

### CITY WANTS LEE'S RIGHTS TO RIVER

#### Mount Hood Road's Franchise Held Up Pending Negotiations With Company.

### LITTLE SANDY IS SOUGHT

#### Superintendent Dodge Believes Bull Run Pipe Will Be Inadequate in Five Years—Railway's Attorney Would Hold Fast.

In an effort to get the Mount Hood Railway & Power Company to give the city the right to all water in the Little Sandy River except flood waters, the committee on judicial and elections of the City Council, composed of Councilmen J. W. Williams and Jennings, decided yesterday not to take action until the next meeting of the committee on judicial and elections.

### City's Water in View.

Superintendent Dodge, of the water department, said that in ten years the new Bull Run pipeline just being completed will not be adequate, with the other line now in use, to supply the city with water, provided the city continues at its present rate of growth. It will be practically impossible to obtain much more water from Bull Run, he said, without diverting the waters of the Little Sandy into it.

### Many Cities Represented.

Members of the delegations in which are represented all of the larger cities of the United States and nearly all of the more important business and professions are: Chicago—Paul P. Harris, H. L. Ruggles, Dr. W. R. Noff, James Benner, W. S. Miller, A. W. Fleck, Chesley R. Perry.

### Fulton Sees Holdup.

Mr. Fulton said the Mount Hood Company will supply power to points in Oregon and Washington, and that it will therefore need all the water it can get.

### ROTARY MEN CONVENE

(Continued From First Page.) The more uncertainty, Boston will probably put in an invitation, and Minneapolis and Kansas City are also in the field.

### Taft's Tour Undecided

President Taft declares that the itinerary for the coming tour is not yet settled, but that if this city is included in his route he will be pleased to consider the invitation.

### Y. M. C. A. BOYS ON "HIKE"

Seventeen youths start on annual walk to ocean.

### GROUP OF DELEGATES AT YESTERDAY'S SESSIONS OF ROTARY CLUBS OF AMERICA.

### ROTARIANS REPRESENTING BIG CITIES OF ENTIRE UNITED STATES—PRESIDENT HAINES, OF CHICAGO, STANDS IN FRONT ROW, THIRD FROM LEFT.

The report of E. L. Skeel, of Seattle, chairman of the committee on civic activities, brought forth a surprise in the form of a long and heated debate, in which the California delegate appeared to be arrayed squarely in opposition to all other members.

### GRAFT DAY STORMY

#### Accused and Accuser Talk Fight at Hearing.

### PERJURY CHARGES MADE

#### Two Testify That Ferret Swore Falsely in Denying Knowledge of Protection Fund—Hearing Halts Until Next Week.

A general squabble in which charges were hurled in every direction and which for a time threatened to break out in a free-for-all fight, culminated yesterday's session of the graft investigation before the County Court, in which County Detective Maher is accused of conspiring with F. L. Perkins, a newspaper reporter, of forcing "protection money" from North End saloonkeepers and others.

### Fouts and Maher Clash.

Fouts declared Detective Maher had intimidated the French witnesses already by threatening to shoot them. He declared that Maher had been decidedly active in the case and had gone so far as to threaten Fouts himself and for doing so had to be admonished by one of the County Commissioners.

### Dental Advised, Testified.

Libert said Ferret declared he had denied everything in the affidavit and that he had done so at the instigation of Ed Donovan, A. Methivier, another Frenchman, who was with Libert, told a similar story and declared that Ferret had denied that he had contributed to the jackpot merely to escape notoriety at Seaside where, Methivier said, Ferret has a good name.

### Taft's Tour Undecided

A response was received yesterday by H. Beckwith, president of the Commercial Club, to the invitation sent last week to President Taft, inviting him to accept the hospitality of the club in Portland in his coming tour of the Western states.

### Y. M. C. A. BOYS ON "HIKE"

Seventeen Y. M. C. A. boys started on an annual "hike" to the sea yesterday. Eighteen had made all the arrangements to go, but one of them, Dwight Cole, failed to reach the steamer Monarch in time.

### PAVING ABUSE MARKED

#### CHARTER CLAUSE TO AID SMALL HOME OWNERS ASKED.

#### Condition Which Permits of Improvement Assessments Absorbing Property Are Deplored.

ST. JOHNS, Or., Aug. 21.—(To the Editor.)—I would like to call the attention of the charter commissions (both kinds) to the following clipping from The Oregonian of Aug. 17, 1911, Page 10:

At the meeting of the Water Board yesterday T. B. Wilson, one of the members, suggested that the City Council should rescind about half the ordinance which have been passed for the hard-surfacing of streets.

It was pointed out that these improvements are in many instances forced on property owners. Mayor Ruhlhalt told of a young man of Seaside who was hit a few days ago and complained that he was paying for his home on the installment plan, that it cost \$200 and he had paid all but \$100.

He told of another instance where a private contractor, because the lots were worth only \$300 each, while the street assessment was \$1000, tried to sell them to him.

If this is true, and there is no reason to doubt it, is it highway robbery or just plain stealing? Was the man that lost his 21 lots "benefited" by the street improvement, while the contractor got judgment against him for the other \$100 per lot?

And these two cases cited are only two out of hundreds that could be cited in the City of Portland. Many small home owners now will be renter soon, because of the practical confiscation of their little homes by the cost of street and sewer work.

This little clause in the charter will do more to curb the activities of the paving trust (if there is any) than any other thing that can be done. This clause, it is fair to say, is a part of the charter of St. Johns and while it has at times been the cause of delay in street improvements, it has also prevented confiscation of property or hardship on the little home owner.

An attempt was made to change this clause in our charter two years ago but the voters refused to change it. And perhaps you may ask: What concern is it to our city about St. Johns, what is in the new charter of Portland? Just this: The voters of St. Johns voted by a majority of 66 votes to annex to Portland and it is likely that the voters of Portland when the new charter is submitted to the people for ratification or rejection, may intend upon having the same protection for the little home owner that they now enjoy.

Miles of hard-surface streets and boulevards are splendid for automobile owners, but how does the poor devil that had his home eaten up to pay for them feel about it? This is not a theory but a condition that actually exists today. Some time ago I called at the Auditor's office in Portland to inquire as to the methods used in making street assessments for improvements and happened to mention the fact that our charter set a limit on the

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### MEETING NOTICES.

NOBLES—Again our noblest speakers, saying: All noble and their ladies, make the pilgrimage to Astoria and Seaside. Make the pilgrimage. Make the pilgrimage. Make the pilgrimage.

WASHINGTON LODGE, NO. 46, A. F. and A. M. (Tuesday) evening at Masonic Hall, E. 8th and Burrall streets, 8 o'clock. M. M. degree. Visitors welcome. Order W. H. RICHMOND, Sec.

DIED.

BULLEN—At Los Angeles, August 9, Harriette E. Bullen, formerly of Astoria, Portland, Victoria and Vancouver papers please copy.

### FUNERAL NOTICES.

VANBUSKIRK—In this city, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. William Taylor, widow of Harry VanBuskirk, aged 71 years, 3 months, 7 days, at 2:30 P. M., Tuesday, August 22, 1911. Interment Riverside Cemetery.

TARALDSON—Funeral services for Mrs. Fred Taraldson, aged 19 years, 10 months, 30 days. Funeral services from the above residence, at 2 P. M. tomorrow (Wednesday). Friends invited. Interment at Riverside Cemetery.

KILTHAN—At her late residence, 408 Millers' avenue, Katie Kilthan, funeral services will be held at 10:30 A. M. today, Tuesday, August 22, from the German Congregational Church, corner 27th and Stanton sts., at 7 P. M. Friends invited. Interment Rose City Cemetery.

DONAHUE—The funeral services of Mrs. Sarah Donahue, beloved mother of Attorney D. M. Donahue, will be held today, August 22, at 2 P. M. Interment at Seaside Cemetery. Friends are respectfully invited to attend.

MCKAY—The funeral services of the late Eva McKay will take place at the late residence, 220 S. Commercial, today, Tuesday, August 22, at 2 P. M. Interment at Riverside Cemetery. Friends are respectfully invited to attend.

DAMON—Rev. Charles Milton Damon, at his late residence, 1436 E. Flinders, aged 66 years, 8 months, 22 days. Funeral services will take place Free Methodist Church, 25th and Allan, at 1 P. M. Interment Greenwood Cemetery.

TEGHTMIRE—Late residence, 790 East Davis street, August 20, 1911. Funeral services will be held at Lerch's Chapel, Tuesday, August 22, at 2 P. M.

VAUGHN—The funeral services of Bianca E. Vaughn will be held at Multnomah Cemetery, Tuesday, August 22, at 10 A. M. Friends invited.

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