

COUNCIL GRANTED RAILWAY FRANCHISE

BENTLEY PUT UP HOT FIGHT

Despite Opposition the Council Favors the Railway Co.

At this afternoon's meeting of the City Council, Councilman Bentley...

The meeting of the City Council this afternoon was an adjourned session from Wednesday.

HIS VIEWS UNCHANGED. Mayor Williams said this morning that he had had no change of heart from his convictions previously expressed.

THE MAYOR'S STAND. My idea is simply this: The blanket franchise will do so much to relieve the people of the city from taxation...

MERRILL STILL ABSENT. Councilman Merrill, who is opposed to the measure, is still out of the city, and will not be home until Monday.

SOME OPINIONS. Councilman Sherrett said he was in favor of treating all the street railway corporations alike, and of making the franchise for the same number of years in all cases.

Councilman Cardwell believed this morning that the ordinance would pass, and although he declined being interviewed, said that he still stood where he had stood—in favor of the ordinance.

Gold Standard for Philippines. (Journal Special Service.) WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—The bill establishing the gold standard for the Philippines was passed this afternoon.

SENATOR MITCHELL ASKED FOR TONGUE'S SUPPORT

Congressman Tongue has tried to explain to the Washington correspondents how he came to be a party to the nomination of F. A. Bancroft for postmaster of Portland.

POPE LEO HOPES TO EFFECT RECONCILIATION.



Crown Prince and Princess of Saxony.

ROME, Jan. 9.—Pope Leo has instructed Prince Abbe Max to make a final effort in the Pope's name to effect a reconciliation between the Crown Prince and the Princess Louise.

ENGINEERS WERE IN COLLUSION ARE PLEDGED TO MEET IN CAUCUS

That Is Inspector's Decision in Portland Case.

(Journal Special Service.) SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 9.—Supervising Inspector John Berningham has rendered his decision in the case of the striking marine engineers who left the steamer George W. Elder at Portland, and whose licenses were revoked by the Portland Board of Inspectors.

The sentences imposed by the Portland Board are modified by Inspector Berningham, so that First Assistant Engineer J. F. Sullivan and Second Assistant Engineer C. M. McKenzie will have their licenses revoked for only three months.

EMANUEL'S MEMORY HONORED

(Journal Special Service.) ROME, Italy, Jan. 9.—Today being the 25th anniversary of the death of King Emmanuel, thousands of people are gathering in Rome from the provinces.

Twenty Legislators Are Promised to Fulton.

Jack Matthews Makes a Grave Mistake—General News of the Politicians.

"We have 20 members of the Legislature signed to the caucus agreement." That is the claim of the Fulton men.

This discovery is perhaps the most significant feature of the recent days. It reveals the strength of the Fulton forces, and offers something tangible as a basis for figuring.

The people who support Gear and Bourne and Herrmann, too, perhaps, allow that former caucuses have been farces. They are using Mr. Fulton's refusal to go into caucus heretofore against him, and are arguing that caucuses are not of much use anyway.

DR. SMITH IS CONFIDENT. "Yes, I am confident I have enough votes to be elected President of the Senate," said Dr. A. C. Smith, last evening.

The indorsement of Dr. Smith by the caucus is a matter of some importance. It is a matter of some importance. It is a matter of some importance.

MAZTLAN SMITTEN WITH THE PLAGUE

Panic Reigns; One Third of Inhabitants Have Fled—Desperate Efforts to Stamp Out the Disease.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 9.—John Bradbury, the wealthy owner of the Tajomines near Mazatlan, has received a dispatch from the Mazatlan Chamber of Commerce, stating that the bubonic plague is epidemic there, and that assistance is urgently needed.

IDAHO LEGISLATORS MAY BOLT CAUCUS

Senatorial Rumors That a Deadlock Is Imminent in Senatorial Fight—All Rests With W. E. Borah.

(Journal Special Service.) BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 9.—Sensational rumors are flying about to the effect that despite the fact that Judge W. B. Heyburn received last night the majority of the votes in the Republican caucus on United States Senator, the Borah Republicans propose to bolt the caucus nomination.

The caucus of the caucus stood 28 for Heyburn and 22 for W. E. Borah. Heyburn's victory is said to have been due to a combine between the Northern Pacific, the Oregon Short Line and a certain Spokane millionaire, the Comte d'Alene.

BLUNDER OF MATTHEWS. Supporters of Harris of Lane for Speaker danced with glee yesterday and last night over what they claimed was the body of B. L. Eddy's candidacy for the speakership, slain by the premature action of the Multnomah County delegation in indorsing the Tillamook man.

"Oh, we won't do a thing to Eddy," said a Harris man. "Listen to the Eddy tale of woe related by us, look at this trump card from the political deck and thrust up our sleeve. Why we are able now to say to the country members that Multnomah County wants the Senator, the \$200,000 Fair appropriation, the presidency of the Senate, and now shall we dictate the speakership of the House of Representatives?"

PRISONERS DECREASED. Something has occurred in Portland to cause a phenomenal decrease in the number of prisoners incarcerated in the county jail. Not for many years has there been such a small number of state prisoners as there is at present.

"CORNERS" DECLARED ILLEGAL. (Journal Special Service.) CHICAGO, Jan. 9.—The Appellate Court has confirmed the decrees of the Superior Court restraining the payment of moneys deposited as margins. The court says a corner in the market is a violation of the criminal statutes.

HEAVY DAMAGES FOR LIBEL. NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—(Special.)—The libel suit of James Duke against the Morning Journal, which has been on trial in the Circuit Court, resulted this morning in a verdict for the plaintiff of \$35,000 damages.

Steamship and Cruiser Collide. SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 9.—The Pacific Coast steamship Pomona collided on San Francisco Bay this morning with the United States cruiser Marblehead. There was a dense fog in the bay.

COMMISSIONERS ARE APPOINTED

To Visit Legislatures of Western States.

Secret Meeting Held Yesterday—Lewis and Clark Directors Are Now in Session.

As was exclusively stated in The Journal of yesterday, there are three candidates for the positions of special commissioners to visit the Legislatures of the Western States in behalf of the Lewis and Clark Fair.

These gentlemen were in consultation with a sub-committee of the legislation committee of the Fair late yesterday in the office of Mr. Mallory, one of the committee members.

CHINESE ACTORS STEAL CHILD

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 9.—A four-year-old girl was taken from two Chinese actors last night by the police, and it is believed that the child has been kidnapped.

PRESIDENT AGAINST SMOOT.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 9.—Senator Kearns in a signed interview, says President Roosevelt sent for him and requested him to convey to the Utah Legislature the President's earnest objections to the election of Reed Smoot.

LEAVE FOR KANSAS CITY.

Tonight at 8:30 o'clock the Portland delegation to the National Livestock Association will leave for Kansas City. C. J. Mills has been kept busy the entire week on this matter and was superintending the decoration of the special coach of the party today.

WILL USE AMERICAN SPARS.

(Journal Special Service.) LONDON, Jan. 9.—Hollow spars and mast of American make for Sir Thomas Lipton's new challenger, Shamrock III, arrived at Denny's yards in Glasgow today.

EX-GOVERNOR HASTINGS DEAD

SAID TO HAVE STOLEN \$20,000. SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 9.—Clarence Rein, the son of wealthy parents residing in New Orleans, was arrested here today charged with stealing large sums from the Western Union Telegraph Company.

NEW AMBASSADOR WILL BE WELCOME

President Pleased With Germany's Choice.

Von Hollenben Has Probably Been Definitely Recalled, and Newspaper Men Rejoice.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—President Roosevelt has directed the Secretary of State to notify Germany that he is personally greatly pleased at the appointment of Baron von Sternberg to Washington.

STOCKS UNSETTLED BY A WILD RUMOR

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—A London special sent out on the stock ticker this morning says that securities have been unfavorably affected by an unconfirmed report that Colonial Secretary Chamberlain had been shot at in South Africa.

MORE TESTIMONY FOR OPERATORS

(Journal Special Service.) PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Jan. 9.—Chairman Gray of the coal strike commission was unable to attend the proceedings today. Wilson took the chair in his place.

PROCEEDINGS IN THE HOUSE

(Journal Special Service.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 9.—Hull presented the army appropriation bill and gave notice that he would call it up on Monday.

ADMIRAL MELVILLE TO STAY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Rear Admiral George W. Melville reached the retiring age of 62 years today, but by special order of the secretary of the navy he will continue to serve as engineer-in-chief of the navy, a position in which he has made a most excellent record, until next Fall.

CUSTOMS EMPLOYEES.

(Journal Special Service.) WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—The report of the secretary of the treasury gives the number of employees at the following points: Together with their respective salaries: Portland, \$1,500; Astoria, \$1,113; Coos Bay, \$1,113; Youngs Bay, \$1,916; Washington, \$1,304; Alaska, \$4,400.