

# CONDUCTORS HERE FOR CONVENTION

### Programme for the Session Which Is to Begin This Afternoon.

## HEARTY WELCOME ASSURED

Red, White and Green, the Colors of the Order, Are Liberally Displayed as Decorations Throughout the City.

**TODAY'S PROGRAMME.**

Auxiliary reception, Elks' Hall, 2 P. M.

Public reception, Marquam theater, 8 P. M., with following programme:

Prayer, Rev. Dr. Z. P. Hill

Address of welcome to state, .....

Address of welcome to city, .....

..... Mayor George H. Williams

Response, .....

Grand Chief Conductor E. K. Clark

Vocal selections, .....

Address, .....

..... B. A. Worthington

Address, .....

..... Grand President Mrs. J. H. Moore

Address, .....

..... Tom Richardson

Resolution, .....

..... Most Rev. Alexander Christie, D. D.

This afternoon at 1 o'clock the thirtieth biennial convention of the Order of Railway Conductors will convene in the Armory. Grand Chief Conductor Clark presiding.

At midnight last night three special trains, carrying delegates and their friends, arrived from Missouri River points. They came over the Oregon Short Line, the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern. Fully 1200 persons were carried on the three trains, which were met by committees from Hood Division.

These of the order who reached the city earlier are enthusiastic in their praise of Oregon and feel kindly toward the people here for their generous welcome. When the new arrivals go into the heart of the city this morning they will see almost every mercantile establishment flying their colors, and red, white and green lanterns will be observed in many windows. Grand Chief Conductor E. K. Clark arrived yesterday morning and took up quarters at the Hotel Portland. He is not a stranger in Portland, as he once ran trains on this coast. He was a conductor of the Northern Pacific and worked the route between Helena and Billings, Mont., and he was also on the Rio Grande route for several years.

Portland is a great city," said Mr. Clark yesterday. "It is a good city to come to at any time, and though it is a great distance from the headquarters of our members, we selected it two years ago at Pittsburg as our meeting place this year. We do not regret the selection."

One of the principal subjects for legislation at the convention this year will be that of changing the meeting time to once in every three or four years instead of every two years, as at the present time. The election officers will also take place, and the place of the next convention selected.

Official programmes have been issued, giving interesting statistics concerning Oregon and Portland and telling of enjoyable side trips that may be made during the visitors' stay in the city. They state that a reception committee will be given by the Ladies' Auxiliary at 6 o'clock this afternoon at Elks' Hall, Marquam building. All conductors and their wives will be entertained. Grand President Mrs. J. H. Moore reached Portland last night from Toledo, O., and will open headquarters at the Hotel Portland. The programme of the reception is as follows: Piano solo, Mrs. J. H. Moore; vocal solo, Mrs. Katherine Riggs, grand S. S.; "Bourne of Dreams," Mrs. Dora Leane; welcome address, Mrs. Abbie Crocker, president; response, Mrs. J. H. Moore, grand president; vocal solo, selection, Mrs. G. W. Perkins; address, Mrs. A. F. Conkling, grand vice president; "In Thy Blue Eyes," Edna Lottie, recitation, Lillian Heath; address, Mrs. P. C. Cavanaugh, chairman grand executive committee; piano solo, Amy Duxon; address, Mrs. Conkling, secretary.

The sessions of the convention will last at least four days, and will probably occupy the greater part of a week. During their stay in the city the delegates and their friends will be entertained almost every evening, the Lewis and Clark Exposition will be visited and a trip will be made to the seaside.

**May Extend Line to Inside Inn.**

The Portland Consolidated Street Railway will in all probability extend its building to open for public business. It is believed the influx of suspicious-looking strangers, incident to the near approach of the Fair, has had something to do with the decision. The streetcar will be ready for operation by the opening day of the Exposition.

**Policeman at City Hall.**

A policeman has been detailed by Chief Hunt to remain on duty at the city hall during all hours of the day while the building is open for public business. It is believed the influx of suspicious-looking strangers, incident to the near approach of the Fair, has had something to do with the decision. The policeman's office will be especially well-guarded by the patrolman. The appointment of the officer has been made possible by the recent increase in the force.

**Lady Curzon's Token of Gratitude.**

CALCUTTA, May 8.—Lady Curzon, wife of the Viceroy, intends to present to the city of Calcutta as a mark of her gratitude for the notable welcome accorded her on returning to India after her long illness in England.

**Hay Changes Style of Baths.**

BAD NAUHEIM, May 8.—Secretary Hay has finished the first portion of the cure and is now taking the higher grade of baths. His condition is very satisfactory.

## THE ELEPHANT IS ABOUT TO START ON HIS TRIUMPHANT MARCH



## TROUBLE IN VIEW

### Legality of Committeemen's Election Questioned.

## NEW MEMBERS ASSERTIVE

### Old Ones Declare That the Newly-Elected Cannot Serve, and the Courts May Have to Decide Which Is Right.

Trouble seems brewing in the Republican County and City Central Committee, from the election last Saturday of 23 new members. The old members, or most of them, think the new gentlemen are "butting in" and have no lawful place on the committee. The dispute may go to the courts.

Whitney L. Boese, chairman of the old committee, says plainly that the newly-elected men cannot count those now in the seats. But the patriots who have just come into glory have an opinion of their own, which doesn't match Mr. Boese's, for they are of the opinion that the old members should get off the political earth.

And to show that they mean business the new committeemen will meet next Thursday evening, whereas has not been determined, though the New Deal headquarters, at 109 Second street, may be the place. The direct primary law ordains that the Central Committee must meet and organize within five days after the primaries at which it was elected. The last day of grace will be next Thursday.

**How It Is Made Up.**

The Central Committee is made up of one member from each of the 35 city precincts and from each of the 25 country precincts in the county. The entire body, as chosen by the last county convention in March, 1904, was called the County Central Committee.

The duty of the committee is to manage the campaign. Inasmuch as nominating conventions are abolished and central committees no longer select delegates thereof, the committee is stripped of the function most important heretofore. The squabble will probably be confined to the Republican brethren, for on the Democratic side there is a willingness to let the new committeemen take the seats of the old. Democrats also elected new committeemen at Saturday's primaries. John Van Zante, chairman of the old Democratic committee, is of the opinion that the old committee is functus officio, inasmuch as the law under which it was created and under which it worked is entirely repealed by the direct-primary law. An attempt will be made perhaps to slide the new committee off on the City Central Committee which was appointed by the city convention of 1902. That committee, though apparently functus officio, never was officially disbanded. Its chairman was C. H. Carey.

But whatever the outcome of the present dispute, Mr. Boese said yesterday that the organization of which he is head will support the nominees of last Saturday's primaries and do all it can for their election.

**List of New Committeemen.**

The county committee chosen last year

and the new members elected last Saturday are, as follows:

- Pres. Old Committee, New Committee.**
1. Roosevelt Ashley, Dr. N. R. Cox.
  2. Frank B. Storer.
  3. Charles Conroy.
  4. Frank B. Storer, James J. Brown.
  5. Geo. W. Hoyt.
  6. Madison Welch, Jackson Reed.
  7. G. G. Willis, Jordan Zan.
  8. W. H. Clifton.
  9. Joseph Williams.
  10. J. J. Kerrigan.
  11. F. C. Fowler.
  12. James W. Stein.
  13. Frank Brander.
  14. J. J. O'Leary.
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## MAY BOLT TICKET

### Municipal Association May Run an Independent.

## NO DECISION MADE YET

### Executive Committee Will Meet Today and Determine Whether to Place a Nominee Against Williams in the Field.

Officers of the Municipal Association were reticent yesterday as to their intentions and said that they did not know what today's meeting would bring forth. There is no gainsaying, however, that they feel much discomfited, and that influential ones are prone to bolt. Before the primaries they declared unreservedly that should Williams win they would not count members of the association. The association was urged to stay out of the primaries, but it decided that failure to win in the nominating contest would not necessarily keep them out of the election. They believed that there was a chance of beating Williams in the primaries; hence they did not wish to put off until June 3 the fate of an issue which they thought they had a fair chance of deciding on May 8.

**GRAY WAS NOMINATED.**

With this end in view, the association invited Albert and endorsed him. After Albert's election he hesitated a considerable time before announcing that he would try for the primary nomination.

**Auditor's Figures in Favor of Hyland Contained Errors.**

That Thomas Gray and not George M. Hyland was nominated at last Saturday's Republican primaries appeared evident from the figures in the City Auditor's office, thus bearing out the Oregonian's election returns. An error was found yesterday in the footings made Saturday night in the Auditor's office, whereby Gray was credited with 102 votes less than he should have received. Besides, Gray was credited with only 13 votes in Precinct 10 in Idaho, whereas his vote was really 53. These errors made a difference of 109 votes. Gray now seems to be 109 votes ahead of Hyland.

The exact figures will be known today, when the Auditor shall have finished his official canvass of the vote.

**Think Mistake Was Made.**

The prevailing opinion in political circles is that the Municipal Association made a mistake in entering the primaries; indeed, members of the association admitted as much even before last Saturday's contest.

The executive committee which will meet this afternoon is composed of O. P. M. Jamison, president; John Bain, secretary; Miller Murdoch, J. S. Patullo, W. L. Johnson, J. W. Bell, John A. Patterson, W. H. Markell, E. C. Brougham, W. Payne, H. W. Stone and F. A. Frazer.

**City Offenders Before Municipal Judge Hogue.**

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## MERIT SYSTEM UP

### Woman's Club Sends to Board Its Resolution.

## IT GOES TO COMMITTEE

### School Directors Grant Requests of Grand Army and Take Up Several Other Subjects of Importance for Action.

The city Board of Education held its bimonthly meeting last night, at which the mooted question of the merit system, recently outlined by the Board, played a leading part in the transactions. It was expected that a crowd of teachers and their friends would be on hand to demonstrate, but in this respect there was a disappointment, as the only evidence of opposition to the stand taken by the Board came in the shape of the following resolution from the Woman's Club, which was handed in by Mrs. L. W. Sitton, chairman of the Board, as soon as it opened its proceedings:

"Whereas the merit system, as outlined by the Board of Education, has caused much uneasiness among the teaching force in our city schools, and believes that a fair and just distribution of salaries is not possible for the teachers to give their best efforts, and further believing that the proposed merit system does not outline a fair and just distribution of salaries, with the understanding at the last meeting of the taxpayers: be it

Resolved, That the Woman's Club petition the honorable Board of Education to reconsider its action relative to the introduction of the merit system.

On motion of Director Wittenburg, the resolution was referred to the committee on examination of teachers, which consists of Director Beach and City Superintendent of Schools Rigler. After adjournment, Beach stated that he was opposed to the resolution, while Superintendent Rigler was noncommittal, hence the chances are that the Woman's Club will have its labor for the purpose of sprinkling all school lots in conspicuous places while the Fair was in operation.

A request from the Oregon Humane Society, which intended to give an exhibition at the Marquam next Friday afternoon, to permit the closing of the city public schools on that date in order that a number of pupils could participate in the humane society's exhibition, however, that the yearly practice would henceforth be discontinued. The matter elicited much discussion, but the committee on the subject of the G. A. R. for the usual collection of flowers for pupils for use on Decoration day was granted, and the children will be asked to contribute as many flowers as possible on the day before, to be gathered up on the following day by vehicles engaged for that purpose. A request from an organization styling itself the female members of the G. A. R., asking the board to appoint three or four pupils from each school to bring flowers to a designated rendezvous on First street with the intention of having them used for decorative purposes in the cemeteries, was ignored, as Secretary Allen, who is an old soldier, and informed accordingly upon matters relating to veterans of the Civil War, reported that the organization seeking the co-operation of the board in an effort to induce the children to help them out in this fashion was a bogus imitation of the genuine article, and had no connection whatever with the Women's Relief Corps of the G. A. R.

The schools will close on June 21, and June 22 will be a latest date for the applications or petitions by the teachers could be filed with the board. This was done to enable the board to investigate intelligently the situation in the city. It was directed that the reports of the principals should be received on the same day.

It was decided to have the building committee report at the next meeting on the relation of the selection of a site for a building to relieve the congestion incident to the growth of the Williams Avenue, Holladay, Higdon and Division streets. The board was urged to have a human reproduction of the American flag by the pupils of the public schools on June 14—"Flag Day." It was granted unanimously.

After granting Secretary Allen permission to use his excellent services at the cemetery on Decoration day, the board adjourned until Monday evening, May 22.

**Events in Hawaiian Islands.**

HONOLULU, May 2, via San Francisco, May 2.—The federal grand jury, which has been investigating among other matters a report that polygamy was practiced here in the Mormon colony, has made its final report to Judge Dole. The report says that there is no evidence that polygamy was ever practiced in the Hawaiian Islands.

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## PARKS AND PERSIAN RUGS

We have received from New York a very extensive and select consignment of Turkish and Persian Rugs of the finest make; they will be upon exhibition Wednesday at room No. 413 Washington street, and the sale by auction will commence Thursday, May 11th, at 2:30 and 7:50 and continued. The exhibition of rugs is worthy of your attention. The sale will be by catalogue, which can be had at the salesrooms. Included in the catalogue are Faraghan, Kurdsan, Boukara, Ivan, Seraban, Camelshair, Mouskabat Carpet, Mohal, Teberaz, Kermousha, Baghestan, Kijikini, Senans, Gageslan, Mansaney Shiraz, Khara, Douhougstan, Karatah, etc. Carpets, Rugs, Hall Runners, some large Carpet Rugs, etc. We have positive instructions to sell this collection of Rugs and we request your attendance and are sure you will secure bargains. Rugs ready for exhibition. Catalogue can be had.

S. L. N. GILMAN, Auctioneer

## ISAACS IS ACCUSED

### Patrol Driver Said to Be Lottery Grafter.

## CHIEF HUNT INVESTIGATES

### No Formal Charge Is Preferred, but the Matter Will Be Referred to Police Committee of Executive Board.

Policeman Isaacs, attached to the first relief as driver of the patrol wagon, is alleged to be the "Joe Smith" who has been collecting \$2 a month from Chinese for protection. He was called before Chief of Police Hunt last night. He entered an emphatic denial.

No formal charge has been placed against Driver Isaacs, but Chief Hunt will lay the case before General Charles F. Beebe and Sig Sichel, comprising, with Mayor Williams, the police committee of the Executive Board.

Chief of Police Hunt refused to state, when requested to do so, from what source information came connecting Driver Isaacs, it is evident, however, that a brother officer accused Isaacs as Chief Hunt remarked that he could not divulge the person's name at present, as the accused did not wish to be known in the matter.

"Driver Isaacs positively denies ever entering any Chinese establishment, denials ever taking any money from them and gives an explanation of why Chinese should refer to him as 'Joe Smith,'" said Chief Hunt. "He states that some Chinese came to him shortly after the shooting affray on Second street, in which Chief Hunt last night, and asked him to 'let up' on them. He says he told them that he had nothing to 'let up' on, as he merely took the injured man to the hospital in the wagon and knew nothing of the matter."

"Isaacs then explains his connection with the name of Smith. 'What shall we call you?' he says the Chinese asked him. He says he replied to them, 'Oh, call me Smith.'"

Driver Isaacs did not explain the necessity for all this talk between himself and the Chinese, and although he declared to Chief Hunt that he had never entered any Chinese establishment, patrolmen have frequently watched him, as he went from place to place. Isaacs was admitted to a policeman the recently borrowed some money from Yuen Sney who runs a place at Fifth and Pine streets, and said he had repaid the debt. Isaacs did not go into this detail with Chief Hunt last night.

Saturday night Charlie Law and Hang Wah, Chinese engaged in business at Seventh and Gilman streets, admitted paying \$2 a month for a period of eight months. They also admitted paying this to a man calling himself "Joe Smith," who was described by them as a little man, who drives a wagon. Upon being told that "Smith" would not be ground for the monthly collection any longer, they agreed to pay it to a man they supposed had been appointed in his stead.

Hang Wah and Charlie Law are notorious lottery agents. They have been arrested many times, but within recent months, and have been fined by Municipal Judge Hogue.

Chief Hunt detailed a policeman yesterday morning to call on Charlie Law and Hang Wah. The Chinese appeared immediately. Upon being questioned, they denied everything. They even denied having any conversation with anyone regarding monthly payments Saturday night, and said the only man they ever paid was Special Officer Franklin, who patrols that beat. He receives \$1 a month. This is a legitimate fee for a watchman and has no connection with the lottery case.

**Detective Comes for Smith.**

ST. LOUIS, May 8.—Detective Wren, of San Francisco, arrived here tonight and will depart Wednesday for home, taking Edward J. Smith, the alleged defaulting Tax Collector of that city, to answer the charge of embezzlement.

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