

CONGESTION GETS WORSE EVERY DAY

Situation is Now So Serious That Interests Involved Are Alarmed.

EMBARGO ON THE O. R. & N.

No Freight Will Be Moved Westward From Huntington for 72 Hours—Hope to Relieve Local Conditions.

Congestion of freight in the terminal yards in this city is growing worse daily. The situation has reached such a serious state that the interests involved are becoming alarmed.

The transportation committee of the Chamber of Commerce held a meeting yesterday and reviewed the situation.

"The more rapid handling of this freight is imperative if a serious condition is to be averted. Irrespective of the causes leading up to the situation or speculation as to how a like condition may be avoided in the future, the fact remains that the condition exists and the united action of everybody is necessary to remedy matters.

"Other plans for treating with the situation will be suggested if they are devised by the committee, but in the meantime, with the assistance of shippers and transfer men, experts will be able to handle the condition and avoid a serious state of confusion that will certainly ensue without united and systematic effort."

RATES TO BE FIXED MAY 8

A. D. Charlton Denies Action Is Delayed by Hill Lines.

Rates from Pacific Coast points to the Jamestown Exposition will not be fixed by the Transcontinental Railroad until May 8, when the Transcontinental Passenger Association will hold a meeting.

"The Hill lines are not standing in the way of east-bound rates. The naming of rates is a matter of agreement between all lines. These lines as yet have not been able to determine just what rates are necessary, or to what points, and the question is up for consideration by the Transcontinental Passenger Association at its meeting to be held May 8 next, at which time undoubtedly the matter will be fully determined. As this east-bound business does not move until after the closing of the schools in June the meeting referred to is ample time to determine the rates.

"There are a great many things to be considered in connection with such matters, such as dates of sale, limits in both directions, etc., which must be in line with the greatest good for the greatest number of people and before such rates can be announced it is always necessary to go into the matter and get in touch with all of the different localities involved. In addition, the different lines at the present time are considering this matter and decision will undoubtedly be made by all lines at the meeting referred to. The Hill lines have more to do with this than all of the other lines, they all being interested therein and must be a party to whatever arrangement is made.

Battery Bound for Philippines.

The Twenty-seventh Battery of Heavy Artillery, which reached Vancouver barracks a month ago from Fort Ethan Allen, Vt., will leave Portland May 2 over the Southern Pacific for San Francisco. This unit comprises 123 men and more than that number of horses and mules, will leave San Francisco in a United States transport early in May for the Philippines, where it will be stationed.

Salt Lake Official Here.

H. L. Greiner, of Salt Lake City, traffic freight and passenger agent of the Columbia & Southern Railway Company, was in the city yesterday, leaving last night for Seattle.

Says He Is Denver Murderer.

DENVER, April 26.—John Shire, who is in jail at Butte, awaiting an examination as to his insanity, is reported to have confessed to the murder of Maurice L. Caplan in Denver on February 16, 1906. Caplan, who was president of the Denver Auction Company, was shot in his home in the presence of his wife and a visitor with whom he had been playing cards, by a burglar whom he recalled.

At this time Shire was a bartender employed in this city. Shire says

he was in Caplan's house when he was discovered by Caplan's daughter and that he shot Caplan as the latter was coming for him. Shire states he walked about under the very noses of detectives searching for him, but that they had no suspicion that he committed the murder. Denver officers will go to Butte for the man.

Mary's Lamb Backed Off the Boards

John Bell is Waiting at the Church and Everywhere Else That Mrs. Ella Lehman Goes.

MARY'S little lamb must stand aside for John Bell, if the story related to Deputy District Attorney Bert E. Haney by Mrs. Ella Lehman is true. Bell's "following" proclivities are not to be beaten by the tale of woe told by the woman who lives with her husband at Franklin and Aspen streets. She has become so weary of being "tagged" by Bell that she had him arrested yesterday.

"If I go to church, if I take a street-car ride, Bell is sure to follow. If I go to the grocery store or meat market, there is Bell. I have become so tired of this man's persistent attentions that I cannot endure it any longer."

"Bell certainly must be a ringer," said Deputy Haney, after drawing up the complaint. "He must be a wonder at following, in fact, I understand, wherever Mrs. Lehman goes, there he is sure to be with her."

When the case comes up today in the Municipal Court, a spicy trial is predicted, as Mrs. Lehman made a special request of Mr. Haney "not to go into the personal life" in handling the affair in court.

The only explanation given by Mrs. Lehman for Bell's persistence in following her is that he wishes to discuss something with her. She declines to state the particulars, if she knows.

At the Theaters

What the Press Agents Say.

THIS AFTERNOON AND NIGHT

Raymond Hitchcock Makes Big Hit in Comic Opera at Helig.

There will be two performances at the Helig Theater, Fourteenth and Washington streets, today. A special matinee at 2:15 o'clock and tonight at 8:15, with the last performance tomorrow (Sunday) at 8:00. W. Savage offers the famous comic-opera Raymond Hitchcock, in the tinsel comic-opera success, "The Banker's Cousin." This is another one of the excellent stage productions, and with a comedian like Hitchcock leaves nothing to be desired. Last time Sunday night.

"THE PRODIGAL SON" MATINEE

Afternoon Performance of Splendid Play by Baker Company.

At the Baker Theater this afternoon there will be a matinee performance of the week's great success, "The Prodigal Son," the concluding performance to be given tonight. There will be a special matinee in this play and the house has been crowded all week. The play is even more fascinating than the novel itself.

Seaman Stock in Matinee at Empire.

"The Black Hand," in which the new Seaman Stock has made such a great success at the Empire Theater this week, will be seen in matinee this afternoon and the final performance will be given tonight. The production giving place to "Beware of Men" next week. The present melodrama is one of the best ever offered in this theater.

Children's Matinee Today.

This afternoon at the Lyric there will be a special children's matinee, when the bill will be "Snowball," the famous side-splitting farce. For the entertainment of the children, there will be included in the bill the latest illustrated songs and moving pictures. Performances tonight and tomorrow night.

Matinee at the Star.

This afternoon there will be a matinee of "Hearts of the Stars" at the Star Theater. It is a Southern drama with a new twist to a familiar story, for in this all the trouble is straightened out through a little baby. There will be performance tomorrow afternoon and night. Seats are now on sale.

COMING ATTRACTIONS.

Eminent Actor Will Present "The Magic Melody" at Helig.

When Walker Whiteside puts in his appearance at the Helig Theater, Fourteenth and Washington streets, next Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, with a special matinee Wednesday, with his new play, "The Magic Melody," local theatergoers will be given an opportunity to see what has been described as the most talented organization of metropolitan players that ever left Broadway in a single company. Seats are now selling at theater box-office for entire engagement.

"The Dictator" Opens Tomorrow.

The Baker Theater Company will open tomorrow afternoon in "The Dictator," the great Willie Collier in the part of the great Napoleon of the whole country two seasons ago. The play is mappy and fairly running over with brilliant comedians and there is not even the suggestion of a dull or quiet moment in it.

Rural Comedy Drama at Empire.

"Beware of Men," a rural comedy drama with many melodramatic features, has been selected as the offering of the new Seaman Stock Company at the Empire next week and will open with tomorrow's matinee. This is the character he preferred against Rev. John Smith, who eloped with Cromwell's wife, could be withdrawn. Finding that nothing could be done, Cromwell left the office, determined to settle the case without prosecution if possible.

"For Mother's Sake."

"For Mother's Sake" will be the bill next week at the Star Theater. This is a play in which the popular actress, Marie Heath, starred for several seasons. During the production at the Star the part of the boy inventor will be played by Miss Verma Felton.

"Sealed Lips."

Beginning with Monday matinee and continuing all week at the Star, "Sealed Lips" is the famous melodrama. "Sealed Lips" Special attention has been given to making out the cast for this bill, and every bit of scenic detail will be faithfully carried out. Sale of seats opens Sunday morning.

AT THE VAUDEVILLE THEATERS

Excellent Show at the Grand.

The excellent vaudeville entertainment which the Grand has been giving this week will be offered for the last time tomorrow afternoon and evening. On the bill are Lavine and Leonard, with the wonderful automobile, which does everything but talk; J. Bernard Dyllin, the noted musical comedian, and other good acts.

Fun Galore at Pantages.

There is not a dull or uninteresting act in the whole show at Pantages Theater this week. It is the kind of bill that will send you home good-natured and happy. It is fun galore, with novelty and music thrown in. The show's matinees are booked as the feature. This is a treat for the child-

SMITH THE LOSER

Sues for Divorce and Wife Gets the Decree.

BABY'S DEATH ENDS LOVE

Husband Objected to Wife's Visits to the Grave of Her Little Child.

Court Censures the Complainer and the Police Officers.

That her husband's cruelty towards her took the form of forbidding her to visit the grave of their little daughter in a local cemetery was the complaint made by Mrs. F. F. Smith in the State Circuit Court yesterday. Mrs. Smith said that the death of their only child marked the end of domestic tranquillity in the household. Her happiness was buried with the child, she said. In awarding her a decree of separation, Judge Sears decreed that the cemetery lot become her property.

The suit for divorce was filed by the husband, who accused Mrs. Smith of an unbecomingly conduct. The decree of separation, however, went to the wife. The case was closely contested. Mrs. Smith establishing to the satisfaction of the court that the husband committed the greater domestic errors, having exhibited undue affection for a Mrs. Cole, even being arrested while in her company on one occasion.

In passing on the case Judge Sears expressed surprise at Smith's offentious in suing for a divorce in the face of his own escapades. He said that he was surprised at the divorce in the face of his own escapades. He said that he was surprised at the divorce in the face of his own escapades.

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Decisions by Judge Cleland.

Judge John B. Cleland, of the County Circuit Court, will this morning announce his decisions in the following cases: Eliza Plano House against Thomas Scott Brooks, divorce; Leo Friede et al., defendant against J. C. Pennington, motion to dissolve attachment; Oregon Electric Railway Company against Twiggler Land Company et al., demurrer to second complaint; Charles Leiber against M. L. Holbrook et al., motion to complain.

MUST NOT DESERT HIS WIFE

Pickel Will Not Be Allowed to Give Her Up for Another.

"I do not think this case justifies my granting a divorce to Mrs. Pickel. Her husband is a decent man, and she is a woman. There is entirely too much of this kind of business, and the court will not be asked to grant a divorce to a woman who is a mother of children by her husband, and who is supported by her husband as a husband should. If he tries to skip out, as he now does, he will put him on the rock-pile and let him contribute to the support of his family."

"These were the words of Judge Frazer when Edna Pickel, a frail little woman, appeared before him yesterday, asking separation from the man who has deserted her for a Mrs. Blanchard, who, it is alleged in the complaint, is the cause of all the trouble. The wife was willing to have a decree entered, but both Judge Frazer and District Attorney Manning do not intend to allow Pickel to secure legal separation by desertion, or by marrying the other woman, so it was refused.

Jerome Palmer asked for release from his wife on the ground that she was going to dances with other men, and that he had endured trouble with her the first year after they were married. The couple finally separated, but the decree was allowed Palmer on the charges of desertion and infidelity.

Emily M. Lucas testified that her husband, Melvin Lucas, treated her very cruelly and came home in an intoxicated condition frequently, at which times he abused her and his daughter. The same facts were brought out by her daughter, and the custody was given her maiden name and custody of the child.

Ollie Burgess alleged abuse from her husband, Lennie Burgess. They were married in The Dalles, Oregon, and have no children. She told of her sufferings and trouble, and the Judge took the case under advisement.

Mrs. Birdie S. Bagley, John E. Bagley, her spouse, with desertion. She testified that she had to make her own living practically all the time they lived together, which was in the city of Portland, and then he insisted on drinking up what little she could earn. She was allowed legal freedom and the return of her maiden name.

F. S. Schroeder said his wife was infatuated with other men. They were married October 1, 1902, and lived together until recently, when she could endure her conduct no longer. Divorce was granted him after a severe cross-examination.

Milwaukie Country Club.

Eastern and California races. Take Sellwood or Oregon City car, starting from First and Alder streets.

SAYS HIS WIFE MAY RETURN

Cromwell Wants to Drop Charges Against Colored Preacher.

Dr. Paul Cromwell called at the office of the District Attorney late yesterday afternoon, and in the absence of Mr. Manning offered the stenographer \$250 if he charged he preferred against Rev. John Smith, who eloped with Cromwell's wife, could be withdrawn. Finding that nothing could be done, Cromwell left the office, determined to settle the case without prosecution if possible.

Rev. John Smith is the pastor of Mount Olivet African Church, and from what can be learned from some of his parishioners they will make an effort to have the indictments against the preacher and Mrs. Cromwell withdrawn, as it is understood a feeling of forgiveness exists on the part of all parties concerned, and Cromwell is willing to take his wife back. Smith has not been apprehended, but it is understood that the pair are still in Washington. The rumor that the woman had returned to her husband has not been substantiated, but it is understood that both Cromwell and the officials know where she is at present.

ALLOWED FULL COMMISSION

Judge Gantenbein Gives Decision Affecting Real Estate Men.

Judge Gantenbein yesterday afternoon decided a case involving the sale of \$45,000 worth of property in this city, involving Charles K. Henry judgment for the collection of his full commission of \$1700 claimed for the sale of the property. The decision will be of great interest to real estate men and property-owners, as many owners use the efforts of agents to find out what might be secured for their properties, and it is not unusual to pay the agents for disposing of them. The Judge's decision was to the effect that Henry had fully earned his commis-

sion from Dr. George A. Harker of Mill Valley, Cal., for making a sale of the store property on First street now occupied by the Martin Furniture Company, which Henry sold to A. H. Malley and the late Frank C. Baker, on December 15, 1905, for \$45,000.

The testimony showed that Mr. Henry, under written instructions, had begun negotiations for the sale of the property in March of last year for this amount. After all arrangements had been made, Henry received from Harker the following letter:

"I have your wire informing me that you have a customer willing to buy the property at \$45,000, and while we admit the price is a good one in view of the conditions of the lease, we have decided not to sell, owing to increasing values, and regret putting you to any trouble." Henry will now be able to enter judgment for the full amount of his commission promised by Harker.

LUMBER COMPANY IS SUED

W. J. Johnson Wants \$15,000 Damages for Breach of Contract.

A suit was filed yesterday by W. J. Johnson against E. E. Hyland, W. H. Hyland and Ira D. Hyland in the United States Court, asking damages in the sum of \$15,000. The defendants comprise the Hyland Lumber Company. Johnson is a Californian and the lumber company's property is located near Eugene.

Johnson is in his complaint that he entered into an agreement with the Hyland company to sell its sawmill property for \$38,500, for which he was to receive a commission of \$1900. He sold the property for more than \$38,000 and to receive the difference between that amount and the selling price. He alleges that Johnson purchased the property at a price of \$30,000 and that he deposited \$2000 in a Eugene bank to bind the sale. After doing this Johnson claims that the Hylands refused to sell to the purchaser, and later sold the property to another person. Because of the breach of contract Johnson asks judgment for \$15,000, plus interest, and \$1000 as the difference between the agreed price and the price which Johnson's purchaser was willing to give.

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HOLD CHURCH RECEPTION

Three Ministers Guests of Honor at Taylor-Street Church.

A reception was tendered last night at the Taylor-Street Methodist Church to Rev. Daniel L. Rader, editor of the Pacific Christian Advocate; Rev. William McFarland, pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church; and Rev. Francis Burgess, pastor of the church. The altar was beautifully decorated with flowers and special music was rendered by the choir. Rev. W. H. Hoppe, of the Century Church, acted as the principal speaker, but his address was postponed and Rev. William Jennings spoke on the "Work of the Pacific Christian Advocate."

He called attention to the fact that the Advocate was half a century old, the official organ of the Methodist church, and that it accomplishes a wonderful work in its connection with the church. He deplored the spirit of commercialism that was growing up in religious circles, and the feeling that unbusinesslike affairs could be run for a profit they should be treated the same as any other commercial enterprise and discontinued.

His address was followed by Rev. W. H. Hoppe, who spoke on the work of the Advocate and appealed to the people to rally to its support. He gave an outline of what he considered a model organ to accomplish the work needed by a publication of this class, and spoke strongly in favor of united action in taking care of it. Dr. Boyard of California made an appropriate address on the work of the church and church publications.

The reception was given by the Methodist Men's Social Union, after which a luncheon was served by the women of the church.

MOLDERS MAY NOT STRIKE

National Industrial Peace Association Possibly Will Take a Hand.

If the ironmolders' strike is called, the Portland branch of the National Industrial Peace Association may take a hand and seek to bring about a settlement without subjecting the public to the inconvenience of a protracted strike. This association will complete its organization work in the next few days, in a position to take up any labor difficulty that may be presented thereafter.

Under the provisions of its constitution the association is authorized to seek first to harmonize all differences between employer and employee. Failing in this, it is expected to use its best efforts to have the controversy submitted to arbitration. The board of directors, consisting of 30 men, representing the three interests that are involved in every labor trouble—the employer, the employee and the public—is then expected to lend its assistance in selecting the members of an arbitration board by which the difficulty is to be adjusted.

Members of the ironmolders' union in Portland have received no further advice from the international officers regarding the strike. The walkout, they admit, will not take place May 1 and not until official sanction is given by Joseph Valentine, National president of the organization, to whom the demands of these workmen have been submitted. H. W. Drew, president of the Portland union of ironmolders, says the men have not experienced

"60-FOOTERS" WIN

East Glisan Street Will Not Be Widened to 80 Feet.

END OF LONG, HARD FIGHT

Decision by Council Street Committee Is Victory for Small Property-owners—Street Railway Petitions to Be Taken Up Soon.

East Glisan street, from East Twelfth street to the city limits, is to be 60 feet in width. The street committee of the Council yesterday announced that it will recommend to the Council the 60-foot street in preference to the 80-foot thoroughfare as desired by the large property-owners on the street.

The action of the Council yesterday ends a fight that has been continued before the street committee several meetings between the large and small property-owners. A majority of the small property-owners opposed the extreme width, but estates and owners of large acreage tracts held out for 80 feet. Each side flooded the committee with petitions and from 200 to 300 property-owners have attended the last three or four meetings of the committee. Many of the small property-owners declared before the committee that an 80-foot street would result in the practical confiscation of their property.

The question at issue was whether to recommend a resolution to the Council to pave Johnson street from Fifteenth street to Twenty-fifth street with hard-surface pavement. The committee recommended that the street be improved its full width and that it not be parked four feet on each side, as contemplated.

The street committee will hold a special meeting Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, when it will consider the petitions of the United Railways Company and the Green Tractor Company asking for extensions of time to 1910 in which to complete their lines. The meeting will be held Tuesday, so that the Council can act upon the question at the regular meeting Wednesday afternoon.

Herman Wittberg, W. H. Moore and A. C. Edmonds represented the companies before the committee yesterday. They urged that immediate action be taken, as they said that time was of vital interest to them. Mr. Wittberg said that certain capitalists will visit Portland within a few days to look over the prospects of the United Railways Company.

He said the company was acting in entirely good faith and that all it asked was merely enough time in which to complete its lines. The company is expending about \$20,000 a month in construction work. About half a dozen or more local men are interested in the United Railways Company, which acquired the franchise of the Oregon Traction Company.

The communication and blueprint from the Portland Board of Trade relative to the new Madison-street bridge was referred back to City Engineer Taylor. Mr. Taylor told the committee that the grade on Madison street could be raised so as to permit a higher bridge, but that owners of abutting property might insist upon damages. Beginning from a point 100 feet east of Front street, a grade of about 2 1/2 per cent. could be established on the 200 feet of street, which would raise the bridge nine feet higher than originally contemplated.

The charter amendment, which will be voted upon in June, provides that the new bridge must conform to the established grades on Hawthorne-avenue and Madison street. By raising the grades the Council can establish almost any level it deems advisable for the new structure.

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Ho! Ho! Uneeda Biscuit 5c. Advertisement for Uneeda Biscuits featuring an illustration of a man in a suit holding a large biscuit.

any change of mind in contending for an eight-hour day and are only waiting for instructions from the head officers, when they will leave their places in the mills, unless the demand for a shorter workday is conceded.

Albany Woman Dead Man's Sister. ALBANY, Ore., April 26.—According to reports here by Mrs. J. J. Collins yesterday, "Billie" Quinn, the man shot and fatally wounded by Deputy Sheriff C. C. Hicks

in Wallace, Idaho, yesterday morning, was her brother. Young Quinn was about 22 years of age, and is well known in Albany and throughout this section where he resided last Summer. A brief dispatch received by Mrs. Collins last night from Wallace, Idaho, stated that her brother had died from the effect of his wound, and that the body would be shipped to Portland for interment.

After typhoid fever, pneumonia and other prostrating diseases, take Hood's Sarsaparilla.

A Summer Vacation in Your Kitchen

Advertisement for Wick Blue Flame Oil Cook-Stove featuring an illustration of the stove and text describing its benefits.

Don't sweeter this summer with the temperature at 110. Get a New Perfection Wick Blue Flame Oil Stove and have a cool kitchen. The NEW PERFECTION Wick Blue Flame Oil Cook-Stove produces a working flame instantly. Blue flame means highly concentrated heat, no soot, no dirt. Oil is always at a maintained level, ensuring a uniform flame. Made in three sizes. Every stove warranted. If not at your dealer's write to our nearest agency for descriptive circular.

Advertisement for the Rayo Lamp featuring an illustration of the lamp and text describing its features.

Strong and Vigorous at 81 Years of Age. Mr. Mark W. Pierce, of Glenn, N. H., who lived in Saco Valley for 57 years, has filled every office in the gift of his townsmen; was a stage driver in the White Mountains before the railroad was built. He is now in his 81st year, is a remarkably well-preserved man, and tells many interesting stories of his early career and of how Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey has pulled him through many a tight place and kept him vigorous and strong, although he has passed the four-score mark.

In a recent interview Mr. Pierce said: "I have used Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey as a medicine for something like six years. Several years ago I had a slight attack of my kidneys, and I took Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey and it did me good. I have used stimulants all my life, so ought to know what a good article is. I have been a resident of Saco Valley for 57 years, have filled all the offices in the gift of my townsmen; was a stage driver through the White Mountains before the railroad was built, have attended nearly every term of court in our county for the past forty years, and have had considerable to do with politics; so you can understand I have had quite a strenuous life, yet I feel as strong and vigorous as I did twenty years ago." Nov. 22, 1906.

Advertisement for Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey featuring a portrait of Mr. Mark W. Pierce and text describing the product.

Advertisement for Ayer's Sarsaparilla featuring text describing its benefits for various ailments.

Advertisement for No More Alcohol featuring text describing its benefits for those who wish to abstain from alcohol.