

APPEAL GOVERNED BY SPIRITUALISTS

Cottel Ordinance Indorsed by First Society, After Long Discussion.

CLASH OF RIVAL FACTIONS

State Society Proposes Changes in Measure Governing Mediums, but the First Society Supports Its Leader.

Taking the stand that the Cottel anti-medium ordinance, recently introduced in the City Council for the purpose of eliminating so-called fakers from the ranks of spiritualism in Portland, the First Spiritual Society of this city last night, at a meeting called by the Oregon State Spiritualists Association, gained its point and those opposed to the issue, realizing defeat, withdrew to adjourn before accomplishing any of the objects they had in view.

The state organization, which opposed the ordinance on the grounds that it took away from mediums certain personal liberties, was completely routed by the local society. As a result of the conditions arising at last night's meeting, a new convention will be held at 561 Yamhill street, the only way open for the state body to gain its measure, which were presented in the form of a petition suggesting amendments to the original ordinance, will be to allow the passage of the ordinance, unopposed, and then fight for the adoption of the amendments as drafted by the local society.

Harison D. Barrett was on hand and read the ordinance as it has been decided to return it to the Council for passage. The ordinance, as it now stands, is slightly different in several respects from the original document, but still contains the feature declared objectionable by the members of the state association. The amendment which the state body wished adopted would restore certain privileges which the ordinance, when passed as it stands at present time, will eliminate.

John Slater, a note-reading medium, and several other speakers, who were present, maintained the stand he originally took in opposition to the ordinance. Mr. Barrett read the ordinance and cited incidents where similar documents have been passed in other cities, and not to the detriment of the "honest medium," as contended by the state society. Mrs. Emily Driscoll, President of the First Spiritual Society, led in the advocacy of the ordinance as it now stands.

The financial condition of the Pittsburg Terminal Railway, which owns a majority of the stock of the Wheeling & Lake Erie Road, and is in turn controlled by the Wabash, is not especially encouraging. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 1907, the Pittsburg Terminal reported a deficit of about \$500,000, and for the nine months of the current year earnings were \$200,000 net, with fixed charges of about \$200,000.

END TO NORTH BANK CASES

Jury Awards Kilkittat Farmer Less Than Railroad Asked to Settle For.

GOLDENDALE, Wash., May 28.—(Special.)—In the case of the Portland & Seattle Railway Company vs. Rudolf Stuebeck, which has been on trial before Judge McCredie in the Superior Court for the past two days, the jury returned a verdict this morning awarding Mr. Stuebeck \$175 damages for right-of-way taken for the North Bank road. The property involved is situated where it is known as Fountain City, just east of the mouth of Crook Creek, in Kilkittat County. The jury went to Columbia yesterday and were taken from there by special train to view the land. It is understood that the verdict was less than the amount that had been offered in settlement by the company.

PIONEERS ENJOY PICNIC

Women of Weston Serve Dinner to 80.—Political Speeches Saturday.

WESTON, Or., May 28.—(Special.)—The Pioneers' reunion opened with fine weather and a large crowd. The programme included a greeting by J. R. Reeves, a memorial address by H. S. Bradford, of Walla Walla; a baritone solo by Guy Allen Turner, band music and school exercises.

Amusements

What the Press Agents Say. John Drew at the Halls Tonight. The noted American actor, John Drew, will be presented by Charles Frohman at the Halls Theater, Fourteenth and Washington streets, tonight and tomorrow night at 8 1/2 o'clock in the delightful comedy, "My Wife's Mother-in-Law," which will be given tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon.

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