

RAILWAY ADVISES DELAY IN ACTION

Harriman Lines Not Ready to Make East Side Transportation Changes.

OFFICIAL REPLIES TO CLUB

D. W. Campbell in Letter Says That Plans of Public Dock Commission Should Be Awaited Before Going Ahead.

Postponement of action relative to creating common user provisions and development of railway freight facilities on the East Side, as urged by the East Side Business Men's Club, is requested by D. W. Campbell, general superintendent of the Southern Pacific Company, in a letter to Dan Kellaher, president of the East Side organization. Mr. Campbell's letter, dated February 25, is in reply to one written by Mr. Kellaher in behalf of the club.

After referring to the movement to provide a city belt line in connection with the public docks and the necessity for a common user provision on East First and other streets, Mr. Kellaher in his letter said:

"We propose to help you to a valuable 25-year franchise, complying with the present charter provision, in place of the valueless permit which you now hold, and as we prefer your consent to be made at this time to consent to these amendments or a new franchise on this street with a common user. The freight depot and the trucking driveways you have already graciously announced you will build speedily, for which, when completed, the shipping public on the East Side will be truly grateful. The public demands these common users and would it not be a gracious thing on your part to grant them the same as your company and its allied lines have already done on other franchises within the city?"

"We propose to assist in granting you a good franchise, which will not in our judgment, owing to the city's rapidly increasing growth, materially injure, but, on the contrary, will greatly enhance your rights and standing with the shipping public, whose good will you surely solicit."

Superintendent Campbell says in his answer to Mr. Kellaher that he is aware that it was only recently that the segregation of the Southern Pacific Company's lines in Oregon from the O. W. R. & N. Company was made, and that it was only in November, 1911, that it entered into the operation and management of the Southern Pacific Company's lines in this end. He will realize that the fact that there has been, necessarily, a great many matters to be passed upon, many of them of equal importance with those which are being passed upon by the East Side Business Men's Club.

"There are so many matters pending now in regard to the improvement, readjustment, and problems of operation, each one of them more or less dependent upon the others, that I am not prepared to say what changes in facilities the Southern Pacific Company can or will make on the East Side district, for the very good reason that I do not myself know, nor does the company know, whether or not the many plans now under consideration will be feasible and practicable, or just how they will work out. As I have previously stated, I can assure you that the East Side freight depot and the necessary tracks and other facilities necessary for the convenient use of the line will be passed speedily to completion."

"As I understand the situation, the Public Docks Commission is gradually formulating certain plans which it will recommend, and I assume that the result of the investigation by the Dock Commission will have, in greater or less degree, some influence on the transportation companies operating in the city, and it occurs to me that the other matters mentioned in your letter are matters which should await the findings of the Public Docks Commission, and should await the result of the careful consideration which the Southern Pacific Company is now giving to plans involving its freight and other facilities within the city of Portland."

"I can assure you that the company which I represent desires to do all it can consistently with good business principles to assist the members of your club to develop the district which they represent, and I request that you allow these matters to wait until we have had time to consider fully the same, inasmuch as such delay cannot work any new or serious hardship on any one."

Fill To Be Started.

The Southern Pacific Railroad Company is preparing to start on the big job of filling in the vacant block north from East Oak street between East Second and East First streets preparatory to the erection of the freight depot cost \$150,000 on East Second and East Oak streets. These fills will provide switching ground as well as team tracks. The blocks at present are filled with mud, and it is necessary that the fills have been completed construction will start on the freight depot, so that by mid-summer the East Side will have freight depot and freight facilities, which will make it possible to handle much of the freight for the latter part of the year.

ELKS HUNTING QUARTERS

Chicago Delegation of 300 Would Be Housed in Body.

Sam Hutchinson, special passenger representative of the Chicago Northwestern Railway, was in Portland yesterday to arrange for the accommodation of the Chicago lodge of Elks here during the National reunion of Elks July 3 to 12.

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Rose City Park people are filled to the brim and running over with indignation over the delays in granting a franchise to the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company on Sandy boulevard, so it can connect with the city belt line.



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street double tracks and the pavement of the street, he started. In order to give the sentiment of the people a mass meeting has been called for the evening of March 12 in St. Rose Hall, on Alameda avenue and East Fifty-fifth street, to be held under the auspices of the Rose City Park Improvement League.

While the contract for the paving of Sandy boulevard has been awarded, yet nothing can be done until double tracks have been laid and the sewer put down. Many are fearful that the improvement cannot be made this year. Chairman T. T. Geer, authorized by the league, yesterday appointed the following committee of 100 to assist in the mass meeting:

J. H. Adams, W. J. Allen, R. F. Allshaw, H. J. Blasing, L. R. Butler, J. J. Rader, W. A. Burdick, Floyd J. Campbell, L. E. Carter, A. L. Clark, James McCall, W. C. Coffey, E. L. Curran, E. J. Clark, A. M. Cannon, H. T. Davidson, W. J. Dunlap, A. C. Schbert, W. O. Feenoughy, C. E. Fisher, H. A. Fredrick, Joseph C. Gibson, Emil Klutsch, H. Gordon, R. L. Gillespie, W. L. Glass, William L. Graham, Charles B. Hadley, Francis M. Harty, L. Hazen, W. H. Hickman, Frank E. Hilton, D. S. Hubbell, R. T. Hughes, F. H. Humphrey, D. J. Hubbell, Dr. L. W. Hyde, A. H. Harris, A. O. Hall, J. W. Hise, J. F. Jordan, F. H. Jones, A. G. Johnson, George P. Knowles, J. P. Kelleher, C. W. Kirkbride, Dr. W. R. Laidlaw, C. E. Leak, Charles Lightfoot, Joseph Mangum, C. N. Mentzer, A. H. Metcalf, W. C. Mitchell, E. L. Moreland, J. Bryson Moore, F. D. Morrison, C. W. Michael, W. F. McKinney, W. H. Ney, Charles Noonan, Charles A. Patterson, R. H. Perkins, F. L. Purser, H. E. Radcliffe, G. B. Raymond, I. H. Rhodes, A. C. Roberts, O. H. Runice, D. J. Russell, David H. Ryan, S. V. Hamon, J. M. Rodgers, L. Saunders, Frank Schlegel, W. D. Scott, Boudinot Seeler, Robert Stanton, C. O. Stone, George E. Stewart, Otto Salaman, E. F. Stevens, E. A. Schoene, E. H. Thompson, C. G. Thayer, E. B. Thorne, J. W. Traversa, S. D. Vincent, W. S. Weeks, M. E. Wood, W. M. Whitfield, J. L. Weaver, T. Welch, F. H. Whitfield, J. W. Westbrook, J. G. Shann.

HUYLER'S CANDIES

Fresh in one and two-pound boxes. Frank Nau, prescription druggist, corner Sixth and Alder, Selling building.

PORTLAND YOUNGSTER CELEBRATES FOURTH BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY.



Master Ramon Keefer entertained 14 of his young friends recently at the home of his parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Keefer, 1214 East Sixth street, North, in honor of his fourth birthday anniversary. Refreshments were served. Those present were: Virginia Bailey, Dorothy Burdard, Elizabeth Burgard, Virginia Richards, Katherine Faber, Margaret Reider, Esther Leach, Mary Bracher, Ronald Wood, Scott Hill, Billy Robinson and Jimmy Stott.

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Through the discovery that D. A. Hatfield, a convicted real estate swindler, who formerly operated here, has been carrying on the same business from behind the bars of the King County, Washington, jail, and the alleged fact that some of the certificates were made in Portland, new impetus has been given the desultory investigation which has been going on for more than a year in an effort to get at the bottom of a tangled skein of fraudulent transactions involving a score or more of criminals and more or less innocent dupes.

Steps are being taken now to trace the course of the swindler here. Attorneys, stenographers, real estate men and others are implicated, inferentially, in the work of preparing the false deeds, of which many have come to light in the hands of innocent persons. About a year ago prosecutions were commenced, but failed to reach the arch criminals and were dropped without convictions being obtained.

System is Elaborate. The method of the conspirators is to prepare a forged deed to a piece of property in some distant place, which is then passed from hand to hand among those in the plot, each adding a forged deed, until the deed goes a forged abstract, duly certified by a non-existent title company.

This at length is traced to a victim for real estate deals, because the deal is likely to be viewed with less suspicion when actual cash is not involved. Because of this fact, little financial harm was done by the swindlers here, as it was possible in nearly every case to revoke the trade when the fraud was discovered.

First discovery of the system was made in March, 1911, when two East Side grocers complained to the District Attorney that they had traded their stock to swindlers for a piece of timber land in Southern Oregon, which they found later was owned by a woman in Kansas.

They accused J. P. Roth and George Sanborn, real estate men. Roth escaped and has not been found. Sanborn is a partner of Hatfield and from this time appeared in the swindles that have come to light. The victims, J. A. Cobb and F. C. Dillingham, received an abstract purporting to have been drawn by James H. Hare, of Grants Pass.

Wider scope was given the investigation in May, 1911, when, by a chance, it was discovered at the Courthouse that two deeds had been offered for record for one piece of property. Charles F. Girard, a restaurant-keeper, said he had traded a ring worth \$1500 for the second deed, which was fraudulent. Harry Viersek, a real estate dealer, was found to be involved in the deal, which was made through the office of D. R. Nelson, 115 1/2 First street. In the following days, either Viersek, Amador, or the office at that number was involved, directly or indirectly.

Hearing of this exposure, Ray F. Smith, a jeweler of Eugene, reported to the authorities that he had traded with the same parties, exchanging his ring in Eugene for California property, which he found out was in the heart of a cemetery. He accused Joseph C. Gibson, secretary of the Tri-County Protective Association, who was one of those transferring the property, but prosecution was not pressed against him, it appearing that he was simply to give an appearance of activity to the trading in the property.

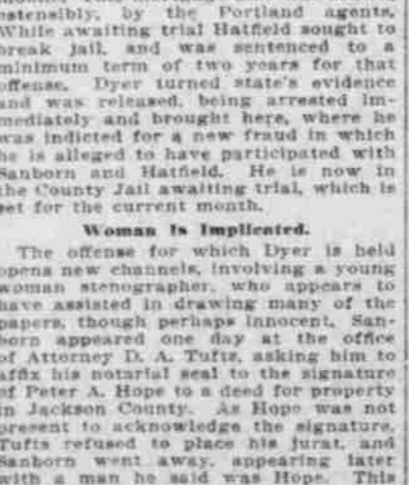
Charles S. Elton, bicycle dealer, was arrested for having given a deed to the same property, but succeeded in convincing the court that he had traded for it in good faith. Search was made for John C. Nelson, who appeared at the granting party, but he was not found, and is now believed to be identical either with Sanborn or Hatfield.

Hatfield Makes Escape. Hatfield escaped from this jurisdiction at the eve of the exposure, and first definite information of his connection with them came from Seattle last August, after he had been arrested there for similar offenses. At that time, Hatfield operated at Seattle under the name of M. G. Garman, and it was through a letter addressed to him in that name, in care of a Portland attorney, and forwarded to the Seattle jail, that the authorities got trace of his Portland record. The letter contained a suspicious looking deed looking like the Portland attorney, whose innocent or knowing connection with the frauds the prosecution here has not been able to fathom.

Hatfield, Sanborn and Dyer were arrested at Seattle for an attempt to swindle an automobile firm by seeking to trade a forged mortgage for an automobile. This mortgage was drawn ostensibly by the Portland agents. While awaiting trial Hatfield sought to break jail, and was sentenced to a minimum term of two years for that offense. Dyer turned state's evidence and was released, being arrested immediately and brought here, where he was indicted for a new fraud in which he is alleged to have participated with Sanborn and Hatfield. He is now in the County Jail awaiting trial, which is set for the current month.

Woman is Implicated. The offense for which Dyer is held opens new channels, involving a young woman stenographer, who appears to have assisted in drawing many of the papers, though perhaps innocent. Sanborn appeared one day at the office of Attorney D. A. Tufts, asking him to affix his notarial seal to the signature of Peter A. Hope to a deed for property in Jackson County. At that time he presented to acknowledge the signature. Tufts refused to place his jurat, and Sanborn went away, appearing later with a man he said was Hope. This man has been identified as Dyer.

RESIDENT OF OREGON SINCE 1871 DIES AT HOME NEAR OREGON CITY.



Mrs. Elizabeth Eberz. The funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Eberz, who died Friday, February 23, at her home near Oregon City, was held Tuesday, February 27, from Pearson's chapel. The services were conducted by Rev. B. J. Thurman. Burial was at the Rose City Cemetery. Mrs. Eberz was born in Sweden, June 7, 1832, and came to America in 1863, settling in Minnesota. She was married to Andrew Eberz in 1862. She is survived by her husband, a son, C. J. Eberz, and Mrs. Dan Schulhelm, of Portland. Mrs. Eberz had lived in Oregon since 1871.

Piano Buyers Attention!

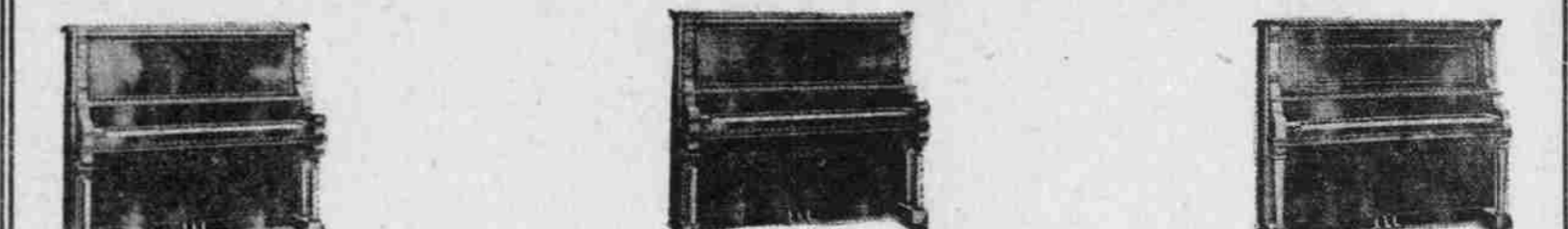
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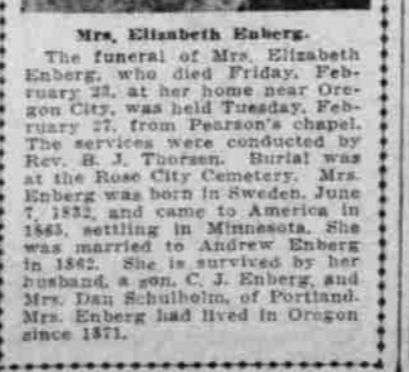
ADE, IDAHO, INDORSES TAFT

Humorist's Cousin Says One-Man Idea Spells Decadence.

George W. Ade, a banker of Sand Point, Idaho, first cousin of the humorist, said at the Imperial: "Cousin George, who is one of the finest fellows that ever lived, has been so much in the limelight that it is hardly right for any other member of the family to break into print. Personally I am a Republican and my business instincts tell me that it is best for the country to continue Taft in office for another term and by that time we will find some one capable and competent to take up his work."

"If this country ever reaches the condition that there is only one man in it capable of being President we will have reached a state of decadence that will need going back to the first principles of our government and starting over again. Tell me what Senator Borah wants and I can tell whom the Republican delegation of Idaho to the National convention will vote for."

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