COUNCIL WILL OUST DOBSON FROM OFFICE

Efforts of Building Inspector to Protect City From Fire Stalled by City Body—Councilmen Smarting Under Recent Defeat on Nottingham Permit.

Members of the city council, smarting from their defeat received from Building Inspector Dobson over the permit allowing Senator Nottingham to erect a frame building within the fire limits, have planned a neat revenge upon the inspector, and at the next council meeting will either abolish the office of building inspector or reduce the salary to so small a sum that Dobson will have to resign.

This report circulated at this morning's meeting of the council and the members will probably carry out their scheme as soon as possible because they were forced to adopt Councilman Concannon's minority report on the resolution instructing the city attorney to drop the prosecution of Nottingham for violating the building laws. With his hands freed City Attorney Kavanaugh can proceed with the prosecution of Nottingham in the municipal court where the case pressed against him by Dobson is hanging fire.

Dobson Threatened.

Whether the councilmen carry out their threat or not, it is known that the members have gone to the extent of securing legal information as to whether they can abolish the office of building inspector and one member stated that "unless Dobson came down from his high horse and remained good he would lose his position."

The councilmen claim that they have authority to abolish the office under the charter. According to subdivision 24 of section 73, the council has the authority to create the office of building inspector. By the same subdivision they claim they have the right to do away with the office. They claim they have the right to regulate the salary of the office and this fact is conceded.

Should the council take such drastic action it would not only hit Dobson but three other employes of the office. If they simply reduce the salary and force Dobson out they could soon secure a new head of the department and restore the salary.

When the report was spread about the city hall this morning of the contemplated action much speculation was indulged in as to whether the councilmen would really dare go so far. Many expressed the belief that the threat was simply made to scare Dobson in order to have him comply with the wishes of the council. Those who know Dobson do not believe that he will be "scared." He has outlined the conduct of his office and has expressed himself for an enforcement of all the laws pertaining to his work as building inspector. He said that if the council does not want the building laws enforced the members should repeal them. He claims that he has done nothing so far but enforce the laws and that is all the council can expect him to do.

Nottingham Case in Doubt.

In the meantime people are wondering what will happen to Nottingham. The case against him is pending in the municipal court and he would have been forced to tear down his building on East Second and East Stark streets had he not appealed to former Judge Cameron to withhold sentence until he could secure favorable action from the council. Whether the case will be opened up before the next council meeting and Nottingham forced to tear down the building is now looked forward to by persons who have been following the case. Since the Notthingham controversy arose the office of the building inspector has been visited by several persons who are seeking permits to erect frame buildings within the fire limits, and Dobson stated today that if the bars were let down the fire limits would be swept away and the present law become obsolete and inoperative.

MAIL CARS SOON ON THE NORTH BANK ROAD

The North Bank railroad will begin carrying mail between Vancouver, Wash., Pasco and intermediate points July 27.

Four clerks and as many combination coaches will be put on the trains. As soon as the bridges are completed and the trains running into Portland the contract will be altered so as to handle the mails for the north bank route direct from the offices in this city.

This will add several additional miles to the line, and the present contract, which reached Portland only this morning, makes provision for the change. The contract which goes into effect July 27 gives the distance between Vancouver and Pasco as 221 miles and calls for mail service six times a week or as much oftener as trains may run.

Better Service for Towns.

The towns which are to be supplied by this new contract between the government postoffice department and the officials of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway company, are as follows:

Vancouver, Camas, Washougal, Cape Horn, Butler, Moffett Springs, Stevenson, Carson, Home Valley, Collins, Underwood, White Salmon, Bingen, Granddalles, Columbus, Cliffs, Roosevelt, Alderdale, Carley, Paterson, Coolidge, Plymouth, Hover, Finley and Pasco.

Many of these towns, and more particularly those postoffices between Vancouver and Pasco on the north side of the Columbia river, have been supplied by service from the Oregon side all along the route. The new contract will greatly improve the mail service and save many hours in time for the letters and papers going in each direction.

Portland the Headquarters.

Eventually other mail clerks are to added to the run and when night trains out of Portland for Pasco are put on these will also carry mail coaches and clerks as well. All of the clerks on the new run will make their headquarters in Portland.

As yet the department officials have not decided whether the mail service on the North Bank will come under the supervision of the chief clerk in Seattle or the chief clerk in Portland. It is quite probable, however, that it will come within the jurisdiction of the Portland office, of which Frank E. Whitney is the chief.

TOLD WIFE TO HOLD DOOR OPEN SO HE COULD SHOOT MOTHER-IN-LAW

A new method of dealing with the mother-in-law problem is told in a complaint filed in the circuit court today in which Mrs. Gelsomina Farchi asserts that Louis Farchi took about 14 shots with a Winchester rifle at the house of her mother. Evidently Farchi was a poor marksman, for the complaint does not tell of anyone being hurt, or of the house being hit.

Mrs. Farchi says that her husband's exploit with the rifle followed a refusal on her part to go to her mother's house one night about 10 o'clock after he had pulled her out of bed. She says he asked her to open the door of his mother-in-law's house so he could shoot her mother, her sister and her sister's sweetheart.

Mrs. Farchi tells of another time when her husband made her and her three-day-old babe vacate a bed so that he might sleep in it. At another time, she alleges, he threw a glass at her. It missed her, but broke a lamp chimney and when a woman visitor expostulated the excited Farchi is alleged to have slapped her for interfering.

On December 20, 1907, says the complaint, Mrs. Farchi was thrown out of the house with her children, and since June 15, it is charged, the husband has failed to provide anything for the family, but has demanded money from his wife. Mrs. Farchi asks for the custody of their two children.

Tried this week in the police court, Farchi was ordered to leave town.

CONSTABLE TOOK DOG AND NOW MUST PAY OWNER DAMAGES

Mrs. Stella McKern has come forth victorious in her legal battle with Constable Lou Wagner over the possession of a white Spitz dog that he seized under authority of a search warrant. The dog in person and a cloud of witnesses recently furnished a day of controversy in Judge Cleland's department of the circuit court, when Mrs. McKern and E. J. Davey each sought to prove ownership of the canine.

The question as to who owns the dog is yet unsettled, for Judge Cleland decided the matter on a point of law and said it was unnecessary for him to try to unravel the disputed facts. The court said it was shown that Mrs. McKern was in peaceable possession and that Wagner took the dog. Davey did not get possession of the dog and has not had it and he was held to be wrongfully joined in the action.

Wagner's defense was that Davey owned the dog and that he took the dog for Davey. Judge Cleland said that while there are cases in which an officer under process of law may hake such a defense, yet he must connect up his duty in the transaction in the regular way and not come in with a general denial, afterward seeking to show that the title rested in a third person.

It is now up to Wagner to return the dog to Mrs. McKern and to donate $5 in damages, besides paying the costs. Mrs. McKern wanted $45 damages, but the court thought the amount should be only nominal. The value of the animal the court fixed at $50, which is a sort of average between estimates running from 20 cents to $150 given by witnesses at the trial.

BLACKSMITH BOYD IS FINED FOR THROWING CHINESE FROM SHOP

"I'll make you suck eggs for this." But he didn't after all—because Judge Van Zante found him guilty of assault on a Chinaman and fined Mr. Boyd $5 in the police court this morning.

W. H. Boyd is a blacksmith and he owns a dog. So does Lee Foo who doesn't own a blacksmith shop and hasn't therefore, as much muscle as Mr. Boyd. Lee Foo dresses immaculately and sports an enormous diamond. Boyd says the Chinaman pestered him for a week and so when the queued man came into the shop Monday afternoon the blacksmith used some of his muscle in ejecting the oriental. The ejection cost him $5. The trouble was over two dogs.

Chehalis at A. Y. P. Exposition.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Aberdeen, Wash., July 8.—At the regular meeting of the county commissioners held at Montesano the sum of $1,000 was appropriated for a Chehalis county building at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition.

Tomorrow and Friday will positively be the last days for discount on west side gas bills. Portland Gas company.

SAYS ROOSEVELT CRINGED TO JAPS

Hobson Makes Sensational Address for Big Navy—An Oregon Plank.

By John E. Lathrop.

Denver, July 8.—Tempofary Chairman Bell's demand for Japanese exclusion in his keynote speech, and Richmond P. Hobson's sensational speech before the platform committee in favor of a greater navy, startled the Democratic delegates. Hobson feels confident the platform will contain a strong declaration for a big navy. When Bell, who hails from the Pacific coast, spoke of the extension of the exclusion laws to include the Japanese, the delegates took notice. But when Hobson made his fiery speech before the committee in open session and declared that war with Japan was imminent, the lobbies were all attention. Hobson offered arguments to establish his claim that delicate relations now exist between this country and Japan, with figures comparing the strength of the two navies. His comparison was all in favor of Japan. While the United States had more ships than Japan, he said, they were far in the lead in the matter of gun power. He declared Japan had two warships that were stronger than eight of ours, and that they were building several more of the same kind.

"President Roosevelt had to crawl on his belly and eat dust in order to avert war with Japan last year," said Hobson dramatically. "It was a most humiliating spectacle, but the president did it because we were in no position to fight Japan. The trouble is acute. Japan is spoiling for war with us. She has been preparing for it since 1898, when we declined to let her land troops in the Philippines. The war cloud is hanging dangerously low right now, and the day for battle cannot be long delayed. Therefore the Democratic party should go on record in favor of an enlarged navy. We must prepare for war, and prepare at once."

Members of the committee from the Pacific coast states frequently interrupted Hobson with questions and with suggestions to emphasize his position. That Hobson made a deep impression is evidenced by the fact that the committee, which had limited all speeches to 15 minutes, extended Hobson's time and permitted him to talk an hour.

Inman and His Rate Plank.

R. D. Inman of Oregon, member of the resolutions committee, made a hard fight for the insertion of the plank asked for by the entire body of lumber and other shipping interests of the Pacific northwest, backed by the most powerful shipping organizations in the country. Inman's draft, submitted to the committee, follows:

"The interstate commerce commission should be empowered to suspend proposed increased freight rates on all railroads upon petition of shippers, pending investigation as to the reasonableness of the proposed increased rates."

After consulting with members, State Chairman Alex Sweek, State Secretary Ryan and other Oregonians here, Inman decided to draft in a form which, he believed, contained all essential elements of the desired law, with the additional virtue of being brief. Ever since the delegates arrived in Denver telegrams and letters have been pouring in from all parts of the country urging the insertion of this plank. Requests came from entirely non-partisan sources, lumbermen of the Pacific northwest and the south and shippers' organizations at Chicago, St. Louis and other cities. Some of those sending such requests are prominent Republicans, who pledge support if the plank is adopted. It is claimed here that the defeat of the Fulton bill at the last session, which, as agreed to be amended by Fulton early in the winter to embody what the Inman plank contains, was accomplished only after strenuous efforts by the railroads, which found, however, they were fighting some of the most powerful bodies of shippers in the United States.

Inman offered his plank almost immediately after the session began, at 5 o'clock, after the adjournment of the convention yesterday.

Inman Argues for His Plank.

Inman was appointed a member of the subcommittee of the resolutions committee to make the draft of the platform. He submitted a statement in support of his rate plank as follows:

"The justification for the adoption of this plank, briefly, is: Under the existing law, if shippers ask for a reduction in freight rates they must prove to the interstate commerce commission the reasonableness of the proposed lower rates. It is therefore only fair that if the railroads desire to increase rates they should prove the reasonableness of the proposed higher rate. Protection should be given against trivial action by irresponsible shippers operating to tie up traffic without sound reason, by simply empowering the commission to suspend the proposed increased rate pending a hearing as to its reasonableness."

Gearin Next After Dunn.

Chairman C. K. Henry has succeeded in obtaining the consent of the California delegation to yield to Oregon on roll call, to permit former United States Senator Gearin to second Bryan's nomination. This will give him the floor immediately after Delegate Dunn of Omaha has placed the Nebraskan in nomination.

M'CURTAIN RESIGNS AS LAW LIBRARIAN

A. M. McCurtain has resigned his position as librarian of the Multnomah county law library to enter the office of Bauer & Greene, devoting all his time hereafter to the practice of law. It is probable that the place of bailiff of the grand jury, which has been combined with librarian since the grand jury was abolished and it became a mere name, will now become a separate position, since the grand jury system has been restored.

If this arrangement is made Judge Gantenbein, as presiding judge of the circuit court, will appoint a bailiff for the grand jury when the first grand jury meets next September. The new librarian will be named by the library association. McCurtain's resignation will take effect July 15.

The librarian has been receiving $100 per month and paying his assistant from this salary. The bailiff of the grand jury will receive $70, providing that office is created.

NELSON-GANS FIGHT MAY BE CALLED OFF

San Francisco, July 8.—Failure of Tex Rickard to attend the conference held at The Hague restaurant last night will probably result in the calling off of negotiations between Nelson and Gans for a fight on Labor day at Ely, Nev., according to the views of local fight fans today.

Selig and Britt met at The Hague to discuss the terms of the fight, for which Rickard promised to post a $30,000 purse, but the Nevada promoter notified them that he was "indisposed."

Packy McFarland is on his way to San Francisco today from Los Angeles. He will talk business with Coffroth on his arrival. Perry Mustang, who recently attained fame in Nevada, will come to this city after his bout with Jack Burns next Saturday.

Lost—A Jersey Cow.

If you find a small Jersey cow with a horn only one inch long, a split in her left ear and a kind and docile look in her large brown eyes, please return the milk producer to J. Pauley, engineer at the pumping station at the White House. Mr. Pauley says his cow disappeared from her grazing grounds the night of June 12. He thinks campers took her away.

ALLIANCE FOR COAST STATES

Californians Take Steps to Bring About More Favorable Legislation.

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.)

San Francisco, July 8.—Ground work for tariff legislation favorable to California and other Pacific coast states and territories was laid out this morning at a meeting held in the San Francisco chamber of commerce. It was resolved to invite the cooperation of all organizations in California likely to be affected by tariff revision, each organization to appoint a representative on a general committee to be sent to Washington next autumn to furnish all possible information to the states' representatives in congress and to argue California's needs before the ways and means committee.

To Perfect States' Alliance.

It was further resolved to communicate with the governors of Washington, Oregon, Arizona, Utah and Idaho with the object of laying the foundation for an offensive and defensive alliance between the Pacific coast states in the matter of tariff reform. The meeting was declared to be the outcome of a letter prepared and sent out by Congressman Needham of the Sixth district, on the strength of which Governor Gillette had asked several commercial bodies to send representatives to attend for the consideration of tariff reform insofar as any action taken by congress next year might affect various interests and industries of California.

Prominent Californians Present.

Among those present were Governor Gillette, United States Senator George C. Perkins, Congressmen Joseph C. Needham, Julius Kahn and Joseph R. Knowland, Rufus P. Jennings, chairman of the California promotion committee; Arthur J. Briggs, president of the California state board of trade; Charles C. Moore, president of the chamber of commerce of San Francisco, and numerous others prominent in business here and throughout the state. The keynote of Governor Gillette's opening address was "we need to be on the ground at Washington with every bit of information necessary to make the best of California's good fortune in being represented by one of its congressmen on the ways and means committee."

Campaign for Funds.

He spoke of California's many and great resources and pointed out that Congressman Needham, who is a member of that committee, cannot inform himself on every detail of all the diversified interests in this state likely to be affected by revision of the tariff, and consequently suggested that steps ought to be taken to gather and supply information to be presented concisely to the committee. At the suggestion of Andrew Kerrigan, Chairman Briggs was instructed to appoint a finance committee of seven with power to increase their number, to canvass and raise the funds necessary for carrying on the work of the larger general committee.

No More Reciprocity.

Arguments were advanced that Oregon and Washington have many interests in common with California in the question of tariff revision, and after a general discussion, Chairman Briggs was authorized to enter into negotiations with the governors of those two states. This was amended to include Arizona, Idaho and Utah, and plans were outlined for a strong alliance when the question of tariff reform comes before congress next winter and at any future time.

Congressman Needham assured the meeting that "the next tariff bill will leave out the question of reciprocity." Senator Perkins arose to remark, "I confirm that remark as representing the sentiment of the senate also."

TELLS ARCHITECTS OF MODERN VENTILATION

William Scharnweber Declares Doctors Ignorant of Basic Principles.

Despite the hot weather a larger audience gathered last evening at the rooms of the Portland Architectural club in the Worcester building to listen to a lecture by William Scharnweber, of Seattle, on "The Importance of Ventilation." Mr. Scharnweber is a leading authority on this subject, having spent many years investigating it and has invented several appliances for securing good ventilation. He said that physicians as well as architects are woefully ignorant upon the subject of ventilation, considering that the only necessity in securing ventilation was to introduce cold air into the room, whereas cold air as often contains as many impurities as warm air.

Mr. Scharnweber was entertained at the Commercial club by E. E. Gilmer, who had as his other guests the officers of the Portland Architectural club. A dinner was given to Mr. Scharnweber by the Portland Architectural club at the hotel Nortonia last evening. Among those present were Messrs. Joseph Jacobberger, R. J. Grace, John G. Wilson, F. J. Berndt, Joseph Gripper, Albert E. Doyle, F. T. Webber, E. E. Gilmer, E. B. MacNaughton, H. E. Raymond, Emil Schacht, E. Kroner and Herbert B. King, of the "Architect and Engineer."

JOE DOSCHER NAME OF MAN DROWNED

Joe Doscher, 808 Mill street, Portland, was the victim of the drowning on the steamer Kellogg in the Columbia river at Rainier yesterday. The search is still being kept up for his body. It is understood that he has a sister living here. She has not yet been located.

SWEARS MAN SPOKE TO HER ON STREET AND THEN SLASHED

Charging that Ross Wilson slashed her throat with a razor last night on the street in front of the Pleasanton hotel, Mrs. Bessie Derby, who lives at 232½ Clay street, swore out a warrant for his arrest this morning.

She says that Dr. Plummer took nine stitches in the neck last night after she had fainted from loss of blood. Mrs. Derby says she lives with her husband, George Derby, a carriage trimmer, and never gave Wilson any reason to be familiar with her. She says he accosted her on the street last night after 11 o'clock and asked her to "go out with him." She refused and when they were passing the Pleasanton hotel he suddenly whipped out a razor and began to carve her.

Wilson is a teamster who works for Nat Constanzo, a saloonkeeper.

SMALL HOMES ARE DESTROYED

About Time of East Side Fire Mrs. Raglione Is Fatally Burned.

Children and matches caused a bad fire at 3:30 yesterday afternoon at 762 and 764 East Twenty-first street. Both buildings, frame structures, one story and one and a half stories high, were destroyed and the contents badly damaged by water.

The house at No. 762 was occupied by F. Weise. No. 764 was the home of T. Cunningham.

Charles Sylvester, a fireman, fell and was seriously hurt when the engine ran over his leg. He is now in bed and may not be able to resume his duties for a month.

The fire department officials say the alarm had to be turned in from the nearest box, at East Twenty-first and Powell, nearly half a mile away, and that the buildings were past saving when engine 11 arrived.

Mrs. Florenti Raglione was burned to death yesterday afternoon at her home, 269 Baker street, presumably while trying to start a fire in the kitchen stove with coal oil. The can is thought to have exploded, causing her death.

Mrs. L. Smokoon, 275 Baker street, and Mrs. H. Parnass, 271 Baker street, neighbors of Mrs. Raglione, were the first to discover her after the accident. They put out the fire and called Dr. S. H. Sheldon, 591 First street. Dr. Sheldon did not think it advisable to have the unfortunate woman removed to the hospital. She was so badly burned that she was not able to tell anything about the occurrence before she died. The fact that the oil can was split in two shows that it exploded.

OREGON IS FAR BEST AFTER ALL

G. H. Thomas Gathers Many New Ideas as Result of Eastern Trip.

Filled full of the reinforced belief that Oregon and the Willamette valley are the only places worth mentioning, and that Portland is or soon will be the greatest city in the world, George H. Thomas has returned from a month's trip through the eastern states and Yellowstone Park.

Mr. Thomas is proud of his state and his city, of the forests Oregon has and the climate, the people, and everything in fact. He concedes that New York has bigger buildings and that the forests of the east are kept as are orchards here, but outside of that no part of the United States had any edge over the state of his adoption.

Make East Habitable.

The returned traveler has some strong ideas, grown of his trip through the east, regarding the treatment of the Oregon forests, as well as those of the east. He contends that the east should begin to work at reforestration just as soon as possible, arguing that the growth of new trees in the eastern states would remedy the bad climatic conditions, put an end to droughts, blizzards and tornadoes and make the eastern states places where the residents could live in comfort and safety.

On the other hand Mr. Thomas believes that Oregon should take the cue from the east in the care of its existing forests. There all dead trees, rank underbrush and debris is cleared away, leaving the forests in perfect condition, guarding against fires and promoting the growth of the trees. Such a program in Oregon would be of incalculable value to the Oregon of the future, according to Mr. Thomas.

Mr. Thomas left Portland over a month ago as a delegate from Oregon to the national convention of the Knights and Ladies of Security, a fraternal organization. The convention was of five days' duration and was held in Philadelphia for the purpose of making laws for the government of the organization.

Visits Eastern Cities.

After the close of the convention Mr. Thomas visited Washington, D. C., then went to New York, where he demonstrated to his own satisfaction that the stories told about the wind currents playing about the Flatiron building were true and not fabled tales. He also visited Atlantic City and walked on the new concrete walk which is being constructed to take the place of the famous board walk. While in New York he was the guest of his brother, Percy Thomas, who has been connected with the Hearst papers for the past 15 years and who is now telegraph editor of the New York American.

In the opinion of Mr. Thomas the scenery of the Columbia river has the much advertised beauties of the Hudson "faded a mile." He also visited Niagara Falls and experienced a cloudburst at St. Thomas, Canada.

On his return home Mr. Thomas met Mrs. Thomas at Livingston, Mon., and with her made the trip through Yellowstone Park. While coming out they ran into a real blizzard, June 27, beginning at the top as they descended into Hayden valley and ending in clear weather at the bottom of the storm cloud. The returned traveler says he had the time of his life, but swears that Oregon is the only place for him.

WHERE TUBERCULAR NURSES MAY RETREAT

Funds to Be Raised for Home for Those Who Catch Infection.

A home for tubercular nurses is to be erected at the Open Air sanitarium by the Visiting Nurses' association if funds for the erection of the cottage can be secured. It is estimated that the amount needed will not be less than $750, and a meeting has been called for this afternoon to consider ways and means by which this sum can be raised.

Owing to the constant association with tubercular patients there is a large number of nurses who are unfortunate enough to contract the disease. It is to provide for the comfort of these nurses that the new cottage is to be erected. It is planned, should the building be erected, that it can be used by any graduate nurse who is in need of a place where she may go for comfort during her illness.

If the plan is successful and the necessary funds are raised, the construction of the new cottage will be commenced in a short time.

Maybe Auto Needed Washing.

An automobile bearing license tag No. 620 ran into a delivery wagon of the Towel Supply company yesterday morning at Fifth and Oak streets, upsetting the vehicle and injuring the horse. The wagon was badly damaged. The hunter was exceeding the speed limit at the time of the collision. The police are looking for the driver.

Tomorrow and Friday will positively be the last days for discount on west side gas bills. Portland Gas company.

MOVE SHINGLES AT DULL PERIOD

Railroads Submit Plan for Timber Products Transfer at Billings.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Tacoma, Wash., July 8.—The Northern Pacific Railroad company has submitted a proposition for the establishment of a shingle and lumber transfer at Billings, Mont., similar to the joint transfer of the Northern Pacific and Great Northern roads at St. Paul, known as the Minnesota transfer. The shingle and lumber manufacturers have been asked to pass upon a series of regulations prepared by Henry Blakeley, general western freight agent of the Northern Pacific, and upon the decision of the manufacturers will hang the establishment of the transfer.

Manufacturers here are not, as a rule, enthusiastic over the establishment of the transfer. Some of them are even squarely opposed to it, believing that it gives opportunities for shingle speculators to operate to the disadvantage of the shingle market. They say that the Minnesota transfer has resulted in speculators buying shingles in western Oregon and Washington and shipping them to storage warehouses in St. Paul and Minneapolis and there holding them while they trafficked in the markets for their sale. So long as the prices were down the shingles remained in storage, but if the prices went up the storage shingles were dumped on the market, resulting in beating back prices.

It is reported here that the Billings transfer, if established, will be a shrewd gouge of the Great Northern interests by the Northern Pacific, though Mr. Blakeley denies this, declaring that the Minnesota transfer will continue to handle the same volume and character of business while the Billings transfer will handle the business the Northern Pacific shunts off to connecting lines at Billings. President Everett G. Griggs of the Pacific Coast Lumber Manufacturers' association, has turned over the advisability of establishing the transfer to the executive committee of the association.

The proposal to establish midway between the east and west a transfer or storage point for Pacific coast shingle products is simply another move to relieve the congestion and consequent price troubles and shortages that occur more or less every year when heavy crop movements are on requiring all the available railroad equipment and motive power.

It has been urged that timber products, being non-perishable, should utilize the railroads at seasons when merchandise and crop movements are light, and that large supplies of timber products from the coast states should be moved to some central west point for storage, so that the east could at all times draw upon these supplies regardless of the state of other rail traffic.

The same theory has been advanced in connection with the coal traffic from the middle west or intermountain mines to the coast cities. It has been urged that coal supplies should be moved to the coast states during the late summer and fall when westbound traffic was light, so that when cold weather comes later on the people will have fuel for domestic and manufacturing purposes regardless of the results of congestion on the railroads from any cause, and also to regulate and hold down the prices of coal to fair average figures.

The law of supply and demand is said to make prices at all times high or low, as the conditions of transportation dictate. When railroads are congested and lumber is hard to get in the east, or coal is not moving westward, prices to the consumer go soaring. The storage or transfer proposition at midway points is urged on these grounds.

HALF A THOUSAND CONGRATULATIONS

Letters to Commercial Club Received From All Over the United States.

Tom Richardson, manager of Portland's Commercial club, made a report to the board of governors the other day from which some interesting facts are taken. For instance, Mr. Richardson says that the club has received more than 500 letters complimenting the members upon the completion of its splendid new home and congratulating the organization upon its prosperity in general.

These messages are not alone from persons in Portland and Oregon, but have come from New York city, points in Texas, New Orleans, many other of the eastern states and more than a score from every state in the middle west. Among others who have written are Governor Sheldon of Nebraska and J. C. Stubbs, traffice director of the Harriman systems.

The total membership of the Portland Commercial club today is 1,391. Mr. Richardson tells the governors, of which 1,200 are resident members. The daily attendance is 375, or 50 per cent larger than that of the Minneapolis Commercial club.

AT THE THEATRES

Last Time Yiddish Players Tonight.

Tonight at 8:15 o'clock, at the Heilig theatre, Fourteenth and Washington streets, the last performance of The New York Yiddish players, will be given. "Shulamith" will be the bill. Seats are selling at theatre.

Cool Evenings at the Oaks.

There is no need to swelter in a paved and sun-baked town when it is possible to enjoy the coolness and amusement furnished by the Oaks these summer evenings. There is everything to amuse and entertain, chief of which is the production of "The Head Waiters" by the Allen Curtis Comedy company. It is a play full of comedy, pretty songs and pretty girls.

Summer Vaudeville.

Summer vaudeville, the kind that is suitable to warm weather, is what the firm of Sullivan & Considine offers this week at the Grand theatre. Miss Ann Hamilton is the special feature in "Beggars," a Mexican study. Henry Pilcer, an eccentric dancer, has a pleasing act.

Sailor and Oriental Mix.

William Riley, a sailor, this morning pleaded guilty to an assault on Ah Lee, an insulting celestial. Judge Van Zante discharged Riley on hearing the evidence. The Chinaman drew a knife on the white man on the Oak street dock yesterday afternoon and Riley slapped him in the face.

Riley Words Cost Money.

Edward Thomas became very angry because the motorman on a car in which he was a passenger went past his corner yesterday and he called the motorman naughty names. The blaze of wrath cost Mr. Thomas $10 in the municipal court this morning.

Black Hand Signs? No.

Mysterious signs on the basement door of a house at 180 East Twenty-ninth street caused the owner to fear a visit from the black hand. He reported the appearance of the cabalistic characters to the police. Upon investigation it was found that a child and a piece of chalk caused the alarm.

SLATE CAKE FOR SHELF

Fulton's Adherents Plan to Force Chairman of Republican State Committee and Also Kennedy to Resign or Be Forced Out in the Cold.

Senator Charles W. Fulton is after the scalp of William M. Cake, chairman of the Republican state central committee; J. P. Kennedy, chairman of the city and county central committee of Multnomah county, and incidentally after the control of the party organization in the state.

Senator Fulton and his political friends and allies want to sweep Jonathan Bourne and the Cake brothers, who have affiliated with the second elective term boomer, off the political map of the state, and to do it plans are now being laid to oust the two present chairmen and put in their places men known to be "safe" from a Fulton standpoint. Ralph Williams, newly-elected national committeeman, either will be the new chairman or he will have much to do in naming him, according to the present plan, while some man who can be controlled will be put in charge of the destinies of the county organization.

Time used to be when the question was asked, "Who controls the Republican party of Oregon?" The answer would be, "John H. Mitchell," or during a part of the time, "Joseph S. Simon," but this time has passed. These days if the question should be asked the old politician would answer, according to his affiliation, "Senator Fulton," or "Jonathan Bourne." It is between these two men and their following that the struggle for control of the Republican party is being waged.

Breach Constantly Widens.

For some time now there has been a bitter strife in the ranks of the state central committee and in those of the Multnomah county central committee. Particularly in the latter the breach has been widening from the time of the primary election up to the present day. It will be remembered that before the primaries two separate and distinct tickets were put in the field, one backed by the Cake forces and the other by the Hodson-Beach-Bailey-Reed combination which was working for the success of Senator Fulton. After the primaries it was said that the Cake people had won and this contention was borne out by the election of J. P. Kennedy and James Kerchem as chairman and secretary. Later it was claimed by the Fulton faction in the committee that the officers of the committee, both state and central, were given to the Cakes because of the fact that H. M. Cake was the nominee of the party for United States senator and it would be only right to allow him to name the officials of his committees.

Then came the state convention in which the Cake and Bourne faction was overlooked and disregarded and about that time The Journal told the story of the split and the plan on foot to oust the two chairmen and the secretary of the county committee as soon as the June campaign was well out of the way.

Swing Over to Fulton.

Since that time the plan has been working silently and it would seem effectually. In the multnomah county committee members supposed to be in the Bourne-Cake column have been induced to resign in favor of Fulton adherents until it is claimed that the committee is Fulton's by a strong majority.

According to the plan W. M. Cake and Major Kennedy are to be persuaded to resign, if possible. If they will not do so then the Fulton men will make an effort to force them out so that Fulton officials may be elected. The argument being made is that since Senator Fulton is the original Taft boomer of the state he should be allowed to have men known by him to be in sympathy with his desires in control of the party organization.

Back of it all, however, is the desire of the Fulton faction to gain control of the machinery of the state in preparation for the future, presumably the campaign of 1912, when Fulton's friends expect to return him to the United States senate in the place now held by Bourne. Senator Fulton is to be a candidate for the United States senate in 1912. Senator Bourne is to try for reelection. Therefore it is vital that the successful candidate should have control of the party machinery for the primary and general election.

Seek Legislature's Control.

More immediate, however, is the desire to control the organization of the legislature. Senator Bourne is coming back to Oregon next month and those who are back of the effort to organize the legislature on Statement No. 1 lines say they forced the senator to make the trip in order that they could have use of his effort to lead the organization in the right direction.

Senator Fulton does not want the legislature organized by the Statement No. 1 men. He wants to subsidize and subvert Statement No. 1, and he wants to do it for one reason because he does not want it to appear that Senator Bourne has strength enough left to organize anything.

For all of these reasons and for more which may crop out between this time and the end of the year Chairman Cake and Chairman Kennedy are to lose their heads, according to the program, and to lose them pretty soon.

THIS WILL MEAN THE BIG X FOR VANCOUVER

Six Months Rockpile Duty for All Indisposed Weary Willies.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Vancouver, B. C., July 8.—Able-bodied vagrants had better keep clear of Vancouver. The "24 hours to leave town" sentence is likely to be a thing of the past very shortly. Chief of Police Chamberlain has united his protest with that of the rural police against turning these characters loose, and henceforth it is six months on the rockpile for gentlemen who have no occupation and don't want any. The bum who takes advantage of the cheap fares on the sound boats to come to Vancouver will therefore likely make a prolonged stay and engage in basic road building operations along practical lines.

KLAMATH TENNIS TOURNEY IS ENDED

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Klamath Falls, Or., July 8.—The first tennis tournament of Klamath Falls has ended, and Henry Crosby of Oakland is winner of the silver cup offered in the gentlemen's singles. Players were present from Klamath Falls, Klamath Agency, Dairy and Oakland.

Miss Mildred Wilson, daughter of Superintendent Wilson at the Klamath Indian agency won in the ladies' singles.

An effort will now be made to secure admission to the United States Lawn Tennis association.