

CHARTER IS DONE

Commission Concludes Its Long Labors.

MAYOR'S SALARY TO BE \$4800

City Officers Prohibited From Selling Goods to the Municipality by Contract, Private Sale, or Any Other Method.

The Charter Board last night finished its review of the instrument upon which it has been working for nine months.

The salary of the Mayor was raised to \$4800 per year. The board also recorded itself as opposed to any amendment permitting city officers or employees to supply materials to the city by competitive contract, or otherwise.

The first matter of business was the report of the revision committee, to which a number of amendments were referred at last meeting.

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It has been stated that the Rock Island and the Santa Fe Companies were racing to buy the Mexican Central.

Superintendent Ross Resigns. ST. PAUL, Feb. 12.—George T. Ross, superintendent of the Montana division of the Great Northern, has resigned.

Harriman Going to Mexico. NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—E. H. Harriman, president of the Southern Pacific system and chairman of the Union Pacific lines, will spend about two weeks for the City of Mexico.

YOUTHFUL CRIMINALS. Superintendent Gardner Offers Further Comment on the Subject.

PORTLAND, Feb. 10.—(To the Editor.)—The excellent editorial in yesterday's Oregonian and the letter from Judge Frazer today's issue prompts me to say a few words respecting youthful criminals.

It is only too true that in three-fourths of these cases the parents are to blame, but I do not believe that any amount of lecture or newspaper comment will make any material improvement for each parent is prone to hold his own children as simply boyish fun, and is neglecting his own children.

There are three distinct classes of youthful criminals—those who have been cast adrift to care for themselves at a tender age; those who have drifted into bad company; children of vicious or criminal parents who have taught their children from babyhood to steal or raised them in an atmosphere of vice.

With the class first mentioned we can hardly expect any better results, as they have had no one to take an interest in their training, but I will say that with this class there is a less number who become criminals than either of the other two classes.

The second class is without doubt the class from which the majority of our criminals spring. What can be expected of a boy or girl whose father is a drunkard and whose mother is an abandoned woman?

Very frequently the attention of the officers of the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society is called to these cases and the state has furnished a remedy in a statute that enable the court to remove such children from their parents and sever all parental ties.

And the remedy works well in many cases. It is taken in charge young enough, but in many cases complaint is not made until the children are of such an age that their habits are formed and their natural affection for their parents and the life they lead becomes so strong that it is impossible to reform them, and such children are truly unhappy in a reformed home, and only wait until they become of age to seek out their parents and dive deeper into a life of infamy or crime from which they have been so long deprived.

Many cases of this kind come to my notice and one at this particular time in which the father was a shiftless fellow, without force, and the mother, not only had character, but the children, six in number, were from 4 to 16 years of age. The elder, a girl of 16, and her sister, aged 14, were found excellent homes, where the people were refined and strictly moral, but both girls found means to communicate with their mother, and as soon as the elder became of age, joined her mother, and is now living a life of shame. It is probable that the next sister will follow her, and the younger children are no doubt saved.

The third class mentioned are the harder to deal with, as in every case the officers have to combat the influence of their parents. It is a matter of the homes and the courts. But a short time ago our special officer called at the home of one of the lads who disturbed the peace of a school to speak to his parents of his conduct. The mother would not see the officer, and the young man with an oath slammed the door in his face, and yet the father of this boy comes forward to defend his son and to blame the school, even censured for his conduct. It is such parents as these who are to be blamed for our correctional institutions being filled to overflowing, as their example is followed by many of more humble percentage. If this class were not defended by their parents, but properly corrected, their influence would be of benefit, instead of a detriment to the community.

Speaking of the reform schools where boys, committed for being simply incorrigible, are thrown into the society of others sentenced for the commission of heinous crimes, I believe instead of reforming them it becomes a graduating class for the penitentiary. The only reform school which is a success is that which is based on the graded system, according to age and the offense for which they are committed.

I say this after nearly 13 years of institutional experience.

T. GARDNER, Sup't Boys' and Girls' Aid Society.

ALL MUST BE VACCINATED. Railroads Take a Hand in Stamping Out Smallpox Epidemic.

CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—Every employe of every railroad entering Chicago, from president to messenger boy, will be vaccinated between now and Monday, or lose his position. Every car which arrives at the city from every direction will be subjected to fumigation for six hours, under the direction of the Health Department of the city, before other passengers are allowed to enter it.

These precautions have been agreed upon at a meeting of the general managers of all the railroads entering Chicago. The Chicago & Alton Railroad and the Illinois Central began to put them into effect today. The other lines will begin tomorrow. All will continue until the smallpox epidemic, which is ravaging the Northwest and the Mississippi Valley States, shall be stamped out.

The Lincoln Car Decorated. OMAHA, Feb. 12.—Lincoln's birthday was celebrated by the Union Pacific Railroad by closing the entire headquarters for the day. President Lincoln's decoration was especially identified with the building of the overland road and the day was observed as much as possible over the system.

The Lincoln car, which was now stands dismantled at the old shops, was draped appropriately, and the employes were given an opportunity to view it. The last time the car was used was to carry the body of the martyred President to Springfield, the trip lasting from April 21 to May 3, 1865. The car was bought by the Union Pacific Railroad and used as an engine car between Omaha and Lincoln. It was retired, and has since been kept for the memories with which it is surrounded.

Want Upper River Improved. BAKER CITY, Feb. 12.—At a meeting of the Baker City Chamber of Commerce tonight resolutions were passed demanding the improvement of the Upper Columbia River at the same time the lower river is improved, and ordering a copy sent to the Representatives. A descriptive pamphlet of Baker County's resources was ordered printed and 25,000 copies sent to the U. S. E. & N. for distribution in the East. A committee was appointed to induce homeseekers to visit here.

National Trotting Congress. NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—The biennial National Trotting Congress was begun here today.

PURSE FOR PRIZEFIGHT

PASTIME CLUB OFFERS \$15,000 TO JEFFRIES AND MARTIN.

Match to Be Part of the Festivities of the Glad May Time—\$5000 as a Forfeit.

At a meeting of the directors of the Pastime Club yesterday afternoon, it was decided to offer a \$15,000 purse for a 20-round contest between Champion Jim Jeffries and Denver Ed Martin (colored), the match to take place in Portland during the month of May. A certified check for \$5000 will be placed in the hands of a respectable party, as a guarantee of good faith on the part of the club management, on the acceptance of their proposition by the managers of both men.

It is understood that the Pastime Club has under consideration the proposition of leasing grounds on which to erect a mammoth amphitheater, with a seating capacity of 10,000, in which the great contest will be held.

Jim Jeffries is now in New York City, where efforts are being made to arrange a match between him and Fitzsimmons. Thus far, no agreement has been reached, and it is not thought that "Fitz" will again consent to meet the champion.

Ed Martin is the champion colored boxer in the world, and appeared in this city last fall as the sparring partner of Gus Ruhlin. Martin outclassed Ruhlin in the exhibition, and it is generally known that he is a better man.

CLASS A BILLIARDS. Mial and Threslie Played One of the Best Games of the Series.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—One of the best games in the class A amateur billiard tournament at the Knickerbocker Athletic Club was played there tonight between Dr. L. L. Mial, of this city, and Charles Threslie, of Boston. The game lasted 100 minutes, and was a very close one. Mial edged his previous score with a run of 80, unfinished. The score: Mial 40; average, 5-4-4; Threslie, 23; average, 5-2-4-4.

W. H. Sigourney, the San Francisco amateur, played a very good game, the fourth of his series of six, during the afternoon. His opponent was Charles S. Norris, formerly champion of the Chicago Athletic Association, but now champion of the Knickerbocker Athletic Club, where the tournament is being held. The Pacific coast champion was in much better form than when he met Arthur Hendrick, the ex-champion of Connecticut, last night, and some of his work was of a gilt-edged character. It was so good, indeed, that his opponent joined in the applause for his frequent brilliant plays. The score: Sigourney, 49; high 64; average, 5-2-5-8; Norris, 34; high 41; average, 6-3-7.

Following is the standing of the players up to date:

Table with 3 columns: Name, Won, Lost. Mial 4 1, Sigourney 3 1, Hendrick 2 1, Conklin 2 1, Threslie 2 1, Miller 1 5, Sigourney and Conklin will play tomorrow night.

NEW CAPTAIN OF TRACK TEAM. Clyde Payne Succeeds Roy Heater at University of Oregon.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, EXGENSE, Ore., Feb. 12.—At the varsity athletic this afternoon, Clyde A. Payne, '04, was elected captain of the track team for the coming season, to succeed Roy Heater. For two years Payne has been the crack middle-distance runner of the college, and at present holds the Northwest inter-collegiate records for the 800-yard and 400-yard runs. He also holds the Pacific coast records for the 400-yard run, having covered the distance in 51-1-5 seconds.

Payne played fullback on the University of Oregon football team in 1899 and 1900, and was chosen a member of the All-Oregon team in the latter year. He has been a member of the executive committee of the Associated Students for two years, and was president of his class last year. Payne is a native of Jackson County and is 21 years old. His home is at Ashland.

Recess at Oakland. OAKLAND, Feb. 12.—Results today were:

Seven furlongs, selling—Merops won, Huachuca second, Urchin third; time, 1:31. Three and a half furlongs, purse—Archie won, Tom Mitchell second, Gaylotta third; time, 0:45. Mile and an eighth, selling—Formero won, Picador second, Bab third; time, 1:20. Mile and a sixteenth, selling—Diderot won, Gallantus second, Ducking third; time, 1:52. Futurity purse, purse—Shelburne won, Colonial I first, Leagues of American second, 1:14. Six and a half furlongs, selling—Flamero won, Thurston second, Educate third; time, 0:24.

Recess at New Orleans. NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 12.—Results today were:

Mile and eighth, selling—Little Lols won, Lillian Reed second, the Messenger third; time, 1:56. Half mile—Maverick won, Imp Lady Winkle second, Frank Rice third; time, 0:49. Steeplechase, handicap, short course—McLaren won, Mr. Rose second, Bristol third; time, 3:04. Mile and a sixteenth, handicap—Intruder won, Wain second, Pettit Maitre third; time, 1:48. Six furlongs—St. Cuthbert won, John Griggs second, Prowl third; time, 1:14. Mile and three furlongs, selling—Malay won, Little E second, Kingstee third; time, 2:24.

L. A. W. Dying Out. TORRINGTON, Conn., Feb. 12.—Twenty-one delegates, representing 12 states, were present at the opening session of the National Assembly, League of American Wheelmen, here today. The National president, H. S. Earle, of Detroit, presided. In his report President Earle referred to the downward trend of the membership of the L. A. W. He advocated the adoption of divisions and the substitution of local organizations similar to that tried with success at New Bedford, as the only safeguard for the organization, the maintenance of which is hanging in the balance. Secretary Bassett, of Boston, said the affairs of the L. A. W. are in a condition for careful consideration between the Y. M. C. A. and the team from Williamette University. The game will be played in this city on Saturday evening, and it promises to be a fierce contest, as Williamette University has an exceptionally fast team.

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DECIDED ON DOG SHOW. Portland Kennel Club Will Give an Exhibition This Year.

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