

NEW CITY CHARTER TO BE PUT IN FORCE BY SPECIAL SESSION THE ONLY POSSIBLE RELIEF FROM ROTTEN BRIDGE SITUATION

Proposals That Commercial Organizations of the City Guarantee Funds for Immediate Use Meets With But Small Favor.

The Crying Need of the City Immensely Increases Sentiment in Favor of a Special Session--Harry Has a New Plan--South Portland to Be Isolated--Many Interviews From Prominent People.

SPECIAL SESSION ONLY CHANCE FOR RELIEF

The proposal that the commercial organizations of Portland guarantee the funds necessary to repair the rotten bridges of the city, is, in the opinion of many prominent citizens, impracticable. The only hope for the speedy betterment of the intolerable conditions which now prevail is in the calling of a special session of the Legislature to put in force the new charter of the City of Portland by which means alone the people can be saved from the dangers which daily threaten them from this cause.

Unless a special session of the Legislature is called, the people of Portland will have to get along with the present system of tottering, decayed, and dangerous bridges until next spring. There is no other relief in sight. The city has no money to repair them with.

street repair work, which includes the bridges. This sum is ridiculously inadequate, and merely goes to show the imperative need of the new charter. The plan of raising money by public subscription is all right, providing that enough subscriptions can be procured, but this is doubtful. The idea is that the city should later assess the abutting property for the sum expended, and then return it to the original subscribers. It sounds well enough, but the abutting property owners might protest. I don't believe the banks would care to loan any money on this security."

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W. H. MORROW, President Manufacturers' Association. "I think the best plan for us to follow to have the bridges rebuilt is for a special session of the Legislature to be called for the purpose of passing the new charter, in which shall be incorporated an article providing for the rebuilding of bridges in the City of Portland."

C. H. WISAAC, Secretary Manufacturers' Association. "It is not the business of this association to rebuild bridges; the city should do that. I know that there is no money for that purpose in the treasury, but it should be forthcoming somehow. There is one thing, though, that is that the business men should not be expected to furnish a fund for that purpose. They are called upon every five minutes during business hours to contribute money for some purpose and they are about drained all the time. I do not see why the commercial organizations should be called upon to rebuild these bridges. It is clearly the duty of the city to provide the funds to rebuild them."

MAYOR WILLIAMS. He Says "Our Hands Are Tied." "We have no money at the present time to make repairs on bridges and under the charter there is no way to borrow any for bridge or for any other purposes. The people will simply have to wait until the new charter is adopted and goes into effect. Had there been a special session of the Legislature and the proposed new charter adopted with an emergency clause, we could have borrowed the money and repaired all of them at once. As it is, the people will simply have to wait."

"The Council is powerless to act. All this talk about repairing bridges at the present time is useless. I am bored right unto death about this bridge proposition, and I wish you would make it plain in the Journal today that nothing can be done in the matter at present. The situation is deplorable and no one regrets it more than I do, but our hands are tied."

"You see the charter is very sweeping and conclusive," continued the Mayor. "If the people want the bridges repaired they will have to subscribe the money, for there is no other way. If there has been a special session--but I have said that so often."

AUDITOR DEVLIN. Wishes Every Bridge Was Closed. "I wish every bridge in the city was closed," said Auditor Devlin this morning, "and then the people would more fully appreciate how necessary is a special session of the Legislature to adopt the new charter and give it immediate effect. There is no money to speak of for bridge work and all this talk about repairing

NOT PRACTICABLE. Investigation proves that the suggestions are impracticable, the main obstacle being that no citizen could be found whose zeal for the public welfare carried him to the point where he would loan the city money without some satisfactory security.

Regarding the matter, a prominent member of the Taxpayers' League said this morning: "There is an easy way out of the difficulty and the League has already done all that it can. It can see little hope of relief, and none except that afforded by a special session."

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DAVID B. HILL'S ASPIRATIONS.



The results of the recent gubernatorial election in New York are eminently pleasing to David B. Hill. That famous Democratic leader, who is known to have an eye on the Democratic Presidential nomination of 1904, was more anxious to have his party make a good showing and thus place New York within the doubtful states than he was to see his candidate, Coles, successful.

Two Candidates from New York State Would Insure Victory Over Roosevelt Is Claimed.

NEW YORK, Nov. 7.—David B. Hill, perhaps the most prominent Democratic politician of the day, has conceded the election of O'Rourke, but considers that the Democratic gains have been remarkable in this state. A majority of less than 12,000 for the Republican candidate for governor leaves but a slight margin to overcome, and it is fully believed that New York can surely be counted in the Democratic ranks for 1904.

In the event a New York candidate should be chosen for the presidential race it is believed the state could be carried by the Democrats, more especially should a popular man as Mr. Hill be made the choice. The personal popularity of Roosevelt and the fact that he is a New Yorker might be sufficient to put the state in the Republican column in 1904 if the Democratic nominee should come from any other state. This is considered as a strong card in favor of Hill for the nomination. Two candidates from New York would leave the voters of the state unbiased to choose for themselves and to vote according to party convictions which, Democratic leaders believe, have been proven to trend in their direction.

Mr. Hill remains reticent on this subject. He is an active campaigner, while there is a campaign to be waged, but retires from the light after the ballots have been counted.

TURNER WILL FIGHT. SEATTLE, Nov. 7.—Political friends of Senator George Turner deny the claim that he will not make the race for Senator. It is declared he will go before the Legislature at its next session and make the best fight possible with the support

MURDER CHARGED.

OKLAHOMA, Nov. 7.—Another murder has been added to the long list of crimes growing out of the cattleman and homesteader war that has been going on here for years. John Jay has been arrested for murdering G. W. Lane, a homesteader, who was called to his door in the night and shot dead.

RATES TOO LOW.

CHICAGO, Nov. 7.—Before the Interstate Commerce Commission yesterday, A. C. Bird, third vice-president of the St. Paul Railroad, declared that rates were too low.

of his command. While it is realized that there is little hope for election of Senator Turner cannot be classed as a quitter, and he will do all that his supporters claimed for him when instructions were given in his favor at Democratic conventions earlier in the year. There is always a possibility that the factional fight in the Republican party in this state may so distort the vote that Turner may win out.

As the matter stands it would appear that Levi Ankeny controls the situation and will go into the convention with better than 60 votes in his train. Sixty-nine will elect, and it is claimed that many of the Preston adherents will switch after giving a complimentary vote to the man for whom they are pledged.

However, the opposition of the McBride-Preston forces will be sharp and strong. If the Preston strength went to the Democrats, who will have in the neighborhood of 20 votes, they would be in control, and if the Wilson weight of 8 or 10 were secured it would help Turner along. Combinations are always possible, but there appears to be little chance of Democratic victory.

TO RELEASE PRISONERS.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 7.—Report has been received here from the English authorities that the prisoners of war detained in Ceylon as a result of the South African War, and claiming to be American citizens, will be sent to the United States within a short time.

A GOOD EXAMPLE.

Close figurers carry their insurance in the Equitable Life in preference to any other company. Because they figure close enough to know that it pays to have the best—and none but the best.

"WHIRLWIND" JIMMY MAKES READY FOR COMING BATTLE WITH FRANK ERNE

Clever Little Boxer Who Is Also a Careful Clerk and Business Manager.

Something About the Approaching Fistic Event That Will Be One of the Biggest Ring Contests of the Year.

(Journal Special Service.) SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 7.—Jimmy Britt, the California whirlwind, is now preparing himself for his battle with Frank Erne, the ex-lightweight champion of the world, which takes place in this city before the Yosemites on the evening of November 26. Britt left today for Hollister, where he will spend a week in absolute rest. He realizes that in Erne he will meet the premier lightweight of the world, and he intends to condition himself properly for the contest. Unlike the ordinary run of fighters in the ring today Britt is daily employed as a bookkeeper in his father's big plumbing establishment. He often claims that his daily work at the BRIDGE is more than equal to a hard training.

WILL TRAIN SOME. After his short rest Britt will go to Coach's Gardens, Alameda, where he will do his training for the contest. The local lovers of boxing seem to regard the coming contest as the best event of the year. The Yosemite Club, which has been fortunate enough to secure the attraction, is making preparations to seat a large outdoor crowd and it is expected that the bout will draw people from Portland, Seattle, and all of the principal cities of the Coast.

Erne is well thought of here owing to his handy defeat of Dal Hawkins and other good men he has beaten in this city. The betting, however, will be slightly in favor of Britt, as local judges pronounce him to be by far the best lightweight that has been produced in years. He is a clean two-handed fighter who shows respect of everybody in the community because they know that he always enters a contest to win and get a splendid "go."

MAY MEET YOUNG CORBETT. While Britt, brother and manager of the local champion, has been trying hard to get on a match with Young Corbett at 130 pounds, which is a very low weight for Britt to make, as that weight is nearer Corbett's natural fighting weight than most people imagine, Willie Britt is not at all discouraged that his brother can stop Corbett in ten rounds or forfeit \$2,000. Fifteen hundred dollars of this amount was posted yesterday at Harry Corbett's sporting resort by Willie Britt to guarantee the sincerity of the offer. If Britt defeats Erne in the coming contest, Corbett will in all probability accept the offer. Corbett was recently offered a \$15,000 purse to meet Britt by the Yosemite Athletic Club, which Harry Corbett is president, and negotiations were

ended by Corbett's refusal to agree to the stipulated weight of 130 pounds. Willie Britt announced today that he would match his brother against the featherweight champion, winner to take all. If Corbett would consent to the match, "I will let Corbett make his own terms, select his own referee and let him designate how the purse shall be divided, if he will meet Jimmy at 130 pounds," said he when seen today.

McGovern says he can make 122 pounds, but everybody who knows anything about boxers knows that he can not come anywhere near making that weight. He agreed to forfeit \$5,000 the other day in Chicago if he could not make that weight, and the same day at the Gilsey House in New York his manager, Sam Harris, refused to meet Fedor Palmes, the English champion, at that weight. Jimmy boxed with McGovern and Terry knows that Jimmy will beat him if ever they get into the ring.

A MATTER OF WEIGHT. Britt is considered by many here to be the lightweight champion of the world. Joe Gans, the Baltimore boxer who holds the title, can not make less than 133 pounds while Britt can enter the ring strong at 130. He is the only lightweight in the world who can fight at 130 pounds.

AN AMENDMENT IS SUGGESTED

There has been more or less discussion respecting the advisability of amending the act passed by the last session of the Legislature to provide for the collection of all collection of taxes. The discussion thus far has been confined largely to the amount that should be allowed as rebate for the prompt payment of taxes and to the amount of penalty which should be charged for non-payment. Under the act as amended, one half of the taxes can be paid on or before the first Monday in April and one half on or before the 15th day of October. If all of the taxes are paid by any date on or before the 15th day of March, a rebate is allowed of 3 per cent, and if the taxes are not paid on or before the first Monday of October there is collected on the amount delinquent interest from the time the tax becomes due at the rate of 12 per cent per annum and in addition thereto a penalty of 10 per cent. Fortunately we are able to ascertain just how this portion of the law has operated, and it might be ascertained from an examination of the statement set out below that it is working satisfactorily and there is no occasion for an amendment of this feature at this time. The members of the Legislature and taxpayers should carefully study the following table, showing the collection of taxes this year for Multnomah County:

Table with columns for tax type, amount, and percentage. Includes rows for Sheriff's assessments, Total roll, Collected and paid to Treasurer, Rebates for payments, Errors and double assessments, Delinquent, Penalties collected, Personal roll, Sheriff's assessments, and Delinquent on personal roll.

HER STORY OF THE ALLEGED GILTING IS ONLY HALF TOLD

Miss Devereaux Claims to Have in Her Possession Letters From Her Erstwhile Admirer.

Nothing to say. This is the brief aftermath of a local story, the sequel of which will be told in the courts.

Defendant and complainant rest upon their legal rights and refuse to discuss the suit that has brought Miss Lois Eldora Devereaux and Thomas J. B. Nicholson into the public eye. It is the very best stand to take under the circumstances, nearly everybody says. Those who know Mr. Nicholson feel sure that he has a good and direct answer to make. They are sure that there must be some mistake about it all, for he is a manly man and one who stands well in the community. Devereaux, on the other hand, is determined she says that she had been promised the gentleman's hand in marriage and that the pledge was broken—hence the suit that was filed yesterday afternoon in the state circuit court for \$10,000 against Mr. Nicholson by the young lady.

Miss Devereaux and Mr. Nicholson were the best of friends and sweethearts until a widow lady from Buffalo, N. Y., appeared in Portland. The widow, who was a Mrs. Strahn, was more to Nicholson's liking than Miss Devereaux. Gradually the attention paid Miss Devereaux by Nicholson ceased and the young woman commenced to discern that all was not as it should be between herself and the gentleman. Nicholson ended by marrying Mrs. Strahn and Miss Devereaux was left in the lurch.

THE COMPLAINT IS FILED. Attorney J. H. Woodward, who represents Miss Devereaux, made the complaint brief and to the point. In full it reads:

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, County of Multnomah. Lois Eldora Devereaux, plaintiff, vs. Thomas J. B. Nicholson, defendant. Plaintiff above named, complainant of defendant Thomas J. B. Nicholson, for cause of action against said defendant alleges: That at the solicitation of said defendant, plaintiff, on or about the month of August, 1894, engaged herself to marry said defendant, and it was then and there agreed by and between said defendant and plaintiff that they would marry each other. That such engagement and agreement to marry, as aforesaid, has continued in force and effect until on or about the month of June, 1900. That on or about the date last afore-

said said defendant refused and still refuses, to carry out said agreement by marrying said plaintiff, and on or about the 14th day of June, 1902, said defendant married another woman, and has put it beyond his power to carry out and perform said agreement to marry.

That such agreement and engagement to marry, as aforesaid, was continued and held in abeyance at the request of said defendant from said year 1894 to the said year 1900.

That by reason of such agreement and engagement and the violation thereof by said defendant, as aforesaid, said plaintiff has been damaged in health, in peace of mind and in worldly prospects, in pecuniary loss of ten thousand dollars.

Wherefore plaintiff demands judgment against defendant for ten thousand dollars and for costs and disbursements herein. J. H. WOODWARD, Attorney for Plaintiff. "I think the young lady has ample evidence that the engagement between her and Mr. Nicholson existed," said the attorney. "We will go into court with letters and Miss Devereaux will also give her personal narrative of her acquaintance with and engagement to him. I am sure that we have a good case."

Miss Devereaux, who is at present employed at the office of James Lindsey, has no reply to make to questions concerning the case. She only repeats the words of her lawyer that she has proof that she was jilted, and she expects to secure judgment.