

TRAFIC FALLS

Railway Men Will Hear the Jobbers.

BIG CONFERENCE TODAY

It Will Determine What Coast Will Do.

INLAND TRAFFIC AT STAKE

Unless Concessions Are Made by the Railways Portland and Tacoma Must Suffer in Dealing With Tributary Territory.

In order that the Senator might be heard. The Interstate Commerce Commission and its effect, as well as what should be done to make it more effective, was discussed both by the Senator and the members present.

TO REOPEN EAST SIDE STATION Postmaster Minto is Authorized to Do So by Washington.

After having been closed for more than a year, the station at East Portland, is to be re-opened and under present plans should be in operation May 1.

The question of lower distributive rates from the coast inland may be settled tomorrow afternoon. This is one of the most important contentions that has come up in the Pacific Northwest for many years, and it might be truthfully said, one that has been before the public for many years.

J. C. Stubbs, traffic director of the Harbortran system and dean of the transcontinental rate men, will reach Portland in the morning from San Francisco.

Questions Discussed for Years. The questions at issue have been discussed for years through correspondence and with local rate men, but no settlement has ever been reached.

The immediate and rapid growth of the jobbing business of the Northwest is the cause of the contentions of the trade in the district. The traffic men in the district are now being put into shape for the handling of the postal business.

Discrimination Against Coast. Discrimination against the Northwest jobber is charged. It is shown that the distributive rates back from Tacoma and Portland toward the inland country are from 50 to 100 per cent greater mile for mile than those for the same routes from the Eastern terminals of St. Paul, Chicago and Omaha.

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PASSES AWAY AT HIS HOME IN LEWIS.



The late Robert Milne Smith, who died suddenly at his residence at Lewis on Thursday last, had lived the larger portion of his life in and around Portland, and for 23 years, and up to his death, was in the employ of Thompson & Co., Mr. Smith was born at Aberdeen, Scotland, in October, 1847, and came to Oregon in the early '70s as first officer of the Duneland.

Minnesotans Send Invitations. Governor Johnson, of Minnesota, and Knute Nelson, Senator from that state, may be in Portland at the time of the Scandinavian Stengenfest at the Fair, July 29.

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IS DAY OF PRAYER

Revivalists Make This the Great Occasion.

NOONDAY SERVICES PLANNED

Many Stores Have Agreed to Close Between the Hours of 11:30 and 2 o'clock to Enable Clerks to Attend.

This is the "Day of Prayer" of the evangelists and their following of Christians in the city of Portland. At 10 o'clock this morning special services will be opened in all the churches and conducted by the regular ministers until 11 o'clock.

Services Are Outlined. A few of those approached refused to close for that length of time, but did agree to close for an hour to enable those clerks that desired to visit the churches.

BY IMPROMPTU FUSILLADE. Three Men Are Killed in Wreck of Cartridge Factory.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., April 4.—In a terrific explosion that blew to pieces one of the brick buildings of the Union Metallic Cartridge Company shortly before the close of today's work, three men were instantly killed.

May Bury Pike on His Peak. COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., April 4.—A movement has been started here through the local Chamber of Commerce to have the remains of Lieutenant Zelin Montgomery Pike, the discoverer of Pike's Peak, removed to Colorado.

Kreisler, Poet of Weird Violin Music. Unlike Paganini, the New Star Has Hair of Normal Length and Is Built Like a Football Player, But Is a Genius.



MULTNOMAH COUNTY COURTHOUSE, SHOWING WOOD AND RUBBISH; ONE PLACE WHERE COUNTY IMPROVEMENT IS NEEDED.

STARK STREET LINE

Traction Company May Get the Franchise.

COUNCIL WILL ACT TODAY

Little Hope Felt for the Passage of a Billboard Ordinance or That for the Automatic Telephone.

It looks as if the Oregon Traction Company would obtain a franchise to place car tracks on Stark street, and that being done, to build an electric road to Hillsboro.

There were but one time two reasons for believing that the franchise would not be granted. Both were based on rumors, one that the Oregon Traction Company was really the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company.

Those Councilmen who are in favor of the automatic telephone do not expect much hope of obtaining the extra vote with which to grant the franchise.

Heard in the Rotundas. "People often wonder why the railroads employ so many Japs as section hands," said C. M. Levey, of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company.

"The Marriage of Kitty." "The Marriage of Kitty," a comedy written by Charles Edward Stuart Combs and Lennox, London club and society man, and husband of Marie Tempest, who played Kitty in London and New York.

"The Lilliputians" at the Marquam. Tonight and tomorrow night the Pollard Lilliputian Opera Company, now playing a most successful engagement at the Marquam Grand Theater.

Nordica Sings to the Mormons. SALT LAKE, April 4.—The historic Mormon temple was the scene of a remarkable ovation tonight, when the Condon Metropolitan Opera Company, of New York, gave its single concert here.

A Dollar's Worth Free

To Any Rheumatic Sufferer

I ask no deposit—no reference—no security. There is nothing to risk—nothing to promise—nothing to pay, either now or later.

Crystallized Poison. Your blood is always full of poison—the poison you eat and drink and breathe into your system. It is the purpose of the blood to absorb and carry off the various poisons.

Simply Write Me. The offer is open in every town, everywhere, who has not tried my remedy. But you must write ME for the free-dollar package order.

"It Didn't Hurt a Bit"

DENTISTS Who are graduates and hold licenses in Oregon, are

DENTISTS Who should do all your work.

DENTISTS Who are honest with you and do what is best for your teeth.

DENTISTS Who warrant satisfaction in every case, are the

DENTISTS to satisfy you as we do all others.

Chicago Painless Dentists

303 1/2 Washington street, opposite Perkins Hotel, Cor. of Fifth. Phone Main 2848. Open evening and Sundays.

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Best Bank References. matum" with choral accompaniment, aroused the audience to the highest pitch of enthusiasm.

Milk Inspector Certificates

Several milk dealers called yesterday at the office of Commissioner J. W. Batley, of the Oregon State Dairy and Food Commission.

Shoep's Rheumatic Remedy

Dr. Shoep's Rheumatic Remedy is the only medicine that I know of that will cure Rheumatism in any form.

Dr. Shoep's Rheumatic Remedy. I found it in Germany. When I found this chemical, I secret that I could make a Rheumatic cure that would be practically certain.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Judge Dexter Rice, of Roseburg, is at the Perkins.

George E. Black, a manufacturer at Seattle, is registered at the Perkins.

Dr. J. S. Geisendorffer, a practicing physician at The Dalles, is a guest at the Perkins.

John N. Canning, former County Commissioner of Cook County, Illinois, and a prominent Republican of Chicago, was at the Perkins yesterday.

Mrs. H. C. Hanke, wife of a Minneapolis lumberman, is visiting Mrs. C. L. Howe, at 370 Thirteenth street.

AT THE THEATERS

New Columbia Stock Company. Next Sunday afternoon the reorganized Columbia Stock Company, headed by Catherine Countess and Donald Bowles.

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