

SINKS TO PREVENT PULLING OF PLUGS

Is Sent to Stop Interference With Telegraph Lines by Railroad Operators.

BROKERS WITHOUT SERVICE

Western Union Reorganizes Small Messenger Force, but Little Business Is Offered and Local Offices Are Badly Crippled.

Local features of the telegraphers' strike yesterday were the sending of A. O. Sinks, executive member of the Order of Railway Telegraphers, out the Southern Pacific lines in Oregon to stop the pulling of plugs and other interruptions of service by railway telegraphers; the desertion of Mrs. L. Dolphin from the strikers and her return to work at the Postal office, and the partial reorganization of the messenger force at the Western Union office.

Despite these circumstances, striking operators formerly employed by both companies are standing firm and make the statement that they are more confident of winning now than at any time since they worked out. It is said the strikebreakers are being worn out by the long strain and that the companies are unable to get any competent operators whatever.

Brokers' offices were silent yesterday, not a telegraph key clicking in either the offices of Overbeck & Cooke in the Couch building, or Downing & Brannin in the Chamber of Commerce. Wire trouble south of Ashland is ascribed as the reason for the failure of the former company to receive quotations, while the latter is said to have refused the fragmentary service offered, the firm declining to carry on operations in the present demoralized condition of the stock market without complete information of conditions in Chicago and Wall street. Yesterday was the first day for years that Portland people who dabbled in stocks could not learn the state of the market.

Business offered to the local telegraph offices by the public is still small in volume, the uncertainty of delivery causing people generally to entrust their messages to the mails rather than take chances on telegrams. Not half the usual business has been offered the companies since the strike started. The Western Union office is living in a state of siege. Their meals are brought to them and it is said at least two operators had left the building since they went to work. Yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, there were 15 men and women in the operating room but at least three of these were check boys. The Western Union office numbers about 50 operators.

Refused Pail of Hot Water.

A woman clerk was washing dishes preparatory to the dinner of the strikebreakers. When one of the working force was sent to the Chamber of Commerce building, just as the strike force was about to take a pail of hot water yesterday, for dishwashing purposes, the engineer of the building demonstrated his loyalty to the strikers by promptly refusing the water. At the Postal office Manager Annand and Chief Operator Durkee are the busiest on the wires. Both have no time to do anything but receive and send messages. There are two nonunion operators at work there besides a bank clerk named Humphrey, who comes down from Oregon City after his day's work is done and works a short time at night. The usual force at the Postal office is 12 operators.

Pressure is being brought to bear on strikebreakers by the operators. Mail-carrier James Cooper, who works at Station E, has been asked to induce his wife, Mrs. A. Laura Knapp-Campbell, to desert her key at the Western Union. John J. Springer, traveling freight agent for the Great Northern, was seen yesterday and asked to persuade his brother, Charles R. Springer, aged 17, to leave the Postal office, where he works a short shift after his regular day's work is done. Mr. Springer said he would do what he could to induce his brother to stop work.

Asks Pay to Desert.

The strikers reported a victory yesterday, when they roundly denounced James Cooper Prescott, conductor No. 231, at work on the U. line, who came to the strikers' headquarters and asked for \$25 a week from them, promising that if he were paid that sum he would remain away from the Western Union office, where he has been working a key during the hours he is not on his car. He had been working as an operator under the name of M. L. Shinabarger. The striking operators told him to go back to work, but his fellows refused to let the strikers be understood to have talked him out of it, and he did not return to the Western Union office last night.

HODSON NAMES DELEGATES

Commercial Club President appoints Representatives.

President Hodson of the Commercial Club, yesterday appointed the following delegates to attend the National Irrigation Congress to be held in Sacramento September 2-7: H. E. Lounsbury, A. King, Wilson, W. F. Burdell, G. W. Allen, Dr. James Withycombe, F. W. Leadbetter, H. L. Pittock, I. J. Jackson, J. Thorburn Ross. These delegates will also represent Portland at the meeting of the Oregon State Irrigation Association, which will convene at Grant's Pass September 19, 11, 12. Tickets to Sacramento will be good for stopover privileges at Grant's Pass on the return trip, enabling delegates to attend the state session.

Other Punishment Than Flogging.

EUGENE, Or., Aug. 19.—(To the Editor.)—In yesterday's Oregonian I see that Governor Chamberlain is an advocate of whipping persons who escape from penal servitude. On behalf of one who served "time" a good many years ago, I want to say that the cruel punishment inflicted on prisoners in State Prisons.

Relief Fund Is Started.

Sympathy for the strikers throughout the city is making itself felt in a substantial way. Last night more than \$600 had been subscribed to go into a relief fund. One contribution of \$50 was by a former county official.

To add to their finances, the strikers will give a ball in Murliark hall Thursday night, August 22, which is expected to net a large addition to the fund. Decorations will be unique. Prasp's Orchestra has been secured and not only all union members in the city, but all sympathizers with the strikers and the general public are asked to attend. A special committee, consisting of Walter S. Simpson, Gus Prag and W. S. Burke, is busy planning

NEW SEVEN-STORY WHOLESALE BLOCK



BUILDING ERRECTED FOR MASON, EHRMAN & COMPANY AT FIFTH AND EVERETT STREETS. One of the finest wholesale houses to be erected in Portland this year is the seven-story block for Mason, Ehrman & Company at Fifth and Everett streets. The construction of this building marks the extension of the wholesale district northward, many indications of which have been seen during the past few months. This building is seven stories in height and one of the best-constructed warehouses in the city. Workmen are now busy on the interior construction.

RAID ON FANATICS

the crime, and to conceal his identity had given the name and card of Vaughn. Brunner is now in the Spokane jail awaiting trial.

HOODLUMS ATTACK "TONGUES OF FIRE" TENT.

Hoodlums nearly precipitated a riot at 9:30 o'clock last night at the camping of the "Tongues of Fire" sect, East Twelfth and Division streets, and the police were appealed to for protection. Captain Slover dispatched two officers to the scene, but the gang of roughs had left the place before their arrival. Several guy ropes to the big tent, in which the gospel meetings are held, were cut by the hoodlums, who gathered in large numbers outside and for a time pandemonium reigned within, where the followers of Rev. John Glasco, colored, were assembled at their worship. It was feared the large tent would fall to the ground and that the scene would be the same as that which had occurred at the meeting of the "Tongues of Fire" sect in the past.

CONCERT ON THE PLAZA

The park band will play tonight on the Plaza, commencing at 8 o'clock. Following is the program: March, "Ben Ben"; Overture, "The Mill on the Cliffs"; Selection, "The Mill on the Cliffs"; Intermission; Fantasia, "Musical Scenes From Switzerland"; Waltz, "Jolly Fellow"; Baritone solo, "Salute Polka"; Libretto, "The Rose"; Intermezzo, "The Rose"; March, "Salute to St. Louis"; A. De Caprio, director.

TO VISIT CITY AUGUST 28

Brooklyn League Excursion Party Contains 200 Members. Portland will entertain the members of the Brooklyn League excursion, August 28. This party is composed of about 200 people who left New York City on August 17 in a special train composed of seven cars. Before returning to their homes on September 1, they will have traveled nearly 9000 miles. From the itinerary that was received by the Chamber of Commerce yesterday morning it appears that David T. Butcher, who has not left the Western Union office since going to work and that the strain is telling heavily on him, for he was so worn out by the hard service at the time of the earthquake that he has never fully recovered.

SEVER ROPE, ENDANGERING LIVES OF CONGREGATION FROM FIRE, AND ESCAPE BEFORE POLICE CAN ANSWER TELEPHONE CALL.

Rev. John Glasco, in great excitement, rushed for the telephone and called upon Captain Slover, commanding police headquarters, for protection from the mob. Police men Vespy and Burks were hurried to the meeting place, but it appears that the action of Glasco became known to the hoodlums, who scurried off before the officers were able to reach the scene. An investigation by the police developed the fact that many large stones were hurled at the tent, and that several of the guy ropes were cut. No one was hurt, but the danger of fire and a serious panic was apparent. If the big tent had fallen, loss of life, it is thought by the police, would have resulted from the flames. The "Tongues of Fire" sect has been holding its meetings on the ground for many months, but last week orders to move were issued to them by Chief of Police Gritzmaacher. This was because of numerous complaints, registered by citizens of the community, who declare that the fanatical band, with its din and noise, had become a common nuisance, and demanded immediate relief. Chief Gritzmaacher said yesterday that the leaders of the sect are looking for a hall, in which they hope to hold their meetings in the future.

NAME USED BY DEFRAUDER

W. T. Vaughn Has Unpleasant Experience in Spokane. W. T. Vaughn, of South Bend, Ind., a student of Notre Dame University, arrived in Portland yesterday, after a somewhat unpleasant experience in Spokane. On his way West from St. Paul, Mr. Vaughn met a young man on the train, who presented him with a card bearing the name of Louis Brunner. Vaughn in return gave the man his card, and the trip was continued to Spokane where the two separated and Vaughn went to visit a school friend, Forrest Smithson, the well-known sprinter. The schoolmates spent Monday at Moon Lake, a Summer resort near Spokane, and on their way back to town, noticed in an issue of the evening paper the announcement that W. T. Vaughn had been placed under arrest that afternoon for obtaining money under false pretenses, and incidentally representing himself as a son of Secretary of War Taft. Vaughn hurried to investigate, and found that the fellow Brunner had been guilty of

AFTER ANOTHER ENDLESS GRANT

Portland Gas Company Applies for Perpetual Franchise in St. Johns.

OFFERS NO COMPENSATION

Grown Wise in Corporation Methods, Council Gives Measure No Consideration—Would Charge \$1.35 Per Thousand Feet.

The Portland Gas Company submitted an application for a perpetual gas franchise to the St. Johns Council at its meeting last night. It is represented that the East Portland Gas Company is about to enlarge its plant on the Peninsula and that it would be greatly to the advantage of St. Johns if it should extend its mains and supply the place with the same quality of gas that is furnished Portland consumers.

It is proposed by the company to charge \$1.25 per 100 feet with 10 per cent off for prompt payment of bills. It also proposes to supply the city with all the gas it may need in its business at these rates, which is all the compensation it offers.

It is clearly a perpetual gas franchise, as there is no limit as to the duration of the grant or provision as to when work should start. It received no consideration whatever from the Council.

Will Pass Davidorf Franchise.

On motion the Davidorf gas franchise was taken from the table and read a second time. After discussion it was passed over until the next meeting. It will now be advertised and it is expected will be finally allowed in about one month. Mr. Davidorf was present and gave assurances that work would start on the erection of the plant the day after the franchise is secured.

L. B. French protested against the closing of Columbia boulevard by the County Court at the meeting of the St. Johns Council last night, and declared that the closing was a great hardship to a large number of people. He said that the closing was ordered at a meeting of the commissioners, of which no record had been made, and that the action was illegal and wrong. Mr. French wanted the Council to purchase a lot so situated that it could be used to reopen the street.

Pass Telephone Measure.

The City Attorney submitted a written opinion to the effect that no deal contracted by Youngford & Son, contractors on the City Hall, should be paid unless ordered by the court. His opinion is that the claimants should bring suit against the contractors, secure judgment and collect from the city. This, he thinks, will protect the city from loss.

The long-deferred Pacific States Telephone franchise was put on its final reading and passed. It will become a law after it has been advertised. This franchise was pending all through the last city administration and up to the present time.

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J. M. Lawrence or anyone else. The investigation is a matter of routine and is undertaken in the case of Carey act projects generally.

Fish Warden to Study Salmon.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Aug. 20.—(Special.)—State Fish Warden Riseland is here on his way to Portland, where, in company with State Senators Henry S. McGowan, A. L. Watson and W. B. Presby, he will make an investigation of the salmon industry along the Columbia River. This investigation was authorized by the last Legislature, which selected the committee named, Mr. Riseland, while here, filed the new plans of state oyster lands in Jefferson County and had a general conference with Governor Mead regarding his duties.

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THE VALUE OF AN IDEAL

THERE are many things Mr. Bryan failed to say upon this interesting subject. Some ideals would be better forgotten. The worst man on earth has his ideal, and he is a whole lot more apt to reach the glory of that ideal than the man who dreams of some day being a great political grafter. The man who rules his own destiny may be a king, but that man was never born. Better draw in the ideal from the clouds and put it in the home. Shape it with the right sort of furniture and you will be nearer that ideal. "Gevurtz" furnishes homes and clothes ideals.

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