

VISITING CHIEFS LAY TRACTION MILLS BARE

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Talk Less and Do More, Advises Man Belittling Water-Power Convention—Party Leaves on Way to Annual Convention.

All the ills with which the electric railways of the Nation are afflicted were diagnosed, diagrammed and dilated on before a representative group of Portland business men at the Chamber of Commerce yesterday.

As pointed out by prominent members of the American Electric Railway Association, who were guests of the city for the day, they consist principally of the following: Harassing legislation that discourages capital investments; jitney competition; unreasonable regulation by municipal and state governments; lack of cooperation from men engaged in other lines of business and sometimes excessive demands for services.

Threatened Results Are Sinister. Speaker after speaker explained that this complication of industrial disease is certain to spread contagion among the other commercial activities of the people.

Some of the sinister results they say threaten to be: Not a single foot of electric railway extension or improvement will be made in the country except that required under existing contracts and franchises.

Wages of employees cannot be increased in the proportion that they deserve. Service and equipment are certain to deteriorate.

Earnings of investors are sure to shrink, and new capital cannot be attracted. Business units depending upon urban and suburban transportation will be retarded.

Feasible View Not Taken. The traction men did not speak of these direful possibilities in a pessimistic tone at all, but referred to them in a casual, matter-of-fact way, indicating that they were convinced of their ground.

Principal among the speakers were C. Loomis Allen, of Syracuse, N. Y., president of the association; W. F. Ham, of Washington, D. C., vice-president, and C. C. Pierce, of Boston, vice-president of the General Electric Company.

These men, being away from home, didn't have any favors to seek and didn't seem to care what prejudices they shattered.

Mr. Pierce particularly was outspoken. He was announced to speak on "Sanity," but actually he would like to find more here in the Northwest.

"You folks indulge in too much hypercriticism," he told his Portland hearers.

Talk Less, Do More, Is Advice. "They tell me you have a dinner and a meeting and a gabfest here about every 13 minutes."

"What you need is fewer talks and more doers." Mr. Pierce wears a wrist watch, but to see him you wouldn't know it, and to hear him you wouldn't even suspect it.

He is about six feet two, weighs fully 250 pounds and has a regular Jim Jeffries head, and jaw and neck. When he talks he thrusts forward his ample chest and sends his fist violently upon the table.

That is what he did particularly when he spoke of the efforts of the Federal authorities to control the water-power developments here in the Northwest, and of the necessity of the Western states calling a convention to voice sentiment.

Water Convention Belittled. "For the love of Mike," he shouted, "did you ever hear of anything so foolish? The idea of you Western people having to stand on your hind legs and howling for state rights. Why, the suggestion makes me tired."

He was characteristically caustic in his treatment of the demagogue who tries to "bribe" the public by baiting the corporations.

"A man who will steal for you will steal from you," is the way he described this stripe of propagandist.

In presenting what he considers the just requirements of any public service corporation he summed them up about as follows: Good service, good wages and good dividends.

He grew optimistic and the close and predicted saner legislation inspired by a saner public sentiment that will permit future development on a par with that of the past.

Franklin T. Griffith, president of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, presided at the luncheon which also served as a farewell tribute to F. W. Hill, general manager of the same company, who will leave early next week for Denver to become general manager of the tramway system there.

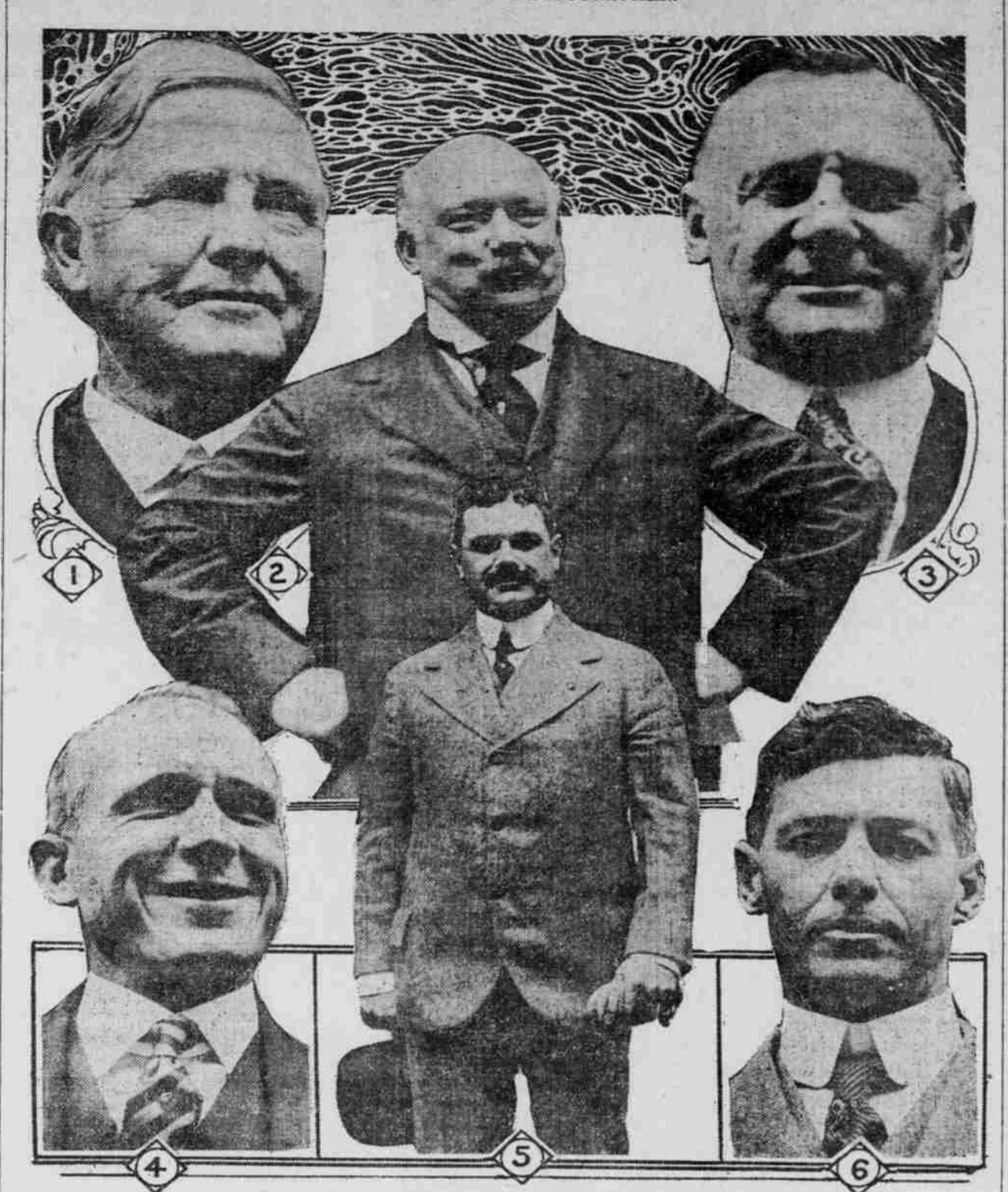
Mr. Ham, manager of the electric railway system at the direction of the Federal authorities, who had delivered into the jitney situation. He criticized the people of Portland severely for failing to deal with the jitney.

The visiting railway men arrived here yesterday morning on a special train over the Great Northern, and left last night over the Southern Pacific for San Francisco, where they will hold their annual convention next week.

TRAINING CLASS TO START Kindergarten Work at St. Helen's Hall Under Way Monday.

A kindergarten training class for teachers will be opened at St. Helen's Hall, Monday, under the direction of Miss Mary E. Ledyard, of Los Angeles. The course has been arranged to include two years' work and the diploma will be granted by the State Board of Education, making graduates eligible for positions in the Oregon public schools.

SOME PROMINENT ELECTRIC RAILWAY OFFICIALS SNAPPED WHILE THEY WERE HERE YESTERDAY BY OREGONIAN PHOTOGRAPHER.



1—Charles L. Henry, of Indianapolis, One of the Pioneers in the Electric Traction Field. 2—C. C. Pierce, of Boston, Ready to "Lay Down the Law." 3—John J. Stanley, of Cleveland, Who Has Had Experiences With Municipal Ownership Problems. 4—E. B. Burritt, Secretary and Treasurer of the Association. 5—C. Loomis Allen, of Syracuse, President of the Association. 6—W. F. Ham, of Washington, D. C., Who is Studying the Jitney Question.

BRYAN IS MYSTERY

Future Course on Public Issues Not Revealed.

VISIT TO FORD RECALLED

Washington Assumes That ex-Secretary Will Be Influenced in Decision by Question of Personal Finance.

DO YOU DREAD THE COLD?

Some people enjoy cold weather, take pleasure in winter sports and the keen air calls the pink to their cheeks and the red to their lips. Others shrink from cold and turn blue at the least exposure to frosty air.

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votes is not questioned. Especially in the true when, on the preparedness issue, he will have the co-operation of several of the leading Democrats in Congress who already have arrayed themselves against Army and Navy increases.

CRABBING BEGINS TODAY

Eight-Month Season on Grays Harbor Will Employ About 100 Men. ABERDEEN, Wash., Sept. 30.—(Special.)—An eight-month crab fishing season, opening on Grays Harbor tomorrow morning, will give employment to approximately 100 men.

Greatest Dollar's Worth of Shoes in All America

Never before have Portland people seen such a sale as this. It is the slaughtering of over 25,000 pairs of standard makes of Shoes. Absolute Sale of every pair of Shoes in this big store at the lowest prices ever known. Look over these prices:

Shoes at One-Third to One-Half Regular Prices

Hundreds of Pairs at Less Than the Cost of Raw Material—All on Tables, So You Can Help Yourself. OPEN SATURDAY UNTIL 10 P. M.

SALE OF MEN'S SHOES

Advertisement for men's shoes with various styles and prices. Includes 'Men's Dress and Work Shoes' for \$1.98, 'Boys' Shoes' for \$1.98, and 'Children's Shoes' for 79c and 98c. Features 'Kriant's Sample Shoe Shop' logo and 'MAIL ORDERS FILLED' text.

Double Stamps and 20 Extra With Coupon Friday Winding Up Our 50th Anniversary Sale This Week Big Savings in All Departments—Don't Miss Them

Large advertisement for Woodward-Clarke Co. featuring various departments: Drug Specials, Patent Medicines, Hotpoint Heaters, Perfume Department, Stationery, Waterman's Conklin's and Wood-Lark Fountain Pens, Flashlights, Mason's Hygrometer, Big Candy Special, Rubber Department, Bristle Goods, Toilet Paper, Handbags Reduced, Vanity Cases, Leather Bargains, and Cutlery Department. Includes 'USE THIS COUPON' and 'WOODWARD-CLARKE CO.' branding.

PHEASANT ACT IN EFFECT

MR. FINLEY THINKS LAW PERMITS EXTERMINATION OF BIRDS. Appeals Made to Hunters Not to Take Advantage of Act, but Kill Only Male Birds This Season. "If the sportsmen stick to the strict letter of the game laws this year regarding Chinese pheasants, and kill the female birds, I warrant that inside of three years there will be to be a closed season for these game birds to prevent their entire extermination."

FREE 10 STAMPS

STAMPS with all ice cream or soda purchases in our Tea Room or at Soda Fountain from 2 P. M. until we close at 9. Includes an illustration of a man sitting at a table.

YOU CAN EASILY DARKEN GRAY HAIR

Advertisement for hair care products. Includes 'Low Brothers High Standard LIQUID PAINT' and 'Kriant's Sample Shoe Shop' logo. Text: 'By a Harmless Recipe—No Dye or Sticky Mess. You can easily change your straggly gray, prematurely gray, streaked, faded or wispy hair to an even, beautiful original dark shade by shampooing hair and scalp a few times with Q-Ban Hair Color Restorer. Nothing else required. Q-Ban is a ready-to-use liquid, harmless to the most delicate hair or scalp. It is not a dye, but acts on the roots, making hair and scalp healthy. So all your gray hair and entire head of hair naturally changes to a beautiful dark shade, no matter how long some. Money-back guarantee. Big 7-oz. bottle only 50 cents. At Hantley's Drug Store, Fourth and Washington streets, Portland, Or. Out-of-town folks supplied by mail.'