

CHARTER FRAMERS SEE RUSH AHEAD

Nightly Sessions to Be Held in Order to Prepare Draft for December 27.

DISCORD MARKS MEETING

Factional Discussions and Minor Arguments Hinder Progress of People's Committee—Corporation Measure Proposed.

With its work still unfinished, the people's charter commission, which had been granted an extension of time and was to have filed its completed charter draft today, adjourned late last night, after having spent several hours in discussion without reaching definite conclusions and which crowded a great amount of work into the last 20 minutes of its session.

No second request will be made for an extension of time, since the Council does not meet until Wednesday, December 27, and members of the commission still believe that they will be able to finish the revision and have the document ready by that time. Meetings will be held every night until the work is disposed of and by Friday they intend to turn their work over to an engrossing committee to be received and placed in form for final filing. Dr. Harry Lane, A. L. Barber and George Black were appointed by Chairman A. E. Clark to act on the engrossing committee.

Further Work Urged. After a protracted discussion over the advisability of empowering the Council to issue revocable permits for use of the streets and city property, instead of providing that all such powers should be given in the form of a franchise direct from the people, the commissioners were on the point of adjourning, when Mr. Clark called them to order and begged that an effort be made to "accomplish a little business before leaving."

"We have frittered away several hours," he said, "in more or less useless discussion, and it does seem to me that we should make an attempt to get something done. It appears to me, gentlemen, that we have forgotten to consider that we have only a limited time in which to finish our work on this charter."

Throughout the session, the chairman had difficulty in holding the commission to the consideration of the points in question. Time after time they broke up into lesser groups, arguing heatedly over all manner of matters that had not yet been brought up for formal consideration or had already been disposed of.

Stock Watering Target. "I move that we return to the order of business," said H. C. Parsons upon one occasion when the debate had broken up and drifted particularly far afield.

"I should be very much pleased myself, if it were possible for us to do so," retorted the chairman, rapping persistently for order until the different groups finally abandoned their minor debates and came slowly back to attention.

One of the subjects that provoked a heated discussion was a suggestion introduced by Dr. Lane, aimed, as he said, "to put a check upon the practice of watering stocks by public service corporations."

Dr. Lane's measure provides that the Council may investigate the actual valuation of the property of public service corporations and if it finds the company's stock or bond issue to be in excess of such reasonable valuation, may make such changes in the rate of its charges for services as will restore the proper balance. This he believed would act to deter companies from excessive issues of stock above the amounts actually warranted by the business they might be carrying on. The measure was submitted to a special committee for revision and will be further considered at the next meeting.

CITIZENS SEEK NEW LINE

Proposal Made to Raise \$40,000 to Extend Electric Line.

At a meeting of property owners and residents of South Mount Tabor held last night in the schoolhouse on Dill street, it was decided to undertake to raise \$40,000 among the interested people, to be used in the construction of a streetcar line eastward from the end of Hawthorne avenue. The railroad committee from the former meeting reported having held a conference with the officials of the Mount Hood Railway & Power Company with the result that this company agreed to consider the proposal of building a line from the main line at Russellville by way of Kelly Butte to Hawthorne avenue and over the Hawthorne bridge into Portland, and that the probable cost would be about \$40,000. Another proposal was from the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company to build three-quarters of a mile east from the end of the Hawthorne line at a cost of \$120,000. The proposal of the Mount Hood Railway Company build the line was considered the best as it will be built from Russellville to Kelly Butte and then west to Hawthorne avenue and operate the line without the requirements of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company. C. W. Hodson, representing the Jacobs-Rine Company, which recently acquired the Kelly homestead farm on the Section Line road, addressed the meeting and said he stood ready to cooperate with the people in getting the extension. Mr. Hodson expressed his preference for the Mount Hood proposal. He said that in his opinion a street railway extension will cause property in the district to double in value. J. W. Kaete, who owns property in the district, announced that he will donate \$2,500 toward the construction of the line, and named nearly a dozen more who will contribute largely. It was the consensus of opinion that the car line should be built south of the Section Line road, between two or four blocks.

The following committee was appointed to take up the matter of constructing the line, lay out the route and raise the \$40,000 required: J. Kinard, Dr. Hamilton Meade, W. F. Powell, G. G. Root, A. Von der Werth, C. H. Blanchard, O. G. Pearson, L. D. Elliott, S. E. Miller and William Bloom.

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ALBANY FIRE IS MENAGE

BLAZE IN CHINATOWN ENDANGERS BUSINESS DISTRICT.

Historic Building Used Years Ago by Bank Is Gutted—Flames Thought Incendiary.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Fire which broke out in Albany's Chinatown at 8:15 tonight, while it caused but little loss, was dangerous for half an hour as it was in the center of a large number of wooden buildings in the city's business district. The fire was confined to one building, which was completely gutted. The building was owned and occupied by a Chinese doctor with a drug store on the first floor and living apartments on the second floor. Most of the stock of the store was saved and the loss is small. The building was an old shack, Chinamen who discovered the fire assert that it started on the outside of the building from an alley in the rear and was plainly of incendiary origin. The destroyed building is a historic one here. It was used by the First National Bank of Albany as its first banking house, many years ago. Later it was the headquarters of Albany's Chinatown for several years, and was a gathering place from all parts of the state, when hundreds of Chinese made their headquarters here during the building of the Oregon-Pacific Railroad.

CENSUS PADDERS EXCUSED

Tacoma Enumerators Let Off With Light Fines—Offense Slight.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Leniency was today extended by Federal Judge Rudkin to two more indicted census enumerators who pleaded guilty. Fifty dollars and costs was the sentence imposed on Ellsworth A. Noble and J. H. Dunn. Special Prosecutor Newton asked for light punishment of Dunn because of his age, 49 years. Clemency in Noble's case was urged

DAILY CITY STATISTICS

Births. THEILADE—To Mr. and Mrs. John W. Theilade, 529 Alder avenue, December 18, a son. SLIPPELHOE—To Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Slippelhoe, 93 North 13th street, November 26, a son. MILWAUD—To Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Milward, 403 Third street, December 18, a son. BOSLAK—To Mr. and Mrs. Adolphus Boslark, Portland, Or., December 9, a son. Marriage Licenses. SWARTZ-SHERK—R. C. Swartz, city, 54, and Blanche Shaska, 42. GOLLEY-NORTHUP—Harry Golley, city, 42, and Mrs. Charlotte Northup, 45. BOWEN-BASTON—Roy Bowen, city, 22, and Lena Baston, 23. GOODRIGHT-IDDY—Roy Goodright, 22, and Ethel Iddy, 20. CORRIK-CHEEVER—Clude E. Corrik, Albany, Or., 28, and Ethel Cheever, 21. JACOBSON-IDAHO—Peder B. Jacobson, Oregon, Idaho, 28, and Inga Mathilde Berg, 22. HOCKENSON-COCHRAN—A. J. Hocken-son, city, legal, and Edith F. Cochran, 29. COLE-NICHOLAS—Wilfred B. Cole, city, 31, and Myrtle A. Nicholas, 23. OWENS-TROUPE—William F. Owens, city, 28, and Florence M. Troupe, 27. KELLIS-BUTLER—James A. Kellis, Vancouver, Harrows, Wash., 40, and Annie B. Butler, Pleasant Home, Or., 28. SCHIEBER-SELG—Philip Schieber, city, 26, and Kate Selg, legal. BALDWIN-LEWIS—Earl Baldwin, city, 25, and Eva A. Lewis, 22. ALPSON-BURKLAND—Christ Alpson, city, 31, and Emma Burkland, 30. TENNANT-DICKSON—Allison Tennant, city, 24, and Alfreda M. Dickson, 17. CUSHMAN-GIBBE—D. W. Cushman, Wendling, Or., 52, and Mrs. Harry Kiska, 45. PAULSON-TURNER—John Paulson, city, 32, and Anna Turner, 28. DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT. PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 18.—Maximum temperature, 38 degrees; minimum, 24 degrees. River reading, 5 A. M., 2.4 feet; change in last 24 hours, 0.1 foot rise. Total rainfall (5 P. M. to 5 P. M.), none; total rainfall since September 1, 1911, 11.06 inches; normal rainfall since September 1, 16.18 inches; deficiency of rainfall since

WEATHER CONDITIONS

The southwestern disturbance occupies the same relative position that it did this morning, but it has decreased in intensity. A marked disturbance, central last evening over Eastern Alaska, is drifting southeastward across Canada, and the barometer reading tonight at Johnston was 29.44 inches. Relatively high pressure obtains over the North Pacific Slope, the center of the "high" being over Idaho, while the entire eastern half of the country is overspread with a large high pressure field that is central over the Lake region. Light precipitation has occurred within the last 12 hours in Western Washington, Arizona, Colorado, South Dakota, Southern Texas, and in the lower St. Lawrence Valley. The weather is cooler in the Basin states, the Northern Lake region, Western Missouri and on the Atlantic slope, and it is warmer in Interior Western Canada and slightly warmer in the Mississippi and Ohio Valleys and Southern Lake region. Temperatures are much above normal in Alberta, Manitoba and North Dakota, and they are correspondingly below normal in Nevada and Colorado. Conditions are favorable for generally fair weather Tuesday in this district, except occasional rain in Western Washington and Northwestern Oregon. No decided temperature changes are indicated, and southeast to south winds will obtain.

FORECASTS

Portland and vicinity—Probably occasional rain; southeast winds. Oregon—Fair, except occasional rain northwest portion; southeast winds. Washington—Rain, west, generally, fair east portion; southeast winds. Idaho—Generally fair. THEODORE F. DRAKE, Acting District Forecaster. Compasses, field-glasses, barometers, hydrometers, microscopes, scientific apparatus. Woodard, Clarke & Co.

AUCTION SALES TODAY.

At residence, 1025 E. 22d St. Sale at 10 A. M. Take Alberta car. J. T. Wilson, auctioneer. At Baker's Auction House, 182 Park st. furniture, rug, range, etc. Sale at 10 A. M.

DEED.

FLOOD—Killed at Albany, Or., Dec. 18, Philip M. Flood, of Company F, Second Oregon Infantry. Funeral notice later. GIBONEY—In this city, December 18, at his late residence, 351 13th street, Rev. George William Giboney, aged 58 years.

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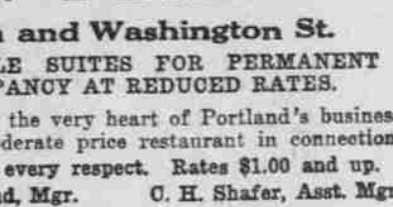
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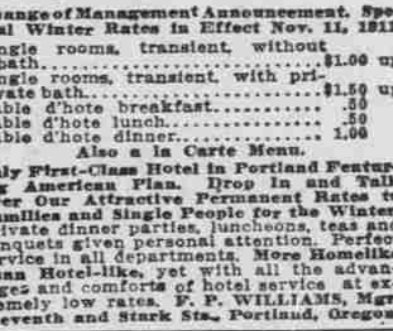
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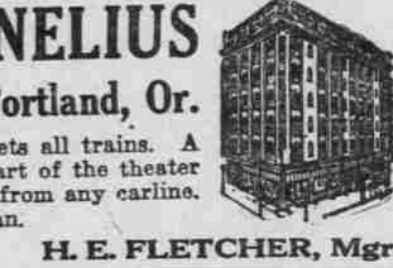
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