

# CARMEN AND SMOKERS PULL OFF FIRST ROUND

### Conductors and Tobacco Users Meet on Forbidden Ground and Initial Tangle Ensues—W. C. T. U. Holds Meeting and Sits Down on Consumers of the Weed.

The great fight is on and the street car conductors are having the worst trouble of their lives. It is a revised version of Hamlet's colloquy and runs "To smoke or not to smoke."

All the wares the street car men had in protesting the strike last winter were easy compared with the one started this morning when the conductors tried to enforce the non-smoke rule on the rear platform.

"What," shouted a portly business man coming down from Portland heights with his early morning cheroot between his lips, "can't I even hold it between my teeth?"

The conductor could hardly take issue with so distinguished a party and passed on to a belated clerk who was getting keen enjoyment out of a cigarette. Large puffs of smoke, with all the delights of deep inhalation, caused a beaming smile to loom on his face until the conductor spotted him.

"I'm sorry, but you will have to stop smoking," he admonished.

"The rule says that no smoking shall be indulged in when passengers are boarding or leaving the car," retorted the young man, "and as the car is moving and no one boarding or getting off, I am not violating the rule."

Nonplussed, the conductor looked about in a dejected, helpless sort of a way and went forward where he busied himself collecting fares and issuing transfers. At least he made a pretense of doing so, for he kept himself well to the front until the car got down town.

No Show for Police. Smokers generally have acquiesced to the new rule but it has been a hard pill to swallow for many of them, especially in the morning when they indulge in their first smoke. It is believed that most of the street car men are in sympathy with the smokers and it is believed that they will not attempt to enforce the ruling unless forced to do so.

Inasmuch as there is no ordinance against smoking on street cars, the police will have nothing to do in enforcing the rule and the question will resolve itself into a fight between the conductors and passengers. The smokers say that if the women who object to smoking really wanted to be fair

in the matter, they would make it a point never to occupy the last three seats in the open cars. They insist that women clamor into these seats when there are plenty of empty ones ahead. One man was so vehement in this matter that he said he would never get up to give a woman a seat in an open car unless she was an invalid.

Bluff! Bluff! Take That. So far as known the Central W. C. T. U. is the only organization that has passed resolutions on the matter. They want even more radical action taken, and passed the following resolutions yesterday to that effect:

"The Central W. C. T. U. of Portland, at its regular meeting, after a discussion of the tobacco question in its various phases, declares its protest in the name of the long-suffering, non-tobacco-using public, against the smoke evil in general and the almost total lack of recognition of the part of the smokers of the right of the aforesaid public to breathe pure air in particular. We desire also to enter our protest against the failure of railroad, streetcar and other transportation companies to guard non-smokers from the compulsory, unwholesome and nauseating inhaling of and consuming at close second-hand the smoke from pipe, cigarette and cigar, thus rendering travel to many—even a street car trip—a sickening and disgusting experience.

"We do declare that the present arrangement of smoking compartments on street cars, railway coach and sleeper is an infringement on the right of personal liberty and calls for a ringing and general protest."

## HAS COINS FROM NEARLY EVERY COUNTRY IN WORLD

J. R. Fletcher of 166 Sellwood street possesses several Canadian coins of interest which he has kept since he was a boy in Canada. One is a piece of token money stamped with a picture of the Bank of Montreal, and coined in 1854. He also has a Canadian copper of 1820 which is very old for Canadian coinage.

Mrs. A. A. Woolfel of Centralia has a number of rare American coins which she would gladly dispose of. Her collection contains souvenir coins, nickels and half dimes now called in, also three cent and two cent pieces. The oldest coin in her collection is a large silver piece of 1805. She has a collection of foreign coins representing nearly every country in the world.

## ART MUSEUM OPEN SUNDAY AFTERNOON

The Art Museum will be open from 2 to 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon to enable those who are employed during the day to see the exhibit of arts and crafts and the paintings. There will be no charge for admission.

# POWER DEPOT ONLY DELAYED

### Plans for Large Station Are Not Given Up by the Electric Company.

## COODE'S DEATH CAUSES A POSTPONEMENT

### Accommodations for Ten or Fifteen Thousand People During the Busy Hours of the Day Must Be Made Equal to Demand.

Construction of the central passenger and power station for Portland electric railway lines has not been given up by the Portland Railway, Light & Power company. While the death of the last president, H. W. Coode, administered a check to some of the company's partially developed plans, the idea of building a great union station between First and Second streets will be adhered to. Frederick V. Holman, attorney for the company, who went east some weeks ago on legal business and to attend to affairs relating to the election of a new president for the company, will return to Portland in a few days and the union station matter will then be taken up for consideration by the officials here and at Philadelphia. F. I. Fuller, general manager of the street railway lines, said:

Changing the Plans. "While the union station matter has been in statu quo for a few weeks, it will be taken up as soon as Mr. Holman returns. The station will be built, but preparations will require much time. The plans are far from complete, and will doubtless be changed many times before everything is finally settled. It is intended to build a complete and modern power station to do the work now performed by the present station at the corner of Alder and Seventh streets. The new depot building will house the power station and other features suggested."

It is probable that the building cannot be completed this year, but construction may be well under way before the year closes. The company had under consideration the building of a clubhouse for its employees. This feature will probably be incorporated in the new central station.

## Jam at Busy Hours

The accommodation for trunks, cars, gateways and waiting-rooms will require a great amount of space in the building. The company is now operating about 370 passenger cars at the busy hours of the day. Between 5 and 6 o'clock more than 250 cars would leave the proposed central passenger station, bound for the various suburbs of the city. Each one of these cars, when crowded, carries 80 to 100 people.

While the building of more rolling stock is expected to reduce very greatly the average number of people carried in Portland streetcars, the crowd moving through the proposed passenger station in the busy morning and evening hours will range from 10,000 to 15,000 people. Considerably more than one

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## FIRST WARD REPUBLICAN CLUB ENTERS CAMPAIGN

The first ward Republican club has entered into the campaign and at a meeting last night it was decided to open headquarters and work systematically for the success of the ward candidates in the coming election. The club will also bend its energies toward electing the entire Republican ticket. The officers of the club are: Ralph E. Moody, president; Ned Munger, vice-president; H. B. Stout, treasurer; J. H. Bush, secretary.

## CLATSOP RANCHER KILLS COUGAR IN HIS YARD

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Astoria, Or., May 11.—F. H. Mudd killed Thursday on his Lewis and Clark ranch a large cougar measuring over six feet from tip to tip. The animal came into the yard and was in the act of killing a young calf when shot. It must have been famished, as cougars seldom come so close to a human habitation. Its mate was also seen in the vicinity at the same time.

# YARNS AND SONGS BY WITNESSES

### Anything to While Away the Time in the Postoffice Corridors.

Witnesses for the federal grand jury find the time hangs heavy as they sit on benches and chairs in the corridors of the postoffice building and strive in numerous ways that are often amusing to make the weary hours pass more swiftly while waiting their turn to appear and testify.

To a stranger entering the building yesterday the old structure gave forth sounds which would lend the impression that a musical concert was in full swing. The singing heard, however, was that of one of the women who sang popular songs to herself and fellow-witnesses to make the wait seem less tedious. "In My Merry Oldsmobile," "Where the Colorado Winds Its Silvery Way," "In the Baggage Coach Ahead" and several other well known old-timers were on the program and were listened to with pleasure by the old-timers and other witnesses who were waiting their turn.

Living Old Life Again. Story telling, smoking and sleeping on the benches and floor, form the chief diversions of the male witnesses. One old soldier who has a seemingly unlimited store of tales and anecdotes, helps materially in passing the tedious waiting of his fellow witnesses. Another old soldier appeared on the scene yesterday and the two got to fighting once more the battles of the late unpleasantness. Blood-curdling feats of valor were recounted with a nonchalance that would make Baron Munchausen's stories seem tame in comparison.

Young men gathered around them and listened in awe as the old soldiers lived again the days of civil strife, a toddling baby, the child of one of the women waiting to testify, crept up and received its first lesson in stories of the "greatest war" the world ever knew, "or ever will know, by gings," said the veteran whenever he wanted to make a weak story seem strong.

Advice to Uncle Sam. When the men get tired of telling stories, they digress on the manner in which the government should run its affairs. In this the old veteran comes to the fore with a vengeance. His ideas would undoubtedly be appreciated by the officials if they only could get a full understanding of them. However, they do not, and the witnesses continue to sit on the hard benches, lie stretched out at full length on the floor with newspapers, or a mattress, or pace up and down the corridors while waiting for the time when they are to be called to tell all they know about the men whom Uncle Sam has detected violating his laws.

## Sears to Address Law Graduates.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Salem, Or., May 11.—Judge Alfred Sears Jr. of Portland has accepted the invitation of the graduating class of the law department of Willamette university to deliver the address on commencement, May 18. There will be six candidates for the degree of bachelor of laws.

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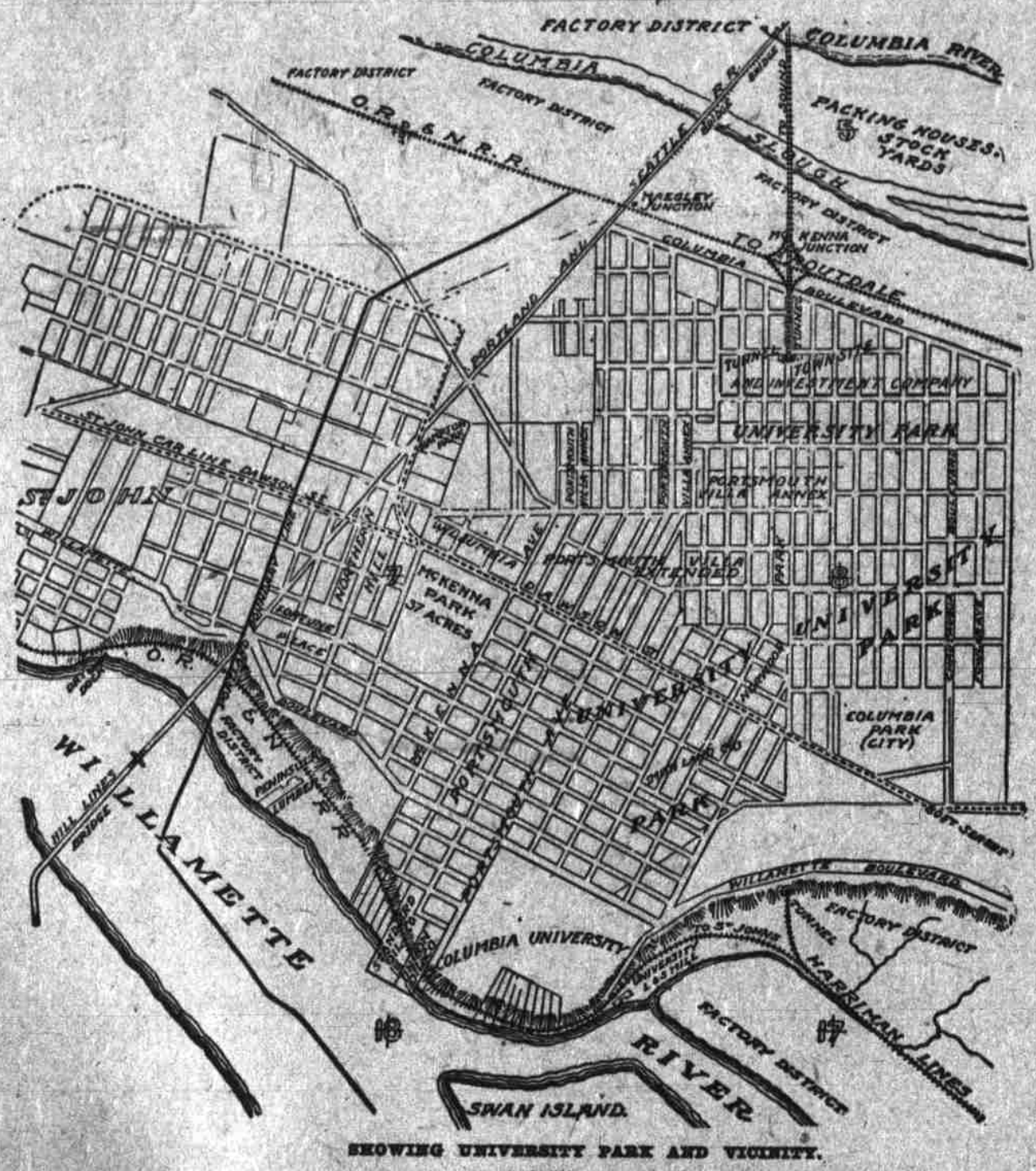
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