

BUCHTEL SAYS CUT IN FARES POSSIBLE

Chairman Sees Reduction if Measure Adopted.

COUNCIL WILL GO SLOW

More Facts and Figures Wanted Before Reaching Decision on Proposals of Commission.

Adoption of the relief measures suggested by the Public Service Commission of Oregon in lieu of increased streetcar fares in Portland would be followed immediately by a decrease of the present 6-cent fare, according to the opinion expressed before the city council yesterday by Fred G. Buchtel, chairman of the commission. Facts and figures not shown in the order recently issued by the majority members of the commission—Commissioners Buchtel and Williams—but bearing upon the proposed removal of bridge tolls, assessments for future street improvements, free carriage of city employees and franchise and license fees, together with the acquisition by the city of the trackage of the company, will be compiled by engineers of the city before a decision is made as to whether the proposals to the electorate at a special election in May.

OIL STATION PROTESTED

COUNCIL PLANS CONTROL OF SERVICE STOPS.

Amendment to Building Code to Be Drafted; Hearing Set for Monday.

Gasoline and oil-filling stations will soon come under the regulatory powers of the city council, judging from the action of that body yesterday, when complaints were registered against the establishment of a filling station at East Twenty-fourth street and Broadway.

BOARD CURBS MR. THOMAS

LIMIT PLACED ON VOCATIONAL AID EXPENDITURES.

Hint Made Director Should Be in East to Purchase Machinery and Not Shape Policies.

At the behest of the three school directors who took part in Thursday night's meeting, R. H. Thomas, school clerk, has telegraphed George B. Thomas, director, now in Washington, D. C., a hint that he is in the east for the purpose of purchasing machinery and not to establish policies for the district, as one member put it at the meeting.

WIFE HELD TOO WARTLIKE

Harry Mann is plaintiff in a suit for divorce filed yesterday in the circuit court against Arlie Mann. He alleges she at one time threw a \$50 vase at him and on another occasion struck him with a hot frying pan. They have one child. They were married in Portland in 1912.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM O'KEEFE DEAD

MANILA, P. I., March 26.—Captain William O'Keefe, master of the steamer Violet, which in June, 1917, rammed a German submarine off the Irish coast, died here yesterday. He was engaged here as instructor for cadets for the United States shipping board.

monkey wrenches into the machinery. "Well we should throw all the monkey wrenches possible," answered Bigelow, "before the people vote \$7,000,000 or \$8,000,000."

"I know," rejoined Mayor Baker, "but seeking information and throwing monkey wrenches are two vastly different things. If we are going to pile up obstacles for the purpose of wrecking the street car company, we will simply have to replace it with other transportation facilities, and how will we do that? And there are some \$900 stockholders, the majority of whom are not wealthy, who are entitled to some consideration."

"There is another more important proposition linked in this matter," suggested Chairman Buchtel. "It is protection to the citizens of Portland. 'One thing is certain,' continued Mayor Baker, 'any person who comes here prejudiced and feels like saying 'to hell with the company' is all wrong. We have facts before us and it is our function to investigate such facts carefully and then decide on future action.'"

ROTARY CLUBS MEETING

ANNUAL CONFERENCE OPENS AT MOSQUE OF KORAH.

Three Hundred Men and About Half as Many Ladies Are in Attendance at First Session.

BOISE, Idaho, March 26.—(Special.)—With the Boise Rotary club as host, the 1920 annual conference of the rotary clubs of Idaho, Utah and Montana opened their two-day conference at the Mosque of El Korah Shrine here today.

ALUMNI MEETING SCHEDULED

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 26.—(Special.)—The University of Washington Alumni association of Clarke county will hold its annual meeting here Tuesday evening, March 26. Invitations for the 1921 conference for consideration will be the campaign in this county to raise funds to assist in building a \$500,000 stadium on the university campus.

MAS BEING OUT AT LUNCHTIME

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What could be better for children and more wholesome than Butter Nut Bread and milk?

Butter Nut is fine-grained, white, light, crusty. Delicious!

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After the discussion had proceeded for some time, Mayor Baker interposed. "Are we here to go into this matter seriously," asked he, "or is it simply for the purpose of throwing

GEORGE WALSH in "A MANHATTAN KNIGHT" BEGINS TODAY. He visits a Crystal Gazer and she shows him his destiny. A shroud of mystery overhangs him—the missing jewels—the girl with the haunting eyes—and a thousand and one other exciting complications. This stirring, pulsating drama is full of excitement and adventure and made more so—because of the lightning activity of this whirlwind, spirited star, George Walsh. Mystery Excitement Adventure Romance Adventure Pathe News & Comedy CECIL TEAGUE—at the Wurplitz renders an accompaniment that is as stirring and heart throbbing as the picture itself. Mr. Teague's accompaniment always "humanizes" every picture. Sunday Concert 1:30 P. M. PROGRAMME: Diplomat March, Sousa; Let the Rest of the World Go By, Ball; Orpheus Overture, Offenbach; Melodias of China, Wedgill; Bells, Henry Murtagh; In a Tea Garden, Langley; Chong, Weeks.

PORT FORGING TO FORE

PORTLAND DECLARED TO HAVE BRIGHT FUTURE. City Fast Coming to Front as Shipping Center, Says C. B. Moores at Luncheon.

Because of improvements made in the Columbia river and with prospect that further development will take place, Portland is fast coming to the front as a shipping city, declared C. B. Moores, chairman of the Portland Public Dock commission, speaking yesterday at the noon luncheon of the City club.

COMMUNITY SCHOOL SCHEDULED

ALBANY, Or., March 26.—(Special.)—A two-day community school will be conducted April 2 and 3 in the Lake Creek church for the residents

of that section of the county lying west of Halsey and north of Harrisburg. The men will devote the first day to a consideration of soils and drainage and the second day to live-

stock. Domestic science work will occupy the attention of the women on both days. The school will be conducted under the direction of the Lake Creek Farm bureau.

DUBUQUE FIRE & MARINE INS. CO.

Table with financial data for Dubuque Fire & Marine Ins. Co. including Capital, Income, Disbursements, Assets, and Liabilities.

CENTRAL NATIONAL FIRE INS. CO.

Table with financial data for Central National Fire Ins. Co. including Capital, Income, Disbursements, Assets, and Liabilities.

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Last Week of the Free Moving Picture Show at our salesroom of the most daring motor drive ever made by two young girls to the bottom of what is known as the "Devil's Punch Bowl." Also the trip of the Maxwell "Yank" into the desert—the most thrilling automobile motion picture ever filmed.

You Will Never Forget It COME TONIGHT. We have increased our seating capacity. The public is invited from 7:30 to 10 P. M. all this week. Come, and bring your friends. C. L. Boss Automobile Co. 615-617 Washington St. Portland

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