

SET RATES

For Railroads Is Quite Impossible.

SAYS JAMES J. HILL

Details and News of the Big Fight in Washington--The Lobby Must Go.

(By a Staff Correspondent.) SEATTLE, Aug. 21.—In these columns recently was made the assertion that it is not a railway commission against which the railway presidents fight so vigorously, but an iron-clad law fixing rates that cannot be changed to suit exigencies.

What Jim Hill means was that he did not want a system of legislation that provided a set rate for the carrying of wheat, a rate fixed absolutely as to its minimum by statute that could not be altered excepting when the Legislature met.

SOME INDOREMENT. Advocates of the legislation proposed for this state are obtaining comfort from the following from the Minneapolis Journal, published in a state which has solved the problem of state control of internal railroad affairs:

"Prior to the creation of the Railway and Warehouse Commission in this state in 1897 the railways were the masters. Since then the people have been the masters. Important rate reductions strongly opposed by the railway companies have been brought about in several instances, and the railways have been compelled through legislative enactments and the orders of the commission to make innumerable changes in their equipment and method of operation for the benefit of the public.

"Some of these changes might have been voluntarily granted, but judging from the great trouble the commission has had, with all the power of the state back of it, to effect some of them, it is safe to say that the people would have freely received little more than the rigid application of the rule of 'all the traffic will bear' would have permitted them.

"The railway laws of Minnesota, precedents created by the acts of the commission and judicial support of the laws and the commission have now made the Minnesota Railway Commission, as the agent of the people and the state, supreme over railway managers. It can and does regulate rates and enforce convenient and efficient service, subject only to the judicial determination of the reasonableness of its acts.

"The voluntary reductions of grain rates by Northwestern railroads is a striking and profitable illustration of the change that is coming over railway managements. They have at last learned that it does not pay to 'buck' the people and state governments. The railway managements are at last coming to take the view of their business that the people, the legislatures and the courts have now taken for some years—namely, that the roads have no right to charge more than will yield a fair rate of profit on fair capitalization of their properties. It saves annoying litigation and it saves time and prevents a dangerous public irritability for the railways to reduce rates from time to time in accordance with the rule, as traffic grows."

THE LOBBY MUST GO. One thing Governor McBride will insist upon to the end, that the railroad lobbies that have cursed the Legislature shall go. There will be no letting up on this proposition.

POPS GATHER

The Straight-Out Wharton Barker Variety and Against Fusion.

(Journal Special Service.) TOPEKA, Kan., Aug. 21.—In response to the call issued last month a mass convention of Populists is in session here today to name a state ticket and adopt resolutions. The convention represents the straight-out Populists that nominated Wharton Barker, of Philadelphia, for the presidency two years ago, and is opposed to the regular Populist party which met in convention a short time since and agreed upon a fusion state ticket.

AN OLD, OLD DODGE

Men Arrested on Complaint of the U. P. for Delaying Mails.

(Journal Special Service.) DENVER, Aug. 21.—Thomas Devitte appeared before a United States commissioner today to answer to the charge of conspiracy to delay the United States mail. Devitte is a machinist and secretary of the local union of that craft, which is now on strike against the Union Pacific railroad. It is charged that Alex. Allison and James C. Wood got aboard the engine of a passenger train on the Union Pacific at Deer Trail two weeks ago and disarranged the machinery in such a manner as to cause the engine to break down. The two men were arrested on complaint of an agent of the railroad and were charged with delaying the mail. Later a complaint on the same charge was sworn out against Secretary Devitte. The charge is similar to that brought against Debs and his fellow officers of the American Railway Union during the big strike of 1894 and the result of the hearing is awaited with much interest in organized labor circles.

THE WHITE VEIL

Twenty-Five Postulants Receive It at Philadelphia Today.

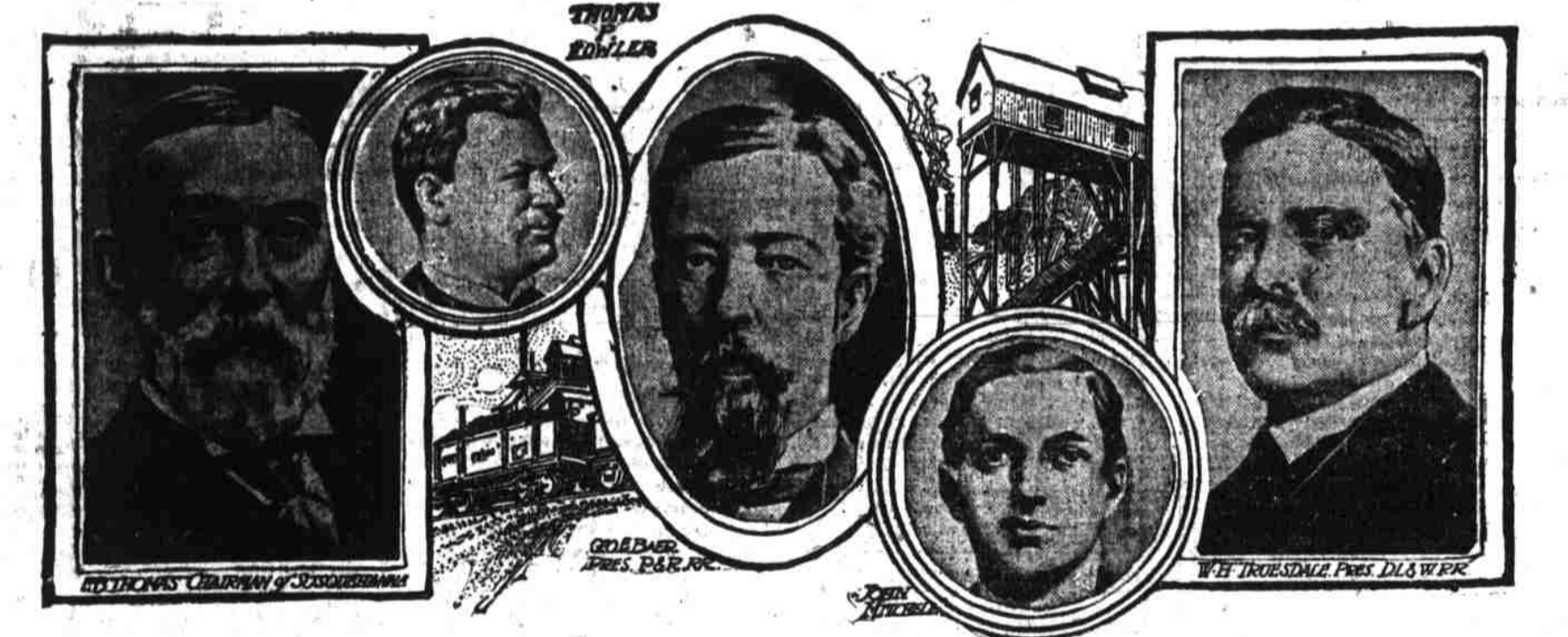
(Journal Special Service.) PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Aug. 21.—Twenty-five postulants, including several young women of wealth and social prominence, today received the white veil of the Sisterhood of the Third Order of St. Francis at the Convent of Our Lady of the Angels at Glen Riddle. Archbishop Ryan officiated at the ceremonies and was assisted by several prominent priests. Tomorrow there is to be another interesting ceremony at the convent when nine sisters will celebrate the silver jubilee of their entrance into the order. The Sisterhood of the Third Order of St. Francis was first established in this country in 1855, since which time it has spread rapidly until there are now five motherhoods located in different parts of the country.

PRESIDENT STARTS

The Long Talked of New England Trip Is Begun Today.

(Journal Special Service.) OYSTER BAY, L. I., Aug. 21.—President Roosevelt was visited by a number of his neighbors today who called to pay their respects before he departs for his trip through New England. Final preparations for the trip have been made and

PRINCIPALS IN THE BIG PENNSYLVANIA STRUGGLE, WHO ARE THE CAUSE OF THE COAL FAMINE.



The coal situation is becoming desperate. All over the land the consumer is being made the victim of the industrial struggle between the Pennsylvania coal operators and their striking min workers. The latest piece of cheering information from Pennsylvania is to the effect that by the middle of September the supply of anthracite coal in the hands of railroads and dealers will be exhausted.

according to schedule he will leave tomorrow for Boston, stopping en route at New Haven. The party will include Secretary Cortelyou and other members of the President's official family.

VETERANS MEET.

New Jersey Corps Will Elect John F. Hilton Commander.

HACKENSACK, N. J., Aug. 21.—The annual assembly of the New Jersey corps of Spanish War Veterans opened here today with a good attendance. Delegates will be chosen to represent the corps at the meeting of the national organization at Detroit next month and state officers for the ensuing year also will be chosen. Indications point to the selection of Captain John T. Hilton, of Paterson, as state commander.

Reduced Rates to Newport.

Commencing June 15, the Southern Pacific Company will sell round trip tickets, Portland to Newport and return, good via either East or West Side divisions, in connection with the Corvallis & Eastern Railroad. Three-day Sunday excursion tickets, good going Saturday, returning Monday, \$4.50. Season tickets, good returning until October 15. Baggage checked through to Newport.

TITLED LADIES STRIVE.



LADY DE GREY.

There is a four cornered squabble ensuing in British court circles and high society eagerly awaits the finale. The Countess De Grey, a great favorite of Queen Alexandra, accuses Mrs. Keppel, a famous beauty, of striving to exalt herself above everybody else at court by means of the powerful influences her uncle, Lord Farquhar, is said to exert over the King. The real cause of the trouble, however, is said to have a more substantial basis. Farquhar and Earl Pembroke are at odds. Pembroke is Lady De Grey's brother. Both stand high at court. Each has sworn that the other must go. The women are working in the interest of the men.

THE BIG SHOW IS COMING

The event of the season is close upon us—Buffalo Bill is within hailing distance and will arrive with his Wild West on August 26, 1902.

There are not, in any other organization for popular entertainment so many hundreds of male performers and horses as appear in the arena of this Wild West and not in many mere "shows," however pretentious they may be, are there such a number of men engaged in re-enacting for the public, thrilling incidents of real life in which they themselves have been

RAILROADS MERGED

To Be Known as Philadelphia, Baltimore & Washington.

(Journal Special Service.) BALTIMORE, Md., Aug. 21.—The stockholders of the Baltimore & Potomac Railroad Company met here today and ratified the agreement of merger and consolidation of the Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore and the Baltimore & Potomac railroad companies, the consolidation to be known as the Philadelphia, Baltimore & Washington Railroad Com-

SONS OF HERMAN

Montana Grand Lodge in Session at Great Falls.

(Journal Special Service.) GREAT FALLS, Mont., Aug. 21.—The annual meeting of the Montana grand lodge Sons of Herman, which began its sessions here today, is the most largely attended meeting in the history of the state branch of the order. The sessions are being held in Luther Hall, Grand President Louis Weigel, of Helena, presiding. The report of the grand secretary, Samuel Fischer, shows the affairs of the order to be in excellent condition. The ladies' auxiliary of the order is also in session, and the visitors are being royally entertained by the members of Blamrock lodge of this city.

"OLD SIXTY-SIXTH"

Members of Famous Indiana Regiment Meet at Orleans.

ORLEANS, Ind., Aug. 21.—The survivors of the Sixty-sixth Indiana Infantry, a noted regiment of the Civil War, are assembled here in annual reunion. Many friends and relatives of the veterans are here and a successful two-days' reunion is promised.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S ALLIANCE.

(Journal Special Service.) MONROE, Wis., Aug. 21.—The eighth annual convention of the Young Peoples Alliance of the Wisconsin Evangelical Association opened today on the camp grounds east of this city. The sessions will continue three days during which time a number of divines and evangelists of prominence will be heard.

WHITE COLLAR LINE BOATS.

Astoria, daily 7 a. m. except Sunday. The Dalles, daily 7 a. m. except Sunday. Alder street dock. Both phones. Main 261.

A HUNDRED ENGINES

Rock Island Adds to Its Power--The Third Hundred.

(Journal Special Service.) CHICAGO, Ill., Aug. 21.—The Rock Island system has arranged to add 100 new engines to its equipment. Within the last 15 months, including the new order, the Rock Island has contracted for 500 engines, some of which have already been delivered and many are almost ready for delivery. The locomotives will be distributed over the entire system, a large number to be used on the new Texas line. It is said the average cost will be about \$15,000. These locomotives, with other equipment ordered by the road within the last two years, make necessary an outlay of about \$6,000,000.

TO BE CONSUL

W. F. Doty Late Student at Princeton Goes to Society Islands.

(Journal Special Service.) SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Aug. 21.—W. F. Doty, lately a theological student at Princeton, called today to assume the duties of his new position as United States Consul in the Society Islands, a post to which he was appointed by President Roosevelt. Mr. Doty succeeds his brother, J. L. Doty, who has held the position for 12 years. He was formerly chief page of the United States Senate. He was graduated from Princeton University with honors in 1896, and entered the theological seminary, but ill health forced his retirement, and he went as a missionary and United States educational agent to Alaska. He is specializing in the study of comparative religion, and intends to continue this study in Tahiti.

JAMESTOWN'S FAIR

Three Hundred Years Old in Eighteen-Ninety-Seven.

(Journal Special Service.) NORFOLK, Va., Aug. 21.—Henry L. Schmelz, of Hampton, recently elected president of the Jamestown Exposition Company, is showing his fitness for the position by the energetic manner in which he has taken hold of the preliminaries for the enterprise. Though the exposition is not to be opened until 1907, which will be the centenary of the settlement of Jamestown, active work is to be begun without delay. At a meeting to be held in the near future the scope and character of the exposition will be definitely outlined and printed descriptive matter prepared. The company pur-

B. P. O. E.



To The Most Popular Elk IN OREGON OR WASHINGTON WHO WILL WIN?

The Order of Elks is notably a progressive one. The Portland Lodge of Elks is especially so. For every enterprise of public interest they can always be counted on to carry out their part to a successful issue. A few years ago the order here planned and carried out with great eclat a society circus. In 1900 the Portland Lodge gave Portland its first street carnival, and now the lodge is pushing on another venture of the same kind, Benevolent Protective Order of Elks is what these antlered monarchs call themselves, but which they abbreviate, after the American fashion, to B. P. O. E. Some wag once declared that these letters stand for "Best People on Earth." This isn't very far from the truth, either.

The Oregon Daily Journal believes that so progressive and popular an organization as the Elks must necessarily be made up of popular men. To settle the question as to which is the most popular member, The Journal will leave the public to decide. It has purchased a beautiful loving cup of silver which will be awarded to the Elk receiving the highest number of votes. Coupons for votes will be printed in The Journal. Fill them out and return them to this office. The contest will close September 13th. Now is the time to work for your friends.

The Most Popular Elk in Oregon or Washington is

Form for voting: Voter's Name, This Coupon not good after Aug. 23. Contest closes Sept. 13th.

- FIRST—Votes may be cast on coupons cut from The Oregon Daily Journal. SECOND—To be eligible the Elk voted for must be a member in good standing. THIRD—The Elk receiving the greatest number of votes will receive The Journal's beautiful Loving Cup, valued at \$125.00. FOURTH—Address all coupons to the Contest Editor, care of The Oregon Daily Journal. Contest closes September 13th. FIFTH—Voters may avoid cutting out coupons by prepaying subscriptions and receiving credit in the ballot as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Subscription period and number of coupons. One Month: 60 Coupons; Three Months: 180 Coupons; Six Months: 360 Coupons; Twelve Months: 720 Coupons.

Remittances from the city or country by mail should be accompanied by letter or remittance coupon stating to which candidate votes are to be credited.

The Oregon Daily Journal Remittance Coupon.

Form for remittance: The Oregon Daily Journal, Portland, Oregon: Enclosed find \$..... for The Oregon Daily Journal to be sent to Name, Address, Please cast.....votes for Name of contestant.

Votes will only be credited on paid-in-advance subscriptions or on coupons cut from The Oregon Daily Journal. This beautiful Journal's Loving Cup, now on exhibition in the windows of Feldenheimer's Jewelry Store, Cor. Third and Washington Streets. The counting of the ballots at the end of the contest will be conducted by a committee of Elks, to be named by five of the leading contestants for the cup.

THE ST. LOUIS FAIR

F. Taylor, Acting Chief of Horticulture Department Goes South.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 21.—The acting chief of the department of horticulture, Mr. Frederic W. Taylor, has returned from a trip through several of the Southern states, taken in the interest of his department. The chief reason of this trip was that Mr. Taylor might attend the meeting of the Georgia State Horticulture Society in Macon. Mr. Taylor reports that the attendance was excellent, and that the papers and discussions were as high in character as it has ever been his pleasure to hear.

RANK UNBELIEVER. "He says he doesn't believe in the Philippines." "Of course not. He's an atheist." "What has that to do with it?" "He doesn't believe in any future state." —Philadelphia Record.