

PUBLIC OFFICIALS ALL TO RIDE FREE

Bill Proposed by a Portland Lawyer Makes Giving of Passes Compulsory.

LEGISLATURE MAY PASS IT

Purpose of Measure Is to Relieve Giving of Passes of Evil Features by Eliminating Obligation of Recipient.

The issuance of free passes to all public officials by the railroads and other transportation companies over their lines in this state is made a condition precedent to the condemnation of public or private property under the right of eminent domain by these corporations in a bill drafted by Lawyer John F. Logan. This measure has the indorsement of several of the members of the Multnomah County legislative delegation through which it will be presented to the Legislature.

"This anti-pass agitation is all bosh," asserted Mr. Logan in discussing the merits of the bill yesterday afternoon. "It is nonsense to seek to prevent the issuance of complimentary transportation. So far as that is concerned, the man who would be benefited in any way permit himself to be obligated to a corporation in the enjoyment of this customary courtesy would defeat by subterfuge any legislation that prohibited the further granting of these courtesies. In Portland every policeman and fireman has free transportation on the streets of the city and it is right that they should have. The exercise of this privilege is essential to the protection of the people of the state. Why should not the Representative in our State Legislature receive a pass over the railroads during his term of office when it is considered that he is allowed for his services only the meager constitutional salary of \$200?"

Twelve years ago there was attached no particular value to the franchises that have since been distributed as gifts in this city, and even now these corporations have the right to condemn and appropriate property in furthering their interests, and in many instances the individual is not adequately compensated. My proposed bill now makes it a part of the contract that the corporation to maintain these condemnation suits to furnish free transportation to all state, district and county officers over the company's system in this state.

Text of Compulsory Pass Bill.

A Bill: For an act to regulate the operation of land for corporate purposes, and to provide for the issuance of passes to public officials to travel over transportation lines as a condition precedent to the right of action for the condemnation of land.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Oregon: Section 1. Whenever any corporation authorized by law to appropriate lands, right of way, right to cut timber, or to cross or connect with another railway, or other right of easement, in lands, is unable to agree with the owner thereof as to the compensation to be paid therefor, or if such owner be absent from the state, such corporation may maintain an action in the Circuit Court of the proper county against said owner for the purpose of having such lands, right to cut timber, or to cross or connect with another railway, or other right of easement, appropriated to its use for the purpose of carrying on its business, and such action in any court in the exercise of the right of eminent domain as hereinafter provided. Section 2. From and after the filing of the certificate mentioned in the last section, all state, district and county officers of the State of Oregon, shall, during their term of office, have the right and privilege, by virtue of their office, to free transportation within the State of Oregon over all and any railway lines mentioned in such certificate, and the certificate of election or appointment shall of itself be evidence of the right to the exercise of such privilege of free transportation. The conductor or other official of such railway lines so filing the certificate as aforesaid, shall take the name of such official, the title of his office and the date of his certificate in lieu of a ticket or other evidence of the right to travel over railway lines.

PASSES FOR 1907 ARE HERE

Railway Men Placing "Courtesies" Where They Will Be Appreciated.

After being delayed for weeks by a strike of lithographers in Chicago, passes for the current year for the Hartman lines have arrived and are now being distributed to those fortunate enough to secure them. The issue will be made in the usual manner, but the restrictions of the Hepburn law and only railroad employees or those specially designated classed as such are eligible to receive free transportation in compliance with the law, will be given passes that will be good outside of the State of Oregon.

C. H. GRAM HEADS LABOR FEDERATION

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LABOR PARTY INDORSED

TELLS ABOUT TRIP ABROAD

Miss Grace Eliot Finds German Schools Bound With Red Tape.

Miss Grace Eliot, daughter of T. L. Eliot, pastor emeritus of the First Unitarian Church, of this city, who recently returned from a year's travel abroad, entertained the members of the congregation yesterday afternoon with an interesting account of her trip, wherein she related many amusing incidents. While visiting most of the European cities, the major portion of her stay was spent in England and Germany. In the latter country Mrs. Eliot was particularly impressed with the officialism shown by being a teacher of the Portland public schools, she was desirous of visiting the public schools of Germany, but to her astonishment found that it is almost an impossibility to gain access to a classroom without considerable red tape.

After a lengthy argument with the professor, he reluctantly consented to allow the Portland teacher to visit a class, which upon entering proved to be a group of small Germans occupied with writing. After waiting patiently for 20 minutes, Mrs. Eliot was told to leave whether a lesson in some other branch would be given, whereupon the husky, fraulden admitted that the professor's request for permission given by these words: "Have the children write for an hour." To Americans, a unique manner of showing off pupils.

BANKROBBERS AT GRESHAM

Amateur Cracksmen Fail in Attempt to Blow Open First State Bank.

GRESHAM, Or., Jan. 8.—(Special)—Amateur cracksmen broke into the First State Bank early this morning and made ineffectual efforts to blow open the safe, owing to their imperfect knowledge of explosives the job was not successful intact. After an investigation by Deputy Sheriff Beatty and Leonard today clues were discovered in which it is thought will lead to the arrest of those who planned the robbery. The burglar stole a crowbar, cold chisel, hammer and iron tools from Hart's blacksmith shop. These were used to open the bank doors and to pry the vault open. The knob of the safe was knocked off and a hole drilled through the door, in which was poured a small quantity of nitroglycerine. The resulting explosion tore off a small piece of the safe door, but the money it contained was found intact. The cracksmen then fled without making further efforts to secure the contents of the safe. Too small a quantity of the nitroglycerine was used to blow open the safe. It was opened today and the money it contained was found intact. The bank officials at once notified Sheriff Stevens of the attempted robbery. The job is thought to have been attempted by yegs men.

Operation on Mrs. Joseph Jefferson.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 9.—Mrs. Joseph Jefferson, wife of Joseph Jefferson, Jr., the actor, who is playing in this city, underwent an operation at the South Side Hospital here yesterday. Her condition was reported this morning as not dangerous and she expects to join the company at St. Louis next week.

CITIZENS TO VOTE ON BOND ISSUE

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PROPOSE NEW WATER MAIN

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LOTTERY TICKET IN PACKET

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Chinese Question to Be Argued Tonight Before Local Society.

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Candidates Friendly to Union Interests Will Be Supported—President's Japanese Policy and Ship Subsidy Bill Are Condemned.

After acting upon a number of important matters affecting the labor interests in this state, the Federation of Labor closed its fourth annual convention yesterday afternoon. The next session will be held at Astoria, and will open on the first Monday in January, 1908. President C. H. Gram was re-elected for the fifth term as head of the organization. Other officers chosen yesterday afternoon are: First vice-president, T. M. Leabo; second vice-president, H. M. Lorraine; third vice-president, Mrs. F. Rose; fourth vice-president, E. Edson; fifth vice-president, E. J. Goodwin; secretary and treasurer, W. E. Pitschke; auditing committee, Lucy White, J. J. Price and H. Chester Gurr.

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DO YOU KNOW YOUR OWN COUNTRY?

The average American does not keep posted on the big facts about his own country, unless they immediately concern him. Believing that an intimate, accurate review of conditions in the United States will prove a popular feature with our readers, we have arranged for such a service, and will publish the first installment next Sunday, January 13.

These articles will be the work of

FREDERIC J. HASKIN

Who has traveled abroad for years in the capacity of a newspaper correspondent, and who, on account of his foreign experience, is particularly fitted to show us the comparisons between our institutions and those of the other nations of the world. These articles will be run in short daily installments, and busy readers will find them of great assistance in comprehending and digesting the daily news. Watch for the beginning of this series next Sunday. If you will read a few of these articles you will get so much information and satisfaction from them that you will want to read them every day.

THE PORTLAND PORTLAND, OR. EUROPEAN PLAN MODERN RESTAURANT. COST ONE MILLION DOLLARS.

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St. Charles Hotel CO. (INCORPORATED) Front and Morrison Streets, PORTLAND, OR. EUROPEAN PLAN ROOMS 50c TO \$1.00 FIRST-CLASS RESTAURANT IN CONNECTION

CLASSIFIED AD. RATES Following rates will be given only when advertising is ordered to run consecutive days, Daily and Sunday issues. The Oregonian charges first-time rate each insertion for classified advertising that is not run on consecutive days. The first-time rate is charged for each insertion in the Weekly Oregonian: "Rooms," "Rooms and Board," "House-keeping Rooms," "Entertainment Wanted," 15 words or less, 15 cents; 16 to 20 words, 20 cents; 21 to 25 words, 25 cents, etc. No discount for additional insertions. "New Today," 30 cents for 15 words or less; 15 to 20 words, 40 cents; 21 to 25 words, 50 cents, etc.—first insertion. Each additional insertion, one-half the first insertion rate, except "New Today," 30 cents for 15 words or less; 15 to 20 words, 40 cents; 21 to 25 words, 50 cents per line, first insertion; 10 cents per line for each additional insertion. ANSWERS TO ADVERTISEMENTS, addressed care The Oregonian, and left at this office, should always be inclosed in sealed envelopes. No stamp is required on such letters. The Oregonian will not be responsible for errors in advertisements taken through the telephone.

AUCTION SALES TODAY. At Baker's Auction House, corner Alder and Park, this afternoon, 2 o'clock, will be sold at 10 o'clock, Baker & Son, Auctioneers.

MEETING NOTICES. A conventional session of the Oregon National Guard will be held at the Armory of Third Regiment, Oregon National Guard, on Friday evening, January 11, 1907, at 8 o'clock. Preparation of candidates for the office of Sergeant Major will be held at 8:15 P. M. All petitions must be in the hands of the committee on or before January 10, 1907, at 10 o'clock. W. K. P. Hall, secretary.

MACCABEES, PORTLAND TENT NO. 1 Installation of officers this (Thursday) evening, January 10, in K. of P. Hall; monthly dance postponed until next Thursday in the moon, should always be inclosed in sealed envelopes.

DIED. MILLER—in this city, January 9, 1907, John A. Miller, son of John and William J. Miller. Funeral announcement in another column.

FUNERAL NOTICES. McFARLAND—The funeral of the late Duval McFarland, who died in this city, at his late residence, 2125 Stanton st., on January 9, 1907, at 10 o'clock, P. M., will be held at Riverview Cemetery.

Dunsmuir, McEntee & Gilman, Funeral Directors, 215 S. 4th St., Phone 131. Ladies and Gentlemen.

ERICKSON UNDERTAKING CO., 409 Alder St. Ladies assistant. Phone Main 418.

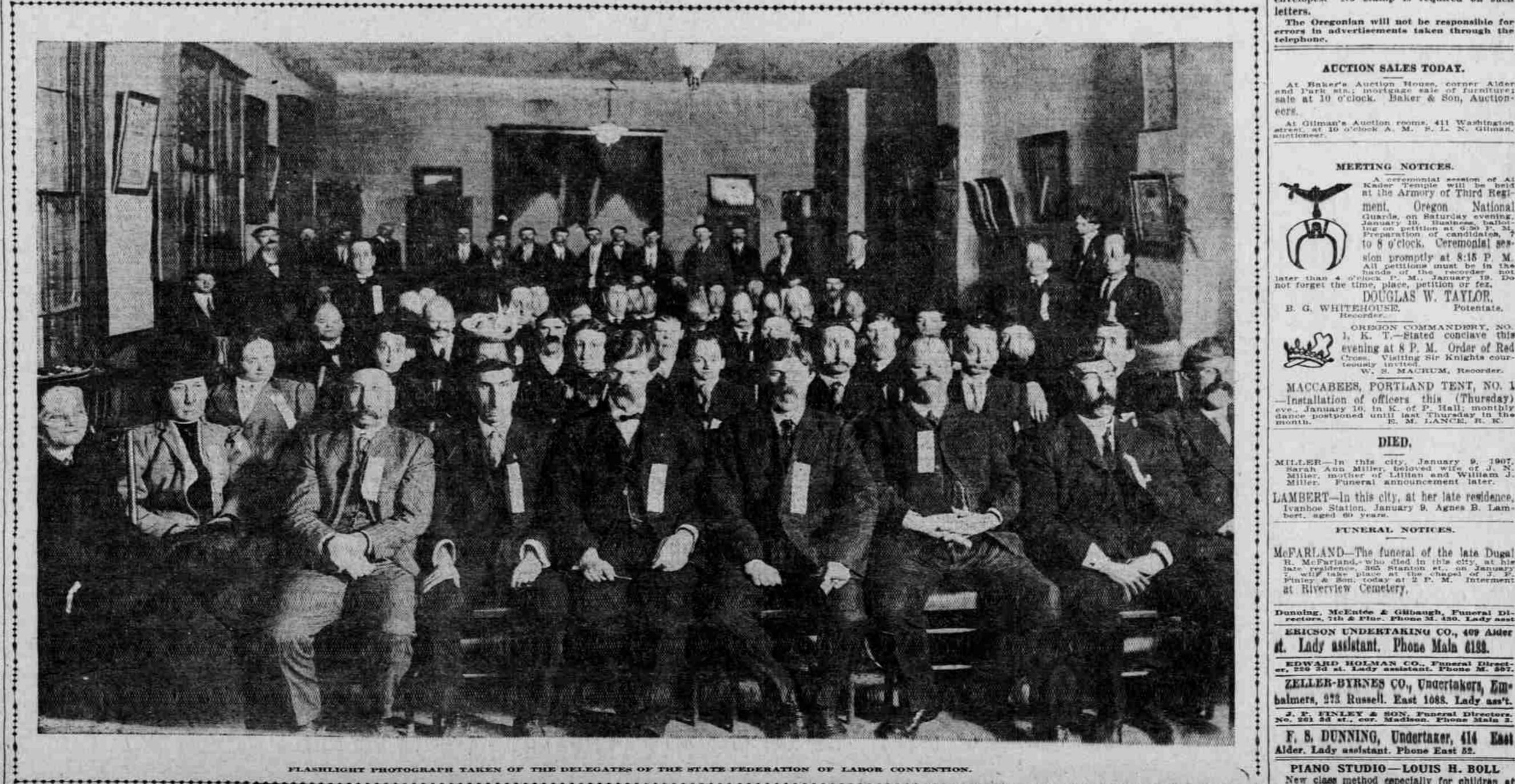
EDWARD HOLMAN CO., Funeral Directors, 220 S. 4th St. Ladies assistant. Phone M. 287.

ZELLER-BYRNES CO., Undertakers, Embalmers, 223 Russell. East 1088. Ladies asst.

J. E. FINLEY & SON, Funeral Directors, No. 251 1/2 St. Cor. Madison. Phone Main 2.

F. B. DUNNING, Undertaker, 414 East Alder. Ladies assistant. Phone East 55.

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