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Truth is always consistent with itself, and needs nothing to help it out; it is always near at hand and sits upon our lips, and is ready to drop out before we are aware; whereas a lie is troublesome, and sets a man's invention on the rack, and one trick needs a great many more of the same to make it good.—Dr. Samuel Johnson.

BRYAN AND THE DEMOCRACY.

Some Republican newspapers attach great significance to William J. Bryan's declarations as to his preference for the Democratic Presidential nominee in 1904. They should bear in mind that the standard bearer will be chosen by the national convention, and not by any individual member of the party, no matter how conspicuous a role he has played in the past.

A very large element in the Democratic party was alienated in the campaigns of 1896 and 1900, by the radical stand taken upon the coinage question under Mr. Bryan's leadership. The policy then advocated by the party has been twice emphatically rejected by the people. Whatever their views upon the money question, wise and conservative party leaders are generally agreed that to make free coinage the slogan in 1904 will be but to court another defeat.

There are other and greater issues upon which all Democrats can unite, whether they be believers in the single or the double standard. More and more it becomes apparent that the next campaign is to be fought on the lines of tariff revision and government control of the trusts. If the stand taken by the next Democratic convention upon these issues is wise and fearless, responsive to the great popular demand for that legislation which a Republican administration has refused to give, then victory should follow.

With a re-united Democracy and a platform which will appeal to every intelligent and independent voter who places principles above party allegiance, the campaign could end only in success.

In bringing about such a result Mr. Bryan can give powerful aid if he will. He has a strong personal following and a remarkable hold upon a very large element in the Democratic party. If he is wise enough to understand the lesson of the last two campaigns and great enough to accept the inexorable conditions which exist today, he will show himself worthy of the admiration and confidence, not merely of a faction but of the entire party.

But the Democracy is greater than any individual member of the party. No man has or can have the right to dictate its policy. He who seeks to do this, defying the lessons of past defeats and ignoring the will of his fellow Democrats, will surely bring disaster upon himself and his cause.

WALL STREET'S WARNING.

The recent decision in the Northern Securities Merger case excited serious alarm in Wall street, and caused a decline which extended to almost every security listed on the exchange. Desperate efforts were put forth by interested financiers to arrest the decline and to restore confidence among the speculators, and these efforts have apparently met with some temporary success, although stocks are now on a materially lower level than before the decision was rendered.

The flurry is significant because it illustrates a fact to which The Journal has repeatedly called attention, and which is of serious moment to the whole country. Inflation and overcapitalization have been carried to an extent which has created a condition of real menace to the national prosperity. The Merger decision caused alarm in Wall street, not because it wiped out any real values or diminished the actual earning powers of the properties involved, but because it was a warning that the methods of railroad management now in vogue are illegal. It was a formal notice to the financial manipulators that the unification of competing corporations for the purpose of destroying competition and putting forth millions of watered stocks, and bonds of fictitious value, must be stopped.

The Chicago Daily News, which has justly earned the reputation of being one of the most careful and conservative papers in the country, comments editorially upon the situation as follows:

"During the present term of prosperity the nature of the ambitious projects planned in the financial world has given serious observers occasion to sound the alarm more than once. The market is fairly glutted with securities manufactured by syndicates. Inflation and overcapitalization have been carried very nearly to the limit. Corporation managers, anxious to seize the golden opportunity of the time, have gone farther than prudent men would dare to go in the way of effecting combinations, buying out the stocks of other companies and issuing new securities with lavish hands and at inflated values. As a Chicago banker said yesterday, the men in Wall street have 'capitalized the prosperity of the country for the next twenty-five years.'

"Doubtless the nation will experience several serious reverses of prosperity before that period has elapsed. What will become then of all this towering inflation and these huge accumulations of undigested securities? The sensitiveness of the stock market is a sign which prudent men will heed."

The question now to be determined is whether this process of inflation shall be permitted to continue unchecked, or whether steps shall be taken while there is yet time, to avert the calamity which threatens.

That was certainly a very nice point of difference which led 1200 Pennsylvania coal miners to quit work last week. The mule drivers employed in the mine do not harness the mules and they refused to put on the bridles because they insisted that the bridle is a part of the harness. The barn bosses did not agree with them so the strike followed. Probably the mules won't kick if the strike lasts a month.

It is an interesting fact that the man who unearthed the postoffice frauds now being investigated in the East is a newspaper man, Robert J. Wynne, who was appointed assistant postmaster general only a few months ago. Life would be unmixed happiness for the thieves in public office if it were not for the newspaper men.

When those thousand-dollar Missouri solons are behind the bars they can at least comfort themselves with the reflection they were no Cheap Johns. They got a price for their votes commensurate to the risk.

If President Roosevelt's only object in going to Yellowstone Park was to see the animals, not to shoot them, he might just as well have spent the time here in Portland in our City Park.

Portland will soon have to find a new place in which to deposit rubbish and refuse. The streets are almost full.

IN THE PUBLIC EYE.

Baron Attila Paganini, the grandson of the celebrated violinist, is going to leave to the town of Genoa all the many mementoes of the great Paganini. They include presents from kings and emperors and many distinguished men of his time.

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The surviving soldiers who served under Generals Taylor and Scott in Mexico in 1846 and 1847 are invited to be present at the thirty-seventh national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic in San Francisco next August. The pension rolls show that 3,000 still live and 1,000 dwell on the Pacific Coast. The managers hope to attract at least 400 of them to the reunion, believing that it will be the last they will ever attend.

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John Dillon, who has been ordered to abandon public life for a season and withdraw to the warmer climate of Egypt, had once before, in the early 80's, to retire from Parliament for a prolonged period, owing to ill health. He then spent a couple of years on his brother's ranch in Colorado. Although born a British subject himself, the member for East Mayo is in the curious position of having an only brother, William Dillon, who is a born American citizen. The explanation is that their father, the late John Blake Dillon, was one of the leaders of the '48 insurrection in Ireland, and, unlike most of his colleagues in that revolutionary enterprise, succeeded in eluding the Irish police and escaping to America in the disguise of a priest. He remained in exile for some years, and it was during this period that his son William was born.

POLICE BRIEFS.

Thomas Post became despondent early yesterday morning and decided to commit suicide. He jumped from the Morrison street bridge at 4 a. m., and but for the prompt action of Martin Johnson, the bridge tender, would probably have been drowned. At the police station Post said no one in the world cared for him, and he thought he might as well leave it.

John Brown's grocery store at Rockwood was entered by a burglar shortly after 1 o'clock Sunday morning, and some articles of value were taken. Clerk Robinson passed the burglar as he was leaving the store, but before he discovered the robbery the man had disappeared.

Thieves entered the department store of Kennard & Adams, Williams avenue near Russell street, at an early hour yesterday morning. They stole $400 worth of silks and cutlery. No clue was left the police, but it is thought the thieves were familiar with the store, and knew where the most valuable goods were to be found.

D. L. Tursel of 447 Seventh street was held up twice by footpads last night at the corner of Third and Harrison streets. The second attack might have proved fatal, had the revolver worked. The footpad who pulled the trigger undoubtedly meant to shoot his victim, but the cartridge failed to explode. The first attack of the footpads angered Tursel, and he struck one of them a hard blow with a heavy cane. This probably caused them to determine on more desperate measures. Their attempts were failures, as Tursel got away without loss.

H. P. Peterson's stallion, Mack Gose, was found yesterday near Columbia Slough by A. A. Baker, a local real estate dealer. The stallion was alone, the rig and harness having disappeared. Peterson has increased the reward for the capture of the thief from $500 to $1,000.

The new nine-story hotel being built in Johannesburg will be the biggest establishment of its kind in South Africa. It is to be called the Carlon.

IN POETIC PHRASE MRS. WILCOX SPEAKS OF OREGON COUNTRY

"In Portland the Very Birds Sang Welcome to Me and Bade Me Well at Parting."

(By Paul De Laney.)

PENDLETON, Ore., April 20.—"Oh, I wish I could stay over! I am so delighted with your country—Oregon! It has been the scenic day of my life! Do you know I never saw snow peaks until today? They are so grand. So beautiful, so poetic!"

Thus spoke Ella Wheeler Wilcox to a Journal reporter upon her arrival in Pendleton the other day.

"Your climate shows on the faces of your women," said Mrs. Wilcox. "They have such beautiful and healthful complexions.

"I had heard something about Oregon, but knew practically nothing about it. Your scenery, your climate, your opportunities are beyond all comprehension to the people who have not visited you.

"I would like to have a summer home in Oregon, especially near Multnomah Falls. I would go out every morning and get a shower bath from Nature's own fountain! We, husband and I, are going to spend a month in Oregon a year from now."

Mrs. Wilcox was accompanied from Portland by Mrs. Edyth Tozier Weatherred, whose guest she had been in Portland and whom she had known many years.

Mrs. Wilcox said that all this country had to do was to advertise itself.

"It would be an act of charity to let the people of the East know what you have here!" she said seriously.

The poetess saw many sights of interest on the trip here. These inspired a number of verses which will soon appear in print. She could not resist jotting them down hurriedly at the time.

"Portland! Why, the very birds bade me welcome and wished me a successful journey upon my departure!" She said. "It was a beautiful morning and the shade trees were alive with birds who sang songs of good cheer to me as I went down the street to the depot!"

Now, did traveler ever say that about Portland before?

It remained for the "Poetess of Passion," the leader of the "New Thought," to say it in that way. Let us be glad that she saw the poetry of it, the beauty and the grandeur.

For now the story of Oregon will be told in prose and verse as only Ella Wheeler Wilcox can tell it; and it will be filled with the spirit, originality, beauty, charm and soul of that gifted woman.

CELEBRATE THE FIRST TRAIN

Barbecue for Tracklayers at Centerville.

Columbia River & Northern Meets Warm Welcome---Dream Realized at Last.

(Journal Special Service.)

CENTERVILLE, April 20.—The tracklaying crew and the first C. R. & N. train reached Centerville yesterday afternoon, and a celebration and barbecue were held in the evening.

This marked the practical completion of the road to the first place of importance in the valley.

As the train bearing the crew of tracklayers and other constructionists came to the station, cheer after cheer went up from the crowd. Then the firing of anvils began, and the greatest demonstration ever seen in Klickitat Valley lasted for fifteen minutes.

The crowd then marched to a vacant lot where an elaborate barbecue was prepared, and Rev. I. E. Webster made the address of welcome. Conductor Moon responded with a short and pithy address. Manager H. C. Campbell spoke. He was followed by Chief Engineer Oliver and others.

At the conclusion of the speaking the crowd was given a supper. For three hours the feasting continued, and enthusiasm prevailed. Many people in the crowd had looked forward to this event for a quarter of a century, and when at last their hope was realized their joy knew no bounds.

The enthusiasm was contagious and the dignity of position and years were forgotten for the time. Old men acted like school boys, and faces that were hardened by years of toil beamed with happiness.

This valley, one of the most fertile in the West, has been completely cut off from the world except by a wagon road over a high and steep mountain. Now this is changed—the steam cars have come.

PIANO RECITAL OF EXCELLENCE

Beethoven, Bach-Tausig and songs of the Sweetest Night, is a program arranged by Grace Wilton to be rendered at Parsons' Hall Wednesday night. Among the numbers on the superb program is that classic of classics, Chopin's "Cradle Song." In this selection is promised to be brought out the romantic school of piano playing, spreading out a network of tonal decoration only equaled by piano virtuosos. Schumann adds to the program of next Wednesday night, and he glances gracefully from the romantic into the sprightly canter of subdued exotics. A program is promised of rare excellence, and classical students and laymen will appreciate the preparation.

STREET CARS RUN AWAY

What might have been a very serious accident was very cleverly avoided on the City & Suburban Railway system this morning. While coming down the slight grade on Morrison street between Fifth and Sixth streets the brakes refused to work and the car started down hill at a break-neck speed. Try and try as he may the motorman appeared to be unable to check the mad race of his car. When he reached the crossing at Fifth street a Portland Heights car was just making the crossing. The situation appeared to be most dangerous, and caused the passengers to lead very strenuous lives for a few moments.

Ringing all the ring that could possibly come out of a bell, the motorman gave due and timely warning to the north and south coming cars on Fifth street. Using the last possible method of stopping the car he finally put on the reverse current and the car was brought to a standstill on Morrison street, between Fourth and Fifth. During the action of putting on the reverse current many of the frightened passengers changed their respective seats against their will. The entire system was blockaded for almost 30 minutes in making repairs to the disabled brake.

"OOM PAUL" BETTER.

PARIS, April 20.—Paul Kruger will leave Mentone May 15 for the summer. This announcement indicates that his health is better.

CHURCH BEFORE THE NATION

R. P. Hobson Addressed Large Audience at Marquam.

That Christianity was the groundwork for patriotism was the keynote of an address delivered by Capt. Richmond Pierson Hobson at the Marquam Theatre yesterday afternoon. "The church flag is the only flag on earth that is ever privileged to float above that of our nation," he said. "The influence of religious service and of prayer has had great effect on the American seaman. 'The message of the sea to America and Americans is 'Go forth and conquer the sea, it is your domain.'"

Captain Hobson, the hero of the Merrimac, addressed a large audience of men only. He spoke in the interests of the Young Men's Christian Association, and said he "considered the Y. M. C. A. a commercial asset of any community." Mr. Hobson has for 18 years been a member of that organization, and he pointed with pride to good that had been done through its strengthening influence. "There are," he said, "100,000 more Y. M. C. A. members in the United States than in all the rest of the world combined."

The speaker dwelt at length upon conditions in the Orient, where he recently spent two years reconstructing the Spanish gunboats which were riddled by shell from Admiral Dewey's fleet at the Battle of Manila Bay. Absence of Christianity, he said, was the cause of the distressing conditions prevalent there.

Mr. Hobson was introduced by J. Thorburn Ross and Professor E. S. Miller led a chorus of male voices in several excellently rendered songs. Rev. U. S. Ufford, author of "Throw Out the Lifeline," gave a whistling solo.

BOSTON JOYS IN CELEBRATION

Patriots' Day Observed With Great Ceremonial.

(Journal Special Service.)

BOSTON, April 20.—In Boston and vicinity there was a general celebration of Patriots' Day today, the observance recalling the old traditions and historical incidents of the Revolution, such as the ride of Paul Revere, the march of the British troops from Boston to Lexington and other memorable incidents that heralded the great struggle of 1776. In this city all of the old houses of historic interest were gaily decorated and were kept open all day for the inspection of visitors.

The program of sporting events, which of late years has grown to be the most marked feature of the anniversary celebration, was this year more notable than ever before. The clubs of both the National and American Baseball Leagues met on their home grounds, and in addition the list of attractions included the annual Marathon race of the Boston Athletic Association and the bicycle races at Charles River Park. In the bicycle races the feature was the open motor-paced event with Elkes, Stinson, Munroe, De Guishard and other famous racers among the contestants.

C. R. & N. TO END ON THURSDAY

Goldendale Road Will Be Completed This Week.

The first train over the Columbia River & Northern Railroad will enter Goldendale next Thursday. This date will practically witness the completion of the road, although regular trains will not be placed in operation for some time. Announcement of this program was made from the general offices of the company in this city today.

"There will be no public demonstration or celebration until later," said General Manager H. C. Campbell, "but when the road is officially declared finished we expect a rousing welcome. The shops, it has been decided, will remain at Lyle. That point is near the river and it will be easier to obtain material at that point. For the present, at least, we will not attempt to build beyond Goldendale."

The most delightful trip across the Continent is via the Denver & Rio Grande, the scenic line of the world. Apply at 124 Third st., Portland, for

NEWS OF CITIES ABOUT THE BAY

Political Scandals Involve Municipal Officers

Careless Captains---Poster Exhibition---Mrs. Catherwood-Darling Gets a Divorce.

(By John J. Harrison.)

SAN FRANCISCO, April 20.—Matters are not running smoothly at the City Hall these days. County Clerk Mahony is being hauled over the coals by the Mayor, who has discovered that the pernicious custom of assessing the clerks in the office has grown to the dimensions of a scandal. The grand jury has taken up the matter. The Auditor has crossed swords with the Board of Education and the correspondence passing between the Auditor and President Woodward of the board is decidedly sulphurous. The incumbent of the Auditor's office, Harry Baehr, and Woodward were rival candidates for the nomination two years ago, and this fact doubtless lends zest to the clashing typewriters. The trouble broke out over the refusal of the watch dog of the treasury to approve a bill of $22.50 for printing what he terms a political circular of Woodward's and he threatens to bring the case to the attention of the grand jury. Another thing that is causing a scurry for cover is an examination by the Mayor into the methods employed by the Chinatown police detail. His honor claims to have documentary evidence to prove that the old practice of tribute money collections has been revived and he is probing the matter to the core.

The Government has ordered the coinage of $75,000,000 in silver pesos for use in the Philippines, and the mint is working day and night shifts on their manufacture. The new coin is about 2½ cents above the standard United States dollar and is pronounced a very pretty coin. On one side it bears the inscription, "United States of America, 1903," around the American shield, and upon the reverse side the figure of a statuesque woman, with flowing hair, about to strike an anvil in a forge, with the surrounding words, "One Peso Filipinas." The coin is equivalent to the Mexican dollar, which is at present the commercial coin of the islands, and it has been found impossible to compel the islanders to accept trade money below the standard of that section. It will require about three years to complete the order for the pesos.

The captains of the Southern Pacific transit ferry boats, the Thoroughfare and Transit, have been suspended for six months by the Inspectors of Hulls and Boilers. The two captains have been on the outs for quite a long time, and on the morning of March 23 brought their boats into collision at the slip because neither would make way for the other.

The social event of the week is the poster exhibition being conducted by the League of the Cross Cadets at the Mechanics' Pavilion. There are over 3,000 original specimens shown, covering every form of poster from the elaborate theatrical to the dainty book magazine card. The purpose of the carnival is to add funds to the building fund, and promises to be very successful in that line.

Garret McEnerny, one of the leading legal lights of California, was married Tuesday to a daughter of Will S. Green, editor of the Colusa Sun. The bride, Mrs. Genevieve Green Hamilton, has made quite an enviable name in the literary field through her contributions to American and English magazines. Mr. McEnerny accompanied Archbishop Riordan as counsel to The Hague recently on the occasion of the adjustment of the Pious fund, and he is a politician of note, being the head of one of the wings of the local and state Democracy.

The beautiful Louise Catherwood, daughter of Mrs. Catherwood, now Mrs. Darling, who married Ernest La Montagne about a dozen years ago, and who is considered one of the "stunning" young matrons in New York, has secured a divorce, the decree being granted in Napa County. Separation of over a year was brought about by the discovery of the husband's infatuation for a young girl in Philadelphia and subsequent entanglements. It is becoming gradually discovered that the people of this country have labored under a delusion in thinking the Quaker City a slow old town.

Another scene was contributed Wednesday to the domestic melodrama being enacted in Oakland by the Doctor Crowleys. The couple have been living apart for some months and the wife brought the family skeleton into public view some days ago by striking the doctor with a whip as he was leaving the home of Mrs. Seligman, whom he had been visiting professionally. This act and possibly subsequent remarks by the jealous wife aroused the ire of a young son of Mrs. Seligman, who called upon Mrs. Crowley and demanded that his mother's name must not be coupled with that of the doctor in any suggestive manner, saying that he would use violence if necessary to stop the talk. Mrs. Crowley thereupon swore out a warrant for the young man's arrest, charging threats against life.

At the hotels: L. A. Broadway, E. J. Metcalf, O. E. Ovenbeck Joseph Wehrer, O. P. M. Jamison, E. Clayton, M. J. Canning, A. M. Crocker, K. H. Hefinger, P. A. Bates, W. L. Lister, K. J. Holmes, H. A. McCraney, Portland; W. G. Allen, Eugene; H. L. Benson, Klamath Falls; A. S. Bilson, Marshfield.

Miss Agnes Gilbert of Salem has been visiting relatives here and has returned to her Northern home.

IN HONOR OF JEFFERSON.

(Journal Special Service.)

KANSAS CITY, April 20.—The Democratic Club of Jackson County has completed arrangements on an elaborate scale for its Jefferson Day banquet tonight. While the affair is intended to be in the nature of a testimonial to Hon. William J. Stone, recently chosen United States Senator, the gathering of prominent Democrats and the speeches to be delivered will be of a character to attract wide attention. Some of those who have accepted invitations to speak are William J. Bryan, Senator Bailey of Texas, Senator Cockrell of Missouri, and E. W. Carmack of Tennessee.

A 3,000 ton hydraulic forging press which has been erected in the gun factory at Woolwich, England, arsenal is believed to be the largest in the world.

DAWSON CHARLIE COMES ON HOPELESS QUEST FOR AID FOR HIS DYING SON

Discoverer of the Klondike and Richest Indian Says Very Little Except "Boy Will Die"---A Noted Character.

(Journal Special Service.)

SEATTLE, April 20.—"Boy will die."

That is all Dawson Charlie will reply when asked as to what, in his opinion, will be the ultimate result of his present visit to Seattle.

It is the "boy," always the "boy" with Dawson Charlie. And behind it all is a pathetic story of the devotion of an Indian father for his Indian son. The son is dying of tuberculosis on a hospital cot in far away Skagway. The father is in Seattle trying to buy with Alaska gold some portion of the medical skill of the white man that his son may live yet a little longer.

"Boy will die," he says, and he knows whereof he speaks. But with the hopeless hope that grasps at straws he has come to the great "medicine men" of the whites to see if by some chance his instinct and his conviction may not have played him false.

But the story is not of Charlie's telling. He is an Indian, and an Indian shares neither his love nor his grief.

Even so, the story of Dawson Charlie's devotion to his son is none the less worth the telling. Be it known that Dawson Charlie is the richest Indian in Alaska. There are many rich Indians in Alaska—men so rich that they can afford to give away $50,000 worth of presents at a single tribal "potlatch."

It was Dawson Charlie who discovered the Klondike and it was this discovery that gave him his name and his wealth. "Takish" Charlie, he calls himself, but to the white men in Alaska he is and always will be known as Dawson Charlie.

The Son Is Stricken.

Less than six months ago Charlie's son, a brawny young man of 18 and the pride of his father's heart, was stricken with quick consumption. His father had him removed to Skagway, intending to bring him to Seattle for treatment. The disease had advanced with such rapid strides, however, that when the seaport was reached it was deemed inadvisable to risk the hardships of the long voyage down the coast during the winter months.

Through the lengthening nights and lessening days Dawson Charlie watched at the bedside of his boy. When spring came and the days grew longer he said to the attendants:

"Boy will die."

That was all he would say, but he prepared to make the journey south that his boy was now too weak to undertake. He wishes to take some of the more eminent of Seattle's physicians back with him to the bedside of his "boy," but from letters which he brings from the hospital physician it is certain that such a pilgrimage would fail of its object.

A Modest Discoverer.

Dawson Charlie has all of the taciturnity of his race. He is averse to discussing himself or his affairs. When seen at the Hotel Northern where he is a guest while in the city he was asked to tell something of his history and his experiences in the gold fields. Tis replies were characteristic of the man. Here are a few samples:

"Me? Where born? Down on Yukon—live there all my life. What do? Oh, hunt, fish, dig—dig gold."

In response to another question he said:

"Me? Fin' Klondike? Mebbe so—mebbe not. Long time ago. Dig, dig; one day fin' him. Bright—yellow. Sold out now."

As to the condition of his son he would say nothing save:

"Boy will die."

EXTENSION TO BE BUILT BY C. S.

President Lytle Is Back From New York.

Plans Not Yet Completed But Columbia Southern Is Satisfied With Results.

"The statement that a railroad line is to be built into Central and Southern Oregon is without doubt the truth. I cannot yet state positively what company will construct the road, but I think it will be the Columbia Southern. I have just returned from New York City, where I was in conference with Mr. Harriman and others who control the policy of the O. R. & N. and the Union Pacific, and it looks to me very much as though the Columbia Southern would be the road to build."

Coming from E. E. Lytle, president of the Columbia Southern, the above statement is considered as highly significant. Mr. Lytle gives it as his opinion that the Deschutes country will be tapped by a road built from some point along the line of the Columbia Southern, and that the O. R. & N. will not make any effort to parallel his road. Railroad men and those interested in the development of interior points look upon this as meaning a closer future relationship beween the O. R. & N. and the Columbia Southern, and extensions that will not only result in the opening of valuable country, but which will bring much additional business to the City of Portland.

Complete plans have not yet been drawn, but both Mr. Lytle and T. B. Wilcox, the latter of whom went East some time ago as a delegate from the Portland Board of Trade and Chamber of Commerce to attempt to win the Harriman interests over to consideration of the project, and has returned successful, declare but little time will be allowed to elapse before the road is built.

Mr. Lytle returned from the East on Sunday. He is well satisfied with the result of the conference.

PASSENGER MEN ARE GATHERING

Every Train Brings New Arrivals to Attend Portland Meeting.

E. Bevington, secretary of the Transcontinental Passenger Association, arrived in Portland this morning from Denver. Chairman James Charlton reached this city Saturday afternoon. Other members are arriving on every train. General Passenger Agent C. S. Fee, of the Northern Pacific, will arrive this evening, bringing in his party between 15 and 20 representatives of his and other roads. General Passenger Agent D. E. Burley, of the Oregon Short Line; J. Durham, rate clerk for the Oregon Short Line; General Passenger Agent E. L. Lomax, of the Union Pacific; R. A. Donaldson, assistant general passenger agent for the Southern Pacific; William G. Gardiner, chief rate clerk for Passenger Traffic Manager McCormack, of the Southern Pacific, and A. G. D. Kerrell, passenger agent for the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, are here, and S. K. Hooper, general passenger agent for the Rio Grande Western, will come this afternoon. The entire membership of the association will not reach Portland until tomorrow morning.

Regular session of the Transcontinental Passenger Association will be called in the parlors of the Hotel Portland at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning, organization being effected at that time. The afternoon will be spent in the transaction of business. It is expected regular sessions will continue until Friday.

TAXPAYERS SUFFER FROM ARREARAGES

Collections Would Save Thousands of Dollars

Deficiency Where There Should Be a Revenue Shown by the City Attorney.

According to an opinion that City Attorney McNary filed with City Auditor Devlin this morning, the city will derive a revenue of many thousands of dollars from the collection of indebtedness which it is now paying under the bonding act.

The written opinion of Mr. McNary states that the installments of the bonded liens, where the application was filed in 1892, will be due and payable at the expiration of ten years from the date of filing. In accordance with this opinion all of the bonded taxes levied for what is known as the Sunnyside sewer will become payable at a date not later than July 1. Payments of a number of other sewer bonds will be payable, and in accordance with the directions of the City Attorney steps will be taken to enforce collections.

A large part of the amount due on bonds before the bonding act was amended is still uncollected, and a great portion of this is due to the Sunnyside District. The original cost of the sewer in this district was $165,000, and there is about $55,000 reported as a delinquency. Some of the persons assessed have paid a portion of their taxes, and others have paid nothing at all.

If all the taxes should be collected the money could be invested by the city and a revenue of 4 per cent. would be received. At present the city is paying 6 per cent. interest on the bonds outstanding.

PORTLAND THE LUCKY CITY

Stockmen's Association Will Hold Convention Here.

The convention held by the Stockmen's Association of America in Kansas City last week has adjourned and past. Before adjourning they passed one motion that should bring joy to all Oregon. A short time ago a large delegation of Oregon's most prominent business men left here to attend its annual convention at Kansas City. The motive uppermost in their minds was to land one prize. They have succeeded, and too much credit cannot be given them for their work. The prize they captured was the next convention of the Stockmen's Association, which will be held in Portland January, 1904. This action will bring at least 4,500 people to Portland. The railroads running from the East to Portland have offered very low rates and accommodations to the Stockmen's Association and there is very little doubt but that a great many people not members of the association will take advantage of this opportunity and visit Portland.

The one thing that troubles the delegation from Oregon is the hotel accommodations in their native city. It is almost a year from now until the convention will be held and the members of the local Chamber of Commerce trust and hope by that time hotel accommodations will be the best on the Pacific Coast. The Chamber of Commerce will hold a meeting today and appoint the various committees to arrange for their reception.

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