

UNITED RAILWAYS HAS SURPRISE

Expected to Spring an Unexpected Offer for Front Street Franchise.

WILLAMETTE VALLEY COMPANY IS READY

Letter Addresses Letter to Council Assuring Members That There Are No Strings to Offer to Donate Road to the City.

It is said that at a meeting of the street committee of the city council this afternoon the United Railways company will make a counter move in the front street franchise fight that will throw rival camps into confusion.

The Willamette Valley company is reported to have another card up its sleeve, which it will play at the moment a proposition for the widening of Front street by cutting under the buildings and moving back the sidewalks.

The Willamette Valley company has secured information of the rival company's plans and is preparing to counteract them. Representatives of both companies were in attendance at a meeting of the committee of 100 last evening at the city hall.

As there have been insinuations that our offer was not genuine and was held by some string which would act against the interest of the city and would 'bottle up' other roads desiring to use any or all of the tracks within the city limits, we desire to state that the city of Portland has a legal department, and we submit to its proper authority, to determine if there are any so-called 'strings' or 'bottling up' they may be cut at once.

ASSESSING REAL ESTATE AT ONE THIRD VALUE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Pendleton, Or., March 6.—The assessment of this county begins today under the direction of County Assessor Strain. All real estate will be assessed at one-third its value, to correspond with the present assessment of railroad property, which has been fixed at one-third its actual value.

STEEL TRUST TO BUY INDEPENDENT PLANTS

(Journal Special Service.) Pittsburgh, March 6.—It is reported that John W. Gates is negotiating a deal whereby the United States Steel corporation will acquire ownership of Labelle Iron works, Republic Iron Steel company, the Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railway company, the Colorado Fuel & Iron company and large ore interests near the Great Lakes.

SARAH MADDERN SUES MILLIONAIRE DURYEA

(Journal Special Service.) New York, March 6.—Sarah Maddern, the actress, has today to recover \$50,000 from Peter Duryea, the millionaire horseman of Kentucky, alleging breach of promise of marriage.

LOBBYIST HAMILTON RETURNS FROM EUROPE

(Journal Special Service.) New York, March 6.—It is stated that Andrew Hamilton, the insurance lobbyist, arrived on the steamer Deutschland today, accompanied by two New York Life officials.

SAINT CLARA CHURCH DEDICATED

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Eugene, Or., March 6.—The members of the Christian church of the Santa Clara neighborhood, five miles north of Eugene, dedicated their new house of worship Sunday with appropriate services.

REGISTRATION IN BAKER

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Baker City, Or., March 6.—The total registration to date in Baker county is 1,344 Republicans, 1,094 Democrats, 115 Socialists, 109 non-partisans, 31 independents and five who say they are Prohibitionists.

BRYAN IN ILLINOIS

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Massacre Sufferers in Russia to Be Paid Money Orders Promptly Hereafter.

NORMAL CONDITIONS IN REGION RESTORED

America Has No Way of Forcing Foreigners in Postal Union to Handle Mail When Local Conditions Interfere.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, March 6.—Senator Gearin, who has been looking into the question of delays in paying money orders purchased in Portland for relief of Russian Jews, has been assured that in the future such delays probably will be avoided.

In writing to Portland parties, who complained of the delay, Senator Gearin said, in part:

The proceedings in brief in looking into the question raised were as follows: On January 29, the department called to St. Petersburg and the same day wrote the director-general of posts of Russia.

The department was not satisfied with the indefinite promise that the service would be re-established 'in a few days,' and consequently cabled again to the director-general of posts on February 22.

The United States postoffice department is of the opinion that normal conditions have now been restored. The position of the department with reference to the case in hand is that although Russia is in the International Postal union, the rules of that union are subject to the local laws and regulations thereof.

It is possible, therefore, for the federal government to employ any force, diplomatic or otherwise, to cause any one of the governments in the international union to handle matter from this country otherwise than subject to the conditions ruling in Russia or other countries at the time the money orders are received there.

However, said the postmaster general, no effort will be spared to protect the interests of those who entrust money to the postoffice department of the United States for transmission abroad, and in the event there be refusal to cash money orders in any foreign country this government will promptly demand the return of the money transmitted.

From this time on there will be none of the annoying delays to which you and others have been subjected. I trust that this representation may be ample, and that you will advise me further if the unfortunate conditions are not promptly corrected.

NO POISON IS FOUND IN TENNY'S STOMACH

(Journal Special Service.) San Francisco, March 6.—City Chemist Bothe today reported that he found no poison in the stomach of Harry Tenny, who died following a bout with Frankie Neil. This sets at rest the theory that Tenny was doped.

Mr. Tannebaum, mother of Tenny, the dead fighter, today called on District Attorney Langdon and asked for a writ of habeas corpus for Neal, Referee Ronch and all seconds on the charge of murder, based on the ground that the fight itself was a felony.

ERUPTION OF SMOKE FROM MOUNT RAINIER

(Journal Special Service.) Seattle, March 6.—Huge clouds and smoke were emitted from Mount Rainier this morning. Thousands of people are watching the eruption, which comes in puffs, clears away and then is quiet again.

WHY WERE THERE NO MERGER PROSECUTIONS?

(Journal Special Service.) Washington, March 6.—The house has called upon the attorney general for information as to whether criminal proceedings have been instituted against persons adjudged in the Northern Securities case guilty of having violated the law against combinations.

ALFONSO PREPARING TO POP THE QUESTION

(Journal Special Service.) San Sebastian, March 6.—Alfonso and Princess Ena of Battenberg arrived here today, preparatory to the ceremony tomorrow, when the king will formally ask Princess Ena to marry him.

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FIFTY-NINE YEARS IS THE AVERAGE OF AGES

Seven Senators Above Seventy-Five, Two Above Eighty-Two—Eighteen Fifty or Younger—One Under Forty.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, March 6.—A man with some leisure time and a taste for plain mathematics did some figuring the other day on the ages of members of the senate, which panned out like this:

The sum of the ages of all the senators is 5,238 years; the average age 59 years. The patriarch of the senate is Senator Pettus, 85; the baby is Burkett, 39.

In several other states the senators are of the same age; thus in Kentucky Blackburn and McCreary, each is 68; in North Carolina Overman and Simmons each is 57; in Tennessee Carmack and Freasier each is 48.

The senators in the average class, of 59 years, are McKinney, Martin, Talliferro and Tillman. Between the ages of 55 and 60 come a big class, the members being Hanabrough, McLaurin, Mallory, Newlands, Stone, each 58; Foster and La Follette, 57; Lodge and Rayner, 56; Clark, D. Clark, Dubois, Gumble, Gearin and Latimer, 45; Heyburn and Keah, 44; Clay, Crane, Fubola and Knox, 43; Carter, Clarke, Overman, and Simmons, 42 and Culberson, 41.

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Some of the other old boys are Alger, Hale and Millard, all in the 70 class; Baileley, Burrows and Ellinger, each 69; Blackburn and McCreary, each 68; Bacon, Clark of Montana, Dryden, Gorham, Money and Perkins, each 67; Patterson and Warner, 66; Aldrich, Berry and Ekins, 65; Daniel and Scott, 64; Dillingham, Nelson and Spencer, 63; Ankeny, Burnham and Warren, 62; Forker, Hopkins and Wetmore, 60.

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PETITION OF CLACKAMAS CANDIDATE AMENDED

J. E. Hedges Withdraws First Application in Order to Subscribe to Statement One.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Oregon City, Or., March 6.—J. E. Hedges, candidate for state senator from this county, who last week made application for the withdrawal of his petition for the purpose of amending it, has today received a written consent to amend his petition.

The petition, which holds that under the direct primary law a candidate for nomination on any office may withdraw his petition, amend the same or file another containing new matter, providing that it is done within the time for filing nominations. In passing on the question Mr. Allen says:

"I find the general rule of statutory construction, particularly in election cases, to be one of great liberality to the candidate, who is entitled to find the utmost freedom of expression. A man's opponent in primary elections must come from his own party, and if all are accorded the same privileges there is certainly no injustice done.

DIRECTORS ELECTED

(Journal Special Service.) At annual meetings of subsidiary Harrison-railroad companies yesterday afternoon the following directors were elected: For the Columbia Southern—J. P. O'Brien, W. W. Cotton, H. F. Conner, James G. Litzenger. For the Dalles Southern—J. P. O'Brien, W. W. Cotton, H. F. Conner. For the Oregon Southern—J. P. O'Brien, W. W. Cotton, H. F. Conner.

IRRIGATION COMPANY BUYS LAND

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Baker City, Or., March 6.—A large real estate deal has been consummated in Baker City, the Baker Irrigation company purchasing 4,040 acres of land located on Beaver Creek, southeast of Baker City.

CREAMERY FOR ECHO

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Echo, Or., March 6.—The entire \$5,000 necessary to secure the building of a creamery at this place has been subscribed and a meeting will be held very soon to select officers, fix location, and by-laws and take other necessary steps toward incorporation.

MANAGE AMONG HORSES

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Echo, Or., March 6.—Information reaches here that mange is prevalent among horses grazing near the buttes, seven miles southwest from this place, and it is probable that the immediate attention of the state veterinarian will be called to the fact.

DRILLING HOT WATER WELL

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Vale, Or., March 6.—A new well is being drilled just north of the hot springs near this city and it is believed that a good flow of hot water will be struck. The new well is on the north end of the Malheur county road and it will relieve that section of the muddy condition resultant from the springs there.

IMPROVE HARBORS OF CALIFORNIA

Secretary of War Recommends Breakwater to Be Built Off Monterey.

FIVE MILES OF JETTY TO PROTECT VESSELS

Project Will Cost Nearly a Million—Proposed to Spend Fifteen Thousand Straightening Out Petaluma Creek.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Washington, March 6.—The secretary of war has just recommended two important harbor projects for California—one at Monterey and the other at Petaluma creek. Both have received favorable recommendation from the house committee.

If the present year's spasm of economy does not block the enterprise the money will be appropriated. At Monterey a breakwater 5,000 feet long is needed and this will cost, it is estimated, \$600,000.

Engineer D. E. Hughes, who has made a report on the subject, says that a breakwater is sadly needed to protect shipping from the ocean's wrath.

"In this vicinity," says Hughes in his report, "the greater ocean swells come from southerly or west or from so far westerly of north that they are barred by Point Pinos and Mussel Point from entering the harbor proper, but break with great severity upon the eastern shore in the neighborhood of Seaside and northward.

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The improvement of Petaluma creek contemplates the straightening of the waterway at a cost of \$150,000 and an annual maintenance expense of \$2,000.

DR. SLOCUM WOULD BE COUNTY CORONER

Dr. Sam C. Slocum today filed his intention to become a candidate for Coroner of Multnomah county. The papers have the following promise:

"If nominated and elected I will conduct an economical and business-like administration and be just to all parties having business with the coroner's office. My motto will be 'Economy, justice and honesty' and to be printed after the name on the ballot."

HAD TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND

(Journal Special Service.) Donkey Zan, W. A. Johnson and Margaret White, who were appointed by County Judge Lionel R. Webster as appraisers of the estate of the late Frank Zan, reported this morning that the property left was worth \$25,000.

At a meeting of the constitution committee of the newly organized Portland Real Estate exchange was held this morning in the ball room of the Commercial club. The members, General Anderson and Messrs. Grindstaff, Birrell, Roundtree, Henry, Mal and Stearns, were all present, and points in the proposed constitution, to be adopted, were discussed.

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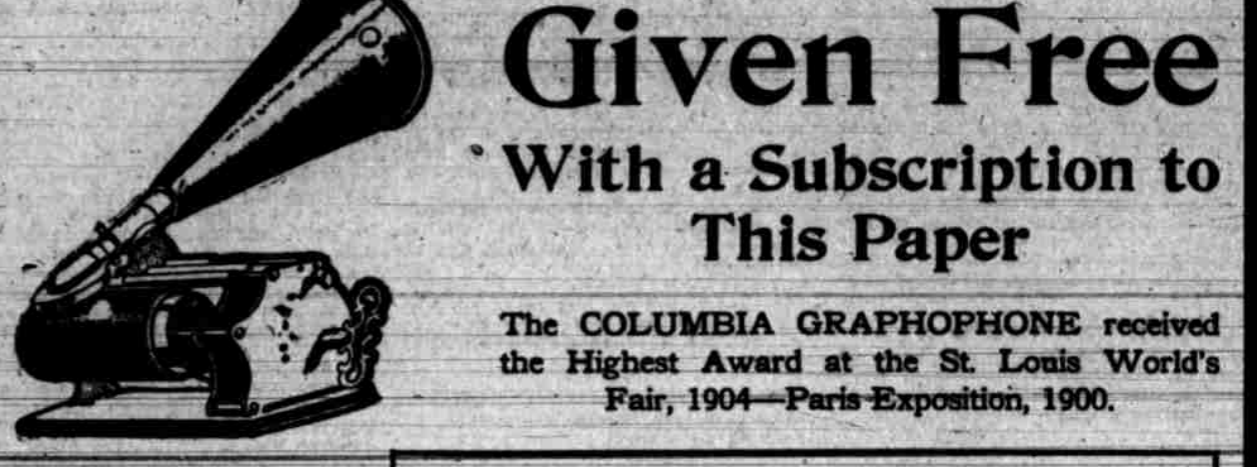
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BRIDGE QUESTION TO BE SETTLED TOMORROW

Port of Portland Expected to Recommend Draw Style at Site Selected.

At a meeting of the Port of Portland commission tomorrow the question of location and type of bridge that body will recommend for the Northern Pacific and Great Northern railroads, crossing the Willamette river, is to be taken up for final decision.

PATROLMAN J. P. DALY RESIGNS FROM FORCE

(Journal Special Service.) Patrolman J. P. Daly handed in his resignation to Chief of Police Gritzmacher this afternoon. His action was probably taken to avoid charges being filed against him with the police commission.

FAIR CORPORATION TO FINISH A MONUMENT

(Journal Special Service.) The Lewis and Clark memorial monument in the City Park will be finished. The foundation for the shaft was placed over three years ago and the cornerstone laid with imposing ceremonies on the occasion of the visit of President Roosevelt to the city.

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HURT IN COLLISION WITH RUNAWAY TEAM

(Journal Special Service.) Clinton Kelly was badly injured yesterday afternoon by a collision with a runaway team belonging to the Hazelwood creamery, at Twenty-first and Division streets. He was riding a buggy at the time and his vehicle was wrecked.

THINK WOMAN HELPED MAN TO ROB CHURCH

(Journal Special Service.) Evidence Hellyer this afternoon leading the police to believe that George Chas. Berlin, an ex-soldier and Annie Lillys, better known as Zelma, arrested in a lodging-house at Third and Taylor streets yesterday morning, are responsible for the looting of Trinity Episcopal church and the residence of the Rev. Dr. Albert A. Morrison, the pastor, Sunday night. The police say they believe that the woman has accompanied Chamberlain on his expeditions.

FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND FOR FIFTH STREET LOT

(Journal Special Service.) For a price said to be in the neighborhood of \$45,000 Dr. M. Fried has purchased from Thomas Scott Brooks a lot on Fifth street between Oak and Stark streets.

GOES BAY COOL FOR PORTLAND

(Journal Special Service.) At luncheon at the Commercial club today R. H. Ross, who has been making investigations of coal measures and mining at Coos Bay, told of the situation there, and showed samples of the coal. A committee composed of R. J. Holmes, L. A. Lewis, Sam Connelley, H. Corbett and B. R. Smith was appointed to look into the proposition of bringing the coal to Portland for the general market.

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