

BODY BLOW GIVEN THE GARBAGE GRABBERS BY THE HEALTH COMMITTEE WHICH REFUSES TO CONSIDER BIDS

Unanimous Recommendation to Council That Action Be Postponed Indefinitely—Bidders Not Present.

Unless the Report of the Committee Is Ignored the Huge Graft Is Averted—Crematory Can Be Repaired at Small Expense.

By unanimous vote the health and police committee of the city council decided this morning to return to the council all bids for the garbage monopoly, with the recommendation that consideration be indefinitely postponed. By this action the huge graft which threatened the people of Portland has apparently been effectually scotched for the committee's recommendation will probably be adopted by the council. In the light of the revelations which have been made by The Journal, a repetition of the attempt to grab, without compensation, the most valuable franchise which the city has had at its disposal for years is scarcely possible. The committee's decision was reached without debate. Not one of the unknown bidders for the franchise was present either in person or by attorney. The secret of their identity remains undisclosed. As soon as the committee had been called to order by Dr. Whiting, Councilman Albee said: "I believe that the garbage question can be allowed to rest until the next meeting of the council. I visited the crematory, I viewed the floor and found conditions much better than they have been represented. I certainly should not be willing to grant a franchise upon any such terms as are offered in these bids."



AUDITOR BENSON GOES TO TEXAS

E. E. Benson of this city, auditor of the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company, has been promoted by President E. H. Harriman to the auditorship of the Harriman lines in Texas. Mr. Benson will leave for Houston on October 7, where he will establish his headquarters. The lines that Mr. Benson will be auditor of are the Galveston, Harrisburg & San Antonio, the Galveston, Houston & Northern, and the Texas & New Orleans railroads. They aggregate a considerable mileage. Mr. Benson's successor has not yet been named, but it is likely that an auditor from some of Harriman's smaller lines will be sent here. Mr. Benson is one of the best known railroad men in the country and has always been considered an expert accountant and first-class railroad man. He entered the railroad service in 1871, for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy. In 1874 he was chief clerk in the auditor's office of the Chicago & Paducah. For five years, beginning in 1879, he was traveling auditor for the Wabash, St. Louis & Pacific, and three years found him as cashier of the Wabash at Chicago. For a year he was auditor of the Indiana, Illinois & Iowa, and afterwards held a similar position in the Iowa Central. For the past 10 years Mr. Benson has been auditor for the Oregon Railway & Navigation company and the Portland and Astoria Steamship company. The latter company's accounts since September 1 have been transferred to the office of H. E. A. Hallon, at San Francisco, auditor of the Pacific Mail Steamship company. After the 1st of October the ocean division accounts of the O. R. & N. will also be audited in the San Francisco office. On account of his departure from this city, Mr. Benson, yesterday, at the stockholders' meeting, relinquished his position as director of the O. R. & N. and the Portland and Astoria Steamship companies. Mr. Benson says that he dislikes very much to leave Portland. "After 10 years' life in this city," he says, "I feel as if I am an old citizen and regret to leave my friends. There is no more ideal place in the country in which to reside than here on the banks of the Willamette. I have noticed with pride the great advances that Portland is making in every line of endeavor. Buildings are going up rapidly, improvements being made throughout the city, and the entire community is being beautified from year to year. Next year Portland and Oregon will celebrate the historical journey of Lewis and Clark with a great exposition, and I shall try to return to witness it. Since Mr. Benson assumed the auditorship of the O. R. & N. he has seen the business of his office grow to extensive proportions. Ten years ago he had about a dozen men in his department, while today there are 124 names on the payroll. Mr. and Mrs. Benson will go direct to New York City, thence to New Orleans, and after a short stay in the southern city will proceed to Houston.

WILL INVESTIGATE PRIVATE CAR GRABS

Washington, Sept. 30.—Private car companies will be investigated by the Interstate Commerce commission at Chicago beginning October 10. The immense growth of these companies and the ease with which the interstate commerce laws are evaded has forced the commission to begin an investigation to put a stop to notorious abuses. Information in the hands of the commission affects \$12,000,000 paid by these companies during the past year in the shape of rebates, percentages and inducements. Most of the money came out of the pockets of the shippers. The railroads have been paying from 1/2 to 1 cent a mile for each car, and have made an additional allowance of 1 1/2 to 16 per cent commission to refrigerator car companies for business turned over to them. The refrigerator companies have become so strong and bold in their operations that they do not hesitate to bulldoze the railroads and the shippers. The railroads are forced to pay commissions to get the business and the shippers are forced to use the cars to meet competition.

A \$40,000,000 MERGER OF TOBACCO MAKERS

New York, Sept. 30.—As the consummation of the plan initiated when the Consolidated Tobacco company came into existence three years ago for the purpose of acquiring the Continental and American Tobacco companies, the stockholders of the three companies held meetings today to ratify the plan of the directors. Four of the five men in the three concerns into one company, to be called the American Tobacco company. The merger plan provides for the consolidation of the assets of the Consolidated Tobacco company (\$124,450) into the common stock of the new company at par.

FUMES OF AMMONIA OVERCOMES FIREMEN

New York, Sept. 30.—Twenty firemen were overcome by ammonia fumes during a fire which destroyed three buildings on West Fourteenth street this morning. Four of the firemen are in the hospital in a serious condition. The Cudahy Packing company and T. A. Wheeler company are the heaviest losers. The loss will reach \$150,000.

NINE-YEAR-OLD CHILD BOUND TO THE RAILS

Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 30.—Gagged and bound with ropes to the railroad track, Clara Typpan, aged 9 years, was found last evening just in time to save her from death under engine wheels. When she regained consciousness, she told of being beaten and outraged by a negro. The girl may die. Police are at work on the case.

LADY OVERBORN BERTER

London, Sept. 30.—Lady Curzon passed a quiet night and was somewhat better this morning.

ATTEMPT TO ABDUCT RESULTS IN DEATH

Marysville, Cal., Sept. 30.—An attempt made by four or more Chinese last night to abduct the wife of Lewm Gon, a wealthy Chinese merchant of Marysville, who is now traveling in the eastern states, resulted in the death of the woman at an early hour this morning, probably from the drug administered by her captors to prevent resistance and outcry. Three suspects have been arrested. When the news of the attempted abduction became known in Chinatown this morning there was terrific excitement and it is regarded as highly probable that a long wave of violence may break out. It was through the abduction of a Chinese girl that one of the worst Chinese wars that has ever swept over the coast originated in this city a decade ago, which it cost the state nearly \$75,000 to suppress. It was in that war that the first general knowledge of the Chinese highlander system was obtained and through this information several wars which have since threatened have been stopped in the bud.

WATERS OF LAKE END HER HOMESICKNESS

Chicago, Sept. 30.—Frances Parkhurst, aged 16, who was missing last night from Ferry hall in Lake Forest, and for whom hundreds of students, citizens and soldiers searched all night, is dead. Her body was found in Lake Michigan this morning. All indications point to suicide, but there is no known motive except homesickness. The girl came from Danvers, Ill., and entered Lake Forest university three weeks ago.

THEY ROB TRAIN AND SECURE FORTUNE

Paris, Sept. 30.—A special train from Paris to Havre was rifled of valuables worth a vast sum last night. The robbery came to light today. Ninety-one bags of mail and large quantities of valuable papers and articles were cut open and the valuables taken. The exact loss is not known, but it is estimated that the thieves obtained booty worth a fortune.

\$20,000,000 BABY IS BORN TO HARRIMANS

New York, Sept. 30.—A son and heir to the Oliver Harriman millions was born early today at the family's country place at White Plains. This is the first child to come into the household. Oliver Harriman is rated in Wall street as being worth \$10,000,000. His wife is also a wealthy woman. The baby is worth at least \$20,000,000.

ST. LOUIS BOODLER COLONY INCREASED

St. Louis, Sept. 30.—John H. Schnettler, who pleaded guilty to the charge of bribery while a member of the house of delegates, was today sentenced to serve two years in the penitentiary. Schnettler is the sixth member of the house to be sent to the penitentiary. Folk says that he believes four others will eventually be imprisoned despite their steady fight to escape punishment.

TO SPED \$500,000

New Shops of Harriman Lines to Be Built at Albina.

WORK TO BEGIN SOON

Consolidation of O. R. & N. and S. P. Plants Will Make Possible the Turning Out and Repairing of All Rolling Stock. Close to \$500,000 will be spent in the consolidation of the Southern Pacific railway shops with those of the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company in Albina. Arrangements are now being made for the expenditure of this vast sum by the management of the Harriman lines in Oregon. Officials here refuse to discuss the matter in the absence of Manager E. E. Calvin, who is now in New York for a final conference with the management of the Harriman lines during the next fiscal year. But no doubt these changes, along with other improvements recently mentioned by The Journal, will be made. The present location of the O. R. & N. shops at Delany and Knott streets is an ideal site for the great plant which this change will create at that point. It lies between the Willamette river and the bluff, and comprises a nearly flat tract that is at least half a mile wide and about three-quarters of a mile long, with reference to the extensive improvements to be made by the Oregon lines during the next fiscal year. But no doubt these changes, along with other improvements recently mentioned by The Journal, will be made. The present location of the O. R. & N. shops at Delany and Knott streets is an ideal site for the great plant which this change will create at that point. It lies between the Willamette river and the bluff, and comprises a nearly flat tract that is at least half a mile wide and about three-quarters of a mile long, with reference to the extensive improvements to be made by the Oregon lines during the next fiscal year. But no doubt these changes, along with other improvements recently mentioned by The Journal, will be made.

TRINIDAD INUNDATED

Rumored Reservoir Has Given Away Sweeping Many to Death.

WIRES ARE NOT WORKING

While Report Lacks Confirmation Exceptionally Heavy Rains and Known Conditions Cause Grave Fears. Denver, Colo., Sept. 30.—A rumor is current here, brought in by wire, that a considerable portion of Trinidad, Col., has been washed away by the bursting of the city reservoir, and that many lives have been lost. At this hour it is impossible to gain confirmation, as Trinidad is completely cut out of wire communication. It has been raining heavily for the past two days in all that portion of the state, and every little mountain creek is now a raging torrent. The Animas river has reached nearly its highest recorded point, and several other streams in the Animas range are out of banks. Grave fears have been expressed as to the possibility of the reservoir at Trinidad being able to withstand a heavy flood. It was built two years ago by the city for a water supply, to obviate the necessity of using the waters of the Purgatoire river, which are polluted by the wash from the great collieries of the Colorado Fuel & Iron company, above the town. The reservoir is about five miles above the town and dams up a tributary of the Purgatoire river. It is located in a canyon and is a large one, holding a considerable lake of water. Its sudden breaking away would cause a flood of water to inundate the Purgatoire river, and in its reach would be not only a large portion of the lower residential section, but the new Colorado Southern depot as well. The depot would possibly be the greatest loss, as the residences are those of the lumber sort, the finest residence and business section of the city being on much higher ground. Along this bottom, too, would be swept out the California & Wyoming and Denver & Rio Grande tracks and attached buildings.

READY FOR A BATTLE

Both Armies at Mukden Hasten Plans for the Final Conflict.

RUSSIA IS REINFORCED

Japan Believed to Have Completed Her Forward Movement—Russians Are Filled With High Hopes of Big Victory. Rome, Sept. 30.—(Bulletin.)—Agencia Libria has a dispatch from Mukden this evening reporting that a battle about that place has begun. The Japanese opened hostilities, according to this report, by delivering five separate attacks at the enemy at points along the Russian front and flank. Preparations for an active forward movement of the Japanese now seem completed and a battle seems imminent. Kurapatkin reviewed several detachments of troops that have just arrived and conferred with the staff upon 18 officers for gallant services in the battle of Liao Yang. The fresh levies of troops that are arriving represent the flower of the Russian army and are being hurried forward in the direction of Mukden as fast as possible. It is now considered by many who are conversant with the situation, that if the Japanese postpone their attack for a few days the forces under General Kurapatkin will have been augmented and disposed of to such an advantage that as to the outcome of the contest the victors in the contest. On the other hand the dogged determination of the mikhod's men has been so well proven in the past that a true prediction as to the outcome of the contest that is now imminent seems a futile undertaking, and all eyes are turned toward the seat of hostilities anxiously awaiting the outcome of a struggle which will undoubtedly be a bloody one.

MILLIONS LOST IN STEEL IN TWO DAYS

New York, Sept. 30.—About \$2,000,000 has been lost in two days by Wall street gamblers endeavoring to depress the price of steel trust stock, financial circles declare. Bears, it is alleged, were caught by a sudden purchase in San Francisco Tuesday of 20,000 shares of preferred for the account of C. M. Schwab, a prominent stock exchange firm. It is known, however, that Schwab was forced to cover and had to buy at 73 to make good contracts that had been put out below 60. The World says: "J. Pierpont Morgan, according to a story told in Wall street today, employed James R. Keene to conduct a bull campaign in steel stocks, and the recent activity and strength of the stocks is attributed to his handiwork."

WILL TAKE UP THE HEARST COAL CASES

Washington, Sept. 30.—The Interstate Commerce commission has decided to take up, at Chicago, October 11, for further hearing the case of William H. Hearst against the anthracite coal roads.

DANISH COMMANDER REPORTS THAT HEAT GOES DOWN NEAR BOIS

Madivostok, Sept. 30.—The Danish commander of the lightship near Dool, Bouziers Island, reports that the Russian torpedo boat Ryschitskii, which the Japanese took from Cheshon with the object of conveying to Bouziers, sank near the island. Before sinking the powder magazine on board the boat exploded and 20 Japanese perished. GENERAL ASSAULT MADE. Russian Report Asserts That Japanese Were Repulsed at Port Arthur. St. Petersburg, Sept. 30.—An official dispatch today states that a general assault was made on the defenses of Port Arthur September 29 to 25 individuals, but the Japanese were everywhere repulsed. JAPANESE ADD GUNNERS. Varing Will Be Flooded Today in Good Condition. London, Sept. 30.—A dispatch to the Telegraph from Seoul says it is raining.

HENRY C. PAYNE IS DANGEROUSLY ILL

Washington, D. C., Sept. 30.—Henry C. Payne, postmaster-general, is seriously ill of heart trouble and much alarm is expressed by his friends over his condition. Although he appeared much improved upon his return from a western trip, he became very ill last night and has been confined to his apartments in the Arlington hotel here ever since. Dr. Magruder and Dr. Hazy, the surgeon-general of the navy, are his attending physicians. Among those who called to inquire as to the postmaster-general's condition last evening were the president and Mrs. Roosevelt. At 9:50 o'clock this morning it was given out that he had a very restless night, was very weak and that his condition was serious. At that time he was resting quietly and was not in pain. The report was given by the surgeon-general and Dr. Hazy, who were unable to take any more rest and his heart action was very irregular. Dr. Magruder remained with him all night. At 11:25 o'clock this morning the surgeon-general said that the postmaster-general's condition had improved in the last few hours.