

ELKS FROM NEAR AND FAR PREPARE

Every "Hello Bill" of Astoria to Attend 1912 Reunion and East Responds.

CONVENTION OFFICE HUMS

Secretary McAllister Receives Word From Lodges Over Country Asking Him to Reserve Space for Them—Specials Many.

Every member of the Astoria Lodge of Elks will attend the grand lodge convention in Portland next July...

Astoria Delegation Hires: From Astoria came the assuring news that the entire membership of that lodge has been pledged to come to Portland for the big week...

A telephone message was received yesterday from Astoria asking for accommodations...

Washington Elks to Come: In addition to the state lodges many others made inquiries yesterday...

At Omaha, according to a letter received yesterday, a Portland Club has been organized...

Denver Elks has chartered a special train, a letter yesterday promising 200 members...

Another inquiry came from Watertown, N. D., from which city at least 50 members will come...

George V. Conroy, of Winthrop, Mass., who has been in Portland for a few days...

MOTHER'S DEATH SUMMONS: W. F. Woodward is called to East by Sad Message.

Summons East by a telegram announcing the sudden death of his mother, Mrs. Charlotte A. Woodward...

CHILD THIEF IS FORGIVEN: Four-Year-Old Steals Purse and \$40—Steuth Frees Him.

A little chap of four years, whose name the police are withholding...

INITIATIVE IS ASAILED: (Continued From First Page.)

At the annual membership dinner held in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium...

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Every Citizen Protected: The brief contends that the provision of the United States Constitution guaranteeing to every state in the Union a "republican form of government" is a guarantee to the people of each state...

Life or Death of System Depends on Mayor's Plan to Reinstate Holden.

QUESTION IS UP TODAY: If ex-Fireman Is Taken Back Way Will Be Paved for Rushlight to Place Partisans at Will Despite Protection Rules.

Continued and persistent efforts on the part of Mayor Rushlight to reward Holden...

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The Broadway Bridge Franchise

In making the application for crossing Broadway Bridge, provision is made for tracks from Seventh and Morrison to the west approach of the bridge.

A franchise over this route necessarily involves the payment of a reasonable toll for the use of the Broadway Bridge, which the Company is willing to pay, regardless of the fact that it is already the largest contributor, in the payment of taxes, to the City of Portland.

For general taxes the Company paid \$340,000 last year, and \$340,000 more for paving, which all told amounted to 12 per cent on its gross earnings.

The \$340,000 paid as general taxes quite materially provided for the interest charges and for the demands of the sinking funds, needed to liquidate the city's bridge debt.

Without considering the right to the use of these bridges, which the company feels it is entitled to, as a general taxpayer, it is willing to pay a reasonable car fee in addition.

The matter of compensation for the Broadway Bridge was left blank in the ordinance, to be determined by the City Council.

The Company cannot afford to pay an exorbitant bridge toll, for the reason that it is now being taxed in almost every conceivable form.

It pays special taxes for its interurban cars in the form of license fees. It pays general taxes on valuation of all its property.

It pays a toll tax for the use of bridges. It pays a franchise tax. It pays corporation fees and special assessments of various kinds and character.

These taxes are heavy and burdensome and materially affect the development necessary to keep abreast with the rapid suburban growth of Portland.

The Company does not wish to avoid its share of the burden of government. It is willing and anxious to meet this duty more than half way, but there are limitations, and in considering this matter the people should use their best business judgment.

There will be no increase in revenue to the Company from the use of the Broadway Bridge. Cars will be routed over this from the Peninsula district, which are now passing over other bridges.

The Peninsula will thus be served with the convenience of a quicker transit into the business section, instead of coming over the bridges farther up the river and entering Washington Street to the delay of the car and discomfort of the passenger.

A franchise granted over the Broadway Bridge, by the payment of a reasonable car fee or toll, will be acceptable in the cause of good service.

What is asked is a reasonable, not a prohibitive fee. A fair, square deal, with a due consideration of the benefits to all concerned is requested.

The construction of the new Steel Bridge (railroad) necessitates new approaches, owing to a change of location. The present Steel Bridge (railroad) will be torn down and the franchise held for the approaches will be of no value.

The company forfeits the old franchise and asks in change the privilege of securing an entrance upon the new Steel Bridge. Tomorrow the Loop on Stark Street will be discussed.

PORTLAND RAILWAY, LIGHT & POWER CO.

Advertisement for W. H. McBrayer's Cedar Brook whiskey, featuring a bottle image and text describing its quality and history.