"We Are Partners"

(Number 6)

Now let us skim over a few pages of street railway history.

The public service operations of this company are divided into three classes: City railways, interurban railways and the supplying of electric energy. The same principles apply to all three classes of the public service.

This series of advertisements, however, is devoted primarily to the problems connected with city transportation.

Street railways were originally constructed and operated as private enterprises under franchises providing for a certain definite amount of service, but with a large discretion vested in the companies as to character, quantity and quality of service to be rendered.

Under this early system the service given was good or bad, depending largely upon the inclination of the particular street railway company.

UNDER THE REGULATORY SYSTEM NOW IN FORCE THE STREET RAILWAY MUST GIVE A SERVICE REASONABLY NECESSARY TO PROVIDE FOR THE PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND THE CHARACTER, QUALITY AND QUANTITY OF SUCH SERVICE MAY BE AND IS PRE-SCRIBED BY THE PEOPLE.

Many persons still in the prime of life recall that the fare for indifferent service rendered by many early streetcar companies was 10 cents for a short, slow

Thirty years ago electricity began to supplant other forms of street railway motive power. Just prior to and during this transition period in the readjustment of street railway franchises, a fare of 5 cents was adopted in most cities, but even these franchises still left largely in the hands of the street railway companies the determination as to the amount and character of service to be rendered for the fare.

With the development of electric transportation it was found possible, by reason of the progress of the art, the less cost of labor and materials and the increase in efficiency of operators, to give more and better service than was possible during the horse-car period and still make a profit at the lower fare of 5 cents.

During this transition period, however, it frequently was the case, AS IT WAS IN PORTLAND, that streetcar transportation was in the hands of several different companies, each operating under its own franchises and EACH CHARGING THE FULL FARE WITHOUT ANY INTERCHANGE OF TRANSFERS WHATEVER.

At one time there were six entirely separate and distinct street railway companies operating in the city of Portland, EACH ENTITLED TO A FULL 5-CENT FARE FOR THE SERVICE UPON ITS OWN LINES.

As late as 1904 there were three street railway systems in Portland.

There was no community of interest between the two narrow-gauge companies and transportation for the prescribed fare was limited to the lines of each company.

In 1904 the Portland Railway Company and the City and Suburban Railway Company were consolidated under the name of Portland Consolidated Street Railway Company and a single fare of 5 cents was extended to cover the lines of both of the former companies.

In 1906 the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company was organized and took over into one ownership and under one management all of the street railway lines in Portland, and immediately extended the single fare of 5 cents to cover all of the lines in the city.

MANY MILES OF STREET RAILWAY TRACK HAVE BEEN ADDED TO THE SYSTEM DURING THE LAST ELEVEN YEARS AND THE SERV-ICE HAS BEEN GREATLY EXTENDED, BUT THE FARE HAS REMAINED AT 5 CENTS, WHICH, HOWEVER, BY REASON OF THE EXTENSION OF TRANSFER PRIVILEGES, HAS BEEN REDUCED TO AN ACTUAL AVERAGE FARE OF 31/2 CENTS PER PASSENGER

These are some of the facts worthy of your consideration in arriving at a correct solution of problems confronting all three of the parties involved.

Please think them over.

(Number 7 will appear Monday.)

Portland Railway, Light and Power Company

By FRANKLIN T. GRIFFITH, President.

riety of Experience.

JAIL WEDDING PERFORMED

Grand Jury Report Received, Divorce Case Heard, Bigamist Sentenced and Numerous Motions and Orders Disposed Of.

To officiate at the wedding of a County Jail inmate and his anxious bride; to receive the final report of the grand jury and commend them for their diligent work extending over three Summer months; to sentence and parole a bigamist; to hear arguments in a divorce case and grant a divorced woman additional alimony for the sup port of her children; to dispose of countless motions and orders, and to spend much time receiving the congratulations on his elevation to the Circuit bench—these are but a few of the many incidents and experiences which crowded themselves yesterday into the judicial life of George W Stapleton, newly appointed Circuit Judge, who sat yesterday as the presiding officer of this court.

During the morning session Judge

Stapleton, at the request of A. W. Orton, chief clerk to County Judge Taxwell, consented to officiate at the wedding of Peter Sofich, now under sen-tence for 30 days as a slacker, and Miss Rose Ecker, 93 Morris street. Friends of the young couple purchased the marriage license and Judge Staplen united them without cost. Sofich had registered for the Army

Mr. Orten told the court he had taken the name of Meyers to get a job open to a man of that name. He said that Sofich had made no attempt to evade the draft law. Next came the grand jury with its final report, which showed that a total of 48 true bills had been returned.

draft under the name of Peter Meyers

Thirty not true bills were presented Six cases were continued for further investigation by the incoming grand jury. Of the indictments returned yester-

day, several were secret.

Indictments made public yesterday follow: Harry McLean, for criminal assault

on a minor girl.
Roland Forsberg, for larceny of an automobile from C. E. Sand.
M. M. Squires, against whom three indictments were returned on statutory Dave Drullard, alias G. Smith, for

polygamy.

Drullard entered a plea of guilty and Drullard entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced to one year and then paroled after representations had been made to show that he was a foreman of a shipbuilding plant which is constructing ships for the Federal Government. He is to pay \$75 to Jennie Ristau so she may have her spurious marriage to him annulied.

E. V. Littlefield, another new appointee, will sit as presiding judge today.

French Mission Coming West.

the French high commission to the United States headed by Eduard de Billy, Deputy High Commissioner, started today on a transcontinental

Attorney for Mrs. Farrell Says Her

Mind Sound When Making Will.

"Mrs. Ann Eliza Farrell was neither influenced nor coerced into signing a will leaving the bulk of her property to Mrs. John B. Yeon and she was in full possession of her mental facultles when she signed her last will, says Arthur I. Moulton, the attorney

for Mrs. Farrell. Mr. Moulton also says the relatives of Mrs. Farrell now contesting the will are actuated by malice in bringing in the name of John B. Yeon, that Mrs. Yeon frequently urged Mrs. Farrell to leave the property to her sisters, and a

10,000 MEN ARE FED DAILY Consumption of Meat at Camp Lewis

Estimated at 8000 Pounds.

TACOMA, ash. Aug. 31.—(Special.)

F. W. Sullivan, president of the Paific Coast Commissary Company, which is feeding the civilian builders at Camp Lewis and the officers who have arrived, estimates that \$000 pounds of meat are consumed daily by the men, who number more than 10,000. The average cost is 18 cents a pound.

The Quartermaster's department thought it made a record Wednesday when \$1000 worth of goods were sold from the general supply store at the from the general supply store at the camp, but yesterday they sold mer-chandise valued at \$4000, and the stock

GEOLOGIST'S SON EXPIRES

was almost wiped out,

Child Succumbs at Baker While Parents Are on Way East.

BAKER, Or., Aug. 31.—(Special.)—Howard, 21-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Sargent, of Washington, D. C., died at the hospital this morning from dysentery, contracted on board ship while the boy and his partents were creating the Pacific Ocean ents were crossing the Pacific Ocean on their way home from China and Japan. The body will be shipped to Salt Lake City for burial.

Mr. Sargent is in the employ of the United States Geological Survey. He and his wife stopped in Baker to take their son to the hospital here when it

their son to the hospital here when it became evident that he was seriously ill. They have been in Baker 18 days. OWNER OF CAR SURPRISED

to be sold and was much surprised to learn of the use made of it.

The Estes home was searched by the Sheriff and 35 gallons of whisky were sat up often way into the night dis-WASHINGTON, Aug. 21 .- Members of found.

Judge Stapleton Has Wide Va- MOULTON AVERS MALICE Visit With Thomas W. Lawson Real Vacation, Says Rector.

MRS. SCADDING IS

Long List of Topics for Sermon Is Gathered From Conversation With Writer, Says Pastor, Now Ready for Work.

Dr. A. A. Morrison, rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, who is just back First, he is sure that the climate of regon is better than that of any other tate. Secondly, he is sure that while he East shows a large angular tate. from a delightful visit in the East, is convinced of several things. state. Secondly, he is sure that while the East shows a large amount of patriotism on the surface, the West deep down in the hearts and pockets of its people is feeling and doin its share with the right spirit. Thirdly, Dr. Mor-

rison is sure that it is good for every-



A. Morrison, Who Returned Yesterday From a Visit With Thomas W. Lawson.

one who can to rest a while and play a while that he may be in trim to work better at his "regular job."

ASHLAND, Or., Aug. 31.—(Special.)

—Clarence H. Smith, of Portland, who with Rankin Estes, of Medford, were each fined \$500 and sentenced to six months in jail for importing whisky, is a brother-in-law of Z. L. Dimmick, of Grants Pass, whose Chalmers Six he was driving.

Dr. Dimmick sent his car to Portland to be sold and was much surprised to learn of the use made of it.

The Estes home was searched by the Sheriff and \$5 gallons of whisky were found.

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Dr. Morrison was the guest of Thomas W. Lawson at the latter's beautiful 1000-acre estate, "Dreamwold," situated having liquor in his possession unlaw fully. Mr. Banks admitted having the liquor, but denied that he kept it for sale or barter.

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cussing literature, history, topics of the day, art, theology, any subject. He is a wide reader and a man of most interesting personality. I hadn't had a vacation for three years and the fact that he could give me all his time and that we did activity but play made the

that we did nothing but play made the trip one of exceptional charm. "Lawson is a man who never wastes his time, however, for even in play time he is observing, studying, helping others. He has more friends among the poor and the men of the ordinary walks of life than any other man of af-fairs I know. The trouble with him is he sometimes makes himself unpopular by saying what he thinks.
"His sincerity and the good he does

have so inspired me that I have a whole train of thought ready for sermons, declared Dr. Morrison, and as a proo of his statement, he will preach or Sunday morning on "Spirituality-What It Is and What It is Not." The large numbers of soldiers marching, marching everywhere across the continent impressed Dr. Morrison, but everywhere he went he said he felt a certain pride that he came from the state that had been first in every form

patriotic response to the Govern

DR. KERR CALLS ON GOVERNMENT FOR TWO AT ONCE.

Failure of Crop if Proper Selection I Not Made Is Probable, and All Food Will Be Needed.

A telegraphic request for assistance from the Federal Government has been sent to Washington by Dr. W. J. Kerr. chairman of the special grain com-mittee of the Council of Defense. Act-ing upon authority of the committee he telegraphed the Secretary of Agriculture, asking that two seed experts be put into the field in Oregon to assist the farmers in the selection of seed wheat and rye.

Unless great care is exercised in the selection of seed for the next plantings, It is pointed out, the results may easily be disastrous. There is so much simi-larity between good and bad that the committee members believe experts are necessary.

The committee also urges all those

who may have seed for sale to make it known by writing Dr. Kerr at the Oregon Agricultural College. It is nec-essary that prompt action be taken in this regard, as Winter crops must be arranged for without delay.

Dr. Kerr has been in Portland for three days holding conferences with committees and individuals, and has about completed this work for the time being. He expressed his appreciation being. He expressed his appreciation of the manner in which the people are co-operating in the matter of food production and conservation,

Roseburg Livestock Man Fined. ROSEBURG, Or., Aug. 31 .- (Special.)

Motor-Driven Apparatus Suggested by Mr. Bigelow.

FEED COSTING TOO MUCH

on Reorganization of Bureau to Eliminate Some Stations and Reduce Force Also Proposed in Commissioner's Plan.

An extensive reorganization of the of the present fire stations, replacing horses with motor apparatus and mak-ing other changes, is being worked out

O. A. C. GRADUATE COMMIS-SIONED IN OFFICERS RESERVE.



F. B. Lufe, a member of the class of 1909 of Oregon Agricultural College, has received his commission as a First Lieutenant in the Officers' Reserve Corps and has been ordered to report for active training on September ber 5. Mr. Lufe will leave for the Presidio of San Francisco

next Monday. Mr. Lufe has had military training. He was Captain of Company G, the crack cadet company of the entire college, while in his senior year at Oregon Agricultural College. Company G won the competitive banner from all other companies of the corps while under Captain Lufe's guid-

Mr. Lufe came to Portland in Mr. Luie came to Portland in 1903 from Baltimore. He has been active in Y. M. C. A. work, being assistant secretary at Fresno and other places. When he received notice of his commission he was in the employ of the Fobes Electrical Supply Company. His home is at 1011 Michigan. pany. His home is at 1011 Michigan avenue. He is married and has two children.

by City Commissioner Bigelow. The plans will be announced in a few days. So high has become the cost of feed and other supplies for horses that Mr. Bigelow, who has charge of the Fire Bureau, proposes to do away with horses wherever possible, equipping stations with motors. He says he has

stations with motors. He says he has a plan whereby a number of machines can be purchased at a price which will enable the city to pay for the machines in one year from the amount saved in horse feed plus the amount realized from sale of the horses replaced. While the exact method to be used is not known, it is understood Mr. Bigelow plans to purchase tractors to

put on present horse-drawn machines. This can be done in many of the sta-tions and, in addition to cutting down the expense, will enable the firemen to cover even more terrifory than is possible now.

changed so as to place the apparatus at more advantageous places.

The Fire Bureau now has 31 horses. The cost of feed has been extremely high the past year, having jumped practically 75 per cent. While he says the city is protected by contract for feed for a short time, there is no prospect of any material decrease in prices.

Horses, he says, will have to be relack of paved streets and the consequent inability of motors to reach fires in many of such places. He proposes to in many of such places. He proposes to in many of such places. He proposes to keep the horses at these stations.

Force Also May Be Reduced. While the details of the reorganiza-tion plan have not been worked out, there probably will be some changes in the men in the stations. It is said the elimination of horses and the consolidation of stations may enable the cut-ting of the force. Also there may be some cuts in the number of officers in square feet of rentable area. the stations and elsewhere

Mr. Bigelow has had the municipal shop investigate the possibility of the city manufacturing tractors or other types of fire machines. It is probable this phase of the situation will be gone into in detail. Mr. Bigelow says he will have his reorganization plan ready within a short time.

Swiss Workmen Strike Half Day. PARIS, Aug. 31 .- Workmen in the Swiss cities of Berne, Zurich and Basel went on a half-day strike yesterday as a protest against the high cost of liv-ing, says a Havas dispatch from Basel.

IMPROVEMENT OF 38.3

Retail District of 52 Blocks on West Side Shows Decrease In Unoccupied Frontage.

Comparisons of surveys made by the Portland Association of Building Owners and Managers in August, 1917, with survey made in May, 1916, of store vacancies, in the retail district of the West Side, on the basis of number of feet frontage, shows an improvement Some Stations May Be Closed.

As the new methods permit more speedy travel to fires, Mr. Bigelow full city blocks, the four park blocks says he believes some fire stations and the irregular block directly north which the climinated. Motor-driven approach to the park blocks. The total foresterns the control of the park blocks. says he believes some fire stations might be eliminated. Motor-driven apparatus, he says, would be able to reach fires much more quickly than horses and therefore the stations need not be so close together. The location of some present stations might be changed so as to place the apparatus at more advantageous places.

and the irregular block directly north of the park blocks. The total frontage is 43,100 feet. The vacancies on August 15 aggregated 2259 feet frontage as compared with 3663 feet May 15, 1916. Expressed in percentages the vacant frontage on August 15, 1917, was 5.24 per cent of the total frontage of this district, compared with 8.5 per

vacant, Broadway, 9.3 per cent, and Eleventh street, 13.75 per cent. The frontage on Oak street today shows an increase in vacancies of 21 per cent. Park street, 32 per cent, and Third street, 5.45 per cent, compared with May, 1916.

Ridgefield Plant Under Guard.

RIDGEFIELD, Wash., Aug. 31.— (Special.)—George W. Buker, Mayor of Ridgefield, has issued a warning for all persons to keep away from the town pumping station, and an armed guard has been placed in charge with orders to shoot anyone tampering with the machinery. This order is given in sequence of recent attempts to interrupt the operation of the plant.

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are numerous other diseases which are due solely to an impure condition of the blood. Can you not see, therefore, the im-

portance of taking a blood purifier, depends largely whether or not you the system a thorough cleansing with so as to avoid these diseases? Just give S. S. S., that sterling blood remedy, and you will be in position to enjoy the blessings of good health.

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