

THE WEATHER. Tonight and Friday, cloudy and threatening, with showers; fresh to brisk southerly winds.

STREET CAR LINES OF CITY TO CONSOLIDATE

Negotiations For Merging of Two Roads Have Been Completed.

TO BE ONE BIG CONCERN

Transfer of Stock of the City & Suburban and Portland Railway Company Will Be Made Next Month.

Negotiations have been completed for the merging of the City & Suburban Railway company and the Portland Railway company into one gigantic concern...

The preliminary transfer of stock will be made within the next month, though it will be at least three months before the final absorption of the two companies into a parent concern is completed.

According to the terms of the merger, each of the existing companies will retain its interest in the new company.

The active management of the new company will be in the hands of business men who are well known in Portland and who are thoroughly familiar with the details of operating such a concern.

Both the City & Suburban and the Portland Railway company will be represented on the directorate of the new company.

The decision to merge the two street railways of Portland into one huge company was reached as a result of several conferences between the managements of the roads.

In the course of keen competition each road has paralleled the tracks of the other, making a network of tracks throughout the entire city.

When the combination of the two roads is finally effected the doubling of tracks and similar operations will of course be stopped.

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RAIN STORM ARRIVES AND BREAKS DROUGHT

A rain storm arrived from the sea early this morning and spread over the length and breadth of western Oregon.

This morning's rain came as a surprise to all, but it was a most welcome one. During the past two weeks there has been several good showers in the more elevated sections of southern Oregon and in parts of the coast counties.

January 1, the City & Suburban Street railway had in operation 74 miles of track, most of which was within the city limits.

During last year, this company constructed very few miles of new track, owing to the fact that it already had nearly double the trackage of any other line in the city.

After its reorganization some time ago, the Portland Railway company began an expansion policy that greatly pleased every citizen of this city.

Owing to the fact that three of the lines that were completed by the Portland Railway company are on the east side, the people who reside in that section of the city have been more than grateful to this corporation for the aiding of the building up of various sections of Portland on the east side.

The Portland Railway company, besides owning nearly 30 miles of track, has its own carshops and constructs its own rolling stock.

During 1903, 35 new cars were built in these shops and a large number remodeled.

QUIET MARKS THE PACKERS' STRIKE

Propositions Looking to Submitting of Differences to Arbitration—Imported Help Continue Operations in Small Way.

Chicago, July 14.—Pending the outcome of tentative propositions looking toward a meeting of the packers and union representatives today, for the purpose of submitting their differences to a state board of arbitration, the situation at the stock yards remained very quiet this morning.

The strikers, obeying the orders of their leader, Donnelly, kept away from the immediate vicinity of the yards and gathered at their headquarters to discuss what appears to be a successful start towards ending the present difficulty.

In view of yesterday's events wherein both Armour and Donnelly showed a willingness to get together and discuss the wage questions on terms of amity, it seems probable that there will be no difficulty in arriving at some understanding whereby the strike will be declared off.

It is admitted that if Armour decides to reach an agreement with the unions the other great packers who are supposed to be members of a combine will accept his dictum.

The attention of observers here is centered on the teamsters, who, as in all other strikes of any magnitude, form really the most vital part. The teamsters' union officials decline to even discuss the matter, but the men are unquestionably in sympathy with the strikers and their methods in a war such as to render it almost impossible for any combination to win against them.

Washington Post Believes Strike is a Political Plot. (Journal Special Service.)

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"Oom Paul" Dies in a Swiss Village After Extended Illness.

"GLAD TO BE AT REST"

Stormy Life, Filled With Fighting and Strenuous Endeavor, Closes Very Quietly and With Characteristic Philosophy.

Geneva, Switzerland, July 14.—Paul Kruger, better known as "Oom Paul," former president of the Transvaal republic, died at 3 o'clock this morning at Clarens in the Swiss canton of Vaud.

He had been ill for more than a year, and viewed the end philosophically, saying he was "glad to be at rest."

Death was directly due to heart weakness resulting from an attack of pneumonia. He had been critically ill for a month past.

Last Monday he lost consciousness. His daughter and son-in-law were at his bedside when death came. The body will immediately be embalmed and later in the day the remains will be placed in a temporary tomb pending the result of an application to England for permission to take the body to the Transvaal for final interment.

This request is in accordance with the wish often expressed by Kruger that he might be buried beside his late wife.

Stephen John Paul Kruger, Boer pioneer, patriot and statesman, was born in Cape Colony in 1825 and when a child was one of the great party that trokked into the interior of Africa rather than liberate their slaves, an order for whose annihilation had been promulgated by the British government.

Kruger was an exceptionally ambitious man and immediately after his election to the presidency of the South African republic in 1883 began to intrigue with Germany in the hope of gaining access to the sea for his country.

Kruger successfully ended the Jameson raid in which John Hays Hammond, the American mining engineer, participated and strengthened his hold on the government by forming around him a ring of such power that none could obtain franchise or concession without his consent.

He was elected to the office that exceeded by nearly double the income of the president of the United States, largely by the taxation of the Uitlanders who were denied the right of franchise.

Kruger is supposed to have plunged his government into war with the idea that he would receive the support of Germany and Holland. In this he was mistaken. He early went to these countries and when the end finally came was practically discredited by his own people, the leaders in the fighting making terms of peace without even consulting him.

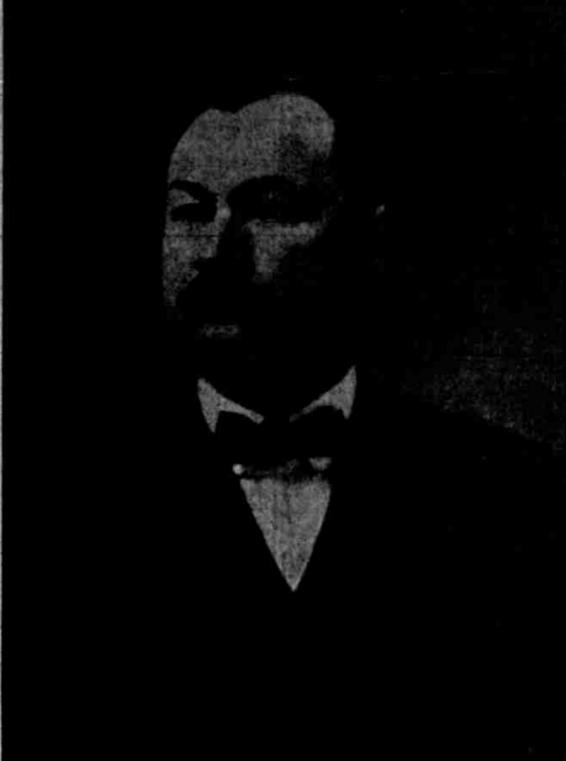
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PUBLIC GAMBLING IN PORTLAND IS TO STOP



JOHN MANNING, District Attorney, Who Proposes to Close Gambling in Portland.

PARKER RECEIVES MANY LETTERS

Prominent Business Men Say Patriotic Sense of Duty Caused Him to Leave Present High Position to Enter Politics.

Esopus, July 14.—Two of the most cordial letters that Judge Parker has yet received furnished much gratification to the nominee at Rosemont today.

Henry Watterson wrote, enclosing a clipping from his Courier-Journal, which "covers points that might enter into a more personal and private approval of your splendid message."

Another letter is from a "grateful mother," who says she is a descendant of a signer of the Declaration of Independence, and has enshrined the Judge in her heart along with Washington and Lincoln.

The usual "daddy letters" are appearing, but what impressed the nominee most is the hundreds of letters from prominent Republicans.

Senator McCarron, Bourke Cockran, August Belmont and William Rodie, members of the executive committee of the state Democratic committee, arrived at noon today.

Oyster Bay, July 14.—The president this morning, after a few sets of tennis with his sons, put in two hours attending to correspondence relating to business.

This afternoon he received four visitors—James R. Sheffield, formerly fire commissioner of New York; Justin McCarthy, Jr., the author; M. A. Gunat of San Francisco and Rev. Father Malone of Denver. Their calls were of a social nature.

A telegram was received this morning from the convention of Pennsylvania miners, whose committee Private Secretary Loeb refused to allow to see the president. What the message contained has not been made public.

Ritzville, Wash., July 14.—Monroe Fox, aged 19, a son of Mrs. Ed N. Carrico, left his home July 6, taking his clothes. No trace of the lad can be found, although every effort is being made to locate him.

Pittsburg, July 14.—Frank Ousley and John E. Johnson, colored, were hanged this morning for the murder of James Donnelly, a grocer, New Year's evening while attempting robbery.

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St. Louis, Mo., July 14.—The strike situation remains unchanged. The packing-houses are running, but with greatly reduced facilities. A slight advance in prices has been put into effect, but so far has not affected the public.

St. Louis, Mo., July 14.—Oregon visitors at the fair today are as follows: Mr. and Mrs. F. A. French, Ludwig Hirsch, Mrs. L. R. Downing and Mrs. R. E. Routledge of Portland; J. W. West and Clara M. Blaine, of Eugene; W. E. Garritt, Mrs. Bertha M. Garritt and Virgil S. Ison, of Baker City; Mr. and Mrs. Francis K. Jones, of Newberg; Mr. and Mrs. W. E. McGowan, of Salem; L. G. Frazier, of Pendleton; Dr. E. R. Seeley, of Lostine, and George S. Sanford of Ashland.

Games Are to Be Closed by District Attorney Manning.

IT WILL BE PERMANENT

Warrants Are Out to Be Served by the Sheriff and All the Cases Will Be Tried in the Circuit Court.

Portland will be a closed town as far as open gambling is concerned, and that not later than tomorrow.

Today District Attorney John M. Manning stated to The Journal that he will not only issue informations against gamblers against whom complaints are made, but that he will prosecute every case vigorously.

From official sources it was learned today that if the houses are once closed, they will not be given permission to reopen. It is declared by an official of the city who has to do with the gambling cases now on in the municipal court that Mayor Williams wants a closed town, but wants some one other than himself to take the action; but that if the district attorney or any one else causes gambling to cease, the mayor will not permit it to resume.

"I decline to make any statement regarding the matter, as to what action I may take in the future," said Mayor Williams, "I will not bind myself to any agreement regarding the gambling houses, one way or another, but shall reserve the right to act according to circumstances as they may arise in the future."

Attitude of the Mayor. "It is said that if Mr. Manning closes the houses, you will not permit them to open," was suggested to the mayor.

Attorney Murphy, acting for the Orpheum gambling house, whose rooms were closed by the police Tuesday night, laid complaints before District Attorney Manning last night against the Portland club and August Erickson's establishments. Mr. Manning will issue informations against them in the circuit court this afternoon or early tomorrow. Warrants will issue from the circuit court and will be served by Sheriff Word. This takes the case out of the hands of the police, and out of the municipal court.

The cases against Proprietor McDevitt of the Orpheum house, and his players and dealers, will be called in the municipal court tomorrow morning. In case they are found guilty and their fines exceed \$20, their cases will also go to the circuit court, according to Attorney Murphy, for he says he will appear there and expect the whole gambling proposition will be fought out in the higher courts, thus relieving the city administration of the burden.

District Attorney Manning has frequently stated in the past that he would take no action relative to gambling until Sheriff Word assumed office. That time has come and it is believed the day of public gambling in Portland has passed.

"I will repeatedly make complaint against any and all gamblers if they attempt to reopen after having been closed," said Attorney Murphy today. "Chief Hunt has said he will close the Orpheum every time its proprietor opens to play, and I propose to see to it that the district attorney meets out the same punishment to every gambler in this city. What he will do I cannot say, but I shall make complaints to Mr. Manning, sitting as a grand jury, in each instance. Furthermore, I have made arrangements to be notified immediately any time any of the gamblers attempt to open, and will have ample evidence against them. I have been very careful to gather evidence sufficient to convict in every case I care to prosecute."

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WATERLOO MAY ONCE AGAIN BE FOUGHT

St. Petersburg, July 14.—A dispatch today reports that one force of the Japanese which began a march toward Ta Tche Kiao has returned to Kia Chow.

General Sakharoff reports that the second Japanese force advancing on Ta Tche Kiao has occupied the town of Kashgou.

The occupancy of Kashgou without a clash indicates that General Kuropatkin does not propose to make any decided stand until his entrenchments are attacked.

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