

BETTER SERVICE IS NOW PROMISED

Streetcar Company Willing to Improve in Some Respects.

HIGH STEP GETS INQUIRY

Superintendent Franklin Declares Portland Car Users May Keep Warm Beginning Next Winter. Double Track Mt. Scott Line.

FEATURES OF COMMITTEE SESSION.

Answering complaints lodged with the committee on car service, Superintendent Franklin, for the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, promises heaters for all suburban cars by next winter. Several lines according to Superintendent Franklin have been given increased service, where complaints were made. It is impracticable, he says, to operate any double track road on Water-street single track, as suggested by Councilman Rusklight; shelters for passengers are being investigated. Councilman Lombard, chairman of the committee, says he has been besieged by women and men, seeking lower steps; committee will investigate situation; company officials say steps are all right now. Committee unanimously disapproves of alternate street stops, as suggested by W. F. Woodward. A double track road for Mount Scott district included in 1910 budget, declares Superintendent Franklin, replying to a complaint.

Heaters for all suburban cars by next winter. Improved service on several of the lines where complaints have been filed and a double-track system for the Mount Scott district, constitute some of the betterments to be made for patrons of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, as outlined by Superintendent Franklin, of the transportation division, before the City Council's special committee at its session yesterday. Mr. Franklin has already been added to some of the lines, eliminating many of the most bitter complaints. Councilman Rusklight started a controversy by declaring in favor of the passage of an ordinance compelling the company to heat cars on certain lines where heaters are required, after Mr. Franklin's communication on this subject had been read. It stated, among other things, that the company had placed an order for 100 pairs of heaters with an Eastern firm, and would have the cars equipped for next winter. Chairman Lombard said he could hardly see the need of legislation, inasmuch as the company's promise was filed in writing that all cars needing heat will be equipped. Mr. Rusklight replied there might be a question of opinion as to which cars should be heated. The matter was finally laid over, but it is understood that the company intends to heat all of the cars next winter on the longer runs.

More Cars in Operation Now.

More cars have been put in operation on the Sellwood, Montavilla, Albert-street and other lines, from which came complaints to the committee, Mr. Franklin reported.

At the first session of the committee, held last week, Mr. Rusklight had suggested as a means of solving the transfer problem that some of the Sellwood or Mount Scott lines be made double-track, and that the cars be equipped with heaters. Mr. Franklin declared to the committee yesterday that the plan will not work, as all of the cars it is practicable to handle on that line, which is a single track, are now running on it. Mr. Rusklight also asked for shelters for passengers at certain points along the line, and this feature of it is being investigated, said Mr. Franklin.

There were several complaints from women regarding high steps, and Chairman Lombard, who last week said he could see no merit in this, yesterday declared that he had been besieged by women and men, seeking lower steps. The steps here are 18 inches high for the first step, making a very high step for women or aged people. There are more complaints regarding this than any other one subject, and the committee held up the letters, so they will have time to ascertain some facts regarding the matter. Mr. Franklin's letter to the committee on this subject contains data, showing that the steps in Portland are lower than in some other cities. He blames the condition of certain streets more than the high steps for the complaints. He says that many of the streets along which cars run are dug up and that, in many instances, people have to step about seven inches higher because of the street. He said that, if the committee ordered a change, it would be very expensive for the company. Councilman W. F. Woodward was present as a spectator, said that he thought a 16-inch step would be a great improvement.

Alternate Stops Not Approved.

A communication from W. F. Woodward, suggesting that cars stop only at alternate stops on the long runs, was unanimously ordered filed. The committee did not approve of it. Mr. Lombard saying he believed it would result in endless confusion and injustice.

Relative to a bitter complaint from the Mount Scott Improvement Club, declaring the service poor, cars too few and the single-track line inadequate. Mr. Franklin said that a double track is provided for in the company's 1910 budget.

Mr. Rusklight brought up the question as to the flight of the company to abandon certain streets at its will, and asked that the City Attorney render an opinion on this subject. Mr. Rusklight expressed the opinion that it is unfair for the company to take up its tracks without permission from the Council or any body representing the public, after people had purchased property and had no knowledge prior to making their homes in such a locality that there would be any change as to car service. The opinion will be sought.

Mr. Lombard announced at the close of the session that the committee will meet every Tuesday afternoon until further notice, and expressed surprise at the small number of complaints received.

Newsboy's Cot Now at Hospital.

A newsboy's cot has been established at the Good Samaritan Hospital. The cot is intended for the use of any newsboy who may be sick or injured. The endorsement for the cot is \$4000. This is the fourth cot of the kind that has been

put in at the hospital. Other children's cots will be placed as funds are obtained, one, in particular, for the messenger boys. The endorsement for these cots is obtained from different sources within the Episcopal Church, such as the Sunday Schools and different church bodies.

REVENGE CAUSES ASSAULT

Discharged Portland Hotel Employee Throws Pepper in Clerk's Eyes.

Fulfilling a threat he had made to "get even," and following his dismissal Sterling Payne, a young elevator boy employed at the Portland Hotel, dashed a canister full of cayenne pepper into the face of W. G. Thigpen, chief clerk at the same hotel. Although he was

NEW PRESIDENT OF CONCORDIA CLUB.

One of Portland's most prominent business men, Adolphe Wolfe, was elected president of the Concordia Club at the annual meeting of the board of governors Monday night. Mr. Wolfe is a senior member of the firm of Lipman, Wolfe & Company. He succeeds Marcus A. Felschner, who had been president for six years.

temporarily blinded and suffering great agony, there will be no serious injury. Revenge was the only reason for the assault, according to Thigpen. Payne had previously been employed at the hotel and yesterday applied again for a position. Unaware he had once been dismissed, Manager Bowers engaged the fellow. His attention was drawn by the chief clerk to the boy's previous dismissal and Payne was again discharged.

Later Payne approached Thigpen and inquired why he was dismissed. Thigpen informed him his manner around the hotel was bad, and that he had been discharged.

At the rejoinder Payne pulled the open pepper canister from his pocket and hurled it at the clerk as he stood behind the counter. Then, although he was hotly pursued, he made good his escape. The matter is now in the hands of the police. The District Attorney's office will bring a charge of assault and battery against Payne and will endeavor to have him brought before the grand jury.

The prompt action of Thigpen's colleagues in carrying the clerk to a nearby pharmacy and to a doctor's office, although he fought them like a madman, is said to be responsible for saving Thigpen's eyesight.

STREET NAMING OPPOSED

East Side Against Morris' Plan, Push Club System Favored.

The plan for renaming and renumbering the streets of Portland suggested by City Engineer Morris is not receiving much support on the East Side. M. G. Munly, president of the United East Side Push Clubs, said yesterday: "The plan for renaming and renumbering the streets suggested by the City Engineer does not appeal to me as practicable at this time. You can no more make over a city than you can a man. The plan is too elaborate and too expensive."

The plan proposed by the United Push Clubs seems better. This plan leaves the streets as they are, but does away with double names and confusion. Beginning at East Water street, the streets would be First avenue, Second avenue, Third avenue and so on to the eastern limits of the city. The numbers on these avenues would be amplified. Beginning at East Ankeny or East Burnside, as the dividing line running north, the numbers could be prefixed O, which would show that it meant north, it being understood that all numbers south without any prefixes.

The Seventh Ward Improvement League, Waverly-Richmond, Kenilworth Club, Midway, North East Side Improvement Association, the South Mount Taber Improvement Association, Sunny-side Push Club, the North Albina Improvement Association and the United East Side Push Clubs have endorsed this plan.

PUSH CLUBS ARE CALLED

East Side Mass Meeting to Be Held on February 9.

Arrangements have been completed for the public meeting to be held Wednesday night, February 9, in Carpenters' Union Hall, Grand avenue and East Pine street. The following notices have been sent out to push clubs and civic organizations:

Interests you: The United East Side Push Club will hold a public meeting February 9, in Carpenters' Union Hall, to consider the following topics: "Construction of the Broadway Bridge," "The Water Main Question," "Renaming the Streets of Portland." You are urged to bring with you your friends to this meeting. All civic clubs are invited to send delegates.

The O. R. & N. Co. is asking for the vacation of East Ankeny, East Davis, East Flanders, East Couch, East Gilsan and East Everett streets between East First and East Second streets. The company owns all the property through which these streets pass. The petition for the vacation of the streets will come before the Council March 9.

The company also asks for the vacation of portions of East Irving, Adams, Oregon, Larrabee, Pacific avenue and Crosby street in Wheeler Addition. These streets are at the north end of the terminal ground and are all within the property of the railway company, in Wheeler Addition.

MAYOR'S PLAN REJECTED

Councilman Lombard's Crematory Plan Rejected.

BOARD WANTS \$120,000

New Start Will Be Made if Council Grants Request for Funds.

Guilds Lake Conditions Menace to Health of City.

After an effort on the part of Councilman Lombard, through whose efforts last week the proposed crematory contract was blocked, the Board of Health to accept specifications drawn by him and to let a contract on no other condition, Mayor Simon refused to countenance such a proposal and was sustained by unanimous vote of the members of the Board.

The Council has the power to appropriate the funds, and that the Board asked it to do yesterday morning after rejecting all bids.

Mr. Lombard's letter was addressed to Mayor Simon and was signed by a set of specifications drafted by Mr. Lombard. At his own request he recently represented the Board on a private trip to the East, when he looked at two or three plants.

Mayor Refuses Consent.

"If the Board accepts Mr. Lombard's proposal," said the Mayor, after reading the letter to the members, "there will be little left for us; we shall be relieved of much responsibility."

"How do you regard Mr. Lombard's proposal?" asked Dr. Story, one of the members of the Council, who do with it is to appropriate the funds."

"I shall not consent," was the reply. "The charter gives the Board of Health the right to select the type of crematory, and all the Council has to do with it is to appropriate the funds."

Dr. Story then moved that all bids before the Board for the various types of crematory be rejected, and that a resolution be adopted, requesting the City Council to appropriate \$120,000 for the purpose of constructing a plant, to be selected later by the Board of Health. This was adopted unanimously and at the next session of the Council the plan for the crematory will be considered. The action of the Board means that the Council will not have anything to say about the kind of a plant to be built.

Citizens May Ask Injunction.

Superintendent Napier, of the garbage crematory, submitted a letter in which he requested the present situation at the plant on Guild's Lake. He declared that the furnace bricks are falling out, although they were put in less than a year ago, and that the work must be made soon. He said that the work had been bungled. It was done in the latter part of the Lane administration at great expense. Mr. Napier also said that he had heard from people living in the vicinity of the crematory that they intend to enjoin the city from dumping any more garbage there. Hundreds of tons have been left already, constituting a grave menace to the city's health, according to officials. Mr. Napier asked that the committee investigate the premises at once, and Mayor Simon appointed Dr. Smith, Chairman and Dr. Story for that purpose.

The number of scarlet fever cases increased in January, as was shown by the report of Health Officer O'Brien. There were 73 cases, but the disease is diminishing now, he said. There were 37 cases of diphtheria.

WOMEN FIGHT FOR DOGGIE

Husbands Involved in Suit, but Fair Sex Play Roles.

Contention over the possession of a Boston terrier gave rise to a suit yesterday before Justice O'Brien between Mrs. S. Hunt, who lives at 2054 Morrison street, and Paul A. Spath, one of the proprietors of the Bay City Marine and C. A. launch, and from that animal, which answers to the name of Queen, was bought by Mr. Spath in October, 1908. After the lapse of six years Spath ran away with the dog, and in November Mr. Spath's partner in business saw the dog running past the door of the market and called it. The animal responded and the Spaths retained possession of it after that.

Mr. Hunt then tried to get the dog back again and failing to do so brought suit against Spath. Mrs. Hunt said that the dog had followed her on the street. In order to prove their title to the dog, Mr. Spath produced a photograph of Queen taken with his wife shortly before the dog disappeared. Mrs. Hunt maintained that the dog in the photograph was a different animal than the one involved in the suit. Justice O'Brien, however, said that the photograph and the dog looked so much alike he felt it his duty to turn Queen over to the possession of Mrs. Spath, who exhibited the greatest delight at the Judge's decree and threw her arms around the neck of her long lost pet. Queen is valued at \$50.

SIX POLICEMEN ARE NAMED

Patrolman Stram Only One Ready to Go on Duty at Once.

Six new appointees as police patrolmen, who were selected by the Executive Board, were notified yesterday to report for duty. The list is as follows: George L. Cason, 1438 Rodney avenue; Walter B. Odale, 1035 Vernon avenue; Joseph H. Black, 102 East Polk street; St. John; Herman Oelsner, 843 Borthwick street; William B. Stram, 344 Hawthorne avenue; and Russell C. Nelson, 542 Oak street. Only one of the successful candidates, Patrolman Stram was ready to undertake his new duties yesterday. Patrolman Stram was assigned to the first night relief under Captain Bailey.

In connection with the addition of the new patrolmen, Chief of Police Cox announced his intention of making changes among the Sergeants. One Sergeant Reilly, now on the first night relief will be transferred to the day relief and his place will be filled by Sergeant Cole, who changes places with him. Sergeants Roberts and Wanless, newly appointed, will be assigned to the second night relief under Captain Batty and probably will be assigned to the East Side, and Sergeant Patton will be assigned to the first night relief under Captain Bailey.

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BOYS TO HAVE OUTINGS

PERMANENT CAMP IS ADDED

FEATURE OF Y. M. C. A.

"Hikes" to Spirit Lake Will Be Taken at Intervals, Giving Opportunities to Many.

Plans for a Summer outing in which several hundred boys will participate, are being worked out by the boys' department of the Portland Young Men's Christian Association. In the past an annual "hike" has been conducted for the boys of the Y. M. C. A., sometimes in one direction from Portland and sometimes in another. The "hike" feature will not be eliminated this year, but in addition to it a Summer camp will be maintained for six weeks or two months, different groups of boys being sent out to the camp from time to time.

Spirit Lake, on the north side of Mount St. Helens, has been chosen as the site for this camp. The boys will go from Portland to Castle Rock on the Y. M. C. A. launch, and from that place will walk to Spirit Lake, 48 miles, following Toule River, which has its source in the lake. The trip will require three days. The launch will arrive at Castle Rock about noon on the day it leaves Portland, and the boys will spend that afternoon and two more days on the "hike," carrying part

of their outfit and transporting the heavier articles by wagon. It is planned to establish the camp July 1. After that time weekly trips will be made from Portland, the launch each week taking out a new group of boys and bringing back those who wish to return. In the past the "hikes" have been taken at some set date, when only a limited number of boys were able to go. By keeping the camp open two months, it is expected all boys who wish to take the outing can find some time when they can go conveniently.

It is not intended to have a camp exclusively for Y. M. C. A. boys. J. C. Clark, secretary of the boys' department of the Association, who has the project in charge, says that the trip will be open to any boys' class or club that wishes to go, the boys paying only the necessary expenses of the excursion. Several Portland Sunday school classes and church clubs already are considering a visit to the camp. Out-of-town organizations are expected to join in the movement and a Hillsboro boys' club has signified its intention to send a score or more of its members. The only limitation will be that each group of boys must be under the direction of some man.

Spirit Lake, Mr. Clark believes, is an ideal place for such an outing. The lake is three miles long and three-quarters of a mile wide. It is in the timber, with many fine camp sites along its shores. Mr. Clark visited the lake last Summer for the purpose of planning this year's excursion. Fishing, boating and swimming are among the sports the boys will enjoy. The Y. M. C. A. will send along a manual training director, who will have charge of the sports. There also will be an educational director, who will

hold classes in the morning, when boys who are behind in their studies will have a chance to make up their studies. Religious meetings will be a feature of the camp life.

ONE DAY HAS 6 ROBBERIES

Thieves Enter Rooming-Houses and Carry Off Goods Unmolested.

Room thieves had an inning yesterday in Portland. Six cases of room robberies were reported to Captain of Detective Moore's office in the Worcester building. They entered room 810 in the Y. M. C. A. building occupied by J. B. Kilgough, and carried off his overcoat, in the pocket of which was a small purse containing \$215 in money. At the Washington Hotel, corner of Third and Flanders street, they broke into the room of A. C. Davis and, packing all of Davis' clothing, a watch and a Colt's revolver in a suitcase, made off with the plunder.

Hansacking the room of Miss M. Haley, 80 in the Tournay building, corner of Second and Taylor streets, they stole a silver manicule set and a valuable assortment of jewelry. John Schwartz, who lives at the Hotel Philip, Fourth and Burnside, and J. M. Thornton, who lives at the Columbia Hotel, First and Clay, were also victimized. In each of the latter cases the thieves walked into the rooms and, helping themselves to all the clothing and other articles of value, packed them in suitcases and walked away with their loot without being molested or exciting suspicion.

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