

TO SALEM IN HALF HOUR AND HALF

Traction Company Promises Quick Service From Portland to Capital.

GEORGE B. MOFFATT'S PLAN

His Purpose Is Not to Run Big Interurban Cars Through Portland Streets, But to Transfer to Portland Railway.

From Portland to Salem in an hour and a half, with correspondingly quick service for intermediate points, is the plan of George B. Moffatt, the New York capitalist who is behind the Willamette Valley Traction Company, and who is spending two weeks in Portland. He believes this schedule can be made by the big interurban cars to be operated by the Willamette Valley Traction Company, and is anxious that the franchise asked by his company of the city to run cars on Front street should be granted so that construction can begin at once.

It is not Mr. Moffatt's purpose, however, to operate his interurban cars through the city, as he believes it is not to the best interests of the citizens to have the streets congested with these cars, and he proposes to effect some arrangement with the Portland Railway Company, so that passengers from the line into the Valley south of the city can be transferred to the cars of the local company at the edge of town and taken wherever they wish to go. He will not, therefore, operate any cars on Front street, believes Mr. Moffatt, but will use only for freight cars, and this traffic should be carried on at night only. Not only would his road serve the purpose of the Willamette Valley Traction Company, according to Mr. Moffatt, but freight would be hauled for any other road wishing it done.

Thinks It Will Help Portland.

"We took it for granted," said Mr. Moffatt, "that we were wanted, and that Portland would welcome our work of development, but I have lately heard of the holding up of our franchise and so came here to look the matter up. The purpose of the Front-street line is to operate night freight cars across the city, from the south end to the north, or vice versa. We also want the privilege of building spurs to warehouses and factories along Front street that may desire transportation facilities. If the property-owners do not want a line of railway in operation during the daytime, the best way to avoid it is to give us this franchise under such proper restrictions as may insure the road being kept for the purposes intended."

"We do not want to be relieved of any proper burdens the city ought to impose, nor do we think the city ought to impose burdens it would not place on factories or warehouses. It is not for the best interests of Portland to have interurban cars running through the city streets, and we propose to transfer our passengers, under cover, to the street-cars operated by the Portland Railway Company. We expect to be able to make such an arrangement with the local company."

Good Opportunity Here.

"We came to Portland because it was represented to us by Barstow & Chambers, consulting engineers, that there was a splendid opportunity to build a road from Portland to Salem. The money has been raised and all arrangements made. Grade has been built from Salem nearly to Chemawa, but now work has been stopped because of the non-issuance of the franchise. The plan is to construct the best possible road with 75-foot rails, and to ballast the whole distance before cars are operated over it. Freight as well as passenger traffic will be looked after by the road, and the construction will be such that any freight car built can be run over the line. We expect to run express cars through from Portland to the capital city in an hour and a half, while cars making local stops will not exceed two hours in making the trip."

Level Country for the Most Part.

"I have visited the section of the Valley to be built into by our road, and I found it a most fertile and promising country. Level country for the most part of the route lies ahead of us, and first-class road can be built in a capable manner, one as far planned by the company, feeders will be built from the main line, and there is a likelihood of other roads being constructed later, as the country develops, and there is a field for our road. Our plan is to make the service so good between Portland and Salem that we shall carry the mail between the two points. As for the local traffic along the way, that will be cared for in a capable manner by the Willamette Valley Traction Company."

Mr. Moffatt has been in Portland before, and is impressed with the possibilities of development here. He is already heavily interested in the Washington Traction Power Company at Spokane, and arrangements have been made to get power for the new line from the Portland General Electric Company.

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Negotiations for the sale of the Public Service Corporation have been in progress for several months and have been consummated through J. P. Morgan & Co. A part of the plan of the proposed transfer of the properties contemplated by the Public Service Corporation of New Jersey, which the United Gas Improvement Company, in connection with other large railroad and lighting interests, is preparing to take over.

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Must Pay Wages for Shut Down.

WARSAW, Russia, Feb. 14.—Considerable comment has been caused by the decision of the communal court at Wladawa, near Lodz, ordering the Coates Thread Factory to pay the wages of 800 employees during the ten weeks the works were closed. The factory shut down November 30 and a shortage of coal was given as the reason for doing so. The court

MEDIAITORS HARD AT WORK

America and Italy Will Prevent Split at Algeciras.

ALGECIRAS, Feb. 14.—Yesterday's optimism regarding the outcome of the Moroccan conference appears to have been greatly exaggerated as was Monday's pessimism. It must be understood that one conversation will not suffice to settle the Franco-German difficulties; but it is a fact that negotiations are progressing with the same good prospects of success which always have existed. The Associated Press has the best authority for denying the statement emanating from Berlin that M. Revell, the principal French delegate, proposed that France, Spain and on other power shall control the Moroccan police. On the same authority it can be said that no importance should attach to the alternations of optimism and pessimism in the French press.

The efforts of disinterested powers, particularly the United States and Italy, have become very active in the last three days toward securing a satisfactory arrangement of the questions of the state bank and the police, both of which form the

DALEOUR GIVES IN

Accepts Chamberlain's Policy on Fiscal Issue.

WILL REMAIN AS LEADER

Correspondence Shows Surrender to Man From Birmingham, Who Pledges Support—Disgust Among Freetraders.

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The children cannot possibly have good health unless the bowels are in proper condition. A sluggish liver gives a coated tongue, bad breath, constipated bowels. Correct all these by giving small doses of Ayer's Pills. Genuine liver pills, gently laxative.

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switching here, when an engine and four cars were derailed.
LE GRANDE, Or.—Rufus Gaskell has been acquitted of the charge of robbing his former employer, F. C. Forbes, of drugs.
SNOWSTORM CAUSES WRECK
Four Deaths Result From Collision on Northwestern Road.
JANESVILLE, Wis., Feb. 14.—Three trainmen were killed, four injured, one fatally, and six passengers hurt, none seriously, in a head-on collision two miles south of Janesville, tonight, between the DeKalb passenger train and a special freight on the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad.
The dead: Thomas Lafferty, engineer; Joseph Maher, fireman; Bernish, fireman; Conductor R. A. Peck, of the freight, is fatally injured.
The collision was caused by a mistake of the crew of the freight, due to a blinding snowstorm.
"That dastardly constructed public building is a scandal!" exclaimed the patriot. "Never mind," answered Mr. Degraft soothingly. "It'll soon blow over."—Washington Star.

BEST MAN AND USHERS FOR ROOSEVELT-LONGWORTH WEDDING



Francis Reginald Bangs, Thomas Nelson Perkins, Best Man, Lars Anderson, Viscount de Chambrun, R. A. Wallingford, Guy Norman.

Thomas Nelson Perkins, Boston, Mass., is a classmate and intimate friend of the groom. He is a lawyer and a member of the corporation of Harvard University.
Francis R. Bangs, Boston, Mass., also is a classmate and intimate friend of the groom.
Lars Anderson, Washington, D. C., is a great-grandson of Nicholas Longworth, the founder of the Longworth family in America.

Viscount de Chambrun, France, is the husband of Mr. Longworth's younger sister.
R. A. Wallingford, Jr., Cincinnati, O., is the husband of the groom's oldest sister.
Guy Norman, Boston, Mass., is another Harvard classmate of Mr. Longworth.

subject of conversation between the delegates of the powers directly interested. The German delegates are fully aware of the fact that France considers that control of the police is absolutely necessary to her position on the Mediterranean and as a Mussulman power. The admission of that fact as an absolute condition is necessary to the success of the conference, and the disinterested powers will seek, if possible, to find concessions in other directions.

Neutrals Have Plan of Agreement.

BERLIN, Feb. 14.—The situation at Algeciras has again changed. There is a possibility of a way yet being found to bring the German and French rivals into agreement, though the exact nature of the suggestions which have been made by a neutral power are not made public.

Consider Customs and Contraband.

ALGECIRAS, Spain, Feb. 14.—The delegates to the Moroccan Conference, at their session today examined at length the proposed reforms in the customs of Morocco, and the plans for the suppression of the contraband traffic in arms and contraband, until Sunday. No word was spoken during the session concerning the main feature of the Franco-German controversy.

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"Your committee therefore recommends that special counsel be retained forthwith to institute such legal proceedings as may be necessary to recover the sums so contributed, from such officers and trustees of the company as in the judgment of the committee are liable therefor."

The campaign contributions referred to were made for Republican campaign purposes and aggregated \$147,702, divided as follows: \$30,000 in 1897, \$50,000 in 1898 and \$67,702 in 1899. Mr. Fowler's campaign contributions, the committee declared, had been disclosed by the investigation. The report continues:

Well Meant, but Illegal.

Whether any of the sums charged to the company for account of the Paris peace office were used for such purposes cannot be known until it is ascertained, through legal proceedings or otherwise, what disposition was made of them. These contributions were directed by President McCall in the belief that they were necessary in the interest and for the protection of the policyholders, not for any personal benefit or advantage of the company. The committee is advised that the funds of the company could not be legally used for the purpose to which these funds were applied for any political purpose at any time or under any circumstances. The use of the funds in aid of any political party, however necessary to the maintenance of value of its policies, it may be deemed to be in violation of the trust with which such funds are impressed.

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The Tribune says that Thomas P. Fowler, chairman of the committee, will depart for Europe May 1, ostensibly for pleasure, but actually to see Andrew Hamilton, who, by last accounts, was in the Riviera, and demand of him, on pain of extradition, an immediate accounting or restitution of the \$1,000,000 detailed in the Fowler report. Mr. Fowler, it is said, has been in close communication with Attorney Jerome Mayer and with District Attorney Jerome the last few days.

Samuel Untermyer, when shown a statement that he had consented to act as counsel to the committee of policyholders of the New York Life and Mutual Companies, and that Thomas W. Lawson had offered to turn over the proceeds collected by him to that committee, said that this was not accurate. Mr. Untermyer did not deny that he had consented to act as counsel to the committee. It is understood that he expressed his willingness to act, providing the purposes and personnel of the committee should be satisfactory to him.

LAWSON LEAVES COMMITTEE

Stuyvesant Fish Would Decline to Handle Insurance Proxies.

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—The Evening Post today says that Thomas W. Lawson has withdrawn from the life-insurance policyholders' committee for which he has collected proxies to the number of 50,000, and that efforts were made today to get Stuyvesant Fish to head the committee. This committee contains among its members several Governors of states and other important men of affairs, especially Western men. Mr. Fish, the Evening Post says, gave no intimation of his decision in the matter, and while many believed he would not accept, others thought it might be possible for him to work with such a committee if one should be formed upon proper lines.

Ohio House Sends Congratulations.

COLUMBUS, Feb. 14.—The House this afternoon adopted a joint resolution introduced by Mr. Patton of Cincinnati, congratulating Representative N. Longworth and Miss Alice Roosevelt on their approaching marriage. Mr. Longworth is to be married in the House and two terms in the Senate.

HE BLAMES THE GRAFTERS

Rojevstveny Says Bad Shipbuilding Caused His Defeat.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 14.—"Perhaps I am guilty to some extent for our defeat and perhaps my subordinates did not do all they might have done, but at all events we who have fought the battles were not thieves," said Admiral Rojevstveny, who addressed the Imperial Technical Society yesterday evening upon the subject of the defeat of the Russians at the battle of the Sea of Japan.

The Admiral made no specifications regarding the construction or equipment of the ships, but he commented at length upon the destructive effect of the heavy Japanese shells, which, when they only exploded in the water near the Russian vessels, cracked their plates and caused great leaks, while those which hit the Russian ships squarely were as destructive as mine.

A young Lieutenant during the discussion attempted to lay the blame on submarine boats, but the Admiral denied that submarine boats or mines were used during the engagement.

CONCESSIONS BY FRANCE.

Yields Point to Insurance Companies as Act of Friendship.

PARIS, Feb. 14.—The French government has made a great concession to American insurance companies by waiving a requirement of the new insurance law in which it has discretion. The law requires foreign insurance companies to deposit French securities as guarantee for the payment of policies. The American companies are willing to comply so far as regards future business, but object to buying \$25,000,000 worth of securities to cover old policies. The government waived the latter deposit on condition that the companies announce that old policies are protected by American securities.

Children Face Many Dangers

The Work and Worry and Close Confinement of Their School Days and How They Can Be Safeguarded.

To thousands of boys and girls the confinement of the school and the duties imposed by their studies are a strain, a very serious strain. Many become broken in health by this strain and are physically weakened for life.

Give your boys and girls good, healthful, pure, strengthening food and you go far toward removing all dangers.

Malt-Vita, the crisp, delicious, whole wheat food, contains every food element necessary to the maintenance and upbuilding of the human body and mind—especially beneficial for children.

"Malt-Vita" is no meaningless coined word. It stands for its literal translation from the Latin and means exactly what it says, "Malt Life." The original phrase "For the blood is the life" is the starting point and final winning post of Malt-Vita, an account of its large percentage of Maltose, or malt sugar, a natural, sweetening agent, easily digestible and readily assimilated by the human economy, forming rich, healthy blood.

Malt-Vita is so good to eat—not at all like the tasteless variety of breakfast foods that the whole family welcome its appearance on the table. And it's always ready to eat.

Now for sale by all grocers.

BRIEF TELEGRAPHIC NEWS

THE DALLAS, Or.—(Special.)—Examination of teachers for county and state school certificates began today before County Superintendent New. Thirty-three applicants are taking the examination, 28 of whom are women. Five teachers are taking state examinations.

CENTRALIA, Wash.—The West Coast Lumber Company of Centralia, has announced that it will soon have a new planing mill and dry kiln built on the Gray's Harbor branch of the Northern Pacific, about one mile from Centralia. President J. E. Williams stated Tuesday morning that the new mill would soon be ready for business.

BELLINGHAM, Wash.—Floyd Loomis, under sentence in the penitentiary for 14 years for criminal assault, escaped from the Whatcom County Jail last night while at work in the kitchen and is still at large. Mrs. Loomis was located in a private house on E street, where she is employed. She has no knowledge of the escape of Loomis.

ROCKLIN, Cal.—Overland trains were delayed by the breaking of the spring of a

GHIRARDELLI'S GROUND CHOCOLATE

THE GOODNESS OF THE GOOD THINGS OF LIFE ARE BEST DETERMINED BY THE GOOD THEY DO YOU. IN GHIRARDELLI'S GROUND CHOCOLATE THE NUTRIMENT OF COCOA IS ENHANCED BY THE SWEETNESS OF SUGAR—WHICH RENDERS IT THE MOST HEALTHFUL AND PALATABLE OF ALL BEVERAGES.

A Perfect Cold Weather Drink

How to Fool a Lazy Liver with Artificial Exercise

EVERY serious Sickness has a small beginning.
And, in nine cases out of ten that small beginning is made in the Bowels.

Indigestion is the beginning of most diseases.
It paves the way for all others.
Lack of exercise, hasty eating, improper food, are its first causes.
Laziness, and postponement, permits it to grow into Chronic Constipation, which means life-long Discomfort.

It isn't necessary to be sick-a-bed, you know, in order to be mighty uncomfortable.

Even slight indigestion affects the nerves, dulls the mind, and obscures the merry sunshine of Life.

And, Indigestion once started, grows fast, corrodes temperament, and discounts happiness, good cheer, capacity.

It does that long before it puts you on the Sick list.

Every thinking Doctor knows why.

Professor Rand knew it.

That's why he framed up for students his famous formula for Happiness, viz.: "Trust in God, and keep your Bowels open."

The Bowels need adjustment from time to time, just like a clock, or a watch.

No "Good time" is humanly possible without this.

And, the time to adjust the watch is not when it has run down, nor when the main spring is broken, but at the very minute adjustment is discovered necessary.

The time to adjust the Bowels is not merely when your Head Aches, when your Liver is Sick, your Stomach in Revolt, and Nature's Food Process retarded for 24 hours or longer.

The proper time to adjust them is the very minute you suspect they need adjustment.

Don't imagine the Cascaret is ineffective because it is pleasant to eat as Candy. It acts as pleasantly as it tastes. It is as congenial to your Bowels as it is to your Palate.

It is not a "Bile-driver" which floods out your stomach today with fluid juices needed for tomorrow.

But, it acts like Exercise, instead. It stimulates the muscular lining of the Bowels and Intestines, so that they mechanically digest food and drive out the waste.

The time to use a Cascaret is when you first suspect you need one.

The only way to have them ready to use precisely when you need them is to carry them constantly in your pocket, as you do a Watch or a Lead pencil.

The ten cent box of Cascarets is made thin, flat, round-edged, and small, for this precise purpose.

Be very careful to get the genuine, made only by the Sterling Remedy Company and never sold in bulk. Every tablet stamped "C.C.C."

BE FREE TO OUR FRIENDS!
We want to send to our friends a beautiful French-made, GOLD-PLATED BOWEL BOX, hard-mounted in colors. It is a beauty for the dressing table. Ten cents in stamps is asked as a measure of good faith and to cover cost of Cascarets, with which this dainty trinket is loaded. 75¢ sent to-day, mentioning this paper. Address: Sterling Remedy Company, Chicago or New York.