

FIGHT FOR 5-CENT FARE

Milwaukie Citizens Decide at Mass Meeting to File Formal Complaint.

PETITIONS ARE REFUSED

P. R. L. & P. Company Denies Prayer For Lower Rates and Case Will Be Carried to State Commission.

Milwaukie is going after a 5 cent fare in earnest. At a mass meeting held Tuesday night in the city hall it was decided to file a complaint with the State Railroad commission against the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, charging the company with discriminating against Milwaukie by charging a 10-cent fare to and from Portland.

Mayor William Shindler presided at the meeting and J. W. Grasley acted as secretary. Mayor Shindler in a few words set forth the purposes of the meeting which was called to consider the reply of the Portland Railway Light & Power company to the petition that was filed with the Railroad commission two weeks ago, asking that the commission intercede to secure a five-cent fare for Milwaukie, a concession which the railroad company declined to grant.

Secretary Grasley read the reply, which was signed by F. I. Fuller, general manager and vice president of the railway company. In general, Mr. Fuller undertakes to show that there has been no discrimination against Milwaukie in the matter of fares. It is admitted that St. Johns and Lents are further away from Portland than Milwaukie, and have been given a five-cent fare, but it is contended that the long hauls are made at a loss, which is counterbalanced by the fares of passengers who travel only a few blocks. It is intimated in the reply that the company does not make money on its St. Johns line.

Philip Streib gave a brief account of the efforts that have been made for the last three years to secure a five cent fare. He said a five cent fare had been promised first by Manager Hurlbert, and then by the late Mr. Goode, Mr. Hurlbert retiring before the promise was made good, and Mr. Goode dying before he could examine into the conditions. The committee had held many conferences with Manager Fuller, and was finally advised by the latter to bring the matter before the railroad commission, and this was done. Mr. Streib said that he had been informed that Mr. Fuller intended this advice as a joke and did not expect the Milwaukie people would go that far, but they had followed the advice and would fight it out.

Richard Scott called attention to the fact that the O. W. P. gives a five-cent fare to Nickum's Station on the Gresham line, which is further away than Milwaukie.

The following committee was appointed: Mayor William Shindler, Richard Scott, Philip Streib, J. W. Grasley and J. N. Snyder. The committee was authorized to file the formal complaint at once. A hearing will be held in the city hall of Milwaukie at such time as the Railroad commission may fix that will be agreeable to both sides.

While the fact was not brought out at the meeting in Milwaukie, it is well known the principal reason that a five cent fare is not given to Milwaukie and a corresponding reduction to Oak Grove, is the effect it would have on the fare to Oregon City, the company being determined to keep the rate between here and Portland at 25 cents.

During the last few months there have been several attempts made by private individuals, to secure a 10 or 15 cent rate from Oregon City, besides the efforts of the board of trade in the same direction. It is claimed that a 10 cent fare would add 5000 to the population of this city within three years.

Milwaukie is kept from growing by a fare twice as high as to other suburbs. The town has now 600 inhabitants and it is believed there that a five cent fare would double the population in a short time. The town is incorporated, and it was announced at the meeting Tuesday night that a careful investigation was being made into the franchise the street railway company holds in Milwaukie.

No Kick Coming, Says Fuller.
Salem, July 24—Replying to the complaint lodged with the Railroad

commission by the citizens of Milwaukie, charging inadequate freight service at that station on the O. W. P. line of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company system, Manager F. I. Fuller contends the service is fully up to the standard of similar suburban electric railways and maintains that the complaint of the Milwaukites is not well founded. He states, however, that the company will be glad to build the combination passenger and freight shed petitioned for if the citizens of Milwaukie will furnish the site.

PIONEER WOMAN IN GOOD HEALTH AT 80

Mrs. Sarah Higgins, better known as "Gran Higgins," of Redland was in Oregon City Monday on business and visiting old friends.

Gran Higgins is a pioneer of Oregon, having come over from England in 1854 and was married to John Higgins in Wisconsin where they lived a few years, then crossed the plains, settling out near Redland. Mr. Higgins fought in the Mexican war and in the great Rebellion. He died in 1895. Mrs. Higgins will celebrate her eightieth birthday in October. She has made lots of friends in her life and they are pleased to see her so spry.

LETTER WAS FROM GRACE

Written in Oregon City and Found in Pocket of Suicide.

Young Man Disappeared at Camas Valley While On Way to Home of Intended Bride.

In the pocket of a coat worn by a suicide, Philip Standley, whose body was found hanging from a tree about 15 miles southeast of Roseburg, was a part of a letter written at Oregon City last fall and signed "Grace." The letter contained nothing of importance as far as known, and her family name was not learned.

Philip Standley disappeared from Camas Valley, April 15 last. He left his home to go over to Henry Bushnell's in Oialla. He was going to bring home with him Mr. Bushnell's daughter, Miss Edna, to whom he was to be married the next day at the home of his uncle, Rev. John Standley, in Camas Valley. His horse returned home alone but a thorough and continued search through the mountains failed to reveal any definite trace of the missing man.

While hunting in the mountains last Saturday afternoon, Orbie Pierce, who is about 20 years of age, unexpectedly found the body in a secluded spot just three months and five days after the unfortunate man's disappearance.

The body was found suspended by the neck from a drooping limb, a noose having been formed with his handkerchief. This was attached to the limb by the use of his suspenders. A small mirror lying near by indicated that this had been used in helping to adjust the noose. He had then apparently stepped off a log lying there and strangled to death. His coat and vest were found lying on a log. During the long period of its exposure the body was very badly decomposed. The feet had dropped off and the pants and underclothing had slipped to the ground. The face, however, was intact, although almost black from exposure and shrunken to nothing but skin and bones. The hair on his head also remained in place.

Fragments of handkerchief tied to the limb showed that at least two previous attempts had been made before the end was accomplished.

Besides the letter to "Grace" of Oregon City, two blank envelopes and \$4.72 in coin were found in his pockets.

The marriage license for him and Miss Bushnell was issued April 11, and the following day Standley decided to Miss Bushnell his 60 acre farm in Camas Valley.

In support of the suicide theory it is related that Standley said last summer at the funeral of his older brother who suicided at Camas Valley that he, himself, would go the same way.

Who "Grace" is, is as much of a mystery in Oregon City as in Roseburg.

LIQUOR LICENSE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will apply to the council of Oregon City at its next regular meeting for a renewal of his liquor license until October 1, 1907, at his present place of business, 517 Main street, Oregon City. D. McHENRY.

WOODBURN TO MOLALLA

Surveyors Running Line For Railway Into South Clackamas County.

ADOPT SECRET TACTICS

Will Not Say What Company They Are Working For—Project Against Oregon City.

A surveying party is running a line from Woodburn into the Molalla country. The route of the proposed railroad runs south of Needy and in by the Jonathan Yoder sawmill. The surveyors will not say whether they are working for the Southern Pacific or for an independent company.

A line was run a few months ago from Canby to Molalla, thence south to Scotts Mills, tapping the coal mines and big timber belt there.

The fact that these surveys are being made should cause Oregon City people, and especially the business men to sit up and take notice," said one of the leading promoters of the Oregon City, Beaver Creek and Molalla road Wednesday. "If a railroad is built to Molalla from either Canby or Woodburn it is goodbye as far as Oregon City is concerned to about all of south Clackamas trade."

The gentleman quoted knows what he is talking about. The line of least resistance from Molalla to the river would come out about at Barlow. The Oregon City line is the longest and costliest, but once built it would be a paying investment, and unite south Clackamas to the county seat for many years, as no other road would be built into that territory for a long time.

The surveys for the first section of the O. C., B. C. & M. railway have been completed, and work on securing the right of way starts Thursday morning. Whether the road will be started this summer depends upon the landowners along the proposed route. Obstructive tactics are not looked for, however, for nearly all understand that their land will be increased in value much more than the right of way is worth.

ARE BOOK REVIEWS NEWS.

There seems to be a difference of opinion among editors as to whether the appearance of an important new book is an event deserving of any mention in a crowded newspaper. Is the review of a good novel or a great history a matter of real public interest? The Chicago Record-Herald is one of the comparatively few newspapers that answers this question in the affirmative by printing reviews and news of the latest books every day in the week. It believes that its readers are intelligent men and women, who wish to keep up with the world's literary events, as well as with other important news. Its literary department under the editorship of Edwin L. Shuman, is generally acknowledged to be the most ably conducted in the West. Mr. Shuman's reviews are sought and quoted all over the country, and so are those of his brilliant corps of assistants. Walter Littlefield's news letter from New York every Saturday keeps the Record-Herald readers informed on all the forthcoming books of importance, and a cable dispatch from London every Sunday gives the latest book news of the English capital. Thus by covering the literary events of the world as thoroughly as those of every other field, the Record Herald has become the leading authority in that line west of New York. It is not strange that people of literary taste prefer it.

Notice of Final Settlement.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Clackamas County. In the matter of the Estate of Mahala L. Hansen, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, administrator of the above estate has filed his final account herein and that the Judge of the said Court has designated Monday, the 26th day of August, 1907, at 9:30 a. m., at the Courtroom of said Court as the time and place for the hearing of objections to the said final account and the settlement thereof.

Dated at Oregon City, Oregon, July 24, 1907.

ROY W. COCHRAN, Administrator of estate of Mahala L. Hansen, Deceased. Date of first publication July 26, 1907; date of last publication August 23, 1907. 325

CONFESSION NOT BELIEVED.

The unusual spectacle is exhibited in Queens county, New York, of a grand jury which has twice refused to indict a man who has repeatedly confessed to committing murder. The case is that of Henry Becker, who soon after the murder of Amelia Staffeldt on May 22 admitted that he had killed the girl. His family then declared that he was crazy and that his head had been turned by reading accounts of the murder. Aside from his confessions and some suspicious circumstances, the police have no evidence to connect him with the crime, although they have worked for an indictment. As a result of the grand jury's second refusal to return an indictment the young man will probably soon be set free. It is an interesting case in illustration of the theory of the association of ideas, says the Salem Statesman, and it has some distinct bearing on doubts which have arisen as to Orchard's confession at Boise.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

Letter list for week ending July 25, 1907, Oregon City postoffice:
Woman's list—Bob, Mrs; Graves, Mrs. C. B.; Genlrl. Elma; Holloway, Mrs. A.; Jackson, Mrs. C. L.; Schram, Mrs. Katie.
Men's list—Brown, John; Chase, Henry; Green, Otto I.; Lovell, Ben.

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NOTICE FOR PROPOSALS—CULVERT.

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals for the furnishing of all labor and material, for the construction of a stone or concrete culvert on a portion of John Adams, Sixth, Washington and Center streets of Oregon City, Oregon, for the waters of Singer Hill branch, will be received until Wednesday, August 7th, 1907, at 4 o'clock p. m., by the undersigned committee, at the office of the Recorder of Oregon City.

A certified check equal to five per cent of the total bid herein must accompany each bid, and which certified check will be subject to forfeiture to Oregon City in case of failure of the successful bidder herein to enter into contract for the completion of such culvert work and furnish the required bond within ten days from the date of the acceptance of said bid.

Further information containing plans and specifications for the construction of said culvert will be furnished upon application to the Recorder of Oregon City.

This notice is published by order of the Council of Oregon City, made at a special meeting of said Council held June 14, 1907.
E. P. RANDS,
F. J. MEYER,
D. C. WILLIAMS,
Committee on Streets and Public Property of the Council of Oregon City. 33-2

CITY TREASURER'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that there are sufficient funds on hand in the Water Fund of Oregon City to pay all outstanding warrants endorsed prior to November 11th, 1905. Also General Fund Warrant No. 2904.

Interest ceases with the date of this notice. Dated July 25th, 1907.
M. D. LATOURETTE,
Treasurer of Oregon City.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S NOTICE.

To Whom It May Concern:— I call attention to Sec. 1974 of Belling and Cotton's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Oregon, which reads as follows:—

1974. Liquor Not to be Given Away or Sold or Retail House Kept Open on Sunday.

"No person shall keep open any house or room in which intoxicating liquor is kept for retail, on the first day of the week, commonly called Sunday, or give, or sell, or otherwise dispose of intoxicating liquors on that day; any person violating this section shall be fined in any sum not exceeding twenty-five nor less than ten dollars for each offense; and such fine to be for the use of common schools in the county in which the offense was committed; Provided, that this section, so far as it prohibits keeping open a house or room, shall not apply to tavern keepers."

On and after Sunday, the 28th day of July, 1907, the foregoing section of our statutes will be strictly enforced in the Fifth Judicial District, embracing the counties of Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia and Washington.

Dated, Oregon City, Oregon, this 24th day of July, 1907.
GILBERT L. HEDGES,
District Attorney for the Fifth Judicial District, State of Oregon.



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