselor of the state department has advised President Wilson in law and precedent in the policy pursued by the United States toward belligerent governments since the outbreak of the European war and who has been acting secretary of state since the resignation of William Jennings Bryan, June 8, this week was named secretary of state. The official announcement was made Wednesday evening and confirmed rumors that had been in circulation for several days.

Few appointments in recent years have given such widespread satisfaction in the national capital. Mr. Lansing is a lifelong Democrat, but he has devoted his time to international law and diplomacy and is as popular with former Republican officials as with his political colleagues. Cabinet members were unanimous in recommendation for his appointment.

A commission was prepared, which President Wilson signed before going to Cornish, N. H., for a short vacation, giving Mr. Lansing a recess appointment. When congress convenes the nomination will go to the senate. No opposition to his confirmation is anticipated.

TO HONOR LIBERTY BELL

Olympians Plan Elaborate Reception for Nation's Historic Relic.

Plans for the reception to be given the famous Liberty Bell when it visits Olympia for four hours on the evening of Wednesday, July 14, were formed at a meeting of local officials Tuesday evening, and include addresses by Mayor George A. Mottman, Governor Lister and Mayor Blankenburg of Philadelphia, who is leading the escort of 50 Philadelphians accompanying the bell, patriotic songs by school children and a concert by the local band.

Mayor Mottman and City School Superintendent C. E. Beach were named as a committee to arrange the speaking program and the mayor expects to invite officials of nearby cities to join in the local celebration, while the Chamber of Commerce will invite various commercial organizations. Mr. Beach and County Superintendent L. A. Kibbe will distribute notices of the event widely throughout the school districts of Thurston, Mason, Lewis and Chehalis counties, with the idea of getting as big a representation of school children as possible.

Messrs. George Talcott, Joseph Forstell and Charles Hord of the city council will act as committee on decorations; Messrs. Beach, Kibbe and Fred W. Stocking as committee on printing, while Secretary H. L. Whitling of the Chamber will have charge of the publicity. Local officials propose to make the visit of the Bell an important event, as this is its last stop in the state on its way to the San Francisco exposition. It will be here from 6 to 10 o'clock in the evening.

County Auditors Here Next Week.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week the auditors of the various counties of the state will meet in annual convention in this city, the business sessions to be held in the Chamber of Commerce headquarters. Various social stunts are being arranged for their entertainment, and chief among these diversions is to be a goetuck "feed" at the Elks' club Monday night. Tuesday afternoon the visitors will be taken on a launch party down the bay to Hunter's point and Wednesday they will be entertained with an automobile ride around the city. Arrangements for the convention are being made by Miss Annie Gaston, county auditor.

Business Directory of City.

Three hundred copies of a business directory of the city, listing every firm allied with it in its work, were issued this week by the Olympia Chamber of Commerce, through its trade extension committee. The various concerns included in it are listed according to their business and the goods they handle, so that each may be referred to easily and handily.

CHOOSE SITE FOR FAIR

Grange Selects October 14-15-16 as Dates for Thurston County Show.

With the dates for the Thurston County Fair set for October 14, 15 and 16, the executive committee of the Thurston County Pomona Grange, in charge of the arrangements for the exhibit, will meet in this city next Saturday to choose the location for the agricultural exposition and to determine other matters connected with it. Several sites are under discussion.

Because the county teachers' institute and the boys and girls' agricultural and industrial contest are scheduled for the week of October 14-15-16, the executive committee, at a meeting the latter part of last week with County Agent O. C. Van Houten and County Superintendent-elect O. C. Goss, decided upon those dates. They propose to make the boys and girls' contest one of the big features of the fair.

Premium lists, with prizes for agricultural displays particularly and exhibits of a special nature picturing various features of farm work in this county, are now being prepared by a special committee and will be further considered at Saturday's meeting. Members of the committee who attended last week's meeting were Pomona Master H. P. Briggs, Pomona Secretary L. L. Snow, State Secretary Fred W. Lewis, and Messrs. N. C. Christensen and D. M. Kagy.

WEISS SLAYER CAUGHT?

Young Miner Held in Tacoma May Be Connected With Murder.

Arrested in Tacoma while attempting to pawn a watch later identified as having belonged to John Rainey, who was murdered at Wilkeson last Saturday night, Peter Parisch, a 22-year-old miner, may also be connected with the murder of Fred Weiss, the local tailor, three weeks ago, as the shoes Parisch wore when arrested have been identified by a local cobbler, Max Diesen, as having been worn by Weiss, whose shoes were missing at the time the body was found. Parisch's brother Roy is also under arrest. Both are held by the Tacoma police for "investigation," but reports from Tacoma Thursday were to the effect that both would likely be released as having had no connection with the Wilkeson murder.

Sheriff Fred W. McCorkle went to Tacoma Thursday to consult the city and Pierce county officials about Parisch's arrest and to question the prisoner. Upon being notified of the young miner's arrest, Chief of Police Hall went to Tacoma and brought back the shoes Parisch wore and, after investigation locally Wednesday is convinced that they belonged to Weiss. Diesen identified them as shoes Weiss usually wore when he made the trip over the trail from Gate to Bordeaux.

The arrest of Parisch came when the local authorities, with the assistance of a Burns Detective Agency man, had run down several clues and been unable to develop any promising trace of Weiss' slayer. The reward for the capture of the murderer was raised to \$1,600 this week, when the local lodge of Odd Fellows, of which Weiss was a member, posted \$500 reward, and the Foresters of America added \$100 more.

Saturday Now Date for Crescent Opening.

Following a conference in Tacoma Wednesday night between J. C. Slater and the Tacoma stockholders' committee, it was announced that \$1,200 had been collected toward the \$3,000 Slater desired to raise before resuming work on the Crescent well, that this sum would be used for paying the most pressing bills and that Perry Malone, the head driller now in Los Angeles, had been telegraphed for and should arrive at the well in time to resume work Saturday. The Tacoma committee held a meeting in this city Monday night, attended by some 15 or 20 persons, and with the aid of a local committee canvassed local stockholders Tuesday and Wednesday, raising some \$150 to \$200.

Sales of lead have been made at 7½ cents a pound. Never before did the metal sell so high, not even during the Civil War, when it got up to 7 cents a pound.

TEST 66 COWS—ALL GOOD.

Thurston County Dairy Herds Free From Tuberculosis, Say Inspectors.

Veterinarians in the state department of agriculture have commenced the giving of tuberculin tests to dairy cattle under the new law which allows state compensation to owners of condemned animals. Three veterinarians have been assigned to this work.

Although 66 dairy cows in this county were given tuberculin tests under this law during the last week, all proved perfectly healthy and no claims against the compensation fund of \$25,000 have yet been necessary. One of the veterinarians, Guy F. Overhulse, will continue work in this county, while the other two will carry on tests in other parts of the state.

STEEL ORDERS SHOW SHIPBUILDING BOOM

FIRST REAL STEP TOWARD AN AMERICAN MERCHANT MARINE IS UNDER WAY.

NEW YORK, June 25.—Orders with the leading steel companies for steel plates from shipbuilding companies are reported as more than double the orders at any previous period. The orders are chiefly from shipyards in the United States although a fair proportion is from builders in Canada.

Inasmuch as all the steamships turned out in American shipyards are to fly the American flag, it is apparent that the building of a great American merchant marine is at last under way, the first real step in such a direction since the Civil War.

Acquisition previous to the war of the Fore River Shipbuilding company by the Bethlehem Steel company was the first important move by the larger interests of the country in several years in the direction of the rebuilding of the American shipbuilding industry. Admission now by officials of the Cramp Ship & Engine Building company that the latter concern is negotiating for the turning over of its plant—the largest in the country—to leading interests, is accepted by the steel trade as a further indication that the shipbuilding industry of America is to be placed on a firm financial foundation, and is to be so organized as to be placed in position to compete with the great shipbuilding enterprises of European nations.

Shipbuilders here believe that the scarcity of skilled workers in Europe at the end of the war will be so great that the shipyards of the United Kingdom and the continent will have to pay much higher wages than ever before to their men. So far as the price of raw materials is concerned, there is already presented the unprecedented situation of the shipyards of England paying much higher prices for their materials than the shipyards of the United States. This is due to higher costs of transportation, the proclamation by Germany placing iron on the contraband list and thereby shutting off great quantities of iron and steel from Sweden, and the fact that steel plants throughout England are so choked up with ammunition rush orders.

Predictions that more shipyards would have to be built in this country to accommodate the growing demand for tonnage are already seeing fulfillment. Announcement by Edward W. Hyde, former president of the Bath Iron Works of Bath, Me., that he and his associates will establish a shipbuilding plant at Mobile, Ala., to be ready in a year, has been made and similar announcements are looked for shortly.

As encouragement to ship owners to have their ships under the American flag, leading maritime associations are once again using their efforts to effect legislation so that when peace in Europe is restored and competition among ship lines becomes keener, imports into the United States in foreign bottoms must pay a higher customs duty than goods that come in American bottoms. Those advancing such legislation maintain it would prove of much greater value in promoting American shipbuilding than would subsidies against which there has always been vigorous protest.

WILL PROCEED WITH MAIN STREET PAVING

CITY PROPOSES TO COMPLETE WORK AND THEN DEAL WITH STREET CAR TRACKS.

Regardless of the refusal of the Olympia Light & Power company to remove the dirt between its tracks in the South Main paving district and lower the tracks to the new grade, the city of Olympia will proceed with the paving of the balance of the street as soon as new water mains can be laid, according to statements made by Mayor George A. Mottman and City Attorney George R. Bigelow this week and, leaving the street car tracks "high and dry" in the middle of the street, will then proceed to deal with the company by declaring the tracks a public nuisance and ordering them out of the street.

This is the decision reached by the city administration after it had proposed to the company to compromise the issue so that each would bear half the cost of the work, and the company had refused, after the company proposed that either one pay the cost and settle it in court and the city had refused, and after, also, the two parties to the controversy had issued public statements as to the expense involved. Court action will probably be necessary and, according to statements made by company officials, the supreme court will likely have to pass upon the question before it is settled.

Mayor Mottman, in his statement replying to Manager L. B. Faulkner's first article concerning the South Main street situation, said: "I also desire to state plainly that I have absolutely nothing against the Olympia Light & Power company, nor its officers or employees. I wish them all well. This light and paving problem is not a personal matter with me—I am simply trying to discharge my duties as mayor of the city as I see them, without fear or favor, for the best interests of the city and the people of the city, that's all." This disavowal by the head of the city administration of antagonism toward the company does not appear, however, to have changed the company's attitude and a legal scrap is taken for granted.

Nevertheless the city officials do not propose to have the South Main street paving indefinitely delayed by the company and, acting under the favorable decision of the supreme court this week in the waterworks case, will immediately proceed to purchase and install the new water mains in this and the Maple Park project, and as soon as this work is done the streets will be paved. If the tracks remain at their present grade when the paving is finished the city will proceed to declare them a public nuisance and order them off the street.

The offer of compromise was presented to Manager Faulkner by City Attorney Bigelow and Councilman Joe Forstell, chairman of the streets committee, and was based on City Engineer Weddell's estimate that the cost of removing the dirt would not exceed \$200. Rejecting this, Manager Faulkner proposed that either the city or the company do the work now, leaving it to the courts to decide which should pay for it. This plan was endorsed by several South Main street property owners in a communication to the council Wednesday night, protesting to the completion of the paving until the track controversy is settled, but the protest, after being read, was placed on file.

The proposed paving of East Fourth from Eastside street to the city limits, for which an unusually low bid was received from the Independent Asphalt company, may yet be carried out, though the original project was contingent upon the street car company paving between its tracks at the same time. The cheapness of the bid for doing the work has caused some property owners to start a movement to make the improvement any how, and this will be acted upon by the council at its next meeting. Meanwhile, the city is preparing to proceed against the company under the amendment to its franchise recently passed requiring it to pave between its tracks.

Because of heavy domestic orders as well as war orders, Bethlehem Steel company is to spend \$12,500,000 in enlarging its plants.