

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

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O-W. TO BUILD BIG EXPORT DOCK HERE

MCCLARY COMPANY TO MOVE ENTIRE PLANT—CONTINGENT ON HARBOR PROJECT.

That the O-W. R. & N. company, now constructing a line into Olympia to be in operation by January 1, proposes to construct a large export lumber dock on the local waterfront, 500 feet long, with a storage capacity which will permit inland mills to cut and store large quantities of lumber, if the federal government will make the necessary improvements to the local harbor to accommodate the class of vessels employed in the coast-wise and off-shore business, is one of the significant statements in the brief prepared by the local Chamber of Commerce to further Olympia's claims for the local harbor project. It is addressed to Colonel J. B. Cavanaugh of Seattle, federal engineer for this district.

The statement appears in a letter signed by Senator P. H. Carlyon, local representative of the O-W., in which one paragraph says: "The plan contemplates the construction of a dock 500 feet in length, with railway tracks conveniently arranged for unloading from trains to dock and loading direct to vessels with a locomotive crane."

Another significant statement follows a letter from the Henry McCleary Timber company of McCleary, offering the fullest co-operation in Olympia's efforts to obtain the harbor improvement. One statement in the letter said: "We realize that sooner or later a large part of this business will be shipped via the Panama canal. When this condition exists, the natural thing for us will be to enlarge our manufacturing facilities in your city," and then the Chamber added: "Note: It is an assured fact that within a year or two after the local harbor is improved this company will move its entire door factory, a second sawmill and its shingle mill to this city from McCleary. Its door factory is the largest in the world."

The report collates freight rates showing that, if Olympia had proper harbor facilities, it would be the natural outlet for the freight of the whole territory from Dupont on the north to Napavine on the south; relates the history of local harbor development, and calls the attention of the government engineers to the fact that the city has spent \$200,948 on its harbor, \$4,046.04 more than has been spent by the government. Letters from various local mills and other industries, those in the surrounding county, and in Centralia and Chehalis, and from the commercial organizations of the cities of this district, indorsing Olympia's claims for the harbor improvement, are incorporated in the brief, while various statistics showing the growth of Olympia in the last 10 years, as evidenced in its bank deposits and resources, its postoffice receipts, assessed valuations and civic improvements, are featured.

An Economic Necessity. The brief, as Secretary H. L. Whitling says in the letter of transmittal, sets forth "facts, figures and arguments which we believe to be overwhelming enough in their scope to convince the federal government that the immediate completion of the Olympia harbor is an economic necessity demanded by a large number of industries throughout Southwest Washington, and that such being the case the government is fully justified in making such appropriations as are necessary to complete the project."

Road Hearings November 29. The county commissioners will hold hearings November 29 on petitions for two new county roads, filed this week, one for a branch from the Pacific highway to Offut lake and the other for a road from the end of Johnson creek to McIntosh, connecting with the Tenino-Rainier road.

STATE SUES F. G. BLAKESLEE.

Charges Park Board Illegally Paid His Company \$95 for Supplies.

To compel repayment to the city by Frank G. Blakeslee of the Olympia Hardware company of \$95.75 said to have been paid by the city park board, of which Blakeslee is a member, to that company for supplies, in violation of the state law, was filed in the local superior court this week by the attorney general's department. It follows agitation that has been carried on for more than a year by Mrs. Kate L. Young, a former member of the park board, since the discovery of the alleged transaction was reported by the state bureau of inspection in 1914.

The state law forbids a city official selling goods to the city and the suit is based on that statute. Blakeslee, who has never denied the charges, has maintained that his company was awarded the contract after bidding in competition with other local firms. The original amount of the bill was \$121.01, but only \$95.75 of it was paid.

FINAL BRIEFS IN "DRY" LAW TEST NOW IN COURT

Interest in Case Provokes Many Rumors—Decision Not Expected Soon.

The seventh and last brief in the M. & K. Gottstein case, involving the validity of the prohibition act, was filed Tuesday by the attorney general's office and the case has been finally submitted to the court. Four briefs were filed in all by opponents of the law and three answering briefs by the attorney general's office and counsel for the Anti-Saloon League. The briefs contain approximately 950 pages, or 190,000 words.

Reports were current in Olympia the latter part of last week that the court had agreed on a decision invalidating the "dry" law, by a vote of 5 to 3, but these were declared to be without foundation. They gave rise, however, to speculation as to what steps might be taken if such a decision were given, and a Seattle paper Sunday printed a story to the general effect that if the law is invalidated, on the grounds that it had been improperly submitted and was therefore adopted by the people under a misapprehension, Governor Lister would call a special session of the legislature to provide for the immediate re-submission of the bill.

This story is of course merely the publication of the undercurrent of rumor, for the governor, pending the supreme court's decision, has not announced what he would do in the event that the law were knocked out. This story also has it that the governor would urge a special election on the bill, while another rumor is to the effect that he would ask the legislature to pass a prohibition bill far more drastic than the one now under fire. All these stories, however, are merely the rumors produced by the general interest in the supreme court's decision, which is not expected for some weeks.

GAFFS AND NETS BARRED.

Regular Rigging Must Be Used In Catching Salmon in Creeks.

Changes in the game and fish code by the last legislature make it illegal to use gaffs, pitchforks or anything else in "snagging" salmon which are now running in the streams, or to use nets to catch them in the streams, according to W. W. Manier, member of the Thurston county game commission.

The regulation fishing rigging, bait, hook and line, is the only device that can legally be used to catch the salmon, Manier says.

Many Hear Roberts' Trial.

Trial of Henry Roberts on statutory charges growing out of his alleged responsibility for the delinquency of a minor girl, has been in progress in the local superior court for the last two days, having begun Wednesday. The jury was selected that morning, and at the afternoon session the girl, in the case, who has been married since Roberts' arrest, began telling her story to a crowded courtroom. The case is one of the most salacious in local court history.

DODGE KICKS ON COUNTY AGENT'S SALARY

BELIEVES IT SHOULD BE REDUCED \$50 A MONTH—PROSPECTS FOR EMPLOYMENT OF AGRICULTURIST NEXT YEAR ARE CONSEQUENTLY SLIM—FINAL DECISION NEXT MONDAY.

Unless County Agent O. C. Van Houten consents to work for a less salary or Commissioner T. Ives Dodge changes his views as expressed at the commissioners' meeting last Monday, Thurston county probably will not have an agricultural agent next year, and, having once given the plan so short a trial and dropped it, it will be most difficult, government officials say, for the county to get federal aid again if it should later desire to adopt the system.

Van Houten, who has said right along that he would not work for a less salary than he is receiving, \$150 a month with \$75 a month expenses, is not expected to consent to a reduction to \$100 a month and expenses, as it is understood Commissioner Dodge proposes. Van Houten, it is known, has been offered the agriculturist's position which Pierce county is to establish next year, at the same salary and expense allowance he has been receiving here, and it is expected that unless his contract in this county is renewed at the same salary he will go to Pierce county, where the employment of an expert came as the result of the efforts of W. H. Paulhamus and other leading farmers.

Would Cut Salary \$600 a Year.

The situation was brought to this point last Monday when Dr. Ira D. Cardiff, director of the Pullman experiment station, again consulted the commissioners. Rowe, chairman of the previous board, which authorized the employment of the agriculturist this year, is classed as being absolutely opposed to the renewal of the contract. Dodge expressed himself at this meeting as opposed to the amount of the salary paid, believing it should be reduced from \$150 to \$100 a month, or from \$1,800 to \$1,200 a year, with the same expense allowance of \$75. Littlejohn, it is generally reported, favors the renewal of the contract on a basis which will assure the employment of a competent, experienced man.

Final action will likely be taken by the commissioners at their meeting next Monday, when Dr. Cardiff is scheduled to confer with them again. At the meeting this week, Dr. Cardiff told the commissioners he would not ask Van Houten to accept a reduced salary, asserting that he is one of the best men in the state and worth what he is being paid, but said that if a smaller salary were imposed, he would furnish a young man just out of college.

Upon learning of this alternative, various farmers and Olympians who have been leading the movement to retain a county agent here, expressed the opinion that, unless the commissioners were disposed to employ the best man available and pay him a proportionate salary, the system should be dropped. They take the position that if the work is to be carried on, it should be carried on right, rather than entrusted to an inexperienced man who has had no practical training. The stand Dodge has taken, they say, will have the same result as if he directly opposed the plan itself.

Supporters' Plans Not Announced.

Whether the Chamber of Commerce and the Thurston County Pomona Grange, the one organization representing the business men of the city and the other the organization representing the farmers of the county, which have been leading the campaign to retain the agriculturist plan, will make further representations to the commissioners at their meeting next Monday is not announced, though they probably will make final efforts to prevent the abandonment of the system.

According to Van Houten's October report, filed with the commissioners Monday, he spent one entire week managing the Thurston County Fair besides giving considerable of his time to it before and after it was presented, and during the rest of the month visited 21 farmers, wrote letters of advice to 11 others, received 79 personal calls at his office from farmers seeking his assistance, answered 46 telephone calls from farmers and acted as judge of livestock exhibits at various nearby fairs.

SIX NEW SHIPS TO SAIL PACIFIC UNDER U. S. FLAG

New York Firm Declares Seamen's Law "a Much Overrated Bugaboo."

NEW YORK, Nov. 5.—Philip Manson, a director of the Pacific & Eastern Steamship company, recently incorporated in this state, declared this week that within two months his company will have six vessels operating under the American flag between American ports on the Pacific coast and Oriental points.

Manson, who is to be manager of the line, says the LaFollette seamen's act, which went into effect this week, is not as harmful as some steamship owners have sought to make it appear.

"The seamen's law is a much overrated bugaboo," he said.

Discussing the recent sale of the Pacific Mail line steamers by their owners rather than register them under the American flag, Mr. Manson said he believed they were disposed of because they could be sold at a profit. It is Manson's opinion that the language clause—which has been greatly objected to—would not prove highly objectionable.

Within a month, he thinks, the Pacific Mail line officers who spoke English, could have taught their crews their language well enough to comply with the law. With the act 75 per cent of the crew must understand the language of their officers.

WILSON-GALT WEDDING TO OCCUR IN DECEMBER

Formal Announcement This Week Sets Aside Rumors of an Earlier Date.

The White House formally announced this week that President Wilson and Mrs. Norman Galt will be married "near the close of December."

The announcement was made to set aside rumors, circulated by close friends of the couple, that the marriage would take place November 15, and was made in a statement issued by Secretary Tumulty, which said:

"In order to quiet speculation, President Wilson and Mrs. Galt have authorized the announcement that their marriage will take place near the close of December. Their plans are for a very simple ceremony. It will be quietly performed at the Galt residence. No invitations will be issued, as it is expected that the guests will be only the members of the families."

Vance on Game Commission.

State Game Warden L. H. Darwin last Saturday announced the appointment of Attorney Thomas M. Vance of this city to the county game commission to succeed R. A. Cruikshank, deputy county auditor, whom the attorney general ruled could not hold both positions. W. W. Manier and W. D. Forbes are the other members of the commission.

SAY ASSESSMENT ILLEGAL.

Property Owners Along Franklin Street Sewer File Protest.

Declarations that the assessments for the construction of the Franklin street sewer were illegally made, placing greater charges against some property owners than others, were contained in petitions signed by 14 property owners and presented to the city council at its regular meeting Tuesday night, protesting to the assessments.

Part of the property abutting on the sewer, it is charged, was assessed at 35 per cent of the total and other property at 65 per cent. In addition to presenting the petition, G. H. Uhler and George Martin made oral protests to the assessment. Mayor Mottman referred the petitions to the city engineer, the city attorney and the sewer committee, for investigation and report at the next council meeting.

BIG MEETING AT SOUTH UNION FRIDAY EVENING

Miss Florence Ward to Deliver Talk on Work of Children's Clubs.

Miss Florence E. Ward, representative of the Pullman State College, who has been supervising the organization of boys and girls' clubs throughout the state, will be the principal speaker at a big meeting to be held at the South Union schoolhouse Friday evening of this week, which everybody interested in school and club work is urged to attend. Saturday afternoon she will deliver another lecture at the Woman's clubhouse in this city.

Miss Ward is scheduled to arrive in Olympia on the 7:15 train Friday evening, when she will be met by County Agriculturist O. C. Van Houten, County Superintendent O. C. Goss and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Thomason of the state superintendent's office, and the party will go direct to South Union in Van Houten's auto. At this meeting Miss Ward will talk principally on the work of the boys and girls' clubs. Mr. Thomason will show some stereopticon views, and Messrs. Van Houten and Goss will speak.

The address to be given by Miss Ward at the Woman's clubhouse Saturday afternoon will be more general, covering, in addition to a discussion of the boys and girls' clubs, a review of kindergarten methods, the application of the Montessori system to the American school, and the work of the extension division of the federal department of agriculture. The meeting, which is to begin at 2 o'clock, will be under the auspices of the Woman's Club and the County Parent-Teachers' association, and will be open to the general public.

BAUSMAN IS NOW JUDGE.

Seattle Attorney Sworn In This Week to Fill Supreme Court Vacancy.

Frederick Bausman of Seattle, appointed by Governor Lister to succeed the late Judge Herman D. Crow, took his seat on the supreme bench this week.

Judge Bausman gives up a practice reputed to be among the best in Seattle to accept Governor Lister's appointment to the supreme bench. He is 52 years of age, has practiced law in this state for 24 years, has traveled widely and is known prominently as a student of foreign systems of jurisprudence and as a contributor to law reviews. He has been prominent in public affairs but has never held office or been a candidate since serving as private secretary to Eugene Semple, last territorial governor of Washington, from 1887 to 1889.

Grange Election November 16.

The annual election of officers of the Thurston County Pomona Grange will take place at the regular meeting for this month, which is to be held at the Boulevard Grange hall, Tuesday, November 16. Reports on the Thurston County Fair will probably be made at this meeting.

The county commissioners this week awarded A. L. Johnson the contract for repairing the bridge across Ellis creek on the Gull Harbor road, on a price of \$450.

SOCKEYES HATCH IN WASHINGTON WATERS

DARWIN, SUCCESSFUL IN EXPERIMENTS, SAYS INDUSTRY CAN BE RESTORED.

State Fish Commissioner L. H. Darwin, in a circular letter addressed to all interests connected with the fishing industry, announces the success of his experiments this year in hatching sockeye salmon in Washington waters, and states that there is no reason why 25,000,000 sockeyes cannot be hatched in this state this year and increasing numbers in following years, so that the Puget Sound salmon industry can be built up to its former status.

The sockeye breeds naturally only in Canadian waters and refusal of the Canadian authorities to allow the establishment of hatcheries on their streams, and the interference by railroad work and otherwise with the natural spawning grounds, has threatened the possible extinction of the best food fish that runs in Puget Sound waters. This year Commissioner Darwin undertook as an experiment the hatching of 1,000,000 sockeyes in the Samish hatchery and in spite of numerous difficulties carried the work on successfully.

The letter to the fishing interests reviews the progress of the fisheries department during the two and one-half years of the present administration, during which time seven new hatcheries have been constructed and several others enlarged and reopened, so that the total hatchery capacity has been increased 60 per cent, while one Washington hatchery alone took more eggs last year than all Oregon hatcheries combined.

This has been made possible through department economies. Commissioner Darwin's letter states, showing that while the average cost of hatching 1,000 salmon was 55.9 cents during the last year of the previous administration, this cost was reduced to 56 cents for the first year of the present administration and to 48 cents for the second year.

HONOR THREE COUPLES

Friends Help Them Celebrate Their Wedding Anniversaries Tuesday.

One of the most novel social affairs of the fall took place at the G. A. R. hall Tuesday evening in the nature of a celebration of a triple wedding anniversary, when some 40 friends gathered to help Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Cheadle celebrate their forty-seventh anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Abram Kilmer their forty-sixth and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Newsom their twenty-second, and an excellent dinner was served by the members of the Ladies of the G. A. R. circle.

A mock wedding ceremony was performed by W. W. Manier, after which the guests of honor and their friends repaired to the dining-room where a sumptuous banquet was served. At its close Fred W. Lewis acted as toastmaster and the talkative ones of each couple responded with interesting anecdotes of their married life and various reminiscences. The company then went to the lodge room, where Clark Savidge, E. W. Olson and Fred W. Lewis made short talks, and all joined in an informal good time and love feast, the party breaking up at a late hour after bestowing best wishes on the three couples for many happy anniversaries in the years to come.

\$400,000 FOR HIGHWAYS.

New Motor Vehicle License Law Brings Big Revenue to State.

Under the new motor vehicle license law thus far 38,739 automobile licenses have been issued, bringing in \$203,684, an average of \$5.25 per car, and 4,940 motorcycle licenses, bringing in \$12,331, an average of \$2.50 per motorcycle.

For next year 44,200 automobile licenses and 6,200 motorcycle licenses are the estimate, which would bring the total receipts for the year to \$247,550.

After paying administration expenses, approximately \$400,000 will be derived under this law during the biennium for permanent highway maintenance work.