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EXPECT PASSAGE OF FOSHAY FRANCHISES

NEW ORDINANCES TO BE CONSIDERED AT SPECIAL MEETING NEXT WEDNESDAY.

Members of the city council in special session next Wednesday night are expected to pass three ordinances read for the first time at this week's meeting, granting Wilbur B. Foshay a 50-year light and power franchise, giving him a contract to sell the city electric current, and also granting him a new 50-year steam-heating franchise. Both franchises permit the city to take over the industries at the end of five-year periods, upon valuations fixed by a board of arbiters, while the proposed contract would also permit the city to sell commercially light and power bought from the company, if it cares to engage in the business.

These are the latest developments in the local light situation, and follow the consultation with Mayor Mottman and other city officials last Saturday by Attorney William Hardy of Portland, who has represented Foshay in his dealings here for the last two years. Until the franchises appeared at Wednesday night's council meeting the city authorities "kept mum" the proposals made by Hardy. Some news of them leaked out, however, and it is believed that they prompted the latest proposal made by the Olympia Light & Power company, considered at a special meeting of the council Monday night, in which the company offered to accept a five-year contract on the same terms it had originally made on a 10-year basis.

Whether the city authorities expect the latest Foshay project to go through or whether they are using it as a "club" to force still lower rates out of the Olympia Light & Power company, is a question upon which local people are indulging in considerable speculation. As both franchises are drawn, Foshay must show Mayor Mottman and the council, within 30 days after they are passed, that he has the money to put the project through, or they become void, while the proposed contract with him is made contingent upon the city's purchase prior to December 31, 1917, of the waterworks owned by Foshay.

Agreement on Water Plant?

The fact that the ordinances were proposed on Foshay's behalf and that the contract is contingent entirely upon the city's acquiring the water plant, coupled with the resolution adopted by the council forfeiting the two power and steam-heating franchises granted Foshay two years ago, has given ground for the report, too, that the city and Foshay had reached some agreement with reference to the water plant, but if there is anything of this kind, it has not yet developed publicly.

The proposal of the Olympia Light & Power company was first discussed at a meeting of the council as committee of the whole Monday night, when it was pointed out that the company's latest offer meant that it would light the city for the next five years for practically half of what it had been paid in the past and for \$500 per year less than it had previously offered on a five-year contract basis.

The offer is the lowest of several made by the company when the council called for bids and was its original 10-year contract proposal. The payments to the company in the past have averaged approximately \$6,250 per year, while under its latest plan it would receive \$3,264 for the service. The city budget provides but \$2,300 for lights next year and on the month to month basis now prevailing, this would be used up in about five months, leaving the city without lights the remainder of the year.

Details of Franchises.

The council was to have considered this proposal at this week's meeting, according to advance reports, but did not, the Foshay ordinances being the only matters discussed. Under them and the contract, the city is to pay \$20 per horsepower per year for power for the first five years and \$15 per horsepower thereafter and binds itself to take a minimum of 150 horsepower, or \$3,000.

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FAIR ENTRY LISTS READY.

Van Houten Urges Intending Exhibitors to Fill Out Blanks Now.

County Agent O. C. Van Houten announces that the entry lists for the various departments in the first annual Thurston County Fair, to be held here October 12 to 16, are now ready, and he urges all intended exhibitors to apply at his office at the Chamber of Commerce for these blanks and to make them out, so the fair management will be in a position to know how much room will be needed for exhibits and can arrange for ample space.

Work on the preparation of the race-track and the erection of the stock buildings on the fair grounds will likely be undertaken next week, the fair board having met this week with General Manager Van Houten and taken up these details with him. Good progress is being made with all features of the fair, the management reports, and interest is increasing throughout the county.

IMPORTANT FOREIGN AFFAIRS THIS WEEK

ALLIES NEGOTIATE FOR HUGE LOAN—ARABIC AFFAIR UNSETTLED.

Negotiations by British and French financiers for a billion-dollar loan for the Allies to be used in purchasing supplies in this country, further representations to Germany over the sinking of the Arabic, and the request of Austria that she recall her ambassador, Dr. Dumba, for admitted plans to foment a strike in American plants manufacturing munitions for the Allies, have featured the international relations of the United States during the past week.

Latest reports from New York say that the billion-dollar loan, not to be secured by American securities as collateral as at first thought but to be a direct obligation of England and France, is well on the way to actual accomplishment. Opposition to the flotation of the loan is country-wide among Americans of German sympathies or parentage, but has strengthened other bankers in their determination to aid in floating the loan, in the opinion of the commission's friends, and has not seriously impeded the task.

Further representations on the Arabic affair followed receipt of a note from Germany which, contrary to previous representations by its ambassador, Bernstorff, asserted that the submarine torpedoed the Arabic because her commander thought the liner was about to attack him, refused to admit liability for indemnity for American lives lost, even if the commander was mistaken in his belief, and offered to submit the matter to arbitration.

Evidence Contradicts Note.

The evidence gathered by the United States is regarded as proving conclusively that until she submerged to launch the torpedo against the Arabic the German submarine was concealed behind another British steamer and could not have been seen by the captain of the Arabic. Furthermore, it is shown that the Arabic was struck in such a way that the submarine must have been at right angles from her when the torpedo was fired, instead of in a position to make ramming by the liner a possibility.

In view of the evidence, the United States wants a disavowal of the act, and this was made clear to Count von Bernstorff in a conference with Secretary Lansing. Arbitration cannot be an issue for consideration until the attitude of the German government toward the act itself is placed on record. Later the American government may take under consideration a proposal to arbitrate, not the principle, but what indemnity should be paid for lives lost.

When details of the conference became known, light was thrown on the critical point that had been reached in the relations between the two countries. The Washington government was almost ready to sever diplomatic relations, but decided to delay taking any step until Germany could be furnished the evidence in

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NO CITY CANDIDATES FILE.

Nearly a Month Remains, However, for Aspirants to Make Known Their Desires.

Though one entire week has passed since the books were first opened in the city clerk's office, not a single person has so far filed his candidacy for a city office, subject to the primaries in November. Almost a month remains, however, before the books are closed.

Nine officials are to be elected this year and it is reported that the Republicans will put up a strong fight. Mayor Mottman is generally expected to stand for re-election, though he has made no announcement, while Clerk W. A. Hoage, Attorney Geo. R. Bigelow, Treasurer Julia E. Waldrip, and several of the present councilmen are also expected to be candidates again. A lively campaign is anticipated.

NEW NISQUALLY ROAD TO BE OPENED NOVEMBER 1

Eliminates Dangerous Hill and Grade Crossings of Present Route—Cost \$49,000.

Work on the new portion of the Pacific highway between Lacey and Nisqually, by which the dangerous Nisqually hill will be avoided and several grade crossings eliminated, is progressing rapidly and will be open for traffic by November 1, according to James Allen, chief engineer of the state highway department, who made an inspection of the road Tuesday.

The road is being built by the state and when completed will have cost approximately \$49,000. In its construction the old Northern Pacific grade between the St. Clair and Nisqually stations, donated to the state by the railway, is used, while west and north of Lacey and across the prairie some miles beyond an entirely new grade has been built by the state, that portion in the vicinity of Lacey eliminating the two grade crossings on the present Pacific highway, while the other new portion follows as far as possible the route of old State Road No. 30, built some years ago at a cost of \$25,000 and abandoned incomplete.

Gravel was placed on the Lacey portion of the new road this week and it is fast being put in shape, while the contractor has a big crew of men on the other portions of the road. In the vicinity of the Nisqually river and on the Pierce county side the line of the new road affords a much better approach to the overhead crossing on the Pt. Defiance line.

ADD HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER

Directors' Action Follows Increased Attendance—Building Is Crowded.

Increased attendance at the Olympia high school resulted in the school board Wednesday electing another instructor, Miss Helen Collier, a teacher in the Washington school last year, who will teach algebra and English. The crowded condition of the building also prompted the board to discuss the advisability of erecting a portable building to be used by the high school this year, but the board finally decided not to do it.

On the understanding that the state would shortly take over the present building and provide the district with a site on the other side of Main street, the board has planned to erect a new and larger high school building next year. The capitol commission has not taken such action, however, and Superintendent Beach says that unless it is done this year an addition to the present building will have to be constructed next summer.

The board elected James D. Marts as truant officer to succeed J. H. Meays, and named John P. Turner janitor of the Roosevelt school, to take the place of W. H. Cook, resigned.

Deputy Auditor R. A. Cruikshank and Attorney W. W. Manier, both members of the Thurston county game commission, started out Monday with a full quota of hunting equipment, to be ready for the opening of the deer season Thursday.

BOYS AND GIRLS' PRIZES.

Attractive Premiums Donated by Merchants for School Contest.

Prizes for the boys and girls' agricultural and industrial exhibit, to be held in connection with the Thurston County Fair this fall, were announced this week by County Superintendent O. C. Goss and include many attractive and valuable premiums donated by merchants of Olympia, Tumwater, Gate and Rochester.

One of the big features of the exhibit will be the boys' stock-judging contest. Prizes are offered for the best vegetables of the respective varieties, the best bread, cake, cookies, canned fruits and vegetables, jellies, butter, home-made wash dress, shirt waist, sofa pillow, darning and repairing, mechanical drawing, whittling, manual training work and collection of native woods.

UNABLE TO LOCATE MEN WHO "DOPED" WATCHMAN

R. A. Anderson Mysteriously Attacked at Tumwater Mill, but Is Uninjured.

No arrests have been made by the authorities as the result of the attack on R. A. Anderson, watchman for the Tumwater Lumber company, between 12 and 1 o'clock Tuesday morning, when two men grabbed him, threw a blanket over him and "doped" him, one of them then, after examining his chest, remarking, "I told you, pal, he isn't the man we're after." Aside from the effects of the anaesthetic, which made him dizzy, Anderson was not harmed.

According to the story told by Anderson, he had just finished attending to the furnace fire at the mill when the two men grabbed him, putting a blanket over his head and shoulders and throwing him to the floor, warning him to be quiet and doping him until he became drowsy. Anderson lost consciousness, after he had heard one of the men make the remark quoted, and was awakened about an hour later by a damp handkerchief placed over his eyes by the men.

They left with the remark, "Don't be alarmed—you're not the man we want." Anderson reported the affair to the authorities, but aside from saying he thought his assailants were foreigners, is unable to give a description of them or to explain their motive. He recalled, however, that Monday afternoon a foreigner stopped him on the street in Tumwater and asked him several questions.

GIRL NAMES 10 CHINESE

Celestials Face Serious Charges in Roberts Case—Sensations Expected.

Information against 10 local Chinamen, arrested in an investigation Wednesday afternoon by Prosecuting Attorney Geo. F. Yantis, Deputy Sheriff Jack Gifford, Chief of Police Ben Hall and the "girl in the case," charging them with contributing to the delinquency of a minor girl, have been filed in the superior court by Prosecuting Attorney Yantis. The arrests are further developments in the case against Henry Roberts, who has been in the county jail for the past two weeks on a charge preferred by the girl, who was 16 years old last month. Sensations are expected before the cases are ended.

The Chinamen were first arrested on warrants issued by Justice of the Peace Walter Crosby, and were released on \$500 bond each, furnished by the "boss Chinaman." The filing of the informations transfers the cases to the superior court, where Roberts' is also pending. The men were personally pointed out by the girl, who does not appear to be particularly downcast over the notoriety. Two more Chinamen were wanted but have not been apprehended.

Roberts was arraigned before Superior Judge Mitchell Wednesday and again Thursday morning, but entered no plea as he has not been able to obtain an attorney. One will likely be appointed by the court.

Miss Blendine Hays has gone to Butte, Mont., to spend the winter.

BUMPER CROP OF GRAIN.

Northwest Harvest Exceeds Forecasts and All Previous Records.

The Pacific Northwest this year gathered 119,200,000 bushels of grain compared with 111,400,000 bushels a year ago. This is the greatest grain crop ever grown in the Northwest. The harvest is practically completed in the three states and definite figures on the crop are available.

The size of the wheat crop is the biggest surprise. In July, previous to the harvest, the estimate of 66,000,000 bushels was considered by some to be far too high. The actual harvest shows a total yield of 69,300,000 bushels in the three states, 3,300,000 greater than the July estimate and 8,300,000 bushels greater than last season.

With its immense acreage of both spring and winter sowing Washington leads with a total wheat crop of 39,000,000 bushels. Oregon produced 19,000,000 bushels and Idaho 11,300,000 bushels.

LIFE IMPRISONMENT IS PARROTT'S FATE

AUSTRIAN CONVICTED OF WEISS MURDER IS SENTENCED BY JUDGE WRIGHT.

Sentence to life imprisonment was passed by Superior Judge D. F. Wright Thursday morning on Joe Parrott, convicted of the murder of Fred Weiss, local tailor, June 3, on the trail between Gate and Bordeaux Camp No. 1, and the prisoner, who has been in the county jail for more than two months, will be taken to the Walla Walla penitentiary as soon as a traveling guard arrives. Local authorities have wired for him.

Arraigned before the court before sentence was passed, Parrott was asked if he had anything to say. His only comment, in a quiet voice, was to repeat his former assertions that he knew nothing about the murder. The prisoner exhibited no emotion as, standing, he heard the court's sentence and acted in a similarly indifferent manner, showing not the least nervousness, during the 10 minutes he was in the courtroom. The sentence passed, he walked quietly back to the jail in the custody of Deputy Sheriff Jack Gifford. Some 15 or 20 people watched the proceedings.

Fear Attempt to Escape.

Fear that Brown, the former pal of Parrott, whom the authorities of this and Pierce counties have been unable to apprehend, and some associates may make an attempt to free Parrott before the latter is taken to Walla Walla, is felt by the authorities and every precaution to guard the prisoner is being taken. While in the Pierce county jail, Parrott made a "break" to get away, but was caught after being shot in the hand. Since he has been here, however, he has conducted himself in an orderly manner. He may yet make some effort to get away and because of this and efforts friends may make the authorities are shrouding in secrecy the time when Parrott is to be taken to the penitentiary.

The statement of the sentence by the judge is a mere formality, the statute specifying life imprisonment and giving the court no discretion. Parrott has had nothing to say for himself, according to the county authorities, since Judge Wright last Monday sustained the arguments made by Prosecuting Attorney Geo. F. Yantis and denied the motion for a new trial made by Parrott's attorney, C. E. Collier, on the ground that one of the two affidavits submitted was unsupported by any evidence. The other, that Parrott was in Seattle June 4, was accepted by the judge as probably true, with the statement that "Parrott would not be likely to stay around Gate."

Tells Parrott's Past.

Some of Parrott's personal history and his participation in hold-ups and robberies in the "old country," prior to coming to the United States, which he is said to have admitted to a traveling companion, were told to Sheriff McCorkle the fore part of this week by one of Parrott's countrymen, John Marinich, who said he had known Parrott for years. Parrott

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ORGANIZE FIGHT TO RETAIN FARM AGENT

GRANGE, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND FARM BUREAU OPPOSE COMMISSIONERS.

Active efforts to convince the county commissioners that they were wrong in eliminating the appropriation of \$1,800 for the support of the farm agent plan in this county and to induce them to make provision for this expenditure in the budget when it is finally adopted at their first meeting in October, were undertaken this week by the Chamber of Commerce, the Thurston County Pomona Grange, and the Thurston County Farm Bureau, which has been supervising the work of the agent. O. C. Van Houten is the present agent, having taken up the work last January.

Action upon the elimination of the appropriation by the commissioners will be taken at the monthly meeting of the Pomona Grange next Tuesday and this organization, which was active in the campaign a year ago that brought about the establishment of the farm expert plan in this county, at the joint expense of the county, the federal government and the Chamber of Commerce, is expected to go on record as strongly favoring the retention of the county agent next year.

Action Taken Without Notice.

The action of the commissioners in cutting this appropriation out of the budget was taken without any previous notice or indication and is sponsored and supported by Commissioner A. M. Rowe, who is reported to have no love for the Pomona Grange from the political standpoint. Chairman Littlejohn, who is also a director of the Farm Bureau by reason of his office, says provision can still be made for the expert if he is desired, while Commissioner Dodge is reported to be rather non-committal. Rowe's chief objection to Van Houten is that "there are farmers around here who never saw nor heard of the county agent," but Littlejohn says: "I understand Mr. Van Houten has been doing a good work and I know of several farmers who have been helped through his advice. If the demand for his retention is strong enough, we can retain him and pay him out of the current expense fund."

Replying to Rowe's assertion, Fred W. Lewis of Brighton Park, secretary of the State Grange, and one of the leaders in the farm expert movement a year ago, styled it a "poor argument" continuing: "The agriculturist is ready at any time to give advice to those who ask it and in no case where this has been done has there been anything but better results. He has visited many farmers on his own initiative and besides giving individual advice has helped the general farming spirit to a great extent."

The employment of farm experts by counties was authorized by the legislature two years ago. Van Houten is paid \$150 a month and \$75 additional for expenses, the county contributing \$1,800 and the federal government \$900, while the Chamber of Commerce has furnished office rooms, stationery and other supplies. Quite a number of counties throughout the state adopted the plan at the same time as Thurston and its more general adoption is advocated by both federal and state authorities.

State Commissioner's Views.

"It would be wiser to do without one of the commissioners than without an agriculturist," was the comment that Dr. H. T. Graves, state commissioner of agriculture, made when told of the commissioners' action. "I know Van Houten and know that he is a good man. He has worked under this department as inspector. Counties of practically all of the states are falling in line with this plan of co-operation for a county expert between the federal government, state colleges and counties. The counties in Washington where these men are hired are showing improvement. It will look bad for Thurston county to drop out. At least give the thing a fair try-out. The big results will be shown this second year."

Evidence to prove the inaccuracy

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