

HARDWARE MEN PROTEST RATES

Will Appeal to Interstate Commerce Commission Against Express Schedules.

ALSO STRIKE AT JOBBERS

Retail Dealers Object to Charges for Boxing and Hauling, but Wholesale Firms Will Fight Reduction.

Hardware men from all parts of the state and from many points of the Pacific Northwest are in the city attending the annual convention of the Oregon State Retail Hardware and Implement Dealers' Association. The association convened yesterday morning at the Commercial Club and spent a busy day. Last night the annual banquet was held at the Portland Hotel. Today the final sessions will be held.

Few conventions do so much work in the course of their annual existence as did the hardware men's convention during yesterday. Every minute of the day was made to count and when adjournment for the day occurred long past 4 P. M. the decks were clear of routine matters.

Two Issues Are Decided.

Two things of importance were decided upon by the hardware men. First, they are going to protest at the present express schedules. This matter will be taken up with the Interstate Commerce Commission, for which a committee for that purpose being selected in the persons of E. N. Stockwell, H. C. Coleman and Frank Spencer. And further, the hardware men are going to fight the present practice of Portland jobbers in charging on boxing and hauling. It is pointed out that Eastern and California jobbers do not make such charges and the hardware men agreed that they are losing thousands of dollars yearly to the jobbers on case and cartage charges. It was averred that jobbers profit to as great an extent as \$6 and \$7 a load through this practice. It is insisted that the jobbers will not surrender the case and cartage perquisite without hostility and warfare may ensue.

Charges were also made, in an informal way, that certain jobbers are selling hardware direct to consumers at retail prices. This is to be thoroughly sifted for the hardware men made it patent that they want their cut in accordance with the regular practice.

Hear Reports of Officers.

The session opened at the call of President H. J. Alnow, Woodburn. The hardware men were welcomed by Mayor Lane. Response to the welcome was made by H. J. Garnett. Reports were then heard of Secretary W. P. Halderston and Treasurer Frank Dayton. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

President, H. J. Alnow, Medford; vice-president, H. N. Frazer, Goldendale, Wash.; treasurer, Frank Dayton, Portland; member of executive committee, John Blakely, Baker City. A secretary, one who will give all his time to the place, will be selected today.

The banquet at the Portland last night proved a bright and conspicuously successful affair. H. C. Callan, of Portland, served as toastmaster. The banquet was of a purely informal nature and a thoroughly good time was enjoyed by all. The convention will assemble again this morning at 10 o'clock at the Commercial Club.

WOULD BRIDGE COLUMBIA

Albina Club Will Present Petition to Legislature.

A petition will be presented by the North Albina Improvement Association to the Oregon Legislature asking that body to consider the matter of erecting a bridge across the Columbia River, uniting Portland and Vancouver. J. H. Nolla, brought the matter before the club at its meeting Monday night. He pointed out what he considered the need for such bridge.

Mr. Nolla made a strong talk for the project, pointing out that the two states should and could unite their efforts and erect such bridge and thus afford vehicles of all kinds facilities for crossing the river. He then introduced the resolution, which was adopted by a small majority. The president of the association was authorized to appoint a committee with power to have a lawyer draw up the petition to the Legislature.

Mr. Nolla said that he had talked with a number of representative citizens and that they had assured him that the movement was in the right direction, but that it would likely take several years to bring about. He pointed out that the street railway company maintains a ferry at heavy expense, which could be dispensed with if there were a bridge, the company paying the cost of maintenance.

VOTE TO BUILD CHURCH

Universalists Authorize Trustees and Pastor to Select Site.

At the annual meeting of the parishioners of the First Universalist Church, East Eighth and East Couch streets, Monday night, it was voted to authorize the trustees and pastor to select a site for a new church, and sell the present property as soon as it can be done to advantage. It is expected to complete arrangements so that the cornerstone of the new edifice can be laid during the visit of Rev. W. H. McLaughlin, general superintendent of the Universalist Church, who is expected in Portland about Easter.

The new board of trustees consists of the following members: President of the parish, W. W. Hill; vice-president, C. W. Tracy; clerk, Mrs. N. J. Lotz; treasurer, Bartlett Cole; Mrs. E. E. Leonard; J. S. McCullagh; and J. H. Armstrong. The members of the parish were extended to the retiring members of the board, Dr. Thomas Darling, Elmer Pease and R. S. Ferguson.

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Today will positively be the last day for discount on East Side gas bills.

PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WRECKED ST. JOHN CAR AND TRAILER AT WILLIAMS AVENUE AND CHERRY STREET



STATE AIDS FAMILY

Carefree Parents Unable to Provide for Children.

SCATTER TO INSTITUTIONS

Annals of Humphreys a Serial Story of Incompetence, With Utter Lack of Responsibility or Energy.

Although Matthew Humphrey's pet phrase was, "The Lord will provide," it has become necessary for the state to assume the responsibility of supporting his family. It is not known where Humphrey is at present, for he is said to be of a wandering disposition, having an aversion to work. Judge Gantenbein, of the Juvenile Court, committed Humphrey's year-old baby to the Baby Home yesterday, the 2-year-old child, Myrtle, being sent to the Children's Home. It is thought that the mother will be committed to some institution.

Mrs. Lizzie Humphrey had 12 children, eight of whom are living. Four are with their father. Several years ago the Humphreys were brought to the notice of the local courts on accusations of begging and stealing. They were sent to the County Poor Farm, where the mother said that if they could get to Nebraska, they had friends there and could probably obtain work. They were allowed to go with the understanding that they would leave for Nebraska.

They remained away for five months, when they returned and went to live beyond Portland Heights. They were brought into the Juvenile Court a second time, before Judge Frazer. The two elder boys were placed in the care of the Boy's and Girl's Aid Society, which found homes for them. But soon afterward they ran away.

The family was then heard from at Dundee, Or. The mother, father and children are said to have traveled from that place to Eugene with their belongings piled on a pushcart. At Eugene the mother was arrested for feeding her baby sour milk. Charitably inclined persons assisted the family in various ways, and, tiring of this, are said to have provided them with fare to California. That was last June.

The San Francisco Associated Charities shipped the family to Portland. They went to the Hotel Richmond, where proprietor Mathieson turned them over to the Salvation Army. One of the boys was given a position in a local restaurant, but he is said to have ordered six eggs for breakfast during the cold snap, for which he was taken to task by the proprietor. He is said to have left the job.

Mrs. Humphrey is said to have complained that the Salvation Army coffee was not good. She walked bitterly in the courtroom yesterday when Judge Gantenbein informed her that her children had a right to be properly cared for, and would be placed in institutions.

Butelspacher Estate Probated.

The estate of William Butelspacher, ex-Health Officer, was admitted to probate in the County Court yesterday morning, and Jacob Hahn was appointed administrator. The widow declined to act. Mr. Butelspacher died January 3. The estate is valued at \$10,000, \$500 of which is personal property. In addition to the widow the heirs are: H. F. Butelspacher, a son, living at Spokane; Melita Sophia Kocier, of Portland; and Anna Christina Hay, of Portland, both daughters.

Warned Not to Drink Whisky.

J. Graham, 15 years old, was warned by Judge Gantenbein, of the Juvenile Court, yesterday afternoon not to drink any more whisky or other intoxicants. The lad said he purchased a quart bottle of the fiery fluid at the Arcade Saloon on Monday, for \$1.35. He said he drank the entire contents of the bottle. The court suggested that the resulting sickness ought to be a lesson. Graham said he came to Portland Monday from Roseburg, where he was working on a ranch.

Erring Chauffeur Paroled.

Albert Lacroix, the chauffeur who stole a piece of electrical apparatus from Taylor Broadway, at 25th First street, was placed on probation by Judge Gantenbein, in the Juvenile Court, yesterday afternoon. He was warned not to leave Portland without the court's permission. The lad, who is but 17 years old, said that he had been in Portland three weeks ago. His parents live in Montreal, he said. The boy said yesterday that he had returned the stolen articles.

Germain Given Prison Term.

R. F. Germain, convicted of having obtained money under false pretenses while conducting Germain's High-Class Employment Bureau, was sentenced by Judge Bronough in the Circuit Court yesterday morning, to serve two years in the State Penitentiary. The charge upon which Germain was convicted was that of promising Charles Lyons employment with Smith Brothers Lumber Company, Lyons paying \$7.50 to obtain the position. It developed later that no such firm existed. Within a short time Germain's office was found to have been vacated. Judge Bronough allowed Germain's attorney 15 days in which to file a motion for a new trial.

Streetcar Jumps Track.

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From its trucks and the trailer resting on its side. Through the windows and blinding showers of glass passengers began to extricate themselves, and few escaped severe cuts and bruises, though only the most seriously injured were removed to the hospital and included in the list of injured.

Firemen Join in Rescue.

A call for the fire department was turned in from box 317 almost simultaneously with the accident, and in a very few moments 16 firemen were extricating the imprisoned ones and aiding the injured. Details from truck station 5 and engine-houses 8 and 13 responded, and performed splendid work in aiding the injured.

Police Also Help Injured.

Wrapping the injured in horse blankets, the firemen carried them into Burdette's Pharmacy, 323 Williams avenue, where assistance was rendered until the arrival of ambulances and other means of conveyance to the hospital. A large detail of police officers was hurried to the scene by Captain Bailey and, arriving before the ambulances, rendered valuable aid.

Motorman Gave and Conductor H. Dangel covered the crew in charge of the motorcar. Motorman Gore is regarded by the company as one of the most reliable and experienced men in the service. Responsibility for the accident is not attributed to any lack of attention on his part, but to the breaking of the air pipe between the motorcar and trailer.

Motorman Remains at Brakes.

"I saw the motorman two blocks away from the corner of Williams avenue and Cherry streets," said a man who was walking along Williams avenue as the cars passed, "and could see that his brakes had refused to work. He looked frightened but was trying to operate the car. The cars started down the grade that leads to the curve."

Jacob Spies, who is fatally injured, revived sufficiently last night to tell the nurses his name. He said he was a farmer and lived at 415 1/2 Pippin avenue. He is married. At the hospital it is said his recovery is impossible. Others, however, who were removed to the hospital are said to be only slightly, though painfully injured.

Seventeen of the injured passengers were conveyed to Good Samaritan Hospital in ambulances, automobiles and carriages, reaching there about 3:30 o'clock. As rapidly as possible those most severely injured were conveyed to the various surgeries where their wounds were examined and dressed. Of the number cared for at the hospital, 11 were able to leave during the afternoon. Those remaining were placed in the wards.

During the afternoon many friends of the injured passengers called to inquire concerning their condition.

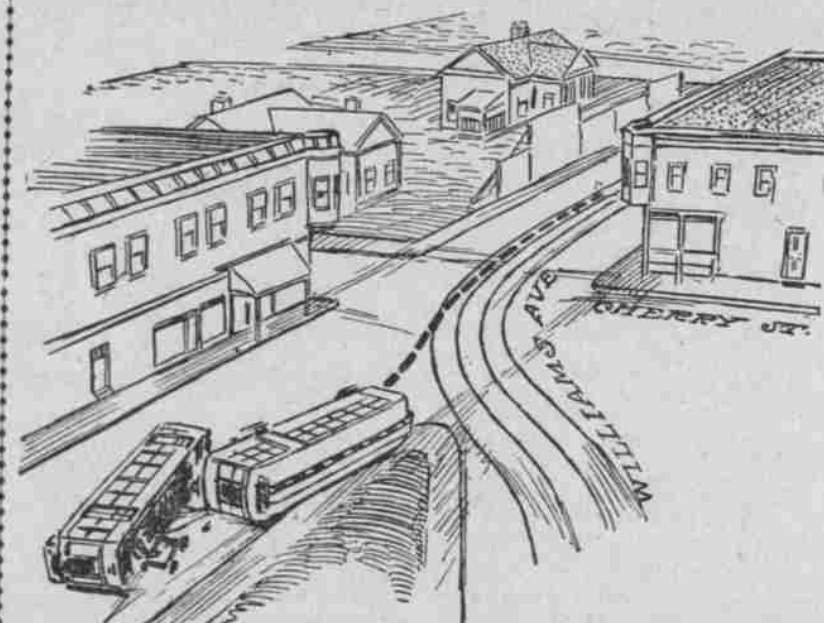


DIAGRAM OF THE SCENE OF THE STREETCAR ACCIDENT—THE CARS FAILED TO TAKE THE CURVE AT CHERRY STREET.

OREGON WILL BUILD

Regents Vote Funds to Erect Gymnasium and Dormitory.

ANNUAL MEETING IS HELD

Surplus of \$70,000 Set Aside for Improvements, Including \$10,000 for Library and \$10,000 for New Apparatus.

Provision for two more buildings for the University of Oregon at Eugene, was made yesterday at the regular annual meeting of the Board of Regents, held in the office of C. A. Dolph, in the Mohawk block. The buildings to be erected are a men's gymnasium and a girls' dormitory. The first will cost \$25,000 and the second \$15,000, and both, it is expected, will be ready for occupancy by the opening of the next school year.

These improvements are made possible at this time by the accumulation of the regular state appropriation of \$25,000 a year which was held up for 15 months by the referendum. It was decided by the Regents that after all regular expenses are provided for, there will be a balance of \$70,000 at their disposal for buildings, apparatus and other improvements. Besides voting funds for the gymnasium and dormitory yesterday, the Regents set aside \$10,000 for books to be added to the library, \$10,000 for apparatus for the various departments, and other smaller amounts.

Construction of the gymnasium and dormitory will begin in the Spring. The gymnasium will be used exclusively by men, and the present gymnasium will be turned over the use of women. It was decided by the Regents to employ an instructor to have charge of the girls' gymnasium.

The report of President P. L. Campbell showed that the University this year has an increase of 25 per cent in enrollment. There are at present \$30 registered in the various departments of the law and medical schools in Portland, and the music and correspondence departments, the University has a total registration of 1100. It is expected the regular enrollment will be increased to 700 or 750 next year.

The following officers were elected by the Board of Regents: President, Judge R. S. Bean; secretary, L. H. Johnson; treasurer, S. B. Eakin; executive committee, S. H. Friendly, C. A. Dolph and J. C. Alnoworth.

Those present at the meeting were: Judge R. S. Bean, F. V. Holman, William Smith, Judge Dolph, Mr. Alnoworth, President Campbell and Secretary Johnson.

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SAVED FROM RIVER

Houseboat Dweller Has Narrow Escape From Death.

FIREBOAT RESCUES HIM

Nicholas Bronoch Is Swept Down Raging Willamette in His Floating Dwelling That Goes to Pieces at Steel Bridge.

Adrift in his houseboat, which was torn from its moorings at the lower end of Ross Island early yesterday morning by the swift current in the river, Nicholas Bronoch was rescued from almost certain death by the crew of the fireboat George H. Williams.

Bronoch's dwelling went adrift about 2:30 o'clock yesterday morning during a squall. Bronoch was asleep at the time the line parted, and he was well on his way toward the Madison-street bridge when he discovered that his houseboat was adrift. He immediately set up a lusty yell for help, but his cries were unanswered. The Madison-street bridge was unpleasantly near and the anxiety of the lonely passenger increased.

The house cleared the draw, however, without mishap and started on the voyage toward the Morrison-street bridge. Tolls of the passenger increased. As the houseboat struck the pier a glancing blow, the fireboat looked discovered him and his strange craft, and after telephoning several times for orders the fireboat was sent in pursuit. Bronoch was rescued before the boat met final destruction at the Steel Bridge.

Loaded with cordwood a barge went adrift from the foot of Davis street at a late hour Monday night during the heavy windstorm. By some chance the craft escaped colliding with the Steel Bridge or any of the vessels at anchor in the lower harbor. She wound up this morning on the west side of the upper end of Swan Island near the breakwater. The barge was owned by a man named Oliver and was being discharged at the yards of the Beaver Hill Coal Company.

Captain Speler, harbor-master, was notified that the barge had gone adrift, and he spent the greater part of the night in an attempt to locate the derelict, but was unsuccessful. That she managed to escape colliding with any craft in the harbor is a miracle.

In speaking of the matter, Captain Speler said: "This is only one of the many occasions where a patrol boat would have been of the greatest importance. The small gasoline launch at my command is scarcely able to stem the present current, let alone hook onto a barge."

The Madison-street bridge was closed to traffic yesterday and will probably remain out of commission until the river has subsided to its normal stage. Last night the official gauge read 12.8 feet at Portland. District Forecaster Official Beals

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does not look for a greater height than 17 feet. The river is stationary at Eugene and Albany and the rise in the Columbia is so slow that the Willamette has ample time to run off before the flood does much damage. The only possible damage which may result will be to shipping. The heavy current and drift may cause some trouble to ships in the harbor. Business men have all their goods in a safe place.

ber of 150 shall have returned to their homes in Illinois from a trip to this Coast, and the foregoing is probably a sample of the 150 school "compositions" the youthful writers will read to their fellow-pupils in the schools.

Tom Richardson has written to the different business organizations of the Coast advising them of the action taken by the Chamber of Commerce of Chicago to put into effect, the suggestion he made when on a recent trip. He advised the chamber to send school children to the cities of the Pacific Coast and have them write for the benefit of others their experiences and impressions of the trip. The Chicago organization has indicated the plan, and now the different commercial organizations of the cities to be visited are preparing to have the children properly taken care of and shown every attention. The trip is to be made in the coming Summer and is to include the Seattle fair.

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