

PEOPLE'S PROPERTY WILL LINES DEPOT HERE BLAME FOR RIOTS PUT ON ROOSEVELT

MAJOR LANE GRILLS CITY DESPOILERS

Annual Message Tells Plain Truths About How Franchises Are Frittered Away

The Mayor's Recommendation. Higher pay for members of the police force in order to induce good men to act as patrolmen. Erection and maintenance of detention house for persons suspected of having contagious diseases. Higher wages for members of the fire department. Another inspector for the plumbing inspection department. Playgrounds for children in different sections of the city. Amendment to charter so that people may remove an elected officer at any time.

Deplored the profligate liberality of the city in giving away its streets, Mayor Lane in his annual message to the council yesterday strongly urged that steps be taken to secure a full equivalent for every right that is granted.

The giving away of city property has been wholly, he says, and recent consideration has been given the subject by the people. There have been no reservations, either mental or otherwise, in the bestowal of public property. With reference to the subject, Mayor Lane says:

"Being strongly imbued with the idea that the interests of the people of the city at large are of greater importance than are those of the individuals and being firmly convinced that such rights of the city in respect to grants and franchises and the use of and vacation of streets and other public property of the city has not received the consideration at the hands of this city's representatives to which it is entitled, I take this opportunity to again protest against the scant consideration which has been given to this important subject."

Wholesale Robbery of People. Rights and grants wholesale and retail have been made with a view to reservations either mental or otherwise being made, so far as I can ascertain, or any consideration to the value of a non-marked franchise required in lieu of the same in most instances. Gifts of streets and franchises to the use of streets in and in whole. Rights to the use of the surface of the streets; rights to the use of the earth below the surface; rights to the use of the space above the streets; gifts of streets in full width, outright, and for all time; petty pickings and clippings from off sidewalks have each and all been made with a free hand with no little or no consideration shown for the interests or rights of the people in the same.

People's Rights Are Scaled. The property of the people belongs to them alone, and their rights are as sacred as are those of the individual and under no circumstances should they be parted with without due and careful consideration of the value of that for which they are exchanged, and that value should be a full equivalent. The mayor begins his message with a detailed account of the city's finances, showing the total expenses of the various departments and the available balance in the several funds. He calls special attention to the special bridge fund which has on hand a balance of \$23,74. There are warrants outstanding on this fund amounting to \$31,118.34. The special tax levy did not realize a sufficient sum to pay all the warrants.

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YOUTHFUL BANDIT SNOB BLOCKADES ROBS HIS VICTIM 10 COAST TRAINS

Mrs. Thomas Roberts Has Nerve-Racking Encounter With a Highwayman and Loses Her Fortune of Twenty-Five Cents to Bold Robber.

Halted at the muzzle of a revolver in the hands of a youthful, unmasked highwayman on a well-lighted street within five blocks of her home and robbed of 25 cents was the nerve-racking experience last night of Mrs. Thomas Roberts, wife of one of the members of the firm of Roberts Brothers, proprietors of the well-known department store at Third and Morrison streets.

The latest highway robbery in the lengthy series of crimes of this character occurred about 9:15 p. m. at the corner of Park and Madison streets in the shadow of the First Congregational church. Mrs. Roberts, who resides at 574 Park street, was on her way home and when near the intersection of the two streets named was suddenly confronted by the thug. The first intimation that she had that the shadowy form lurking near the house of worship contemplated robbery was when the fellow approached her and shoved a blue-barreled revolver of large caliber in her face.

"S-s-sh, don't make a sound. I want your money," was the salutation to the footpad, and Mrs. Roberts obeyed the admonition to the letter.

"I have only 25 cents," said the trembling woman. "Please take the pistol out of my face."

Mrs. Roberts complied with her request and turned the muzzle of the wicked looking gun slightly aside. Still covering her with the weapon he made a hasty search of Mrs. Roberts' pockets and secured the coin. Noting the approach of a pedestrian in the next block the footpad cautioned his victim not to make an outcry until he made his escape and ran rapidly down Madison street toward the river.

DEPOT HERE

Passenger Station to Make Two Railways Independent of the Terminal Company

Ground in North Portland Already Acquired by the Great Northern and Northern Pacific—Claim Terminal Company Favors Harriman Roads.

Persistent rumors are in circulation that the Northern Pacific and Great Northern railroad companies will build a new and modern passenger station in north Portland, and operate their entire train service in this city independent of the present terminal company and passenger station.

The new passenger station will, it is said, be built on the block bounded by Glisan, Hoyt, Park and West Park streets, already owned by the Hill company. This block is at the northerly end of the plaza tracts. Men who claim to have seen the plans say they are now almost completed by the company's architect and that the new passenger station will be a splendid edifice of stone with marble floors and the most modern and convenient arrangements.

It is said the company has been keeping its plans closely guarded, in view of the necessity of having to purchase additional ground in north Portland for terminal purposes. Recently C. M. Levey, president of the Portland & Seattle Railroad company, was asked as to the truth of a similar rumor and he made a deal of it.

The present passenger station in Portland is one of the best constructed and most modern stations in the west. The building and the terminal trackage and properties are owned by the Northern Pacific Terminal company, in which the consolidated Harriman lines hold 40 per cent of the stock and the Hill roads own 40 per cent.

Owing to this unequal division, it is alleged the terminals have been operated in a manner that placed hardships on the Hill lines in the matter of switching and movement of cars to and from the clients of the companies. The Hill people charge that on account of this discrimination they have been forced to provide their own independent terminals and that while they are about it they may as well build their own passenger station. The location selected is a fortunate one, being but a block from the present union passenger station and therefore convenient for the traveling public.

NEW RECORDS MADE BY CHAMPION SWIMMER

One of the fastest swimmers in the world, under the reputation he made for himself during the Olympic games last year by making new records tonight for three distances in the 75-foot tank of the New York Athletic club, Daniels was scratchman in the 50-yard swim, handicap, and in his trial heat, when he won, he made new tank records for 120 yards, 150 yards and 200 yards, finishing first in his heat, under the rules governing the swimming. Daniels is entitled to new records. He did 128 yards in 1:14, the best time previously being 1:20 4-8, made by Harry Lemoyne of Boston. Daniels passed the 150-yard mark in 1:37, which is his second-best time, his own record and he finished the 200 yards in 2:15 2-8, beating his own best record for the distance by 4 8-8 seconds.

CHICAGO PACKERS

UNITED IN TRUST

Gigantic Combine to Include All Stockyard Plants Organized—Capitalized at a Half Billion—Armour to Retire Owing to Adverse Criticism.

Chicago, Jan. 12.—With the exception of Schwarzschild and Sulzberger, all big Chicago stockyard plants have been consolidated in a single monster organization, according to apparently reliable reports from a meeting of the local packers' representatives tonight. The organization is to be capitalized at \$500,000,000, with Louis F. Swift at its head. J. Ogden Armour, hitherto the foremost among the Chicago packers, is said to be about to retire, although several years may elapse before it will be possible for him to withdraw from the enterprise in which he is interested.

JAP WARSHIPS ABANDON VISIT

Mikado's Squadron Ordered Not to Call at San Francisco on Account of Unfriendly Feeling Existing in California—Will Halt at Honolulu.

Washington, Jan. 12.—Maano Hanhira, second secretary of the Japanese embassy, tonight said that Viscount Aoki, the Japanese ambassador to the United States, has not been officially notified of the Tokyo government's decision not to allow the training squadron to proceed to San Francisco.

ACCUSE BANKER WALSH OF FIXING GRAND JURY

Chicago, Jan. 12.—An alleged attempt to tamper with the federal grand jury engaged in an investigation of what has been charged to be bogus notes on the defunct Chicago National bank and into the extent of President John B. Walsh's connection with the transactions in this class of paper resulted in the expulsion of two private detectives from the federal building today with a warning not to return again under penalty of prosecution. These men have the combined names of the transactions in this class of paper resulted in the expulsion of two private detectives from the federal building today with a warning not to return again under penalty of prosecution.

CAKE IS NAMED FOR PRESIDENT

Commercial Club Members Now Plan Compromise Ticket—It Is Declared Merger Would Not Largely Increase Membership.

H. M. Cake will, it is said, be the next president of the Portland Commercial club, the club's promotion department will not be changed from its present allegiance, and neither one of the tickets now nominated for board or officers will be elected entire. It is predicted that men will be selected from both tickets to make up the next board of governors.

NEW CRIME CREATED BY ROOSEVELT

Tillman Grills Executive for Illegal Act in Dismissing the Negro Soldiers

Washington, D. C., Jan. 12.—Anticipation as to Tillman's speech on the Brownsville rioting was very great; and Tillman made good. That is the sum of the situation today. But the details are worth telling. Not more than once have so large an audience than crowded the senate. Every seat in the galleries was filled and every seat on the floor.

Tillman was heard throughout with the closest attention, in complete silence, broken only by such spontaneous demonstrations of feeling of amusement as his speeches are wont to bring forth. Silence interrupted.

Tillman pointed out that the president had not only created new crimes, unknown hitherto in the articles of war, as a pretext for his order regarding the offending regiment, but that he had deliberately incurred the risk of disorder attending the sending of them to Texas, carrying with it a reputation for murderous violence which had already been repeatedly exhibited in other towns and places.

Tillman ignored explicitly the legal aspects of the matter and devoted himself to the conditions, and although it had seemed when he began the use of the words "topic" had already been uttered, yet before he got through his hearers felt that what he said had been the first really effective delivery on this much discussed and ominous occurrence.

"This has been like a case in a court," he said. "The men of the regiment are under indictment and senators are the attorneys for defense or prosecution, while the president is both head prosecutor and executioner. I appear for the defense; if what I have to say shall be considered a defense when I get through; but being only a cornfed lawyer, my contribution toward the helping out of the distinguished senator from Ohio may very likely prove to be worthless. In spite of my being one of the most ultra of all men on the race question, yet even I, standing here alone, even I want to see the negro dealt with justly."

"With certain of the men of this regiment," he continued, "the president has dealt very unjustly, and he has far overstepped justice in dealing with others. I intend to prove that not even he—not even he—has a right to punish innocent men because other men have been guilty. The president makes the charge that the men have broken their oath of enlistment and have refused to tell who the criminals were. But what do the articles of enlistment say? They enjoin nothing that can be taken as obliging an enlisted man to tell something he does not know or that might incriminate himself. I fail to see where a single one of these men has broken his oath of enlistment. "Again, Mr. Roosevelt says his order is not a punishment, for as a punishment it would be wholly inadequate. And he goes on to charge them with mutiny, treason and conspiracy of alliance. Now I deny that a single man of the regiment has been guilty of any of these crimes. Of murder they have been guilty; and of conspiracy to murder—some of these very men, as I believe, have been guilty of that. But no one claims that more than 33 of them have been guilty of murder. They have been punished. Or, if, as the president claims it is not a punishment, then why did he do it?"