MAKES IT BRIBERY TO GIVE PASSES

Labor Forces Have Prepared Bill Prohibiting Railroads From Giving "Courtesies."

HEAVY PENALTY PROVIDED

Legislators and Other Public Officials Who Accept Them Are Also to Be Punished—T. M. Leabo Explains Proposed Law.

T. M. Leabo, first vice-president of the Journeymen Barbers' International Union of America, and secretary of the Union Labor party, has issued a statement in answer to the interview of John F. Logan in The Oregonian, in which the latter described a free-pass bill which will be introduced in the Legislature. Mr. Leabo also discusses the free pass system and presents the text of a bill indorsed by the Federated Trades Council and State Federation of Labor, which would make the acceptance of a pass by public officials bribery and an offense punishable by fine or imprisonment. Mr. Leabo's statement follows:

To the Editor—In a recent issue of your paper there appears a weak and poorly disguised defense of the obnoxious pass system in vogue among railroad and other corporations, in their crusade against the rights of the people, in securing special privileges by the enactment of vicious measures by their own legislators, and the construction of all laws in their interest by their venal Judges, the recipients of what is now called courtesies; in other words, plain bribes. The difficulty with this defensive screed is that the author is but emulating the tactics of a certain city statesman in his pretended crusade against the Fourth-street railroad franchise now before the City Council. That the managers of railroads and other corporations should see him without unreasonable delay and bring with them a liberal supply of courtesies for the purpose of heading off a measure that is hostile to railroad interests, known as a compulsory pass bill, in the interests of all elective or appointive officials, on the ground of the flagrant abuse of the power of eminent domain by corporations in the taking of private property without an adequate compensation should be a sufficient reason for blackmailing the railroad company to the extent of passes for all boodlers in the country that cannot go to the corporate Legislature or secure a seat on the corporate wool sack, where they could be the most useful to their masters at a minimum expenditure.

The author of the proposed new pass system contends that all agitation and discussion having for its object the elimination of the pass system is mere nonsense, that courtesies cannot be inhibited by law; neither can horse stealing, bank wrecking, or other kindred manifestations of high finance. If it could, it would be an occupation gone for the professional criminal attorney, burrowing around the jails, aiding and abetting, or prosecuting. Yet, while a crook pays the penalty of his error of judgment by adequate punishment.

We now come to the placing of courtesies where they will, in the language of the author, be appreciated. Yet railroad managers are so dense that they only bestow these courtesies on the legislative, judicial and executive officers for the sole purpose of controlling legislation and opinions where the corporate interests conflict with the rights of the people. Verily, the long-eared quadruped knoweth his master's crib.

Paying Investment to Boodlers.

Courtesies are a paying investment where boodlers are concerned. It is also contended that 12 years ago franchises were regarded as having but little value. Certainly not by the owners of them, procured by a small sum of courtesies judiciously placed. More would now be required in quantity and value as compared with 12 years ago; securing valuable franchises for corporations without any payment whatever to the people, is now a lost art.

Now, in regard to the salary referred to by the author of the universal pass bill of our legislature advanced as a further reason for compulsory passage, it will be conceded that they are meager, but the motives actuating legislative aspirants are for the opportunity it presents to them to be the recipients of courtesies, large and small, the more the better. These thinly called courtesies are given and received as bribes, and no one need be deceived thereby—"a rose by any other name would smell as sweet." One is as guilty as the other and should be punished as felons, and will be if the following bill is ever merged into statute, or adopted by the initiative and referendum, which is very likely if the Legislature sidesteps this measure, "Fiat justitia, ruat cœlum."

The following proposed bill was indorsed by the Portland Federated Trades Council and was also indorsed by the State Federation of Labor of Oregon, and will be presented at the next session of the State Legislature:

AN ACT to define the crime of bribery and provide the punishment for violations thereof.

Section I—Be it enacted by the people of Oregon that any person, corporation or association doing business in Oregon, either interstate or local, who shall give any judicial, legislative, executive or ministerial or other public officers, either National, state, county, city or town, any pass, ticket, transportation, rebate, scaled bill, or other thing of value, directly or indirectly, except in exchange for tangible property at a fair valuation, shall be deemed guilty of bribery, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not less than $500, nor more than $5000, or be imprisoned in the penitentiary of Oregon for a term of not less than two years, nor more than five years, or both fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the trial court.

Sec. II—Be it further provided that any legislator, judicial, executive or ministerial officer, National, state, county, city or school, who shall receive from any person, corporation or association, directly or indirectly, any pass, ticket, rebate or scaled bill, receipted bill, money or other thing of value, or who shall while acting in an official capacity aid directly or indirectly any corporation or association, or person, in procuring any judicial ruling, opinion, ordinance, franchise, rebate, scaled or other contract of indebtedness shall be deemed guilty of bribery and upon conviction therefor shall be punished by fine of not less than $500 no more than $5000, or imprisonment in the penitentiary of Oregon at hard labor for a period not less than two years nor more than five years, or both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the trial court.

Sec. III—Be it further provided that the possession of the inhibited things herein mentioned shall be deemed prima facie evidence of the guilt of the possessor thereof, and shall shift the burden of proof herein to the accused.

Sec. IV—Be it further provided that any member of the Legislatura as member or lobbyist who shall aid, directly or indirectly in securing the passage of any measure detrimental to the interests of the people and in the sole interest of some person or corporation, seeking special privileges shall be for the purposes of this act deemed guilty of having received a bribe therefor, and shall be punished as provided by section II of this act.

Milwaukie Olympic Club to Build.

With characteristic energy the boys of the Milwaukie Olympic Club have undertaken to build themselves a new gymnasium. Ever since last Summer, when the old schoolhouse was bought by the Milwaukie Band, the club boys have been trying to get one of the halls in Milwaukie for a gymnasium but as none of these was available for their purpose they decided to build a hall of their own. There are about 40 boys in the club and these, with the help of some of Milwaukie's public-spirited citizens have already raised enough money to buy a lot and about half enough to pay for the hall. To help the good cause along the Milwaukie Band has offered to furnish music and the use of their hall for a grand benefit ball, the proceeds to go to the club. This ball will be given tonight.

AT THE THEATERS

What the Press Agents Say.

TWO PERFORMANCES TODAY

George Ade's Musical Comedy, "Sultan of Sulu," at Heilig Theater.

There will be two performances at the Heilig Theater, Fourteenth and Washington streets, today. A special matinee at 2:15 o'clock—the last time tonight at 8:15, when George Ade's tuneful musical-comedy success, "The Sultan of Sulu," will be the attraction. "Sulu" is filled to the brim with bright Ade sayings, catchy music and a bevy of pretty girls, who can both sing and dance. Seats selling at the theater.

"Old Heidelberg" Closes Tonight.

The Baker Theater patrons will see the close of the "Old Heidelberg" production tonight with regret, as this beautiful romantic comedy has a hold on the hearts and fancy of the pleasure-loving public. Mr. Reinpolle has made an ideal Prince and the rest of the cast has been perfect. At the matinee this afternoon the full student chorus will sing the Heidelberg college songs. Final performance tonight.

"Tilly Olson" Matinee Today.

With this afternoon's matinee and tonight's performance "Tilly Olson," which has played such a successful week's engagement at the Empire, will give way to "At Cripple Creek" company. The Swedish dialect play is ever popular with the masses and in "Tilly Olson" the Empire audiences have found every element which is entertaining and enjoyable. Matinee this afternoon at 2:15 o'clock.

"Harbor Lights" Playing at Lyric.

The Lyric Stock Company has never put on a bill that has made good more decidedly than has "Harbor Lights," the sensational and spectacular marine melodrama that has been drawing crowded houses since the opening performance last Monday afternoon.

Matinee at the Star Today.

Don't forget the matinee of "The Little Minister" at the Star this afternoon. There will also be a matinee tomorrow and the last performance will be given Sunday night.

COMING ATTRACTIONS.

Countess Olga von Hatzfeldt in "Little Duchess" at Heilig.

Charming and dainty Countess Olga von Hatzfeldt in Anna Held's production of the delightful musical comedy "The Little Duchess," will begin an engagement of four nights at the Heilig Theater, Fourteenth and Washington streets, tomorrow (Sunday) night. Seats are now selling at box office of the theater for the entire engagement.

"RANSOM'S FOLLY."

Richard Harding Davis' Play at the Baker Next Week.

"Ransom's Folly," which the Baker Company will present all of next week is from the pen of Richard Harding Davis, and is one of the most delightful comedies ever staged. The story deals with the dare-devil pranks of a young Lieutenant, who gets into most serious trouble at his military post and holds the interest throughout. Opening performance Sunday matinee.

"The Strollers" Next Thursday.

The musical comedy success, "The Strollers," will be the attraction at The Heilig Theater next Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, January 17, 18 and 19, with a special price matinee Saturday. Seat sale opens next Tuesday, January 15, at box office of the theater.

"At Cripple Creek" Opens Tomorrow

"At Cripple Creek," one of the most thrilling and entertaining melodramatic productions of many seasons, will be presented at the Empire all of next week, beginning with the Sunday matinee. This story is a picture of the glorious days when this Western country was new and gold was king. It has every advantage of superb settings and cast.

"Humbug" at the Star.

There are few more amusing farces than "Humbug," which the Allen Stock Company will present next week at the Star Theater, starting Monday night.

Lyric Bill Changed to "Sapho."

Owing to a general demand from their patrons, Messrs. Keating & Flood have decided to present "Sapho" at the Lyric next week, commencing Monday afternoon, instead of "Pawn Ticket 210," as had been previously planned. There is great interest felt in the appearance of Warda Howard in the title role.

AT THE VAUDEVILLE THEATERS

Artists at Pantages.

An aggregation of vaudeville artists provides this week's billing at Pantages Theater and there is not a weak act on the programme. McCormick is the greatest ventriloquist ever seen in Portland, the Cluxton, Richmond Company are star comedians and there is merit in every act. Don't miss it.

Acrobats at the Star.

Among the many good specialties on the programme at the Grand this week is the Lefell trio of acrobats, who use a rebounding net with comical results. This is a famous circus act and the acrobats are noted clowns.

PUSH CLUB REORGANIZED

Multnomah Addition Citizens Unite to Work for Improvements.

At a largely attended meeting last night the citizens of Multnomah Addition reorganized their Push Club by the election of the following officers: President, Dr. L. M. Davis; vice-president, R. D. Metcalf; secretary and treasurer, J. W. Boothe; assistant secretary, E. V. Russ. M. E. Thompson, R. D. Metcalf and A. C. Zeigler were appointed a committee on constitution and by-laws.

Councilman W. T. Vaughn was present and addressed the club at some length on street betterment, telling his auditors how to proceed to start improvements. In speaking of fire protection Mr. Vaughn said that an effort was being made to get a fire engine at the Mississippi-avenue engine house, instead of moving the Highland chemical engine there. He said that he was not sure that this could be brought about, but it was worth trying to get.

If an engine were placed at Mississippi avenue then the Highland chemical could be moved to Woodlawn, and thus provide that district with some fire protection. Councilman Vaughn went over the whole situation in that part of the city, and urged upon the people there that they must support their Councilman in his efforts to get fire protection, electric lights and street improvements.

The club went on record as favoring the improvement of every street that could be reached during the present year, and Councilman Vaughn said he would give the organization all the assistance in his power in that direction. It was the concensus of opinion that crushed rock, hard pavement and cement sidewalks should be advocated wherever it was practicable.

By unanimous vote it was decided to ask the Council to provide for the laying of cement sidewalks only in the district embraced by Fremont and Blandena streets and Maryland avenue and Williams avenue, and to macadamize all streets not otherwise improved in the district embraced by Fremont and Skidmore streets and Maryland and Williams avenues.

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WANTS PORTLAND TO JOIN

LUCAS READY TO GO AHEAD WITH NORTHWEST LEAGUE.

Promoters of Scheme Hope to Disrupt Present Pacific Coast Organization.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—President Lucas of the Northwestern Baseball League left New York for home today and Russ Hall, manager of the Butte team, will meet him in that city on his arrival, when Lucas says he will be ready to take up the plans of completing the Northwest League organization. After arranging Butte's affairs, Lucas will leave for Spokane and will proceed from there to Seattle and Portland, with the object of bringing these cities into line in the proposed league formation.

Men who have figured out the plan to take Seattle out of the Coast League say the Northwest Association will have this city, no matter what the Coast League may decide to do. They believe the California League is inevitable and see in the two distinct organizations nothing but money.

The Northwestern League magnates will meet next month to figure out a circuit. The present circuit is composed of Tacoma, Spokane, Gray's Harbor and Butte. Applications will be received from Seattle, Helena, Vancouver and maybe Portland.

NO CHANCE FOR LUCAS HERE

Portland Fans Not Likely to Support Class B Baseball.

BY WILL G. MACRAE.

"And maybe Portland." So! Who said, "It is to laugh?" Whoever it was would get a big chance if he was in Portland and was a baseball fan. Of course, no attempt will be made to head off President Lucas on his intended visit to Portland. President Lucas and all other good men are welcome to Portland, as "welcome as the flowers in May." But if President Lucas or anyone else hopes by his coming that he will be able to find financial backing in this city for an opposition baseball league, he will find a slip in his guessing machinery.

Naturally Seattle with Dugdale in the saddle will be ready to receive suggestions from Mr. Lucas. The fans of the Sound city may want cheap, class B baseball, but in Portland they will find no responsive chord. Portland fans, like the city itself, do not believe in a step backward. While the Seattle dispatch would give the impression that the National commission had become so enamored of President Lucas as a high-grade priest of baseball that he was handed the territory of Portland and Seattle on an English delf china platter, fans here must be shown.

That President Lucas is in good health and is on his way home, is next to good reading matter, but not top column. Fans here will read with delight that he wasn't "Lost in New York." His fondness for Russ Hall, the hurdler, is another item that brings joy. Still another bit of joyous information is the news that the Northwest League circuit is composed of Tacoma, Spokane, Gray's Harbor and Butte. The real joke of the dispatch is in the final lines of the telegram, that Lucas will receive "applications from Seattle, Helena, Vancouver (where they don't play Sunday baseball) and maybe Portland."

Don't laugh. It's snowing, and the price of slabwood is booming. Who is going to father the Portland application? Julius Caesar is dead; Dollar Bill Smith's too busy.

THE DAY'S HORSE RACES.

Emeryville.

OAKLAND, Jan. 11.—Results of races:

Five and one-half furlongs—Hand Maiden won, Alaric second, Silver Line third; time, 1:10 2-5.

Seven furlongs—Meada won, Rotrou second, Jim Pendergast third; time, 1:32.

Futurity course—Yellowstone won, Procrastinate second, Hedgethon third; time, 1:14 1-5.

One mile and an eighth, selling—Lone Wolf won, Trapsetter second, Briarthorpe third; time, 2:00.

One mile, selling—Metlakatla won, Swagger second, Kogo third; time, 1:45.

Futurity course—Banposal won, Lizaro second, Nonie Lutlie third; time, 1:12 1-5.

At Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 11.—Results of races:

Five furlongs—Greeno won, Renraw second, Kilter third; time, 1:02.

Six furlongs—Cotillion won, Colonel Jewell second, Mountebank third; time, 1:16¾.

One mile—Uncle Henry won, Bauble second, Sherry third; time, 1:44½.

Futurity course—Succeed won, Sly Ben second, Lord of the Forest third; time, 1:11¾.

One mile—Kinsman won, Komoko second, Roman Boy third; time, 1:45.

Seven furlongs—Critic won, Confessor second, Sir Caruthers third; time, 1:29¾.

At New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 11.—Results of races:

Five furlongs, selling—Prince Ahmed won, Coltness second, Kaiserhoff third; time, 1:00 1-5.

Seven furlongs, selling—Reside won, Sir Vagrant second, Refined third; time, 1:28.

One mile and one-sixteenth, selling—Marvin Neal won, Dr. McCleur second, Evie Green third; time, 1:46 4-5.

One mile—Juggler won, Peter Standing second, Zelnap third; time, 1:39 1-5.

Five and one-half furlongs—Colloquy won, Flamor second, Charlie Eastman third; time, 1:05 1-5.

Six furlongs, selling—Penryhn won, Alsono second, Airship third; time, 1:13 2-5.

Selling, one mile—Gold Mate won, Royal Breeze second, Florizel third; time, 1:40 2-5.

Winner to Fight Englishman.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 11.—Manager Tom McCarey, of the Pacific Athletic Club, has sent by mail to Joe Bowker, champion featherweight of England, an offer of a match with the winner of the Attell-Baker fight, which takes place here next Friday night. The championship belt and a purse of large size were offered as inducements to Bowker to come to Los Angeles for a contest.

Back From Victorious Tour.

CORVALLIS, Or., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—The O. A. C. basketball team is home from a victorious tour of three weeks in Eastern Oregon and Washington. The aggregated points scored by the Oregon team number 328, while the total scored against them is 198.

Streeter Beats Walker at Billiards.

Two games of the billiard tournament were played at Multnomah Club last night. In the first-class division Streeter defeated Walter by the score of 100 to 57. Streeter was in fine form and made one run of 34 points, which was the largest single run of the evening. In the fifth-class Stearns defeated Lyons, 50 to 41, in a good close game. A number of matches will be played tonight and some of the first-class knights of the blue table will appear.

Sweet Marie Will Race Again.

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—George M. Webb, acting for E. L. Stotesbury, the Philadelphia capitalist, who bought Sweet Marie by auction at the "Old Glory" horse sale recently in Madison Square Garden, announces the noted mare will be trained and exhibited next season. The mare may be raced on the grand circuit.

FIRST SNOW OF WINTER

Slight Fall Whitens Roofs and Makes Streets Slippery With Slush.

Portland last night received its first layer of snow for this Winter. Although there have been several flurries, enough to make the streets slippery with slush, last night was the first real storm. It did not amount to much, but for Portland it was a real snow storm.

Early in the night there was a marked change in the temperature and the thermometer began to go down. About 10 o'clock the air was chilly, and as the clouds began to gather thicker and thicker, the old-timers commenced to predict snow.

At 10:15 o'clock snowflakes as big as pennies were whirling down, and as the wind came up to whistle around the corners and angles, some of the Oregonians began to believe that they were out in a blizzard. At first the snow melted, but soon it came down so fast that it began to accumulate.

The green of the lawns was the first to fade, the roofs began to whiten, and at last even the streets surrendered. By midnight the stars were visible and the snow began to melt.

UNIONS WILL HOLD PARADE

Demonstration to Show Sympathy for Striking Carmen.

A monster demonstration and street parade of all union men in the city, with bands and banners to show the sympathy of organized labor for the striking streetcar men, will be held a week from tonight. All union men in the city and all sympathizers with the streetcar strike will be asked to participate in the parade. The parade was planned at last night's meeting of the Portland Federated Trades Council which met in Union Hall. Labor leaders predict a great demonstration and say that between 15,000 and 20,000 men will be in line. A number of striking carmen were in attendance at the meeting last night and the Trades Council championed the cause of the strikers in sympathetic speeches.

A smoker, to which all union men in the city are invited, will be held in Union Hall next Friday night. This will be preliminary to the parade, and union sentiment will be worked up.

Wreckage Washes Ashore.

VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 11.—The steamer Queen City, from Kyuquot and way ports, reports that the wooden tank of a sailing vessel has been washed ashore on one of the outer islets near Kyuquot.

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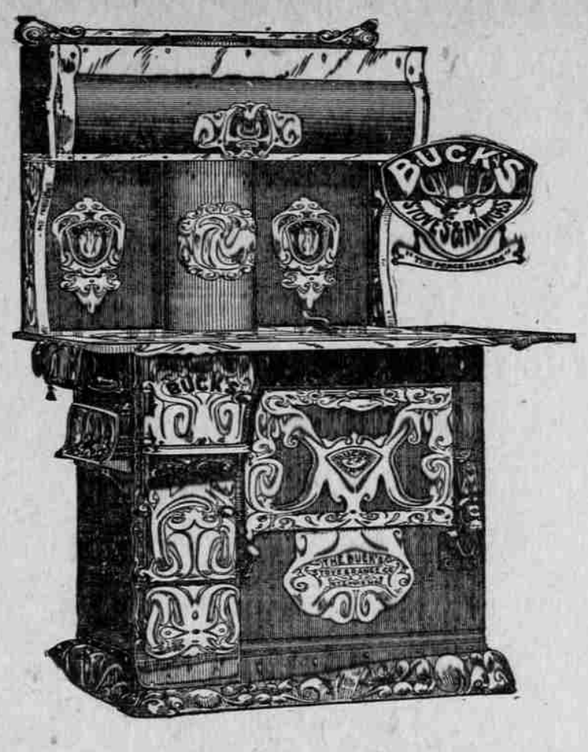

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