

FIREMEN GET REST

Mayor Instructs Chief to Give Them Day Off Weekly.

FEASIBLE PLAN SOUGHT

Simon Willing to Hire More Blazefighters to Allow Spare Time. Executive and Department Head Confer.

Mayor Simon yesterday redeemed his promise, made some time ago, to give the firemen in the city department 24 hours liberty each week. He held a consultation with Chief Campbell, and instructed him to arrange a plan, whereby this extra time may be granted to the men. Other minor subjects were discussed by the officials, such as limiting the number of men to be kept on watch in each of the station-houses.

It is difficult to figure a plan whereby all of the men in the service can be granted 24 hours of liberty each week. Chief Campbell will consult with the members of the fire committee of the Executive Board, which has direct control of the department, in an effort to carry out the expressed wish of the Mayor in this regard.

"I have always felt that the firemen are entitled to more liberty each week," said Mayor Simon yesterday. "It appeals to me as a reasonable request on their part, and I have long been favorable to granting it. I had a conference with Chief Campbell, who is also anxious to give the men more time off, and we agreed to work out some plan whereby this may be done. He will talk it over with the members of the fire committee in the near future, and see what can be done. I am willing to employ a few more men, if necessary, to bring this result about. I have a great deal of sympathy for the firemen, as I know from experience what they have to undergo."

For several weeks there has been considerable agitation among the firemen for more time off, and last Friday a petition was handed to Chief Campbell by five firemen, representing the department, asking for weekly recesses. The petition was given to Mayor Simon yesterday by the Chief. The men handling this petition before going to headquarters, adopted a resolution, expressing confidence in Chief Campbell and in Mayor Simon to work out a system whereby the extra time asked may be given.

Outsiders, who had nothing in common with the firemen, recently filed a petition on the same subject. This received no attention by the Mayor or the fire committee, as it was unsigned, and they said it was not worthy of consideration. The new petition, signed by actual members of the department, is the one that is securing the desired results for the men.

The petition of Portland's firemen, asking for a day off each week, and better quarters, is being circulated among voters throughout the city. A copy of the petition was presented to the Baptist ministers at their meeting yesterday morning, by D. W. Thurston.

LAND IS GIVEN TO CITY

Terwilligers Take First Step For System of Boulevards.

A deed, conveying to the city a strip of ground 200 feet wide and one mile long, was handed to Mayor Simon yesterday afternoon by J. P. Moffett, representing the Terwilliger heirs. This is regarded as one of the most important transactions of the year in the park system, as this property will form the first portion of a great boulevard system that will encircle the city on both sides of the Willamette River, connecting all of the parks.

The deed was signed by Charlotte Moffett Cartwright, Frank J. Richardson, Hiram Terwilliger and May Terwilliger, and becomes a part of the city records. This strip was given outright, the only conditions placed upon it being that the city shall improve it by grading and laying it out for a boulevard. It extends from the Slavin road to Hamilton avenue, and is a very valuable piece of ground.

At the extreme southern end there is needed about three acres in order to have sufficient ground to fill out some curves. It is understood that L. O. Ralston will donate the necessary land for this purpose, as he is desirous of assisting in the great work of building up the park and boulevard system. It is anticipated that this transaction will be completed this week, or early next week at the outside.

Work on the Terwilliger boulevard will be commenced in the early Spring, according to present calculations, and will be completed before the end of the summer. It will cost between \$30,000 and \$40,000 to grade the property, and considerably more to put it into first-class condition for travel.

The Terwilliger boulevard is the one that the Mayor, when in Seattle last October, promised to complete during his first term of office. The Park Board will probably turn over the task to Superintendent Mischa.

EXPENSE CLAIM REFUSED

Government Will Not Pay For Rescue by Steamer Dora.

SEATTLE, Dec. 20.—Word was received here from Washington, D. C., today that the Department of Commerce and Labor has rejected the claim of the Alaska Steamship Company for \$12,450 for expenses incurred by the mail steamer Dora in rescuing the 193 survivors of the cannery ship Columbia, which was wrecked off Cape Scott Light, Alaska, last Spring.

The Dora was carrying mail to the Aleutian Islands, when she was called upon by the Deputy Collector of Customs at Unalaska to take the survivors of the Columbia to Seward. The Dora chartered a tug to continue the mail run while she took the shipwrecked people to Seward. Upon her arrival there the Collector of Customs ordered the Alaska Steamship Company to care for the survivors and transport them to Seattle, saying that the Government would reimburse the company for the money spent. The bill for \$12,450 was approved by the Collector of Customs at Seward and forwarded to Washington, where it was rejected. The steamship company will bring action in court to recover the money.

FIRST TELEGRAM FRAMED

Manager Dickinson Has Souvenir of Opening of Palace Hotel.

M. C. Dickinson, manager of the Oregon Hotel of Portland, has received and framed the first telegram sent out from the New Palace Hotel of San Francisco, and was last night in possession of one

of the first letters mailed by the management of the Palace. On the date of the opening of the hotel in rehabilitated San Francisco, the telegram was the only hotel in the country which recognized the event by reference on the dinner menu cards. Manager Dickinson asked his patrons to

Join the management with a pint of California wine, or something else, in a good-luck toast. The sentiment was printed in the California papers, and when the Palace management sent its acknowledgments De Futron Glidden called in the chief official of the Western Union, who han-

dled the key at San Francisco, while the chief operator for Portland received it. Harvard to Join Association. CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 20.—Application for membership in the Intercol-

legiate Athletic Association of the United States will be made by Harvard University at the next annual meeting of the organization in New York on December 25. Although the Intercollegiate Athletic Association includes the majority of the colleges of the country, Harvard,

Yale, Princeton, Cornell and Columbia have not yet entered it. G. A. R. to Conduct Funeral. OREGON CITY, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Funeral services over the body of the late J. F. Deyoe, a prominent Mason and

Grand Army man, were conducted by the G. A. R. from the Deyoe residence at 10 o'clock today in Canby. Mrs. Beacon (thinking to put Harry at his ease)—And what are you doing with yourself these days, Harry? Harry (aged 9)—I am writing a history of the world.

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