

FORTY-NINE OPERATING FRANCHISES

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Some of the Most Valuable Privileges Date Furthest Back—Some Granted by Old Towns of Albina and East Portland—Blanket Franchise Also.

There are 49 franchises under which various companies and syndicates are operating in Portland, and if Mayor Lane succeeds in forcing the holders of these franchises to divulge their receipts and earnings, the true value of these privileges may be definitely learned for the first time.

Seven franchises have been granted under the new charter. There is no doubt that these can be compelled to make quarterly statements to the city auditor which will show their receipts and expenditures.

Forty-two franchises were granted by the cities of Portland, East Portland and Albina before the present charter became effective. Some of the most valuable privileges date furthest back.

This number does not include the franchises bought up by the old Portland Railway company and the City & Suburban and included in the blanket franchise of these companies, passed by the council before the consolidation of the two companies. The blanket franchise covers no less than 21 privileges granted to various firms and individuals during the corporate existence of the three cities. The City & Suburban, having a wider range of territory, had included up 48 franchises and these are also included in their blanket franchise ordinance.

Telephone Company Informed. The city auditor and city attorney have informed the Home Telephone company that it must comply with the provisions of the charter as to regular statements to the auditor.

As the company is not yet earning anything, the matter has not been pushed. The auditor and attorney do not believe the charter provision can be made to apply to companies holding franchises granted under the old charter.

Strange to say, the city of East Portland granted a franchise before any were allowed by the town on the west side. The earliest is one to the Oregon & California railway, passed in 1863. This is one of the large number of franchises under which the Southern Pacific is now operating here. The first other passed by the East Portland council was on June 17, 1876. The Portland council granted a franchise to the Oregon Railway company January 5, 1881, and two were issued to the Oregon & California in 1887 and 1889.

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CLARK GOES TO SEE BRYAN

Montana Senator Leaves for Europe on Receipt of Cablegram—Name Suggested as Nebraskan's Running Mate

Denver, Col., Aug. 11.—There is a strong belief among members of the United States senate subcommittee on Indian Affairs in Denver, that the movement afoot to advance the cause of Senator W. A. Clark of Montana, who is a member of the committee, as a running mate for Bryan on the Democratic presidential ticket in 1908.

Just after the preliminary meeting of the committee Wednesday evening Senator Clark received a cablegram. A moment after reading the message he announced his intention of departing immediately for France. To inquiries by fellow-senators he said none of his relatives was ill, but that urgent matters called him to France.

"I'll bet you a dollar that cablegram was from Bryan," said one member of the committee to another.

RICH SPORT BY DAY BUT A HORSETHIEF DURING THE NIGHT

Denver, Aug. 11.—Passing as a wealthy horse owner and sport by day and following his occupation of stealing horses from residents of fashionable Capitol Hill by night, J. P. Rogers, who has several other names by which he has been known, is said to have carried on his nefarious trade for months and was only apprehended through the clever work of men connected with the detective department which Sheriff Nibbett attached to his office a few weeks ago.

STEWART IS WITNESS FOR COE BARNARD

United States Commissioner at Fossil Takes Stand to Testify for the Defense

Had Formerly Been Witness for the Government—May Lose His Federal Position Soon After Return of Judge Wolverton From State of Montana.

United States Commissioner James S. Stewart of Fossil took a hand this morning in the defense of Coe D. Barnard, and now the talk around the federal building is that the commissioner-ship at Fossil will soon be vacant. Stewart went on the stand and swore that the reputation of Barnard prior to the time he was indicted for perjury in connection with the final proof on Charles A. Watson's homestead was good.

United States Attorney Bristol, on cross-examination, got the witness to say that Barnard had lived for many years on what is known as the Barnard ranch and then produced a final proof on a homestead made by Coe D. Barnard on the very day that Watson proved up. The proof was made before Stewart, and Barnard swore that he had lived continuously for the statutory time, barring one week, on his claim, which was many miles from the Barnard ranch.

A determined effort was made by the defense to keep out the affidavit made at that time by Barnard. It was argued that the affidavit was "padding" to open up an independent line of inquiry, whereas it had no right to do more than question the witness concerning his knowledge of Barnard's general reputation. The question was still undecided when court adjourned at noon, but Judge Hunt promised a ruling early in the afternoon session.

Stewart May Lose Job. Stewart's term of office as United States commissioner may end soon after the return of Judge Wolverton from Montana. This means some time next month. It is certain that a request for the revocation of Stewart's appointment will be made. Complaint against his official conduct began soon after he was appointed.

He succeeded Hamilton H. Hendricks, who resigned under a cloud and is now awaiting sentence for subornation of perjury. Stewart had not been in office long before it was learned that his final proof on the homestead was being made out on Hamilton H. Hendricks' typewriter. Identification of the work was easy, as Hendricks owned the only typewriter in Fossil. Investigation by agents of the land office revealed that a hole had been cut in the

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Miss Anna Robinson, Bookkeeper of the Art Students' League, Who Was Arrested by Comstock. To Her Left is One of the Attractive Studies of the Catalogue.

HEYDEN GIVES LIE DIRECT TO CZAR NICHOLAS

Plot of Czar to Regain Despotism Rule Shown Up by Leader—Grand Duke Nicholas Narrowly Escapes Assassination at Hands of His Own Soldiers.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 11.—Count Heyden, in a letter printed in the Novorvnya today, gives the lie direct to the czar in connection with the recent attempt of Premier Stolypin to form a cabinet. Count Heyden says he and his associates refused to enter the cabinet because their plans for reform were rejected and Premier Stolypin demanded that they become bureaucrats.

The letter is bold and frank and has created a sensation in declaring that the czar is deliberately trying to regain his full authority by only admitting as advisers those favoring despotism.

The general impression is that in driving the Heyden party from him the czar has done the most in his power to hasten a crisis.

Two regiments have notified their officers it will be useless to order them to shoot the peasants they have been sent to subdue. General Classoff hastened to the camp at Volozda to subdue the mutineers, but the soldiers, the men repeating to him their intentions.

Grand Duke Nicholas narrowly escaped assassination yesterday at the hands of the imperial guards in camp near Krastovoyedol. The grand duke was conducting maneuvers and putting the troops through blank firing practice when bullets hissed about his head. Neither the horse nor rider was touched.

The troops were commanded to cease firing. The regiment from which the firing came marched to their quarters and a number of arrests were made. The accident theory is scouted. The incident caused an immediate change of plans by the emperor, who had planned to spend a week at the camp.

Lipton Cup Admitted Free. Washington, Aug. 11.—The silver cup offered by Sir Thomas Lipton for the winners in yacht races in this country will be admitted free. It was held up by Boston customs collectors and the treasury department ordered them to admit it.

MAD FOREIGNERS RIOT OVER BODY OF BANK SUICIDE

Angry Mob Tear Crepe From Door, Hurl Anathemas at Family and Curse Memory of Young Teller Who Killed Himself Because of Taunts.

Chicago, Aug. 11.—While the coroner was holding an inquest this morning over the body of Frank Kowalski, teller of the Milwaukee Avenue state bank who committed suicide last night, a crowd of angry foreigners, men and women, gathered about the house and created a demonstration. A Polish man and woman entered the house hurled anathemas at the family and shook their fists at the body and cursed the memory of the young man. The crowd tore the wreaths of crepe from the door and crushed them in the gutter. The excitement grew to a riot, when the police subdued the rioters with clubs.

Kowalski was driven to suicide by the taunts of his neighbors, who thought he should have warned them of the bank's failure. Examiner Jones says that there is no evidence that Kowalski had the slightest knowledge of the conditions in the bank.

The police have an unconfirmed report that the man who was seen in the bank at the time of the suicide was a

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AMERICANS PLOT WAR WITH MEXICO

Anti-Foreign Outbreak Due to Gigantic Conspiracy by Mine Owners to Bring About Cession of Sonora to Uncle Sam as Result of Trouble Stirred Up With the Natives

San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 11.—The Call publishes a sensational story to the effect that the recent disturbances and report of an anti-American outbreak on the Mexican border were due to a gigantic plot to stir up a war between Mexico and the United States. The Call says: "With an audacity seldom paralleled in history, this scheme, that might have led to bloodshed, and is still likely to engender bitter feeling between two friendly nations, was concocted in New York and San Francisco, and the agents of the plotters were selected here to start the project on its way. The conspirators were rich mining men with large interests in Mexico."

Briefly the plot was this: Mexican miners of the Cananea district, and, if possible, those employed in other rich districts of the state of Sonora, which borders on the United States, will be quietly provoked into acts of violence which Americans in Sonora will be bound to resent, and trouble would ensue. The matter was to be agitated along the border of this country to a point where the rougher frontier element would boldly cross the line and keep the trouble bubbling.

"By this time it was hoped the feeling would be so intense on both sides that American interests in Sonora would be jeopardized. The plotters would cause the matter to be brought to the attention of congress, and then money and influence would be resorted to to force an issue, that would end in the Mexican government ceding the state of Sonora, including the Cananea district, to the United States."

The Call says the meetings of the plotters were held in New York and this city, where the details were prepared. The outbreak at Cananea came, and then followed the anti-American circulars, but the good sense of the Mexicans prevented serious trouble.

Colonel Greene's friends deny that he had a share in the plot. The Venture Mining company, an English concern, is said to have been one of the leaders in the plot.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC REDUCES FORCE ON COAST

Demand for Higher Wages Causes Work to Be Done in Eastern Machine Shops.

Sacramento, Aug. 11.—Wearied by constant importunities for higher wages and foreseeing the demand would be a general one, the Southern Pacific officials, it is said, have decided to reduce their staff at the local machine shops to the minimum, and have all the work done in the east that can conveniently be sent there.

In this connection the foremen of various departments have been instructed to prepare lists of the most reliable men, who will be retained at a higher rate of pay.

The officials are very reticent as to the intention of the company to have repairs done in the east, but there is no doubt that the foremen have been instructed to prepare a list at once. The plan to reduce the staff may be intended only as a threat.

LITTLE WEALTHY WATER IS BOUGHT IN NEWPORT

Aspirations of Smart Set Women for Slim and Sylph-Like Forms Responsible.

New York, Aug. 11.—A special to the Journal from Newport says: Aspiration of Newport women toward slim, sylph-like forms and yearnings of the men for athletic build and sturdiness has caused weeping among the local wine dealers, as the cottagers are consuming less of the juice of the grape than during any former season.

The sorrow of the wine merchant has gone on to the humble jug dealers, who reaped a harvest on bottles in days when plumpness was not feared and society men were content with normal bodily vigor.

It is noticeable that very few society women are toying with the "sparkle," while they formerly used enough of it to satisfy the dealers. The customs officials here have received only one consignment with which to make glad the heart of man and woman since last May.

ARTISTS ANGRY WITH COMSTOCK FOR HIS RAID

Intense Indignation at Seizure of Art Students' League Catalogue Which Contained Pictures in the All-Together Which Shocked Anthony.

New York, Aug. 11.—Intense indignation still exists in art circles of the metropolis over the raid of the Art Students' league and the confiscation of its catalogue and the arrest of its secretary, Miss Anna Robinson, by Anthony Comstock, on the ground that the nude portraits in the catalogue were immoral.

The Art Students' league of New York is one of the most distinguished art schools in America. The magazine catalogue contained illustrations reproducing studies by students and was the cause of the invasion of the league's headquarters and seizure of half a truck load of pamphlets to be mailed to lovers of art.

Comstock Made Raids. Anthony Comstock made the complaint and personally conducted the raid, which resulted only in the capture of the magazines and Miss Anna Robinson.

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DENIES CALLING UPON WHITE

Hattie Forsythe Says She Did Not Play Joke On Architect But Admits Having Impersonated Mrs. Harry Thaw at Hotel

Providence, R. I., Aug. 11.—Hattie Forsythe, the young actress who was mentioned in a Paris cablegram on last Thursday as having been probably indirectly responsible for the murder of Stanford White, reached here today from Narragansett pier. She denies ever having visited White's studio and leaving word with the attendant to tell the architect that Mrs. Harry K. Thaw had called.

Miss Forsythe does not deny, however, knowing Harry Thaw and Evelyn Nesbit, and how she served them a good turn two years ago by impersonating Mrs. Thaw and enabling the Pittsburgh man and his fiancée to escape from the Cumberland hotel unobserved.

"I was never what should be characterized as intimate with Mrs. Thaw," said Miss Forsythe tonight. "I have always thought her a sweet, pretty girl—more of a child than anything else."

When I lived in the Hotel Cumberland it happened by accident that Harry Thaw and Evelyn came there to put up for a few days.

"You remember what a lot of excitement there was over whether Thaw and Evelyn Nesbit were married. The matter seemed to have every one's attention, reporters were thronging the hotel day and night, and finally Thaw appealed to me and I did a little stunt for him which I was only too willing and happy to do."

"It was the day he and Miss Nesbit were ordered out of the Cumberland, and Harry came to me and asked me to fool the crowd that was waiting in the street to see them depart. He suggested that I impersonate Evelyn and go out to his carriage, which was waiting. He planned by doing this that Evelyn could escape without a scene. I carried out my part and the deception worked like a charm."

JILTS BETROTHED ON WEDDING DAY TO MARRY OLD LOVER

Indiana, Ind., Aug. 11.—Captain Charles E. Huggins of the United States signal corps appeared here yesterday after an absence of five years, just in time to find his bid sweetheart, Miss Beattie Thompson, was to be married in a few hours to W. H. Connette. She immediately telephoned Connette she would not marry him. Instead, she will wed Captain Huggins.

Believing the young woman was not serious in her announcement, Connette obtained a license and informed his sweetheart of the fact shortly after noon, less than three hours before the ceremony was to have taken place. The young woman was steadfast in her determination to break the engagement and the word "void" was written in large letters upon the page of the marriage book at the courthouse.

It seems that a lover's quarrel separated Huggins and Miss Thompson several years ago. Huggins returned in the navy as an apprentice and was assigned to service in northwest Indiana, where he made the heart crew jealous.

Miss Thompson will become the bride of Captain Huggins next week.

THE BEST That can be found along all lines of recent thought: W. J. Bryan on Athens, old and new; Tolstoi on "Memories" of life in Russia 70 years ago; R. A. Harris on the ascendancy of labor; expert opinions on how to command success; what has taken the place of the old "swimmin' hole" in Portland; fashions, health and beauty hints for women; a page of beautiful babies; Professor J. B. Horner amid the graves of the great in Westminster abbey; how Uncle Sam is training his wards in the Philippines; wild beasts on their native heath; stories, games, puzzles and "funnies" for the boys and girls, and old people, too, and the news from all over the world in THE SUNDAY JOURNAL