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A PECULIAR STRIKE.

One of the most peculiar strikes in history has been in progress at Kansas City.

As in Portland, the streetcar company has not allowed smoking on cars. An ordinance permitting smoking was passed by the city council and approved by the mayor.

But the streetcar company resisted the city statute. Even when a single passenger attempted to smoke, the car was stopped. The anti-smoking part of the public stood by the company, and the smokers were as pronounced and vigorous on the other side.

Rioting became general. Women slapped the faces of smokers. Men in a hurry, who found cars refusing to move because men aboard were smoking, pitched the smokers into the street.

Conductors and motormen received orders to let a car stand as long as anyone in it was smoking. The company took a straw vote of the public on the new ordinance and the vote against smoking was two to one.

There was widespread rioting all of one day and night, following a week of disorder. Men and boys, supplied with free cigars, boarded cars, and as a result the entire car system of the city was tied up. It was not uncommon for forty or fifty cars to stand still while one smoker puffed complacently at his cigar. At one time, the company ordered all gates closed and the cars sent to the sidetracks and barns. Mail cars suffered with the rest, seven of them being tied up at one time by a single smoker.

The strange feature is that a city administration would seek to interfere with a traction company in a policy approved by the best citizenship and all the rules of public order. If, for the comfort of others, a smoker cannot refrain from smoking for the brief period of a streetcar ride to or from business, he ought to walk, buy an automobile, or borrow a saddle mule.

IS THE GARBAGE PROBLEM SOLVED?

It is the boast of Health Officer Wheeler that Portland is burning garbage at less expense than any other city about which he has information. This is equivalent to saying that the expense is less than in any other city in the country; and the fact is one which should cause the practical Portlander to "point with pride."

Upon this statement and its general acceptance, the thought occurs in the form of a query: Is the garbage problem in this city entirely solved?

The answer to that query must be negative. The plant we have is a good one without question. It would appear too, that the management of it is efficient in every detail; and that so far as this plant is expected to serve the city, we have nothing further to expect or desire. But with the city's continued growth how far will it serve?

Obviously the conclusion will be forced upon any citizen who gives attention to the subject matter, that other plans must be built as the city develops; and even now it is an open question if the city is properly served with this incinerator, as we consider the cost of hauling from remote sections of the city, which the householders in those sections have to pay.

It is the statement of the Health Officer as it is matter of common knowledge to those who are interested in practical civics, that there are cities which reduce their refuse to products which have commercial value; and that this process in a measure or wholly pays the expense of incineration. Provided it is practical this is the last word in garbage disposal so far as the city is concerned. The point that should interest the people of Portland is, shall its practicability be investigated and determined as a matter of local application?

Again there is the matter of garbage collection which needs to be discussed to some practical end. In that branch of the business we are at odds and ends in this city. The collection of garbage is conducted neither in a sanitary manner nor with economy to the people who have to pay for it. As we consider all these things there is but one conclusion possible, and that is the garbage problem is so far as this city is interested is not solved. It is still open and it demands current and persistent attention.

HELP THE ELKS.

Help the Elks. They do not want your money in this instance; but they want living accommodations for the visitors they are about to bring to this city. Report has it that there will be about 200,000 of those visitors, which will mean a temporary invasion equal, almost, to the population of the city. It is the desire of the Elks and of everyone else that every man, woman and child of that 200,000 shall experience nothing but enjoyment while here. An essential to that is provision for comfortable accommodations.

Every citizen who can co-operate in a helpful way should remember that the 200,000 visitors, when they depart from here, will be 200,000 advertising agents for Portland. The maintenance of Portland's reputation for hospitality is a consideration quite clearly involved. This is a call for the true sort of hospitality—the hospitality of the home, the personal effort of the citizen to extend welcome and good cheer.

Men and women of all reputable classes in this city were deeply interested in the promotion effort of the local lodge of Elks which brought the meeting of the Grand Lodge within our gates. By liberality in sentiment and in the contribution of money, the people of Portland have assured the local Elks that the one thought of the community is to make the Grand Lodge session in Portland the most magnificent and enjoyable affair ever held in the history of Elkdom. If the promise implied in all that is to be made good, the people of this city have a further duty to perform. They must respond to the calls the Elks have issued. They must proffer accommodations for stray members of the visiting herds, and there will be thousands of such to be looked after. Maintain the good name of the city. Help the Elks.

MAYOR RUSHLIGHT & CHIEF

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said charge of accepting a bribe, and that he, the said Frank T. Collier, in his official capacity, would then and there permit and suffer said Clifford W. Maddux

and Frank Reid to be dismissed as per said indictment without a trial and without process of law, contrary to the statute in such cases made and provided, against the peace and dignity of the State of Oregon."

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Events Occurring Throughout the State During the Past Week.

Militia May Clean up Road Houses.
Salem.—Declaring his intention to call out a carefully selected squad of Oregon militia to wage a campaign against immoral roadhouses in Multnomah county, Governor West made a statement that is expected to be like the explosion of a bombshell in the camp of law violators.

"I intend to see that road houses are quickly, effectively and consistently cleaned out," said Governor West, "not only in Multnomah county, but in every part of the state where officials have failed to enforce the law."

Green Aphid Destroys Vetch Fields.
Monmouth.—In the vicinity of Buena Vista and other parts of the Luckiamute river valley, south of this city, several fields of vetch have been totally destroyed by the green aphid. It is not known how rapidly the pests will spread over the fields. So far, no crops have been harmed outside of those in the Luckiamute valley. The aphid has not visited this section of the country since the season of 1910, when the clover crop was entirely ruined.

POTATO DISEASE APPEARING

Care in Selecting Perfect Seed Method of Combating Pest.

Corvallis.—Many potato fields are reported attacked by a disease known as blackleg or blackstem. F. D. Bailey of the crop pest force of the Oregon Agricultural college says of the pest:

"A disease of the Irish potato appearing in Oregon at this season, concerning which the college has received many inquiries, is that known as blackstem or blackleg. It is caused by bacteria, and has been known in the east for several years.

"Both stem and tubers are attacked, and while no severe epidemic of rot in the field or in storage has been traced to this disease, it is quite evident that the loss of scattering plants is sufficient to reduce the yields materially.

"The organisms causing the disease are carried over winter in decaying, bruised or cracked tubers. When such potatoes are cut for seed with other clean ones it is evident that the bacteria will be well distributed.

"If care is taken, however, to select perfect tubers only for seed, the disease will soon disappear."

Quail for Klamath Held Up.

Klamath Falls.—Sportmen who have been awaiting the arrival of a consignment of quail ordered by the state fish and game commission to stock Klamath county are doomed to disappointment.

The shipment was ordered in Missouri, but owing to an infection discovered after the birds were crated the state game authorities of Missouri would not allow them to be shipped out of the state.

COOS BAY WORK STARTS

Contractors Are at North Bend Awaiting Equipment.

North Bend.—Assurance that construction work at this end of the line on the Eugene-Coos Bay extension of the Southern Pacific will begin as quickly as machinery can be brought here is given by representatives of McArthur brothers and Perk company who hold the contract for building the railroad.

It is stated that the contractors will begin work at this end of the line as soon as machinery can be brought here. No regular sub-contracts have been let, but a part of the work will likely be done by other contractors, thus relieving the main contractors of a part of the work. Within 30 days, it is stated, the building of every mile of the track will be arranged for. The equipment which will be used is now in Arizona and its shipment to this point will be started at once. It is the intention of the contractors to make North Bend the distributing point.

College Union Planned.

Portland.—Union of Philomath college and Dallas colleges may result from the action taken by the Oregon Conference of the United Brethren Church, in session at the First Church here. Bishop Bell, Professor Drury and S. M. Jones were appointed commissioners to confer with like commissioners from the United Evangelical Church and the Evangelical Association and seek a basis on which the two institutions may be united.

Linn County Rock Crusher Blown Up.
Lebanon.—One of the Linn county rock crushers was blown up by dynamite on the county road about seven miles east of Lebanon in road district 23.

TAFT IS NOMINATED ON FIRST BALLOT

Vice-President Sherman is Renominated; Roosevelt Men Refuse to Vote.

Chicago.—For president, William Howard Taft. For vice president, James Schoolcraft Sherman.

These are the standard bearers for the 1912 campaign chosen on first ballots by the fifteenth republican national convention.

President Taft received 561 of the 1078 votes in the convention, or 21 more than a majority.

The result of the ballot was: Taft 561, Roosevelt 107, La Follette 41, Cummins 17, Hughes 2, absent 6, present, but not voting, 344.

The result of the ballot for vice president was: Sherman 597, Borah 21, Merriam 20, Hadley 14, Beveridge 2, Gillett 1, absent 71, present, but not voting, 352.

Taft's Nomination Certain.

When it became absolutely certain early that Mr. Taft would be nominat-



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ed without great difficulty, the leaders in control of the convention decided to give him as a running mate his companion on the ticket in 1908.

Owing to the dispute over the contested delegates permanent organization was not effected until the last day of the convention, when the temporary organization was made permanent.

"My first act as permanent chairman of this convention," said Senator Root, stepping forward amid a burst of cheering, "is to ask unanimous consent that our republican brother—Henry J. Allen, of Kansas, be permitted to make a statement."

Allen Gives Roosevelt Statement.

Allen announced that he would read a statement just placed in his hands by Colonel Roosevelt.

"We do not bolt," concluded Allen, "we merely insist that you and not we are making the record. And we refuse to be bound by it. We have pleaded with you 10 days. We have fought with you five days. We fight no more. We plead no longer. We



Vice-President Sherman.

shall sit in protest and the people who sent us here shall judge us."

Ex-Vice-President Fairbanks presented the platform. Delegate Cowen, of Wisconsin, offered the La Follette platform as a substitute, but it was voted down.

The final vote on platform gave Taft 666 ayes, Roosevelt a silent strength of 243, 53 noes and 16 absences.

Oregon Splits on Platform.

On the roll call on adoption of the platform, the Oregon delegation cast four affirmative votes, namely: Smith, Synon, Carey and Campbell. McCusker and Hall voted no. Boyd and Swift were absent, while Coe and Askerson, though present, refused to vote.

Washington voted 14 solid for the platform. The Idaho delegation went on record as opposed to the Roosevelt bolt program. Idaho cast eight votes for the platform.

After the platform was adopted Senator Root was made chairman of the committee to notify President Taft of his nomination. Thomas H. Devine, national committeeman from Colorado, was named chairman of the committee to notify Vice President Sherman.

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