

ROAD OPERATION C. R. GRAY'S FORTE

John F. Stevens' Successor Established Reputation by Bringing Results.

RISE FROM RANKS STEADY

Evidence of Special Genius Shown in Stimulating Farmers of Mis- souri to Better Methods of Raising Corn.

**CONDENSED BIOGRAPHY OF
CARL RAYMOND GRAY.**

Born September 28, 1867, at Princeton, Ark.

Educated preparatory department, University of Arkansas.

Entered railroad service March 20, 1883, as messenger boy with St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad Company at Fayetteville, Ark.

Subsequent career, with dates:

Messenger, operator and agent, March 20, 1883, to March 23, 1890.

Chief clerk, general Western agent, March 23, 1890, to April 15, 1897.

Commercial agent, April 15, 1897, to June 30, 1899.

District freight agent, July 1, 1900, to March 26, 1906.

Division freight agent, March 27, 1906, to October 17, 1907.

Division superintendent, October 17, 1907, to October 15, 1908.

Superintendent, October 15, 1908, to April 7, 1904.

General manager, April 8, 1904, to November 5, 1904.

Second vice-president and general manager, November 5, 1904, to August 1, 1906.

Second vice-president, August 1, 1906, to December 15, 1908.

Vice-president in charge of operations, December 15, 1908, to December 1, 1909.

Senior vice-president, December 2, 1909, to May 1, 1911.

(All service with St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad).

From the bottom of the railroad ladder to the top in 28 years has been the noteworthy career of Carl R. Gray, who on May 1 succeeds John F. Stevens as head of the North Bank and the Hill railways in Oregon.

Mr. Gray entered the service of the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad, known as the Frisco system, March 20, 1883, as messenger boy, and never has been in the employ of any other road.

Gray was a strapping in his home town of Fayetteville, Ark., when he secured his first job as a messenger boy, an undertaking which his father, who was a member of the faculty of the University of Arkansas, is said to have disapproved. A year later found him acting as telegrapher in connection with construction work of the road from Monett to Fort Smith. Shortly after that he became a full-fledged telegraph operator at Pittsburg, Mo., where he presently made agent at Glazard, was advanced to Oswego, and from that point was promoted to the position of chief clerk to F. D. Russell, general Western agent, with headquarters at Wichita.

Commercial Agent at 19.

When Mr. Russell went to St. Louis as general freight agent, Gray was made commercial agent at Wichita, having by that time arrived at the ripe age of 19 years.

In the early '90s the Santa Fe absorbed the Frisco, and this merger took Gray to Carthage, Mo., as division freight agent of the Santa Fe-Frisco line. When, in March, 1898, the merger was dissolved, Gray remained with the Frisco, being made division freight agent at Wichita. He was transferred a year later from the traffic to the operating department, assuming the division superintendency at Neodesha.

He was advanced subsequently to superintendent of transportation with headquarters at St. Louis, then to general manager, second vice-president and finally senior vice-president, which position he relinquished when he accepted the acceptance of Mr. Hill's offer to come to Portland.

Operation His Forte.

As an operating man he is regarded as without a peer in the West. President Ripley, of the Santa Fe, it is said, is the only man who contests first place with him.

A remarkable incident of his genius is evidenced in the fact that his employer is still in charge of the station at Fayetteville, where he has remained during the successive strides of the office boy who later became dictator of his duties. The old station building which he swept out as a youth, and whose windows he washed, still stands beside the track, although a new structure now serves the railroad and the people.

During his incumbency of the office of senior vice-president, Mr. Gray was successful in abolishing the railroad lobbyist from the halls of the Missouri Legislature, and he has provided against his return by having passed a law making this practice a criminal offense. Now each railroad is represented at the state capital by a legitimate agent, who meets with the legislative committee having railroad questions before them. The sessions are held openly and the questions at issue are discussed in a business-like way.

Making of Farmers Successful.

So they decided to offer prizes, and every year they gave \$100 in every county to be held in the shape of a college scholarship to boys only. The boys contesting for this scholarship, which was obtainable at the Missouri Agricultural College, had to farm a patch of corn land. The result was that hundreds of boys, and afterwards girls, began raising corn scientifically, and in one in each county, were annually selected to go to the agricultural school to learn farming according to proper and modern ideas. Since Mr. Gray is about to leave

Missouri, that state is looking for someone to succeed him in this beneficial practice.

In St. Louis, where he has lived for the last 19 years or more, he is prominent in many circles. He is president of the Traffic Club and a member of other organizations of high standing in that city.

ST. LOUIS SAYS FAREWELL

Testimonial to Mr. Gray Takes Form of Big Banquet.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 22.—(Special.)—Carl Raymond Gray, retiring senior vice-president of the St. Louis & San Francisco, who leaves St. Louis Monday for Portland, was the Traffic Club's guest of honor at a testimonial banquet last night in the Hotel Jefferson.

Nearly 300 shippers and railroad men were there. Governor Hadley and B. P. Yoakum, chairman of the executive committee of the Frisco system, tendered their respects by communication, while the sentiments of the commercial and traffic interests of St. Louis were expressed by George I. Tansey, president of the St. Louis Transfer Company, who officiated as toastmaster; Dr. W. J. Williamson, pastor of the Third Baptist Church, to which Mr. Gray belongs; Mayor Kreismann, J. E. Barrol, vice-

MUSIC TO BE THEME

Teachers' Convention to Meet in Festival Week.

FOUR STATES ARE COMING

Monday Musical Club and Commercial Club Convention Bureau Plan for Entertainment of Delegates.

Music circles of Portland and business men are already taking active interest in the third annual convention of the Northwest Music Teachers' Asso-

NEW PRESIDENT OF HILL LINES IN OREGON, WHO BEGAN CAREER AS MESSENGER BOY.



CARL R. GRAY.

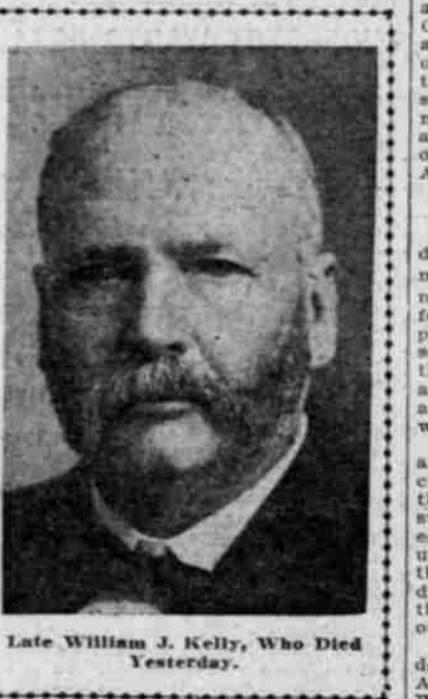
president of the Business Men's League; Charles W. Knapp, editor of the Republic; P. M. Belleville, of the Pittsburg Traffic Club; George S. Johns, of the Post-Dispatch; J. W. Garneau, president of the Merchants Exchange; William Marion Reedy, editor of the Mirror; George W. Simmons, first vice-president of the Traffic Club and vice-president of the Simmons Hardware Company, and B. L. Winchell, president of the St. Louis & San Francisco.

WILLIAM J. KELLY DIES

Pioneer Grocer and Contractor Succumbs, After Week's Illness.

William J. Kelly, one of the early business men of Portland, died at his home, 1825 Corbett street, at noon yesterday, aged 68. He became ill about a week ago, death being due to a complication of diseases.

Mr. Kelly was a native of Rhode Island. When 15 years old he accompanied his family to Oregon, arriving at Salem in the early '60s. He came to Portland in 1879 and engaged in the grocery business with M. J. Murphy. He became affiliated later with the contracting firm of Ham & Nickum and



Late William J. Kelly, Who Died Yesterday.

the firm was reorganized in 1883 under the name of Nickum & Kelly. He was actively associated with the firm until a year ago, when he was compelled to give up business on account of ill health.

Mr. Kelly was identified prominently with the early history of Portland, having served as a member of the Volunteer Fire Department, was City Assessor before the office was merged with the County Assessor's office, and was appraiser in the United States Customs Office during the administration of the late ex-President Cleveland.

Dallas President Hurt by Fall.

DALLAS, Or., April 22.—(Special.)—John Hayes, an old-time resident, was seriously injured by falling between the railroad platforms and a car of alabwood today and internal complications are feared. He is 30 years old.

ciation, to be held in Portland June 7, 8 and 9. Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana constitute the territory of the organization and the leading musicians of the four states will be present and represented on the programme.

The association comes to Portland on invitation of the Monday Musical Club, which will extend under the leadership of its president, Mrs. H. A. Heppner, the city's hospitality, assisted in the work of preparation by the Convention Bureau of the Portland Commercial Club. With the talent of the city's musicians and the genius of the Commercial Club co-operating, it is expected that this musical event will add not a little to the brilliancy and gaiety of Rose Festival week.

Sessions to Be Educational.

Doing honor to the occasion, H. J. Eilers has extended the courtesy of his new Recital Hall for the sessions of the convention. Morning sessions will be devoted to educational conferences, including vocal, instrumental and public school music and theory. Papers will be presented by musical authorities, to be followed by discussions. Afternoon sessions will be varied with recitals. Business will be suspended in the evenings and the time given to social events and concerts.

A special feature of interest will be a manuscript concert on "American Composers' Night," when all of the artists taking part will be musicians of the Northwest and the music will be the product of Northwest composers solely. Composers who will contribute manuscripts are asked to communicate as early as possible with the chairman of the programme committee, Mrs. Alice Brown Marshall, 551 Ladd avenue.

Banquet to Be Given.

A banquet at which toasts and addresses will be given by prominent musicians will be held the opening night. The programmes for the two following evenings have not been completed, but an effort is being made to secure the most distinguished talents of the Northwest. Mrs. Rose Hanson and Mrs. Rose Bloch-Bauer will be among the soloists, and J. H. Boyer will give one evening of choral work.

ADDITIONAL BOXES SOLD

Addition of \$250 Is Made to Kirmess Charity Fund.

Through the sale of two additional boxes yesterday afternoon the total receipts from Friday's auction of boxes for the four-performance Charity Kirmess were run up to within \$70 of the \$2500 mark. Voluntary offers were made to Thomas Scott Brooke by Mrs. Amanda Kerr and Alexander H. Kerr, to purchase boxes at \$125 each, the purchasers to take their choice from the seven upper boxes remaining to be sold. Mrs. Kerr chose box H and Alexander Kerr selected box S, each giving the financial director of the Kirmess a check for \$125.

SILK SALESMAN ARRESTED

Solicitor for Department Store Accused of Taking Bolts of Silk.

Thefts of silk, valued at about \$800, are charged against J. C. Mayer, a solicitor for Olds, Weytman & King, who was arrested yesterday in his room at Fifth and Washington streets, by Detectives Day and Hyde. It is alleged that the cloth was surreptitiously taken from the department store at intervals for many weeks back.

EXPOSED PIER IS MENACE

Motor-Boat Club Asks Government to Remove Obstruction.

Efforts are being made by officers of the Portland Motor-Boat Club to have the Government remove an exposed pier which was used for the old Morrison-street bridge. The subject has been placed in the hands of United States Attorney McCourt for investigation.

PYTHIANS WILL GATHER

KNIGHTS' DISTRICT CONVENTION CONVENES TUESDAY.

Prominent Officials of Order Are to Be Present at Installation of Cosmopolitan Lodge.

The district convention of the Knights of Pythias will be held Tuesday in the Castle Hall of Ivanhoe Lodge, Knights of Pythias, Eleventh and Alder streets. Grand Chancellor Yoran, of Eugene, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Stinson, of Salem, and many prominent Knights from all over the state will be in attendance.

Grand Chancellor Yoran's official term has been signaled by a most gratifying growth throughout the state and a feature of his present visit will be the installation of a new lodge of the order in this city, to be known as Cosmopolitan Lodge, No. 109.

Cosmopolitan Lodge is unique, in that its membership comes from affiliation of Knights from every state in Union, the Hawaiian Islands, Bermuda and Canada. A great many newcomers within the last few years came from states where Pythianism is very strong and they have banded themselves together as a cosmopolitan lodge. The degree teams of Calantha Lodge will confer the first and second ranks upon the new lodge's members next Monday night at its Castle Hall, 129 1/2 Russell street, while the third rank will be conferred Tuesday evening at the Castle Hall of Ivanhoe Lodge by the degree team of that lodge.

Captain Louis C. Otto is the chancellor commander and H. M. Kimball is the keeper of records and seal.

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Bristol to Address Rotary Club.

"Good Roads" will be discussed by William C. Bristol before the Rotary Club Tuesday noon. In taking up this subject it is assumed that Mr. Bristol will refer to the statements made before the club at a recent meeting as to the vetoing by Governor West of measures passed by the State Legislature. W. L. Campbell, manager of the Pacific Railways Advertising Company, will act as chairman of the day.

Taft May Visit Puget Sound.

Seattle's publicity bureau is authority for the statement that President Taft will attend the Northwest Development Congress, which will be held in Seattle September 5 to 9. The Northwest Development Congress is a federation of the principal commercial bodies of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming and Alaska. It is

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said that the President will attend if Congress does not continue in session too long. Seattle delegates to the Western Development League conven-

tion May 4 and 5, in Helena, Mont., will advocate the union of interests of this league and the land show to be held in St. Paul in December.

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