

CAR FARES PESTER
"MAYOR OF SEATTLE"

Dr. Brown Finds Barricade
Against His Policies.

PROMISES ARE BLOCKED

Financial Demands Upon System
and Supreme Court Decision
Make Executive Helpless.

ARTICLE I.

PUGET SOUND BUREAU, Seattle, Wash., Sept. 12.—The mayor of Seattle, who has been on the job only since last June, helped himself on his way into the office by the fire of lower street car fares. His campaign assurances were given in good faith; his case was not exceptional. Every candidate for city office in Seattle during the last three years has campaigned with the promise to "do something" about the municipally-owned street railway system.

Facts Must Be Faced.

Men elected to city office and charged with official responsibilities are not disposed to move as hastily as their campaign promises may have led the people to think they would. They are not disposed to storm the stubborn barricade of facts with no better weapons than campaign promises and sympathy with the wishes of street car riders.

Street Car Fare in Seattle is Now 10 Cents Cash or Three Tokens for a Quarter—3 1/2 Cents.

The unanimous desire is to reduce the fare to 5 cents. The closest students and the most superficial observers of the situation agree that there are only three ways by which a reduction, to 5 cents or any reduction at all, can be made—

First—By an almost complete alteration in the terms of the contract under which the system was purchased from the private corporation and paid for by the issuance and delivery of \$15,000,000 in utility bonds.

Second—By slashing out in the costs of maintaining and operating the system, involving a curtailment of services. Third—By raising the fares, cutting the fares on the chance of inducing an increase of street car riders sufficient to make up the difference.

These three courses are checked by certain conditions and circumstances.

First—The contract of purchase and the text of the bonds issued in payment provide that the city shall at all times maintain a rate of fare sufficient to cover all the obligations of the system. By a decision of the supreme court the district court of the city is held to "specific performance" of this contract provision.

Second—Under city ownership and operation the costs have measurably increased independent of the effect of private ownership. Business, political, labor and intra-city sectional influences have conspired to drive the city to expenditures that private owners could not be compelled to make.

Third—The fare was 5 cents when the city bought the system. Seattle, by its decision of the war-time period, the city had no payment for the bonds. The purchase-price bonds for nearly three years. Yet within a few months it became apparent that the system's revenues would not be sufficient to meet its obligations. There is today no such extensive demand for street car service as in the industrial heyday of 1918 and early 1919. How much the revenues would be increased by lower fares cannot be computed. One person's guess is as good as another's.

Obstacles Block Solution.

Such are some of the obstacles that lie along the only three routes to reduction of car fares. Another obstacle to progress is the decision of the supreme court of the state of Washington that not a dollar that the city may raise by general taxation shall be spent on account of the street railway system. No deficit can be met by calling upon the taxpayers; the system must pay its own way.

That is what the system seems to be doing at the present rate of fare; and it is somewhat clearly that it does not do either at the 5-cent fare or at the 6 1/2-cent fare, which was the first experimental increase. But even at the 3 1/2-cent fare the system's financial progress is somewhat fitful. The showing is on the right side of the books; but just now, for the second time in the year, the system has had to go on a warrant basis, suspending cash payments for current costs in order that money may accumulate toward a semi-annual payment of bond interest. This recurring condition is officially regarded as a hazard in any plan to reduce fares and risk material loss of revenue.

PORTLAND CREDIT'S HIGH

BUSINESS DECLARED SAFEST IN WHOLE COUNTRY.

Arthur H. Deute, Borden Company Sales Manager, Pays Tribute to Merchants.

Portland is the safest and most reliable city in the country from the standpoint of the business man. This is the declaration of Arthur H. Deute, sales manager of the Borden Sales company of New York, who is in Portland meeting in conference with Borden representatives from the various northwest cities.

"Before I left on the present trip I conferred with our credit manager and the two of us made a survey of the entire country," said Mr. Deute, who is an ex-Portlandian and an ex-member of the local Ad club. "This survey showed that the entire section of the country west of Denver is in such a good condition from the business standpoint at the present time that, to use the credit manager's words, it is safe to go the limit in this district in the way of advertising and business expansion with the knowledge that money so spent will bring good, legitimate returns."

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While in Portland Mr. Deute is instilling Borden representatives with some of his well known "pep" and selling ideas. He was in conference with them yesterday at the Old Colony club, at the Multnomah hotel, and advertising and selling plans of the company for the coming year were discussed.

Mr. Deute will give an address at the luncheon of the Ad club at the Benson hotel today on "The Sunny Side of Salesmanship."

He expects to leave Friday for San Francisco, where he will meet with Borden representatives there.

Mr. Deute was in Portland three years as sales manager of the V. G. Gandy company. He was sent to take the position of advertising manager of the Borden company. In one year he was made general sales manager, a position which included that of advertising manager.

Before coming to Portland he held a position as advertising manager of a Salem, Ore., paper.

GRAFT EVIDENCE SIFTED

AUTHORITIES TO SEEK FOR HIGHER-UPS IN SCHEME.

District Attorney Investigates to Determine Who Originated Bribery Plot.

Evidence disclosed thus far in the investigation of the graft charges involving a newspaper reporter and police court attorney has convinced the district attorney that the origin of the bribery plot was in the city.

The district attorney met yesterday with Mayor Baker, Chief of Police Jenkins, Klingsmith and the newspaperman, who was discharged when the bribery plan came to light. Investigations will be continued today. The ex-reporter has been requested to appear at the office of the district attorney this morning. He said he had no intention of leaving the city, asserted the mayor.

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DEAD-MAN MAY BE CLARENCE BARRY, NOT SON.

Sister and Brother Go to Independence in Attempt to Make Sure of Identification.

The body of a man found floating near Independence Sunday afternoon may be that of Clarence Barry, 45, formerly a worker in the Inman-Powell mill, who disappeared on August 4 from his room in the Valley hotel. But it is not that of Howard P. Barry, 17, his son, as previously reported. Mrs. Edith Durbin, 114 East Tenth street, Vancouver, Wash., and Fred Barry, Valley hotel, sister and brother of the missing man, left yesterday for Independence in an attempt to identify the body. The son, Howard Barry, is at the home of his aunt in Vancouver, where he is a famous horsekeeper at the Valley hotel, 23 1/2 Second street, declares that Clarence Barry whom she has known during the three years he has lived at the hotel was acting strangely from the time of an accident two months ago in the mill up until his disappearance ten days ago. Some doubt as to the identity of the body has been expressed by friends who say that the body was 6 feet tall while the man found has been described as shorter and heavier. Letters found in the mill would seem to clinch the identity.

The mistake in identification is believed to be due to the fact that the body was 6 feet tall while the boy from his mother, now Mrs. C. E. Walsh of Salt Lake City.

The son came west from his home in Salt Lake some weeks ago to visit his father and had been with him two weeks when he disappeared.

BENEFIT FOR PRICE FAMILY PROVES BRILLIANT SUCCESS

Local Musical Artists and Other Entertainers Delight Audience That Packs People's Theater and Proceeds Will Total \$1000.

A BIG audience made up of men and women philanthropically inclined and glad to add their mite to a worthy cause was present last night at the Peoples theater at the benefit tendered Mrs. Glenn H. Price and her three little children.

The performance in its entirety was made possible through the beneficent kindness of C. S. Jensen, J. G. Von Herberg and J. J. Parker, who loaned their Peoples theater, the staff of ushers and box-office attendants and the feature film, a preliminary showing of Norma Talmadge in "The Eternal Flame." Local well-known entertainers contributed to the programme, which was delightful and thoroughly artistic.

Paul No. 1, organist of the Liberty, estimates that more than \$1000 clear has been raised through the benefit. Every cent goes to Mrs. Price.

The programme was further enhanced by the delightful organ and piano playing by Henry Keates. He gave a beautiful overture and played accompaniments for several of the acts and for the film portrayals.

Eva Davis and Mildred Casady, talented young Portland girls, appeared in the delightful specialty arrangement of jazz melodies embellished with dance ideas.

Inez Chambers, a violinist of two solos, "Hungarian Dance No. 5," which she played with spirit and color, and "Love's Old Sweet Song," which was a great favorite.

The telephone quartet, a donation from the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company, was heard in a group of gay and charming melodies. The quartet is composed of Hal Young, first tenor; O. O. Bennett, second tenor; Ferriss Adams, baritone; and Mark Daniels, basso. Their selections were well chosen and they went over big.

May Dearborn Schwab, a Portland favorite, played with a carefully chosen repertoire, suited to her sweet soprano voice. She gave "By the Waters of Minnetonka" and "Song of India" and was much applauded.

Thalia girls' string quartet, under the direction of Ted Bacon, were heard in a splendid array of melodies and received many recalls. The group of players included Clara Stafford, violin, Marion Mustee, viola; Patsy Neilan, violin, and Prospera Ponzi, cello.

Jennie Clow, billed as the "Hello Girl," added the charm of a sweet voice in an Irish ballad and "Sing Me to Sleep."

A real vaudeville act was added in the specialty of the dainty Mrs. Rich and her clever partner, George Banta. Their clever repartee was smart and sparkling and their singing exceptionally good.

The big feature picture, "The Eternal Flame," held attention close for the remainder of the entertainment.

Tommy Swivel sold programmes and added a tidy bit to the fund. The Boyer Printing company donated the programmes. Judge Gatens, in uniform, added a picture of himself as doorman.

E. C. Mears, treasurer of the American Legion, announces that no personal acknowledgments of donations sent them are being made and everything is all in and turned over to Mrs. Price, after which individual acknowledgments of every contributor will be made. Mr. Mears cannot personally reply to every letter and he takes this method of assuring the philanthropists that due acknowledgment will be made later.

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A \$28,000 one-story building is to be erected on Pacific street between East First and East Second streets and will be 100 by 200 feet in size, with an extremely heavy foundation, which will provide for an additional story when needed. The structure is being erected for the Roberts Motor Car company.

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VETERAN LAWYER GUEST AT LUNCHEON HERE.

Practice Remembered by Members of Bar.

50th Anniversary of Admission to Practice Remembered by Members of Bar.

To those who have followed the political history of Oregon, the most dramatic moment in the luncheon given to Joseph Simon yesterday was when Henry E. McGinn poured forth with all of the change of feeling and earnestness a eulogy to the honor guest.

Long years ago, when Judge McGinn's hair was not white, but when Senator Simon's hair was as jet black as it is today, Simon and McGinn were inseparable. Poets used to pause and turn to look at them as McGinn and Simon would walk along the sidewalks—wooden and not cement in those days. They came one of those breaks which come in politics, and from being the closest of friends, they were at daggers drawn, and this separation has continued down to the present. Such was the background remembered by most of the 250 members of the bench and bar who assembled in the grill room of the Hotel Portland yesterday noon to honor Senator Simon on the 50th anniversary of a right to practice law in Oregon.

Unaware that he was to be called on, Judge McGinn arose and, sketching quickly Senator Simon's life, with dates and accurate as an almanac, he paid a tribute which brought the attorneys and judges to their feet.

"Joseph Simon's word is his bond," declared Judge McGinn. "He is an example and an object lesson to young men—an example of what diligence and work can accomplish."

Judge McGinn said that those present knew him too well to question the sincerity of his eulogy, and knew that unless he felt these sentiments welling up and surging through his being, he would have remained silent. At the conclusion of the speech Judge McGinn's eyes were red and Senator Simon, unabashed, wiped his own eyes.

There Charles H. Carey, president of the State Bar association, and Judge Tucker, president of the Multnomah Bar association, presided alternately. All members but one of the state supreme court were present, and there were representatives from many circuits and a regiment of lawyers. The capacity of the grill room was taxed.

Among the speakers were T. M. McBride of the supreme court; Martin L. Pipes, Wallace McCamant and George E. Callers.

Senator Simon read a list of all the lawyers who were practicing in Portland when he was admitted to practice in 1872, and said that with the exception of himself all have passed away except H. H. Northup of Portland and George H. Durham, now of Grants Pass. Members of the supreme court who examined him and issued him a certificate to practice, the governor and other state officers of that time, all have gone.

"How much longer I will remain at the post, says, 'It is with Allah'."

The committee which conceived the tribute and arranged the details consisted of W. M. Davis, George Shepherd and Ralph Coan.

BANKERS MEET TODAY

Amendments to Present Code to Be Discussed.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 12.—(Special.)—Proposed amendments to the present banking code in this state will be discussed at a meeting in Portland today, Sept. 13, at 10 A. M. at the headquarters of the state bankers' association, a margin of 12,871 over William R. Pattangall, democrat, ex-attorney-general. The vote of these 531 precincts out of 535 in the state for senator was: Hale (republican), 99,183; Curtis (democrat), 72,791.

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PEOPLE WILL BE HEARD

Tax Investigators Have Arranged for Public Meeting.

Before completing its work and making its final report, the tax investigation committee will give Portland people an opportunity to be heard. A public meeting has been arranged for next Monday in the green room at the Chamber of Commerce, when the subject of taxation will be open for discussion. The session will begin at 10 A. M. and may continue through the afternoon or over two days, as circumstances determine.

The subjects of corporation tax, income tax and the taxation of money notes and checks will be considered at the hearing. An invitation is extended to bankers and citizens generally.

The investigators now are occupied with the preparation of their report and before it is submitted they desire to give people of this county a chance to be heard on any phase of taxation that may appeal to them.

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