

WANTS NEW MAN FOR OREGON JOB

Roosevelt Calls on Fulton to Recommend District Attorney.

OBJECTIONS TO CLEETON

Candidate Must Have No Relations With Corporations or Land Frauds—Fulton in a Hurry to Get a Settlement.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 27.—Wanted—An experienced and capable man to fill the office of District Attorney for Oregon; one who can pass muster, Corporation attorneys and counsel for land-fraud defendants need not apply.

This placard has again been hung on the administration door knob and the Oregon delegation will once more undertake to pick a man who can relieve W. C. Bristol.

Objections to Cleeton.

Senator Fulton called at the White House this morning to present C. A. Johns, of Baker City, to the President, and the President informed him that he could not see his way clear to appoint Thomas J. Cleeton. His objection to Mr. Cleeton, he said, was not on personal grounds; there was nothing whatsoever against his character, but Mr. Cleeton's past political activities made it unwise in the mind of the President and the Attorney-General to give him the District Attorneyship. The President asked Mr. Fulton to inform the delegation that he would like to have another name sent in. Mr. Fulton did so this afternoon, and within a day or two the delegation will meet and endeavor to agree upon some new man for this appointment. No arrangement has yet been made, however.

Majority Will Select.

In the coming conference an effort will be made to find a clean, competent man, who meets the administration's requirements. If the delegation is unable to unite, then it will act by decision of its majority, for no reservations have been made by any member and all stand pledged to abide by the majority. Chris Schuebel, of course, is out of it. G. G. Bingham, because he had acted as attorney for the Southern Pacific, and Dan J. Markey, because he had been counsel for land-fraud defendants, are also scratched. Numerous other aspirants are disqualified by the restrictions imposed by the President. The delegation will, therefore, go into conference with a clean slate and it is not improbable that some man will be chosen who has not before been considered.

Scobey Most Persistent.

Of the old aspirants, J. O. R. Scobey is perhaps the most persistent, but there is no indication that he is a likely winner. The delegation's advisers are that J. H. McNary has eliminated himself, otherwise he might be chosen. Judge Burnett, adhering to his pledge, is understood to have declined to allow his name to be used. If Mr. McNary or Judge Burnett have undergone a change of heart, they will have to make that fact known immediately or it will be everlasting too late.

Mr. Fulton will leave for Oregon in less than two weeks, as he plans to be in Portland March 15. He would like to have this matter closed up and the nominee confirmed before he goes, but the committee campaigning all over Oregon right up to the day of the primaries. Should there be trouble, the appointment might be held over until his return.

FULTON PRODDING ELKINS

Threatens Vigorous Action Unless Rate Bill Is Reported.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 27.—In the Senate today Senator Fulton called attention to the fact that the interstate commerce committee had failed to take action on his bill providing that no increase in freight rates shall be made until the Interstate Commerce Commission holds the increase to be reasonable. He served notice that unless the committee, in accordance with the promise of its chairman, made a favorable report on the bill he would offer a resolution discharging the committee from further consideration. The members of the committee expressed a desire that no such hostile action be taken and indicated willingness to do something if given an opportunity. There is a growing suspicion that Senator Elkins, the railroad's friend, intends to smother this bill if possible.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS IN OREGON

Prospect Pendleton and Albany May Get Them.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 27.—Senator Fulton today appeared before the committee on public buildings in behalf of his various bills providing for public buildings at various Oregon cities. The committee practically assured him that it would favorably report two bills—one for Pendleton and the other for Albany. There was a growing suspicion that Senator Elkins, the railroad's friend, intends to smother this bill if possible.

Sell Siletz Indian Land.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 27.—A favorable report was made today on Senator Bourne's bill authorizing the sale at public auction or under sealed bids of the remaining portion of the Siletz Indian reservation.

Invite Dewey to Deliver Oration.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 27.—The Washington delegation today invited Senator Dewey to deliver the oration at the opening of the Seattle Exposition next year. He said he would have to consult his secretary and, if he had no previous engagement, would be glad to accept the invitation.

ARRAIGN PRIEST'S SLAYER

Giuseppe Alo will Plead in Denver Tomorrow.

DENVER, Feb. 27.—The first step in the legal proceedings which it is believed will speedily send Giuseppe Alo to the gallows for the murder of Father Leo, was taken today in the West Side Court, when Alo was formally arraigned on the charge of murder. Through an

interpreter Alo was asked if he expected to secure a lawyer to defend him, and replied that he expected the Italian Consul would attend to that. He was told that this was improbable, and was asked if he did not want the court to appoint counsel.

"If that is the law, yes," he replied. Robert H. Widdicombe was then appointed as counsel for the defense and Peter Bossie as interpreter for the trial. Alo will plead to the charge of murder on Saturday, and at that time a date will be set for his trial.

ALIO IS TAKEN TO DENVER

Authorities Expect to Give Assassin Speedy Trial.

DENVER, Feb. 27.—Giuseppe Alo, the Italian anarchist who murdered Father Leo Heintzsch at the altar during communion service in St. Elizabeth's Church last Sunday, was brought back from Colorado Springs early this morning, whether he had been taken to prevent lynching. Accompanied by four detectives from Denver and closely handcuffed, Alo rode the entire trip with head averted and in sullen silence.

Upon arrival he was hustled into a waiting cab and swiftly driven to the county jail. There were but few persons at the Union Station to witness his arrival, and no demonstration of any kind occurred. According to Alo's statement made to an interpreter, he will plead guilty when arraigned and offer no defense for his crime. In this case it is expected his trial will come to a speedy end and sentence be pronounced.

Another Plot to Murder Priest.

CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—Chancellor E. M. Dunne, of the Catholic diocese of Chicago, has informed the police of a plot by Italians to murder Rev. Father Pasquale Ronzullo, pastor of St. Roch's Church at Chicago Heights, in exactly the same manner as Father Leo Heintzsch was murdered in Denver. He got the information in a letter from an Italian, who, he says, would be murdered if his name were known. The Mayor was warned, police were put on guard and the would-be assassins fled. Father Ronzullo now carries a revolver. The Federal authorities contemplate prosecution for criminal libel of Italian editors who denounce the clergy in their papers.

REJECT WAGE REDUCTION

NORTHERN PACIFIC OPERATORS' VOTE OVERWHELMING.

Returns Show 85 Per Cent Against Acceptance—Committee Confers With Officials.

ST. PAUL, Feb. 27.—By an overwhelming majority telegraphers on the Northern Pacific have rejected the proposition made by the company with regard to a new schedule of hours and wages, to become effective on March 4, when the "hours of service law" goes into effect. Out of a total of 300 votes, 650 have been received up to this afternoon. Of this number fully 85 per cent are unfavorable to the proposition, according to the committee of the telegraphers' general committee.

A conference between the committee and Vice-President Levy and General Manager Slade, of the railroad, was held late this afternoon, but no agreement was reached. The committee, after the conference, said it was not advised as to what course the company would pursue. At the general offices of the railroad nothing was given out except that the conference will probably continue.

UNION WINS LABOR FIGHT

Use Clubs to Put Colorado Strikebreakers to Flight.

FLORENCE, Colo., Feb. 27.—A pitched battle between 25 structural ironworkers employed on the United States and General Workmen's railroad, was held late this afternoon, but no agreement was reached. The committee, after the conference, said it was not advised as to what course the company would pursue. At the general offices of the railroad nothing was given out except that the conference will probably continue.

Can't Afford Extra Cost.

H. U. Mudge, second vice-president of the Rock Island system, said that business had fallen off to such an extent in the past three months that, while a year ago the road was ex-

ASK FOR MORE TIME

Railroads Cannot Afford Nine Hours for Operators.

RAISE CRY OF HARD TIMES

Decrease in Earnings Makes Change Impossible Till Prosperity Returns—Perham Says Competent Operators Are Abundant.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Operating officials of railroads from all parts of the country today secured attendance upon the hearing given by the Interstate Commerce Commission upon applications for an extension of time of going into effect of the nine-hour law.

Thirty-seven such applications were received. Two of them already have been denied, those of the Georgia Southern & Florida Railroad and the St. Joseph & Grand Island Railway, because, in the opinion of the commission, the petitions did not show what, in the terms of the act, would constitute "good cause" for granting the relief requested. The applications of the other 35 roads are being heard as one case, because the petitions are substantially identical. All of them assert that they have found it impossible to secure the services of competent, efficient and dependable telegraph operators in such numbers as will enable them to comply with the provisions of the law and that, even if they could obtain the necessary operators, the enforced employment of so many additional men would be a financial hardship which the carriers ought not to be subjected to.

May Close Small Stations.

Nearly all of the petitions also indicate that, in the circumstances, if the law is enforced the companies will be obliged to close many small stations on their lines, thus interfering with the service, causing an inconvenience, especially to the traveling and shipping public and preventing the prompt movement of trains.

Among the roads which have filed applications for extension of the law are the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company, Oregon Short Line, Columbia, Tule Lake & Santa Fe, Southern Pacific and Union Pacific.

It is regarded as significant that, with the exception of the New York Central lines, none of the great Eastern roads have made application for extension. In the Northwest, the Great Northern and Northern Pacific are not represented among the applicants.

Decrease of Earnings.

In an opening statement to the commission, C. H. Glavin, president of the San Francisco Railroad, directed attention to what he termed the marvelous depression of the revenues of the railroads which had taken place since October 1, amounting in general to fully 20 per cent. He said:

In no way has it been found possible to increase the operating expenses in view of this immense reduction of revenues. The carriers are likely to be involved in financial disaster should these conditions continue. If we are subjected to such an increase of operating expenses as this law contemplates, we will have to ask an increase in rates subsequently to effect the increased charges.

"It is not this a matter," inquired Chairman Knapp, "of legislative action, rather than for relief from this commission?"

Plenty of Operators at Hand.

Mr. Gray responded that the railroads deemed it necessary to present the matter to Congress, but delays in legislation would always be unavoidable and relief was necessary immediately. He believed that under the law the commission might afford at least temporary relief.

H. B. Perham, president of the Order of Railway Telegraphers, declared that there was no question about the ability of the railroads to obtain the necessary number of operators required under the law; that he had knowledge of thousands of operators in all parts of the country who were now out of employment and would be willing to accept positions on the railroads. These men, he said, were experienced railway telegraphers for the most part.

Can't Afford Extra Cost. H. U. Mudge, second vice-president of the Rock Island system, said that business had fallen off to such an extent in the past three months that, while a year ago the road was ex-

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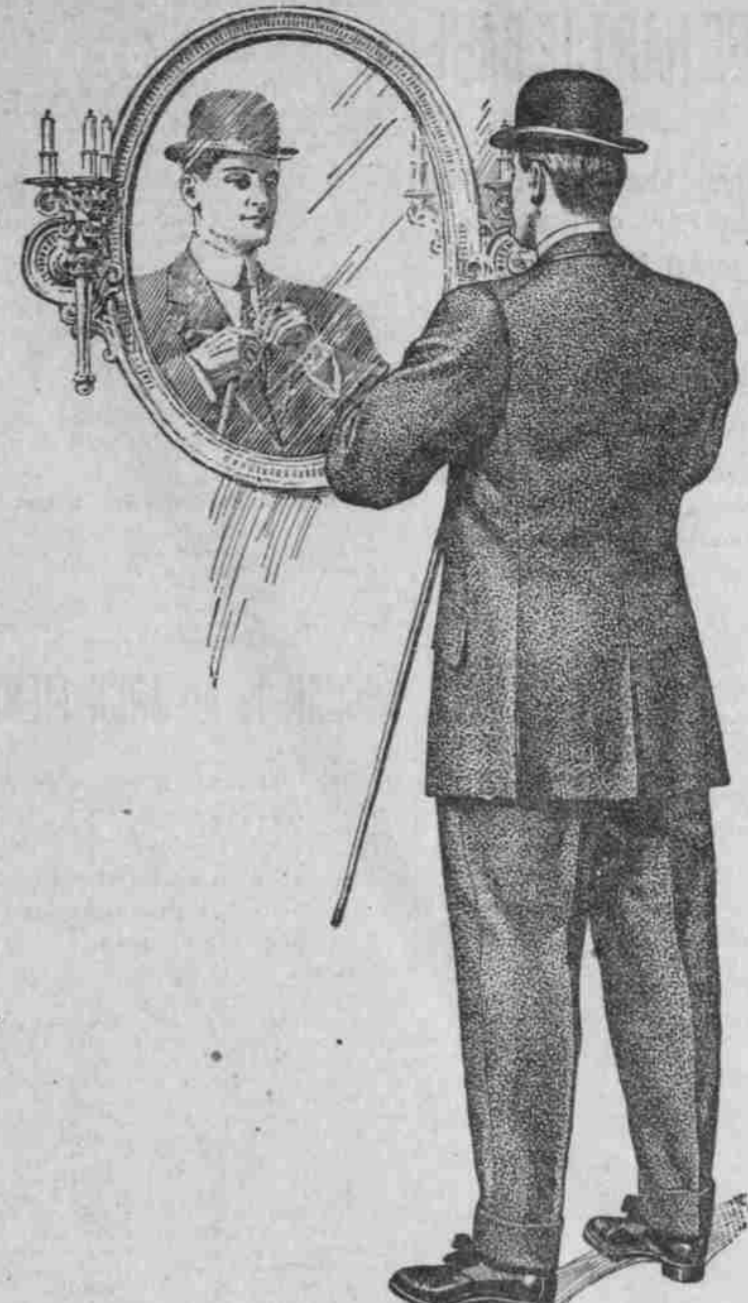
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perencing a shortage of cars, it now had about 11,000 idle cars. He pointed out that, under normal conditions, the road would be seriously embarrassed by the enforcement of the law, but now it is not able to comply with the new law.

"You want us, then," said Chairman Knapp, "to make an order antipatory of a return of prosperity?" Mr. Mudge replied that the Rock Island, fortunately, was in position to pay its fixed charges, but it had hoped that the commission might see its way clear to grant a reasonable extension, because, if prosperity should return to the country as suddenly as adversity had come, the system would be placed in a very serious predicament.

Similar arguments were presented in behalf of other large railroads.

Harriman After Branch Line.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Feb. 27.—Said to foreclose a half million dollars of the mortgage bonds of the San Diego, Cuyamaca & Eastern Railroad was commenced this afternoon in the Superior Court by M. Freeman. It is understood that Mr. Freeman is the representative of the Southern Pacific Company and that the short road eastward from here into the foothills will ultimately fall to Southern Pacific possession through this action.

Fred W. Gooding Very Ill.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 27.—Fred W. Gooding, of Idaho, president of the National Woolgrowers' Association, was taken ill here today with typhoid fever. His condition is considered serious.

Milwaukee Declares Dividends.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Directors of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad Company today declared semi-annual dividends of 3/4 per cent on the preferred and common stock.

More Roads to Observe Law.

OMAHA, Feb. 27.—It was announced by the Union Pacific, Northwestern and Bur-

ington Railroads today that they would observe literally the nine-hour law, which becomes effective March 4. These three roads will employ about 100 additional telegraphers on lines west of the Missouri River. Train service is to be curtailed where it is found possible to do so.

Road Makes General Cut.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Feb. 27.—Salaries over \$2000 will be cut 10 per cent and those between \$1500 and \$2000 5 per cent by the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad beginning March 1.

WOMAN BETRAYS ROBBER

William Cassidy, Portland Man, Is Under Arrest in Spokane.

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 27.—(Special.)—William Cassidy, a young man giving Portland as his home, was arrested last night on the charge of being the leader of a gang of streetcar holdups, being identified by four of his victims.

Conductor Johnston was sent into the Cour d'Alene, a variety theater, crowded with more than 100 men, and told that the man who held up the car was there. He picked him out of the crowd. He was betrayed by his mistress, a Chinese woman, who declared that the accused had boasted to her of having been the person who shot Dr. Cummings in a street-car holdup. Jealousy led to the Celestial woman's confession. Four arrests have been made.

ESTATE REFUSES TO SELL

McKinley Home Will Not Become a Memorial Gift.

CANTON, O., Feb. 27.—The plan of the trustees of the McKinley National Memorial Association to take over from Mrs. M. C. Barber, sister of the late Mr. McKinley, the President McKinley home as a public memorial gift has been found

impossible. Heirs to the William McKinley estate would not sell at the price, \$25,000, tentatively agreed on months ago, and the matter was finally taken into court, with the result that the property will be offered at public sale.

An order was issued in Common Pleas Court today appointing a board to partition the property. The order was made on application of James F. McKinley and other heirs to the William McKinley estate. The work of partitioning is to begin at once.

WHERE TO GET THE CAR

At Intersections of Lines Cars Will Stop to Take on Passengers Before Crossing Tracks.

STREET CARS will no longer stop at both sides of a street at the intersection of two carlines, requiring passengers to take the car on the NEAR side of the street—that is, where the car stops before crossing the track. Where cars swing into another street, AT INTERSECTIONS OF OTHER LINES, they will stop for passengers only before making the turn.

For example, westbound Washington-street cars will take on passengers at Fifth street in front of the Perkins Hotel and will not stop at the Northwest corner, as in the past.

At such intersections as Sixteenth and Washington streets, west-bound passengers will board the car on the East side of Sixteenth street; east-bound passengers will board the Sixteenth-street car on Sixteenth street before rounding curve, or will board the Portland Heights car, or Twenty-third-street car, on the West side of Sixteenth and Washington streets.

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