

WASHINGTON CAR PROPOSAL DISCUSSED

Single Track Only Cure for Congestion, Believes Complaint Committee.

COMPANY'S OPINION ASKED

Councilman Lombard Would Favor Line on Alder to Relieve Conditions of Main Thoroughfare of City.

Action looking toward the rearranging of streetcar traffic on Washington street was taken yesterday afternoon by Mayor Simon's special Council committee on complaints, when Chairman Lombard declared that something must be done soon to relieve the congestion. Councilman Ellis moved that the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company be asked to make a statement concerning this subject, with a view to outlining a plan whereby the conditions may be alleviated. "Washington street is so narrow and the traffic so great, that it will be absolutely necessary in the near future to single-track it," declared Mr. Lombard. "I wish the company would take up the subject at once, with a view to working out some plan whereby this can be accomplished. The congestion on that street at the present time is frightful, and growing worse all the time. As far as I am concerned, I would be very glad to vote for any additional franchise the company might need to bring about any changing of its system so that Washington street might have a single track. I think it might be wise to run a track along Alder street, and would vote for a franchise there without any hesitancy."

Company's Agent Hears.

C. J. Franklin, superintendent of transportation for the company replied briefly to Mr. Lombard's suggestion. He said it is a deep question, and one that would require considerable time and much thought. He said he would take it up with his company and submit a reply as soon as possible.

Councilman Ellis believes that a single track line on Washington street will bring a great improvement, and supported the plan by submitting a resolution to that effect. Clerk Wiegand was instructed to write President Joseph A. Baker, requesting a statement as to his attitude on the plan to rearrange the service. It is generally believed that, if the change is made, the Washington street run cars around a loop on First street from Washington, either to Alder or Stark street, or Stark to Nineteenth and back to Washington. It has been suggested in some quarters that some similar action would soon have to be taken on Morrison street.

Test of Steps to Be Made.

The next session of the committee will be held next Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, when a practical demonstration as to car steps will be had at Twenty-sixth and Upshur streets, instead of at the Savic-street barns. All of the women in Portland are invited by the committee to be present, as many of them have complained against the high steps on some of the cars. Various steps will be exhibited by the committee, and the women will be asked to select the one they like best.

Superintendent Franklin declared at yesterday's session of the committee that he is unable to state how far out the Mount Scott line will be double-tracked, and said that the public has been slightly misled by the statement that the entire line would be double-tracked. It will be greatly improved this summer, he said, but how far out the double track will go, he could not say. In regard to the proposed shelter for passengers at the northeast corner of Sixth and Irving streets, Superintendent Franklin said that he thought it proper for the Terminal Company to build it, as it is for the purpose of sheltering passengers coming from the Union Pacific, and was ordered sent to the Terminal authorities to that effect.

INSANE MAN BITES OFFICER

C. A. McDonald Put in Terrific Fight When Arrested.

Seized with a fit of temporary insanity, Claude A. McDonald, an accountant, created a great deal of excitement yesterday afternoon in the Worcester building and was so violent that it required the combined efforts of three officers to take him into custody and convey him to the City Jail. McDonald had entered the office of W. E. McKenzie, an expert accountant with office at 221 Worcester building, seeking employment. Mr. McKenzie had informed him that there was no work open for him at the present time, when McDonald suddenly began to act in an astonishing manner. He sat down upon the floor and took off his shoes, his coat, vest and attempted to remove his other garments. All the time he talked in a loud violent manner, and gesticulated wildly. Mr. McKenzie ran into the office of Captain of Detectives Moore, on the same floor, and called for assistance. Detectives Hunter, Graves and Snow ran to the scene and were confronted with a strange spectacle. McDonald insisted upon disrobing. The officers tried to restrain him and a fight ensued. Seemingly endowed with superhuman strength, McDonald buffeted the officers about. Detective Snow received a cut over the eye which does not amount to \$750.00 or anywhere near that sum. The Speckart case has not been in the hands of Leopold Schmidt at all, nor has he issued any dividends to the members of the family.

THE SPECKART CASE AGAIN

Judge Hanford's Decision Vindicates the Mother's Management.

PORTLAND, Feb. 15.—(To the Editor.)—In the Oregonian February 8 appears an item concerning the lawsuit of Miss Harriet Speckart against her mother, Leopold Schmidt, and the Olympia Brewing Company, which contained some inaccuracies. The whole estate does not amount to \$750,000 or anywhere near that sum. The Speckart estate has not been in the hands of Leopold Schmidt at all, nor has he issued any dividends to the members of the family. Briefly, the complainant in this suit, her mother and her brother, are the owners of an estate left by Mr. Speckart, who died in Butte in 1893. The property was then valued at about \$55,000, but by increase in value and prudent investment it has probably more than quintupled. In the Spring of 1907 a rupture occurred between the

complainant and her mother, not, however, on account of any dispute concerning the property, and the complainant then brought this suit, contending, through her lawyer, that her mother had not kept proper accounts of the property in her hands as executor and trustee, and that her uncle, Leopold Schmidt, had used some of her money wrongfully in his brewery business. These facts were denied by Mr. Schmidt and Mrs. Speckart, who made their answer, and the case was tried by Judge Hanford, of the United States Court at Seattle. The court found against the complainant on those counts, and in consequence Mrs. Speckart uses this language, which contains the kernel of the decision: "From the evidence the court finds that neither slothfulness, imprudence nor dishonesty can be justly charged against Mrs. Speckart's management."

Concerning Mr. Schmidt, the court said: "The business man of superior abilities, and he has always been sincere and anxious to promote the happiness and financial prosperity of Mrs. Speckart and her children, and willing to aid them to the extent of his abilities."

And the court finally, passing on the whole question, says: "The court finds that the harsh accusations contained in the bill of complaint have not been sustained by evidence, and the contrary has been proved affirmatively. Although the case has been commented on in the public press a number of times, Mr. Schmidt and Mrs. Speckart have been content to await the judgment of the court concerning the charges made against them, and for that reason have not sought to correct the many inaccuracies that have been printed. In their behalf now, and since the cause has been decided, I think I will ask you to print these extracts from the decision of the Judge."

MARTIN L. PIPER.

MR. KAUFFMAN TO SPEAK

TACOMA MAN WILL EXPLAIN POSTAL SAVINGS BANK.

Regular Meeting of Credit Men Will Include Dinner and Address by Noted Banker.

"Postal Savings Bank" will be the subject of an address by P. C. Kauffman, a Tacoma banker, at the monthly dinner of the Portland Association of Credit Men at the Portland Hotel tonight. Mr. Kauffman is treasurer of the American Bankers' Association, the only man west of the Rocky Mountains honored with an office in that organization. Mr. Kauffman is also secretary of the Washington Bankers' Association and vice-president of the Tidality Trust Company, of Tacoma. It is expected the address of Mr. Kauffman will be educational in its nature and in a large measure will inform the members of the local credit association regarding the postal bank question. Introduced last month, there is pending before the National Congress the 30th bill covering this subject presented before Congress since 1878. This was introduced by Senator Carter, of Montana, chairman of the committee on postoffices and post-roads and has been recommended for passage by the committee. The bill also has the indorsement of President Taft. Tonight's meeting of the credit men of the city, of the 22 banks doing business in Portland, is a members of the association while the applications of the other four for membership will be considered at tonight's meeting.

PERSONAL MENTION.

L. L. Jewell, postmaster at Grants Pass, is at the Imperial.
Dr. L. A. Bollman, a physician, of Duluth, is in the city.
J. Whiteaker, a grocer, of Independence, is at the Lenox.
C. H. Warren, a Cathlamet, Wash., cannery man, is in the city.
Wallace Stewart, the "ogger king" of South Bend, Wash., is at the Seward.
H. T. DeWitt, a well-known fruit-grower, of Hood River, is at the Perkins.
Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Morrison, of Vancouver, B. C., registered at the Nortonia last evening.
L. R. Watts, railroad contractor, of Eugene, was among the arrivals at the Cornelius yesterday.
Blair Rose, one of the leading merchants of Harrisburg, is at the Perkins, accompanied by Mrs. Rose.
Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Shine, of Coos Bay, are attending the convention of lumbermen and are registered at the Seward.
H. R. Alger, of Castle Rock, is among the lumbermen attending the convention who have selected the Nortonia as headquarters.
R. H. Jenkins, assistant general freight agent of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway, was in Spokane yesterday.
F. Ralph Fisher, of Montgomery, N. Y., who is interested in many of the building operations in progress in Portland, is at the Seward.
J. T. Hays and G. A. Koechig are among the delegates to the lumbermen's convention who are making their headquarters at the Perkins.
M. V. Snyder, capitalist of Aberdeen, Wash., and who is reputed to have acquired a million dollars in the timber business, is at the Cornelius.
Frank Wortman, son of the McMinnville banker, who has been spending the winter in Mexico, arrived at the Lenox yesterday and is accompanied by Frank Logan and David A. DeWitt.
Aaron Gould, architect, member of a Boston firm, arrived at the Portland Hotel yesterday, and after a thorough investigation of Pacific Coast possibilities has determined to cast his lot here.
G. W. Phelps, prosecuting attorney of Umatilla County, arrived at the Imperial last night on his way home from California, where he has spent the winter. Mrs. Phelps accompanies him.
Cable messages received yesterday by the proprietors of the Lenox announced the safe arrival of their father and mother and Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Jorgensen, and Mrs. Henry Everding, at Naples. For the next few weeks the party will be on the island of Capri.
David Eccles, principal owner of the sugar factories at Salt Lake, Ogden and Logan, Utah, arrived at the Oregon yesterday. The company which Mr. Eccles represents is interested largely in Eastern Oregon. Its officers are prominent members of the Chamber of Commerce.
C. F. Vende Water, traveling passenger agent for the O. R. & N., with headquarters at Walla Walla, was in Portland yesterday. He came to Portland to accompany a detachment of 300 soldiers en route from the Philippines to the Government fort near Walla Walla.
Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Movius and daughter, of Linderwood, S. D., reached Portland yesterday on a trip around the United States, and registered at the Hotel Seward. "Portland," said Mr. Movius, "looks mighty good to us, and I just want to say that from South Dakota to Oregon there has never been anything to compare with it."
Phil Metachan, Jr., returned yesterday from a three weeks' trip through the East. He visited Chicago, Cleveland and New York. "Everywhere I went," said Mr. Metachan, "I found a live interest in Oregon and especially her fruit lands. The advertising being done by such commercial organizations is most assiduously attracting attention. Whenever they found that I was from Oregon I was designated 'Portland.' I came to Portland in Los Angeles and found the tourist travel is coming here in the Spring."

3 SOULMATES CITED

Edmond B. Griffin Accuses Wife of Imbibing.

NEGLECTS CHILD ALLEGED

Husband Complains Mate's Bad Habits Forced Him to Cook Own Breakfasts—Several Others Are Tio-Tired.

Attorney John H. Stevenson, representing Edmond B. Griffin, in the Circuit Court yesterday afternoon, filed a divorce complaint against Lucy G. Griffin. Griffin accuses Mrs. Griffin of having been much in the company of John Daly, a young man, on a trip which she took to Arkansas with her daughter, Ruth. Last May when Mrs. Griffin reached Sacramento, alleges the husband, she explored the "bad lands" with a man whom she met on the train, taking her daughter with her.

Upon reaching Arkansas, continues the complaint, Mrs. Griffin began to write love letters to P. E. Struck, with whom, to the neglect of her home duties, she had been keeping company in Portland. The Griffin child, complains the litigant, was often compelled to eat cookies and doughnuts for dinner while she was attending school because her mother had left home in the company of Struck to visit cafes and drink liquor.

Trouble Began in 1908.

Griffin complains that it was in 1908 that his wife first began to neglect her home. She was often in the company of men he did not know, he alleges, sometimes returning home about midnight, her breath strongly scented with beer and whiskey. Clarence Hinson is named as one of her alleged affiliates. On one occasion, says the husband, in the winter of 1908, she went with a young woman to the New Grand Central Hotel and drank so much whiskey and beer that she was unable to retire without assistance when she reached home. Griffin says he had to prepare his own breakfasts because of his wife's night habits. Griffin recounts that at first he was deceived into thinking his wife was attending lodge parties because "she said him so." He found later, he complains, that she had a mania for dances.

Struck Is Met.

The complaining husband says his wife met P. E. Struck February 12, 1909, and that the following April she went to the Turn Halle Cafe and remained for nearly two hours drinking with him. A joyride to the Twelve-Mile House with Struck on the night of April 20, last, is also on the list of pleasures alleged to have been indulged in by Mrs. Griffin. She was married at Van Alstyne, Ark., September 10, 1899. Susan J. Peterson also seeks a divorce. She complains that her husband, Thomas Peterson, once flew into a rage while she was dining with him at the Hof Brau, and threatened to abduct her. She complains also that he spent \$500 of her money with which to purchase a diamond ring. The Petersons were married February 25, 1899.

Wife Likes Butte Only.

Robert A. Barnes filed a divorce suit in the Circuit Court against Rita L. Barnes, alleging that he was called away to Memphis, Tenn., on a business trip while he was living with his wife in Butte, Mont., and she refused to follow him within a few weeks. He invited her to go with him, he says, but she declined. Then he left her the money to do as she pleased. She refused to live in any other place than Butte, he says, although since he came to Portland, more than a year ago, he has invited her to come to him. She complains also that he spent \$500 of her money with which to purchase a diamond ring. The Barneses were married January 18, 1899.

Laura Meier is suing her husband in the Circuit Court to recover \$300, which she alleges is owing on a \$700 note. She brought a divorce suit in the Circuit Court several months ago and says she told her husband she would dismiss it if he would pay her \$300. This he agreed, she says, to do, paying \$400 in cash and giving her a note to cover the balance.

John Bacigalupo, who married a second wife only three weeks after he divorced from the first at Oregon City, was separated from Abbie Bacigalupo, the second wife, yesterday morning. Circuit Judge Morrow signing the decree.

When this case came up for trial about two weeks ago, and the husband said he did not know at the time he made the second time that it was contrary to the Oregon law to marry within six months after the divorce is granted, Judge Morrow refused to grant the decree of separation. He said he thought it best to wait until the six months from the first marriage had elapsed, the husband having declared his intention of re-marrying the second wife as soon as he could do so legally. But since the Judge refused to annul the marriage, the second wife has had a private conference with him and informed him that she was ready to have the marriage annulled.

PORTLAND FEELS QUAKE

LIGHT BUT DISTINCT SHAKE NOTICED BY MANY.

Tremor Occurs About 4 o'Clock and Lasts 20 Seconds—Rose Festival People Report Shock.

Portland was visited by an earthquake shock yesterday afternoon. The tremor was felt at several points in the city but was not of any great violence nor was the shock of any great length. The quake occurred a few minutes after 4 o'clock and lasted about 20 seconds. Members of the Rose Festival committee, in session at the headquarters in the Swedland building noticed the windows begin to rattle and felt a distinct jar. The cause was promptly attributed to an earthquake.

Mrs. J. T. Morgan, of Second and Howell streets, reported the shock. She and the members of her family felt a decided upheaval and then a distinct quake. They saw the windows rattle and the dishes on the table shake. Several others both on the East and West Side telephoned to The Oregonian that they had felt the earthquake.

People in many of the large buildings felt the shock but attributed the slight tremor to the vibration caused by heavy machinery. Inquiry at the branch office of the United States hydrographic service failed to secure information on the subject. Neither Mr. McNulty nor District Forecast Official Beale are possessed of a seismograph, although each has put in a requisition for one.

Patterson Dinwiddie, 82, Dead. BROWNSVILLE, Or., Feb. 15.—(Spe-

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1897—Three stores in San Francisco	5 in all	1908—One store in Seattle	11 in all
1898—One store in Oakland	6 in all	1909—Three stores in Los Angeles	12 in all
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FUEL DEALER ARRESTED

Alleged Shortage in Wood Sale Causes Trouble.

L. B. Frather, a fuel dealer at 837 Union avenue, was arrested yesterday afternoon. He is charged with having sold and delivered a short measure cord of wood. The complaint is brought against him by E. D. Jones, an "East Side" resident, who says that he measured the wood and notified Frather of the shortage but that the latter refused to heed his complaint.

The matter was referred to the office of the city sealer of weights and measures and a warrant for Frather's arrest was issued. He was released on bail and will be taken before Judge Bennett today.

FOREST GROVE WOMAN DIES

Well-Known Pioneer, Born in Missouri, Passes Away.

FOREST GROVE, Or., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—Mrs. Nancy Watts, aged 84 years and 14 days, passed away at her home here today. She was a pioneer of 1840, she and her late husband coming to Oregon from Missouri and settling west of Forest Grove, near Galois Creek, where she has lived since. Mrs. Watts was born in Jefferson county, Missouri, in 1826. She was married to M. M. Watts August

27, 1846, in Missouri and in 1850 crossed the plains in ox teams and came to Oregon. There were no children born to Mr. and Mrs. Watts, but they raised a

number of children, among whom are County, and William Knighten, of Jackson County, and a sister, Mrs. Minerva Walker, of Greenview, Or. Her funeral services will be held here Wednesday.

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