

DEFERRED UNTIL TOMORROW

Thirty-Year Franchise Still Unsettled.

Another Council Meeting Necessary Before It Can Be Settled.

Action on the proposed 30-year franchise of the City & Suburban Railway Company has been deferred until tomorrow and in the meantime the forces for and against the granting of this valuable privilege are working night and day. It is fully expected that the matter will be finally settled tomorrow and the chances now are that the term of years granted the City & Suburban will not be longer than that given to the Portland Railway Company—25 years.

Contrary to all expectations, the City & Suburban franchise, considered at Tuesday's special meeting and which was to have been brought up again yesterday at the regular meeting for final and definite action, received a most unexpected, even though it was only temporary, quietus. After disposing of the matters already adverted to by the Journal yesterday, about the middle of the afternoon the franchise matter came up for the third and final reading.

It was generally expected that there would be quite a large audience gathered to witness the final disposition of a matter of so much public importance. If those who champion the giving away of a valuable right by the city for 30 years expected to get an opportunity to grow eloquent and to make an impression upon the galleries, they were disappointed. If those who are opposed to the measure expected to have a hard fight on their hands, they need feel no disappointment now. Even the officials of the City & Suburban Railway Company who are directly interested did not appear. The third reading of the measure by City Auditor Devin had proceeded no farther than the first when Councilman Flegel shield his custer into the ring by making a motion that the ordinance be laid upon the table. Councilman Zimmerman was on the floor, and quick as a flash came his second to the motion.

FLEGEL ASKED POSTPONEMENT.

Councilman Flegel argued that inasmuch as only seven members of the Council were present and he desired a full discussion of the measure, that the matter should be put over until Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock and that another special meeting be called for final disposition of the measure. The absence of Councilmen Sharkey, Merrill and Foster, who opposed the measure from the city, and the sickness of Councilman Krummel, made considerable difference. Councilman Bentley said he was tired of being called on by the members of the business so frequently, and could see no good reason why the matter could not go over until next week, but Councilman Flegel's motion prevailed.

With the time intervening, the opponents to the ordinance may gather strength. Each side undoubtedly will marshal its forces for the struggle tomorrow afternoon. Whether even this will be final, no man can now prophesy, but the probabilities are that it will be.

SEND HOT SHOT

John D. Rockefeller Defended by Chicago Professors.

CHICAGO, Jan. 8.—Faculty members and officers of the University of Chicago have hurried back the gauntlet thrown to the University by Dr. John Bascom, ex-president of the University of Wisconsin, when in addressing the State Teachers' Association at Milwaukee, he declared Rockefeller's money was wrung from the people and is a source of corruption to the university he had founded.

"Four grapes" was the general comment of professors, while Dr. Thomas W. Goodspeed, secretary of the university, attacked Dr. Bascom's position and answered his arguments at length in an interview.

"Dr. Bascom," said Dr. Goodspeed, "has seen the handwriting on the wall. He has seen the great destiny of the University of Chicago, and the vision has given him a severe jolt. He now realizes that the institution with which he was prominently identified is not to be the greatest in the West and being chagrined he takes this way of complaining to the public."

"The assertions which he makes concerning Mr. Rockefeller's methods of acquiring his wealth are false and absurd. I know Mr. Rockefeller to be a clean business man and he has done nothing that any other business man could not have done had he had the opportunity."

"But even if, and we do not admit, Rockefeller had made his money by questionable methods and had now repented, what better use could he make of his wealth? How better could he distribute it than in furthering the cause of education? I for one could see no objection to receiving such money, but fortunately we have not this ethical point to consider. The money that founded this university was made honestly."

TACKLED THE WRONG MAN.

EUREKA, Nev., Jan. 8.—J. A. Traynor, manager of the New York & Nevada Copper Company, near Ely, White Pine County, was attacked in the company's office at Kaystone, by 32 members of the Miners' Union, who intended running him out of town.

They threw him down, but he got loose and commenced shooting, killing James Stags, Sam Johnson and J. Smith, and wounding three more of his assailants. Traynor recently cut wages from \$150 to \$5 a strike against the company has been on for several weeks. The leaders believed that if the manager was driven out the difficulty would be adjusted.

Democrats Attention.

All Democrats are invited to attend an informal smoker on Jackson Day, Thursday, January 8, at 8 p. m. in Forsyth, formerly Hibernian Hall, Sixth and Washington streets.

D. J. BEAKEY, Chairman of Committee.

DOUBTS AND OREGON'S FAIR

Fear That They Might Get Badly Mixed.

Democrats Will Meet Tonight to Honor the Memory of Jackson.

It is hinted that the Lewis and Clark Fair appropriation is to be mixed with the senatorial fight, by politicians who live in other counties; that they will issue an ultimatum to Multnomah County Senators and Representatives that in return for the \$50,000 for the Fair they must concede one of the Senators, the one to be elected at this session, to another portion of the state.

Gov. Geer was asked at the Imperial this morning by The Journal if he had heard the report. He said he might have heard it intimated, but he deprecated it strongly, and said:

"I do not hesitate to say that the Lewis and Clark appropriation should not be mixed with the contest over the senatorship, but that it should be treated as a proposition entirely separate from any matter of senatorial significance."

Gov. Geer will mention the Lewis and Clark Fair in his message, upon which he is working hard, and which will be mostly recommendations as to what he believes the state should do in the future.

"I believe there should be little legislation," said the Governor. "The State of Oregon is in good condition, and under the circumstances such as few laws as possible should be enacted."

Gov. Geer hopes that Secretary of State Dunbar's recommendation that the Secretary be not on the state boards created by legislative enactment, will not be granted. This is not because of hostility to the Secretary, but because of the efficiency of Mr. Dunbar quite as much as for any reason. Mr. Dunbar recommended in his annual report that the Secretary be kept from all boards of which he must act as an auditing officer, excepting the State Land Board, for which there is constitutional provision.

It was seen by The Journal this morning, after Gov. Geer had talked, and said that he was certain his recommendation is wise and should be followed. He argues that it is not businesslike for one man to be both purchaser and auditor of accounts of any board. Therefore, he asks for the change.

WILL REPUBLICANS CAUCUS?

Gov. Geer was asked if he thought there would be a caucus. He replied: "Of course, I do not know. However, I see no particular reason why there should be a caucus, unless it be merely to ratify the popular election of the Senator last June. The people caucused and voted on that issue in June."

Representative Judd of Marion, and Representative Hawkins of Polk, were of the group surrounding the Governor, and both seemed to endorse the Governor's view. Mr. Judd said: "What's the use of a caucus, when the matter was settled last spring? Of course, caucuses are needed for other purposes, but as to the senatorship, that was settled by the people. I was talking the other day with a member of the Legislature, who related a conversation with a Fulton man said there should be a caucus. My friend said he thought so, too, but that he was going to be careful of whom he caucused and not get mixed up with any of those who refused to caucus last time. I do not remember that the Fulton man did more than to shrug his shoulders and smile."

FULTON IN THIS COUNTY.

Intimations persist in coming to the fore that there should be a caucus in Multnomah County, and that some of the local delegation will incline to favor him. Every one approached denies it, yet it constantly comes up in discussions of the situation. It is apparent to be of kind with the intimation that the Fair appropriation will be mixed with the senatorship in some manner. Both seem to have some foundation, but to locate anything tangible is difficult.

"Don't believe that we propose any such a thing," remarked a Fulton sympathizer at the headquarters of Mr. Fulton in the Imperial Hotel today. "It's all talk. We wouldn't do such a thing. That is about all."

FRANK WILLIAMS' PLAN.

Frank Williams, of Ashland, an old political war horse, believes that out of the present senatorial contest will come a settled election of Senators by popular vote. He has a plan for the permanent and effective settlement of the issue, by ordering up public sentiment before the next state conventions, and seeing that every county in the state sends delegates pledged to abide by the verdict of the election, and that both parties place names upon their tickets nominated by the state conventions, with a proviso that each county convention pledges its nominees to stand by the election, whatever it may be.

Mr. Williams is in town today, and is circulating among the politicians according to his wont. He regards the situation as favorable to Mr. Geer, in the senatorial fight, for the reason that the sentiment throughout the state is overwhelmingly for the initiative and referendum, and the senatorial election is related closely to that issue.

"What's nearer to a referendum than that vote upon Senator?" said he. "It was quite a referendum, and what more do the people want?"

Mr. Williams has been one of the men who forced the initiative and referendum in Oregon, and views the victory complacently, as partly his own.

JACKSON SMOKER TONIGHT.

The Democrats will all meet tonight to honor the memory of Andrew Jackson. The meeting is to be in the Foresters' Hall, corner of Sixth and Washington streets, and is to be a smoker, with shooting and very short speeches. There will be a good-natured rally, with local members of the party and those who are here from outside. The meeting will begin at about 8:30 o'clock, and will be entirely informal.

ONEAP TO THE EAST.

Low Rate Announced by the Oregon Railway & Navigation Co.

The fact that the O. R. & N. has made the low rate of \$40. Portland to Kansas City and return, is certain to cause many to take advantage of it. Tickets on sale January 8, 9 and 10, good for 60 days, with stop over privileges on returning. Call up J. N. ticket office, Third and Washington, and learn particulars.



MISS EDNA FLOYD
As Estelle in the "Princess Orla" at the Marquam Grand Theatre Tonight and Tomorrow Night.

CLARK'S OPTION EXPIRES TODAY

Supposed to Have Bought Oregon Short Line.

The Deal, if Consummated, Means an Alliance with Harriman in Opposition to Gould.

(Journal Special Service.)

SALT LAKE, Jan. 8.—The option held by Senator W. A. Clark on 300 miles of the Oregon Short Line, running south from Salt Lake, expires today. Although nothing definite is known here, it is rumored that Clark has closed the deal in behalf of the San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake line, and has formed an alliance with Harriman, hostile to the Gould interests.

The Short Line officials are in the East and it is supposed that they have been dealing with Clark and Harriman. The purchase, if consummated, will involve the bonds of the road. Clark needs this portion of the Short Line to complete his communication with the Coast.

BUREAU OF INFORMATION

Organization Formed—Name Selected—Officers Elected.

The "Oregon Information Bureau of Portland" was launched last yesterday afternoon in Ladd & Tilton's Bank, with the adoption of the above name and the election of the following officers:

Chairman—C. E. Ladd.
Secretary—M. W. Killingsworth.
Treasurer—Ladd & Tilton.

All the members of the committee appointed at the meeting of the subscribers to the fund were present. They are: C. E. Ladd, W. H. Beharrell and Colonel J. C. Judson. Owing to the resignation of Mr. Clarke, on account of press of business, Thomas Honeyman, of the Honeyman Hardware Company, was elected to this vacancy.

The sum of \$16,000 is available at the present time for this bureau, and it is the idea of the committee to at once buy furniture, procure the exhibits, and commence business in its rooms in the Grand Central Station.

WAS SHOT BY HER SON-IN-LAW

Mrs. Frederick Wilson Seriously Wounded by Mistake.

Mrs. Frederick Wilson, who was accidentally wounded by the premature discharge of a pistol in the hands of Charles Wilson, her son-in-law, last night at 16 Star street, is reported as convalescing rapidly and all doubts as to her ultimate recovery seem to have been set at rest. The unfortunate occurrence took place at 12 o'clock last night, when Charles Wilson was awakened by a voice at the back door of his residence, and, taking his revolver, went to intercept the midnight marauder, as he thought, and fired at a shadow, which proved to be Mrs. Frederick Wilson.

Chief of Police McLaughlin said this morning that he had investigated the shooting and decided that it was an accident. This morning Charles Wilson was released from custody upon his own recognizance.

COMMISSIONERS ARE IN SESSION

Will Decide About Lowering of Water Mains.

As exclusively stated in yesterday's Journal, the Port of Portland Commission is now in session in its office in the Worcester Building. It is probable that the most important matter to be discussed at this meeting will be the decision of the water committee of the City of Portland that if the Port of Portland Committee wishes to lower the water mains in the Willamette River above the Madison street bridge, it can do so by raising the expense of doing so would be approximately \$25,000, providing it can secure the consent of the War Department for the lowering of the mains.

Another matter to come up will be the report of President Banfield that the new dredge Columbia has been turned over to the United States Engineers last night at 15 o'clock. Mr. Banfield will suggest that the old dredge Portland be placed in commission at once.

Attorney Flanders will report the drafting of the bill providing a series of five tax levies for the payment of the indebtedness incurred by the commission in building the dredge Columbia.

The report of the commission to the Legislature will also be read at this meeting, and after corrections will be approved and sent to the Secretary of State.

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WORKMEN TO BE GIVEN HEARING

O. R. & N. Employees Want More Wages.

Committees From Firemen, Brakemen and Conductors to Be Here on January 15.

Some time ago announcement was made exclusively in The Journal that railroad employees all over the West were, early in the year 1902, to make demands upon their respective companies, and that, unless these demands were complied with, a general strike of far-reaching character would result. This move has been in contemplation for some time and months have been spent in careful preparation. A few weeks ago the telegraphers along the line of the O. R. & N. sent representatives to this city and a conference was held with President Mohler, at which the employees presented claims that their salaries should be increased by at least 20 per cent. There was no disposition on the part of the company to accept the implied terms and the delegates departed dissatisfied.

WOULD COMPROMISE.

It is claimed that since that time the company has given out that it will do as well by its telegraphers as does any other railroad in the Northwest, but this is not considered as covering the desired ground, as O. R. & N. wages are already better than those of most other lines, and an advance that would materially aid Northern Pacific operators would not affect men working on Mr. Mohler's road.

The O. R. & N. Co. is the only road having its headquarters in this city, and in consequence all eyes have been turned toward it for the first indications of the concerted movement of railroad men for better pay. That sign has been given.

Supt. O'Brien is not in this city at the present time, being absent in the East. It is understood the brakemen, firemen and conductors would rather present their claims to him than to Mr. Mohler, and so will await his coming. January 15 has been fixed as the date for the gathering of committees here and the presentation of their claims. What these claims will be cannot be positively stated, but it is believed they will be based upon those of the telegraphers and will call for a 20 per cent. betterment of salaries.

EMPLOYEES ARE STRONG.

There is little doubt the policy of the O. R. & N. will be a conciliatory one and every effort will be made to effect a settlement. It was semi-officially announced today that a small "raise" would be agreed to by the company without opposition.

However, this may be, the brakemen, conductors and firemen feel themselves in a position to enforce their demands, and it is said without reserve that they will not accept half a loaf, when they have all the bread they want within easy reach. Backed as they are by the telegraphers, it is alleged they could tie up the line if they chose to adopt such a course.

There is a rumor that Mr. O'Brien's absence has some connection with the coming conference.

ENGINEERS NOT IN IT.

Engineers on the O. R. & N. are not acting with other employees of the operating department in demanding increased wages. Drivers on this road have long been paid in advance of any other department, and they are satisfied with their lot. But the fact that engineers will not join in the demonstration against the company is not taken to insure operation of the road in the event of trouble.

Engineers have never been disposed to take part in strikes or other labor troubles. In the great Pullman strike, that tied up so many roads and did so much damage in 1894, the engineers did not join, and a similar policy has been followed in many like instances.

Whether Western roads could be operated if other employees chose to quit and the engineers still remained at their posts is a question that is receiving much attention. If telegraphers could also be induced to continue service there is little doubt the other places could be filled, but without wires for the transmission of train orders, engineers could do nothing, and an attempt to work trains with green crews would require the most competent and rapid work in the telegraph department.

CONFERENCE JANUARY 15.

The meeting that is to be held here on January 15 will be more in the nature of a friendly conference between the working men and those who employ them than a formal presentation of demands. It is true the wants and wishes of the workmen will be drawn up and brought to the attention of Mr. O'Brien, but the matter will be open for discussion, and there will be no deadline drawn, as may be the case later, should the coming meeting fail to be productive of the results hoped for.

"We have arranged to meet the brakemen, conductors and firemen in this city on January 15," said M. J. Buckley, assistant superintendent of the O. R. & N. Co. today. "We have no foreknowledge of the exact nature of the demands, but we do know that they wish better salaries. Further than this there is nothing to be told."

TRACKS NOT CLEAR.

No information received today indicated when the main line of the Northern Pacific Railroad in the mountain country of Washington would be opened. The recent rains had caused mud slides, and although work is progressing as rapidly as possible the tracks of the O. R. & N. Co. are still being borrowed for passenger and freight trains from Puge Sound points to and from Spokane. All trains over this improvised route pass through Portland.

POLITICAL CONFERENCE.

Representative J. M. Hansbrough of Roseburg was in close consultation this morning with C. W. Fulton, in the rooms of the latter at the Hotel Imperial. To a reporter for The Journal, Mr. Hansbrough would talk of nothing political, but said he was in Portland in the interests of the fellow-servant bill which is to be introduced before the coming session of the Legislature by McGinn.

The conference between Hansbrough and Fulton lasted some time.

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GIRLS DRIVEN FROM HOME

Step-Father and Mother Want Them to Earn Own Livelihood.

Complaint was made to County Judge Webster yesterday afternoon by Blanche Newman, aged 15 years, that she and two younger sisters were driven from home by their stepfather, A. E. Nicholas. The three sisters are aged 15 and 13 years respectively. The girls, according to Blanche, were driven from their home because their mother and stepfather wanted them to "get out and earn a living."

The younger sisters have secured positions and are now working for a livelihood, and Blanche is seeking a position. It seems that the family formerly lived in Spokane, where their father died. He left the girls \$1,000 cash, which has been used since by their stepfather, E. Nicholas. He has invested some of the money, according to the story told to Judge Webster, in a grocery store at the corner of Front and Market streets. He drinks to excess and most of the money has been dissipated, say the girls. He acts so strangely that the girls have become afraid of him. They think him either crazy or morally mean.

Deputy Sheriff Matthews was sent out to the house yesterday afternoon with a warrant and found Nicholas lying in bed, and sick with what he claimed was a gripe. Miss Bowman states, however, that her father got up just as soon as the officer left the house.

Judge Webster ordered Nicholas brought into court tomorrow morning, sick or not sick. If he is crazy he will be committed to the insane asylum, and if simply mean and cruel, then it is probable that he will be put under bonds to keep the peace.

The girls' story is corroborated by several neighbors.

VETERANS INSTALL OFFICERS

The annual installation of officers of Hamilton Camp No. 202, Spanish-American War Veterans, was held at headquarters at the Alisky Building, Tuesday evening, Major Charles E. McDonnell presided, and upon investing the new officers with their powers, made a short address congratulating the camp on its excellent showing during the past year.

The Ladies Auxiliary and members from Camps Gilbert and Harrington were present and participated in the ceremonies. After the installation, a reception was held and refreshments were served. The new officers are: Commander, R. J. O'Neill; Sr. vice-commander, George P. Dutton; Jr. vice-commander, George Day; officer of the day, W. W. Harder; officer of the guard, A. P. Kerron; chaplain, W. A. Godfrey; surgeon, A. P. W. son; quartermaster, William Nehrenbacher.

HEAVIEST QUARTER CITY HAS KNOWN

License Collections of All Kinds Reach \$23,630.85.

In December, City Auditor Devin sent out 3,500 notices to individuals and firms, from whom a license fee is due, under the blanket license ordinance. The results have been surprising. "For no quarter since the ordinance became effective," said Mr. Devin this morning, "has the response been so heavy." To accommodate the public, City License Deputy Lotan's desk was moved into the City Treasurer's office. From the hour of opening until closing, over six hundred new year began, he said, and his hands were full. A constant stream of applicants of all kinds passed through the corridors, the record, up to this morning, of licenses issued of all kinds, reached the very respectable total of \$23,630.85.

LIQUOR DEALERS.

The annual meeting of the Oregon Liquor Dealers' Protective Association was held in this city yesterday, about 40 members being present. In a discussion which ensued the members contended that all groceries, drug stores and restaurants selling liquor at retail should be compelled to pay the regular saloon license of \$400 per year. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: S. A. Arata, president; J. V. Lan kin, vice-president; D. Germanus, secretary; Louis Trummer, treasurer; trustees, D. Germanus, John Watson and A. Anderlin.

Some Back to Candles.

MEDFORD, Jan. 7.—The Lakview electric light plant has had to shut down for the lack of fuel and the town has had to go back to candles and kerosene. The City Council promises to start up the plant again as soon as a supply of wood can be secured, but winter mud roads make wood hauling a matter of serious consequence.

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