

CONTROL OF PUBLIC UTILITIES IS AIM

Charter Amendment Will Be Submitted to Voters at Primary Election.

COUNCIL'S POWER LARGER

Proposed Amendment Will Give City Right to Terminate Utilities Franchises and Eliminate Unjust Burdens.

A charter amendment providing stricter control of public utilities by the city will be submitted to the Council today with the request that it be placed on the ballot at the coming primary election, so that the public may approve it. The amendment has been framed by the committee of eight civic clubs, C. L. Rauch, chairman, that has delved into the vexed subject of the 6-cent fare.

City Control Is Proposed.

"At present," said Mr. Rauch, "the city is acting, so far as the Council is concerned, under the contract theory, that a franchise is a bargain, and both parties are forever bound by its terms, no matter what the changed conditions that may arise."

"The Public Service Commission, on the other hand, has overridden the contract provisions of the franchise of the local street railway company and made the car rider pay the entire burden to permit the utility to make a profit and at the same time carry the extra burden placed upon it when the bargain was first made."

"Other cities," says a board of control, a part of the city government, that acts constantly and adjusts the differences between the city, the public and the utility as they come up, it regulates the utility downward, as well as upward, compelling the utility to give maximum service at least reasonable charge, resulting in a very low fare in the case of the streetcar."

"The property owner who lives on the streets where there are no car tracks pays for paving the entire width of the street, and when he rides on the streetcar, he helps to pave the street in front of the man whose property abuts a street on which a car track is laid."

"Landlords who own property at the busy downtown street intersections where there are transfer points, have their property enhanced in value at the cost of the streetcar rider, who helps pay for the pavement in front of the downtown skyscraper and office building."

"The City Attorney has pointed out that no relief can come save through a charter amendment and we are providing such an amendment. We believe the city can force reasonable amendments to the company's franchise, because the high rate of fare now in effect makes competition inviting."

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MOVING PICTURE NEWS



The Men Who Sank The Lusitania In 'The Kaiser' At Peoples Theater

TODAY'S FILM FEATURES.
Peoples—'The Kaiser, Beast of Berlin.'
Columbia—'Bessie, Barriscale.'
Star—'Ann Pennington, 'Sunshine Nan'; 'Fatty Arbuckle and Mabel Normand, 'His Diving Beauty.'
Sunset—'The Price of a Good Time'; 'Charlie Chaplin, 'Work.'
Liberty—'William S. Hart, 'The Tiger Man'; 'Mack Sennett's 'Those Athletic Girls.'
Majestic—'Mabel Taliaferro, 'Pac-Man for a Raiser.'
Globe—'Marguerite Clark, 'Miss George Washington.'

Pro-German Disfavor Feared.

MARCUS LOEW, one of the biggest "small-time" vaudeville managers in America, is quoted as refusing to book the serial, "The Eagle's Eye," in his theaters for fear it would offend his patrons of German descent. Now it's up to him to square himself with his American clientele.

Short Pictures Going.

Production of moving pictures decreased in 1917 by 744 reels from the total in 1916. In number of pictures the decrease was 559. The output for 1917 was 2114 pictures, with a total of 8436 reels—an average of slightly less than three reels to the subject. The 1916 product averaged only a little more than two reels to the picture. In other words, the short picture is going. It had to go. The one-reel drama was an abomination, not because a story cannot be told in one reel, but because the buyer of single reel pictures will not pay enough for them to make it possible to put good stuff into them. And one company has just announced that it would discontinue even the three-reel picture.

Hart Aids Red Star.

William S. Hart, leading his pinto pony Fritz, made a pilgrimage through the business section of Los Angeles last week soliciting funds for the Red Star Society. The first stop was made in front of the City Hall, where Hart spoke of the part that is being played by animals in the war, and passed the hat to the assembled multitude.

Screen Gossip.

Eugene O'Brien and David Powell will support Katherine Calvert, widow of Paul Armstrong, in the picturization of his play, "Romance of the Underworld."

Call Sent to College Students.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, April 9.—(Special.)—A shortage of men in the United States Recreational Service, bureau of standards and geologic survey, has led the Federal Board of Vocational Training to issue a call for college students to train for positions in this work. The period of training will be from May 1 to October 1 and will be open to students who have had one year's training in physics or civil engineering. Members of the enlisted reserve or those men below conscription are eligible. The board has requested President Kerr to release men for this training from college May 1.

UNION MEN RESENT POLITICAL MOVE

New Legislative Committee Proposes to Absorb Functions of Individual Unions.

EXECUTIVE BOARD NAMED

Otto Hartwig, President; E. J. Stack, Secretary—Third of Committee's Membership Identified With Non-Partisan Movement.

What virtually amounts to the abolition of the legislative committees of the various trade unions affiliated with the Central Labor Council and the absorbing of the functions by an executive committee is the plan of the labor legislative committee, which was organized Sunday afternoon. Already some of the union men are resenting the tone of superiority assumed by this new political movement within the ranks of organized labor.

27 Unions Represented.

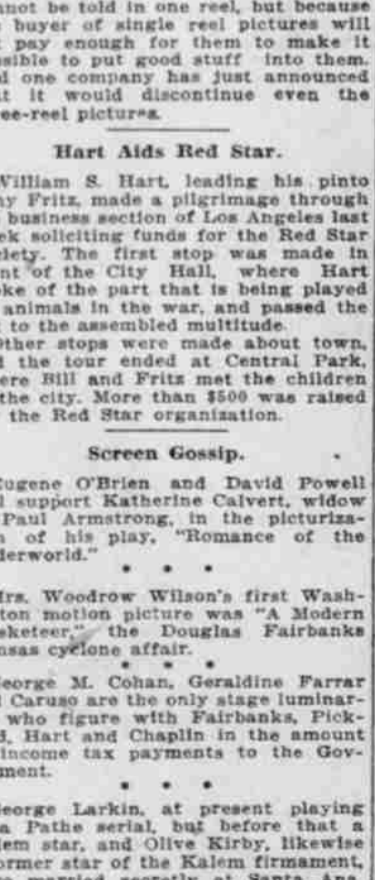
The meeting last Sunday was called by the Central Labor Council and was to consist of the president and secretary of each section of organized labor represented in the central body. There were about 40 delegates present, representing 27 unions, and, as E. J. Stack announced, they represented about two-fifths of the unions in the city. Harry Anderson, acting president of the Central Labor Council, in the absence of C. P. Howard, presided in the preliminary session, but when permanent organization was effected Otto Hartwig, president of the State Federation of Labor, and E. J. Stack, secretary of the state organization, were given these same offices in the labor legislative committee. Anderson was made vice-president.

Not All Unions Are Friendly.

A motion was made and adopted that all legislative matters be referred to this executive board by the legislative committees of the various unions, for final action. Yesterday this motion was the subject of lively discussion among some of the union men. As the legislative committee of each individual union has been selected with a view to getting the best available talent to handle such problems, not all of the unions are friendly to the idea of having the executive board of the labor legislative committee act as a board of censors.

LAST DAY

Broadway at Stark Continuous 11 to 11



BILL HART "THE TIGER MAN"

1918
Thos. H. Ince
Artcraft
Production.
Splinter
Brand New.

The nature of the tiger held this bandit in its inexorable sway judging by the stuff that was a-poppin.'

LIBERTY

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A New Varsity Style by Hart Schaffner & Marx

There have been a good many changes in young men's styles this Spring. They have been designed to conserve wool fabric by eliminating any unnecessary use.

Here's one; a perfect example of the spirit of conservation; neat; form fitting; one of the most striking effects of the season.

You fellows who know a lot about styles will want to see this one. It's a Varsity model and you'll find your size in brand new color combinations at this store.

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WORK DAY IS EXTENDED

HIGHWAY COMMISSION ASSERTS EMERGENCY EXISTS.

Work Near Ashland, on Lower Columbia Highway and Near Sheridan to Be Pushed, Is Declared.

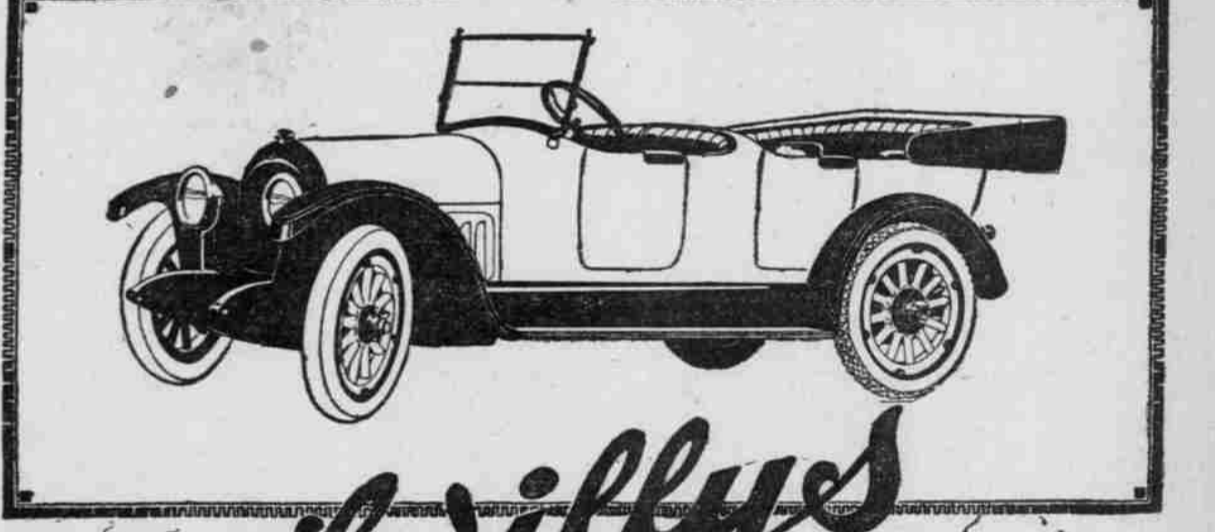
Prospective road work in various localities was discussed informally by members of the State Highway Commission at a meeting in this city yesterday. In each case action was deferred pending authorization by the Federal Government of a further bonds issue. The Commission has applied to the capital issues committee of the Federal Reserve bank for permission to sell more bonds with which to finance construction work that was included in this year's road building programme. Until these funds are provided further improvement work must wait.

STUDENTS HELP DRIVE

MARY'S RIVER LOGGING CAMP IS SCENE OF BIG RALLY.

Visitors Are Treated to Elaborate Dinner, Followed by Addresses and Patriotic Musical Numbers.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, April 9.—(Special.)—To the Mary's River logging camp, located many miles from a railroad, the message of the liberty loan was carried last night by a group of Oregon Agricultural College students and professors. The party from the college left Corvallis in the afternoon and drove to Noon, where they boarded flatcars for a two hours' journey. After riding two hours the train stalled on a heavy grade. The only means of reaching the camp was by means of a cable and donkey engine. A flatcar was uncoupled from the train and the cable was fastened and the long ascent begun.



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