COMPLAISANT COUNCILMEN SCORED

Rushlight Threatens to Submit the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company Franchises to Referendum —Cottel Enters Protest.

Vote Away City's Rights.

The following councilmen voted this morning to strike out a clause in the proposed franchise ordinance of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, which would give the people of the city the right through their council to regulate the frequency of service to be furnished by the company on the extensions it asks for: Arnand, Belding, Cellars, Driscoll, Dunning, Heppner, Menefee, Wallace and Wills.

Those councilmen who voted to retain the clause by which the people can make the corporation give a reasonable service are: Baker, Bennett, Concannon, Cottel and Rushlight.

The first violent interruption to the smooth tactics by which the franchises ordinance has been undergoing the process of trimming and pruning by a majority of the council apparently at the dictates of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company officials came this morning when Councilman Rushlight took the floor to protest against the action of the nine members of the city body who voted to accede to the demands of the company and eleminate the clause giving the council the right to regulate the service on new extensions.

"I don't want this regulative clause stricken out," declared Mr. Rushlight, "and I am tired of riding home on the tops of cars or else plied inside like a lot of cordwood with other citizens of the east side whom I am trying to represent. We ought to have the power to regulate this company and if we had it under the present franchise we would not have to submit to the outrageous service we are getting. This service regulating clause is a wise provision and should be retained. I think a common user clause should also go in but I am not urging that so much.

Discrimination Is Alleged.

"You insisted on a common user clause and numerous regulative provisions when the United Railways applied for a franchise. It looks to me as if you 'handed it' to that company. There should be no discrimination, but if regulation was good for the smaller company it is good for the larger. Because this corporation is large and powerful and the other had not so much influence, you would grant special privileges in favor of the big company. I don't think it is right and I guarantee that this ordinance will not pass in its present form."

Appeal to Referendum.

"Well, I don't see how Mr. Rushlight can make any such guarantee," interrupted Councilman Menefee.

"That's all right, you'll find out how I can block your game," put in Mr. Rushlight, "and I'll make my guarantee good by submitting the franchises to the people. The referendum will stop these special privileges."

"Is it possible that only one man in this council of 15 members is representing the interests of the people?" Councilman Wills interrupted sarcastically.

"According to your vote, Mr. Wills," shot back Councilman Rushlight, "you are not looking out for the people's interests."

"Well, I for one am opposed to a common user clause," went on Mr. Wills, "and I think this is only a grandstand play on the part of Mr. Rushlight." Murmurs of "that's the truth" went around the council chamber at this sally.

"Yes, you can call it grandstand if you like," returned Mr. Rushlight, "but I'll make it stick just the same. There will be regulation of this corporation or the referendum will be called into play. The people are through submitting to the inconveniences caused by this company which has failed to remedy conditions, although repeated promises have been made that improvements would be brought about.

"They have refused to accept the franchises we have been considering unless we would make them suit the company's officers in every detail. If we're going to submit to such dictation let them draft their own franchises ordinance and hand it to us so we can swallow it whole."

Councilman Rushlight sat down and Councilman Baker poured oil on the ruffled waters with a volume of soothing words.

Cottel Enters Protest.

Councilman Cottel before voting against the striking out of the regulative provision declared that he had often heard that the council is owned by the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, but had never before seen such strong indications that the statement might be true. He emphatically protested against the action of the majority and again after Annand had moved to refer the franchise to the executive board for valuation he declared that such action was premature and that such important business should not be rushed in that manner.

Mayor Lane also rose from his chair and protested vigorously against referring to the board unless the council would also agree to rerefer the franchises after they are finally amended by that body.

He threatened his veto in the first place and the referendum if the veto should prove inefficient, unless the council takes some steps to secure better protection for the people in the way of regulative provisions.

The franchises were at length referred to the executive board for valuation with the understanding that the board would have another opportunity to consider them.

WHARTON TALKS ON MUNICIPAL ART

George Wharton James, the novelist, addressed the park board and a number of citizens on "Municipal Art in Portland", at the Commercial club this afternoon. Prior to the address Mr. James was one of a party at luncheon at the club. Others present were Dr. J. R. Wetherbee, president of the club; Frederick V. Holman, E. T. Mische, Frederick Judson of St. Louis, Mayor Harry Lane, Ion Lewis, Dr. David Rafferty and I. Lang.

Second Trial Date Set.

Judge Wolverton in the United States circuit court this morning set March 15 as the date for hearing the new trial of the Pacific Postal Telegraph company against the Southern Pacific company. A decision was rendered against the railroad company in a previous trial.

A-B-C MEMBERS VERSUS X-Y-Z

Alphabet Lines Drawn on Poor Mr. Smith's Ballot-Order Measure.

(By Journal Leased Salem Wire.)

Salem, Or., Feb. 13.—The "A-B-C's of the house," as Representative Smith sarcastically dubbed them, have refused to consider the two bills introduced by him providing that candidates for nomination at the primaries and for election at general elections should have their names placed on the ballot by lot instead of in alphabetical order. Both bills were indefinitely postponed at the night session of the house.

The first bill to come up was the one covering the general elections. Smith explained the measure, contending his bill was a fair one and gave every man an even chance, irrespective of the initial letter of his name. Campbell facetiously suggested that the drawing of lots would encourage gambling among the politicians. Rusk said he had not favored tinkering with the laws, but he considered the Smith bill a good one. McKinney was in favor of giving the bill a chance.

Munkers said he was not responsible for the first letter in his name and that every man had to take the chance when he was born of being at the foot of the alphabet.

Brandon suggested that the character of the man might have something to do with the vote he received. Bean contended that the lot system would be hard on the candidate in the outlying districts, as it would be hard for him to attend the drawing.

It was a notable feature of the debate that all of the friends of the bill were at the bottom of the alphabet, while its opponents were up at the top. The bill was indefinitely postponed without a roll call.

When the second bill came up it went the way of the other in short order. Smith waxed satirical.

"There is no use," he said. "The A-B-C's of the house will kill it; but call the roll."

This was done on the indefinite postponement, which was as follows:

Those wishing to kill the bill voting aye:

Yeas—Altman, Applegate, Barrett, Bean, Bedillion, Belknap, Bonebrake, Bones, Brady, Brandon, Brattain, Brooke, Bryant, Buchanan, Campbell, Conyers, Corrigan, Couch, Dimick, Eaton, Greer, Hattererg, Hughes, Jackson, Leineweber, Libby, McCue, Miller, Munkers, Philpott, Richardson.

Nays—Beals, Clemens, Dodds, Hawley, Hines, Jones of Douglas, Jones of Clackamas, Mahoney, Mann, McDonald, McKinney, Meek, Muncey, Patton, Purdin, Reynolds, Rusk, Smith, Mr. Speaker.

Absent—Abbott, Calkins, Carter, Davis, Farrell, Jaeger, Jones of Lincoln and Falk, Mahone, Mariner, Orton.

TO BUY LOCKS AT OREGON CITY

Senate Passes Its Substitute Measure Without Discussion.

(By Journal Leased Salem Wire.)

Salem, Or., Feb. 13.—Without discussion the senate last night passed the Oregon City locks bill that had been substituted for the house measure, killed early in the session. The new bill, substituted by the senate committee on ways and means, provides that the amount already raised for the purchase of the locks be turned back into the treasury and that a new levy be made of $100,000 for each of the three years beginning with 1911.

Should the government appropriate its share before the sum is raised, the secretary of state is authorized to draw enough funds out of the treasury at once to effect the purchase of the locks, the treasury to be reimbursed from the levies to be made as provided in this bill.

The objection to the original bill as it was introduced by Jones of Polk and which passed the house, was that it tied up too much money.

The government is expected to appropriate a like sum for the purchase of the locks, making a total purchasing fund of $600,000.

NO DEPUTY CORONERS FOR MULTNOMAH

(By Journal Leased Salem Wire.)

Salem, Or., Feb. 13.—There will be no deputy coroners in Multnomah county. The house last night indefinitely postponed the McDonald bill providing for the new offices.

That there was a feud between the house and the senate delegations from Multnomah county was shown in the discussion of the bill.

"Send it over across the hall to the slaughter house and let them kill it there," said Brady. "When I think I am right I believe in going down the line. Let the senate do what it wants to."

Couch, however, did not believe in giving the senators a chance to make political capital at the expense of the house members.

"The senate delegation had expressed itself as satisfied with and in favor of every one of these Multnomah bills," he said. "Then, when the bills get into the senate, they flop and kill them off. If there is to be any killing done I want to help do it."

The house adopted the suggestion and killed the bill.

TO SECURE VOTERS' POSTOFFICE ADDRESS

(By Journal Leased Salem Wire.)

Salem, Or., Feb. 13.—Senator Hart's bill amending the registration act so that electors must give their postoffice addresses passed the senate last night. In the country districts electors under the present law did not give their addresses making it difficult for the secretary of state to get to them the printed pamphlets required by the initiative and referendum and corrupt practices acts. Also each county clerk during the registration period will be compelled under the Hart act to forward at the end of every week a certified list of the registered electors in his county, to the secretary of state.

ERIE MAY ISSUE THIRTY YEAR BONDS

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 13.—The public service commission today granted the request and application of the Erie railroad for authority to issue 30 year 5 per cent collateral bonds to the amount of $30,000,000 upon certain considerations. Among the considerations was a proviso that a collateral trust indenture shall be prepared and submitted to the commission for its approval.

MUTE SCHOOL BILL PASSES THE HOUSE

(By Journal Leased Salem Wire.)

Salem, Or., Feb. 13.—The house last night passed the mute school appropriation bill granting $75,000 to be used in securing a new site for the school and the construction of new buildings. The general appropriation and the deficiency appropriation bills were put over until the first of next week.

LIVESTOCK BILL HAS NO FRIENDS

Between the Railroads and the Railroad Commission Death Is Easy.

(By Journal Leased Salem Wire.)

Salem, Or., Feb. 13.—Senator Sinnott's bill providing that a common carrier shall be liable for unnecessary delays in transporting livestock was killed in the senate last night after considerable discussion. It was opposed by both the railroad commission and the railroads. The railroad committee of the senate, consisting of Coffey, Frank Miller and Bingham, were opposed to the measure and reported it unfavorably.

A delay of three hours at any station was regarded as prima facie evidence of unnecessary delay but could be refuted if it were shown that the delay was for feeding or for any other necessary purpose. Also the stock train must make at least 15 miles an hour, and slower time was prima facie evidence of unnecessary delay, but this might also be refuted by the railroads in court before a jury.

The railroad urged that the measure was impracticable; that stock trains did not make an average of 15 miles an hour and that many times on branch lines trains were mixed and the stock cars could not be taken from the train and rushed on to their destination, leaving the rest of the freight sidetracked.

When the railroad commissioners said they already had power to remedy the delays which the bill proposed to deal with, its support collapsed. The railroad commission thought the bill took away power that rightfully belonged to it, in providing the points by which the prima facie delay was to be determined were facts that must be established before a jury.

The senate also last night on the recommendation of the railroad commission killed Senator Albee's bill placing the street railways under the jurisdiction of the railroad commission. The only argument offered was that a railroad attorney had suggested there might be created, if this bill became a law, a dual authority between city councils of cities and the railroad commission, that would be conflicting in some instances and might unduly embarrass the corporations.

LABOR MEASURE DIES; 11 TO 17

Sinnott Pleads in Vain for Life of His Employers' Liability Bill.

(By Journal Leased Salem Wire.)

Salem, Or., Feb. 13.—Senator Sinnott of Wasco and Hood River counties made a valiant fight for his employers' liability bill in the senate this morning. He quoted from messages of President Roosevelt in support of the principle of abolishing the fellow servant rule, and by an argument of great force and eloquence threw a scare into the opponents of the bill.

Eleven votes were finally cast in its favor, with 17 against, and the measure joined the junk heap with other bills that the labor interests of the state have advocated before the present legislature.

Kay tried to secure an amendment to require that the judge shall supervise all contingent fee contracts between lawyer and client, with power to reduce the fee if excessive and that not over 25 per cent of the sum recovered in an action for damages should be paid to the lawyer if the damages exceeded $2000. His amendment was voted down.

SIX FIREMEN DIE UNDER WALL

Assistant Chief and Squad at Milwaukee Caught by a Collapse.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Milwaukee, Wis., Feb. 13.—Six firemen were killed and 10 injured this afternoon in a fire that gutted the building occupied by the Johns Manville company. The fire was controlled after a strenuous fight on the part of the firemen. The loss was $175,000.

The dead include Assistant Chief Gunning. He and his detail of men were caught beneath a wall that toppled on them while they were on the roof of an adjoining building.

The fire started with an explosion of oil in the basement of the building. The company manufactured steampipe coverings.

GRAND JURY FOR ROOT AND GORDON

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Spokane, Wash., Feb. 13.—A grand jury was called by the superior court today to investigate charges involving M. J. Gordon, former Great Northern counsel, and Milo A. Root, a former judge of the Washington supreme court. The jury will convene March 8.

PACKET STRIKES IN OHIO RIVER

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 13.—The Ohio river packet Peter Lee, which plies between here and Memphis, struck a rock below this city today and is said to be in a dangerous position. The steamer brings freight and passengers from Memphis, Tenn., Cairo, Ill., Evansville, Ind., and Owensboro, Ky. The life savers from the government station at the falls here have started to the scene. There is little danger of any of the passengers not being able to reach the shore if the steamer goes down.

SENATE OVERRIDES A SALARY VETO

Salem, Or., Feb. 13.—The senate this morning passed over the governor's veto Barrett's bill increasing the pay of the recorder of Washington county from $1000 to $1200 and of the deputy from $50 to $75 per month. Just enough votes were secured to carry the bill, the roll call showing 20 to 8. Those voting to sustain the veto were: Abraham, Albee, Kellaher, Miller of Linn, Norton, Selling, Sinnott and Smith of Umatilla.

USUAL AWFUL CRUSH AND RUSH

House, Especially, Has Just Talked and Talked and Talked and Talked.

(By Journal Leased Salem Wire.)

Salem, Feb. 13.—Three days of steady work on the part of the house would be required to clear up accumulated business, provided the senate stopped work and did not add anything to the existing burden. Under the circumstances the larger division of the legislature will be compelled to grind night and day during the coming week to nose out at the finish.

Last night the house worked until near midnight, and during that time passed 26 house bills, besides indefinitely postponing a number. When it adjourned there were 13 house bill still on the desk ready for final passage. These included the general and deficiency appropriation bills, the bill providing for the justices and clerks of Multnomah county, the Farrell loan shark bill, the Jones Indian war veterans' appropriation of $25,000, the Orton bank guaranty bill and the $75,000 Celilo extension appropriation bill.

Besides these, there are some 25 bills just referred to committees, and 27 bills, both house and senate, reported back from committees and awaiting action on the reports. There are 25 senate bills on the desk awaiting third reading, not to speak of the long list on second reading, and those being rushed over from the senate today for first reading, second reading, reference and final passage.

The senate ground last night until 11 o'clock, and is at work again today attempting to clean up its own bills and get them into the house so that during the last week it can give its entire time to the consideration of house bills.

House Farthest Behind.

The house will try to clear the desk of its own bills Monday and Monday night, in order that it may spend the last week considering senate bills.

The glutted condition of the house is due to too much talk and too slow action. The committees have worked hard, but have moved slowly. The members have all talked on all measures considered, with the result that the house has fallen farthest behind, until the usual mad scramble and rush during the last week will result. Debate has been limited to five minutes, and the members are beginning to reach that stage where they tell the speaker to "Let'er go" when their pet measures come up for final passage, trusting to the gait and habit of the house for a favorable vote and fearing to jar the nerves of the tired representatives by argument and discussion.

From now on the word of the committees will be taken in favor of or against any measure, in the majority of cases, and the house will vote on the run. Every member wants to end the agony and get home to rest.

SHERIFF COMES FOR LISKOUSKI

Says Murderer Worst Criminal Unhung—Woman Gives Him Away.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Butte, Mont., Feb. 13.—Deputy Sheriff Rothernil of Carbon county, Pennsylvania, has arrived here to take back Martin Leskouski, alias John Belker, alias Belge, who is charged with the murder of a woman and a child in Pennsylvania, five years ago. Rothernil identified the prisoner. He says he will send back for help to take him back. Leskouski twice has been convicted of murder in the first degree, but escaped. He has been living in Butte five years, and owns a house here. He was arrested by the local police for beating his wife. His wife's sister gave the information that he was the escaped murderer.

Liskouski greeted the sheriff with "Hello, Harry; think you got me this time."

Rothernil says Leskouski is the worst criminal unhung, and he fears to take him back alone, as he is sure he would escape.

TAFT ENROUTE TO HIS HOME

(United Press Leased Wire.)

New Orleans, Feb. 13.—President-elect Taft and Mrs. Taft left today on a special train via the Queen & Crescent route for their home in Cincinnati.

OPEN BIDS FOR HAWAIIAN DRYDOCK

Washington, Feb. 13.—Eight bids were opened today for the contract for constructing a great drydock at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. The lowest bidder was C. M. Leach of Boston who bid $1,886,883 for dock complete without accessory piling. With accessories $1,903,437. Other bidders were Edward Mallory, San Francisco; Cotton Brothers company, Oakland; San Francisco Bridge company; E. J. Word Construction company of Honolulu; Pacific Construction company of San Francisco. The award will be made later.

OWNER OF BUILDING GRANTED NON-SUIT

Judge Bronaugh granted a nonsuit to the defendant, Gerlinger, this morning in the case of Myrtle E. James against L. Gerlinger, William Palmer and Christopher G. Ellinson. The plaintiff sues for $800 damages alleging that she tripped on a handle of a basement door in front of the new Gerlinger building and suffered personal injuries. Palmer & Ellinson are the contractors who put up the building.

DESERTED WIVES SUE FOR DIVORCE

Lora E. Hatton has filed suit for divorce in the county circuit court, alleging in her complaint that Horace T. Hatton deserted her in June, 1905. They were married in Portland in September, 1903. The plaintiff asks to resume her maiden name of Lora E. McCullough.

Anna Vandervort also asked for a divorce on like grounds. She was married to John Vandervort in 1892 and he deserted her at LaGrande in October, 1907. They have a son 15 years old.

WANDERED AND DIED IN NEVADA STORM

Nevada City, Cal., Feb. 13.—The body of Everett Belmore, 25 years of age, has been found in a snow drift near Gaston, 30 miles from here, by a searching party that went out Wednesday. At noon on that date during a blinding snowstorm, Belmore left Washington for his cabin at Gaston, where he lived with his father. It is believed he became bewildered and wandered from the trail

NOT SATISFIED WITH CHARTER

Council Appoints Second Commission to Revise Organic Law.

A special council meeting for February 17 was called by the votes of 13 councilmen this morning, in order that an ordinance can be passed which will permit the people to vote on the new charter at the special election held in April, before the primaries. Such a meeting was necessary because Councilman Belding insisted on blocking the passage of the ordinance drafted by City Attorney Kavanaugh at the last session of the council.

This ordinance, in order to pass in time to accomplish its object, had to be considered under suspension of the rules and the objection of one councilman was sufficient to block its passage. Councilman Belding objected, and continued to do so today, to the third reading of the ordinance. The council will undoubtedly pass the measure at the special session next week, however, and the people will have a chance to vote on the charter before the general election.

Councilman Belding characterized the work of the charter commission as "tainted" and he declared the new charter should be thrown into the wastebasket, instead of being allowed to come before the people. One of the features of the charter is the reduction of the number of councilmen from 15 to six. Of course some of the present holders of council jobs will have to step down and out if the new charter becomes effective.

During the discussion which followed Councilman Belding's attack on the charter commission, it developed that some of the councilmen are strongly opposed to the submission of the charter in its present form to a vote of the people.

Councilman Annand asserted that the commission had exceeded its powers in changing the old charter so radically. He declared that it was not the intention of the council at the time the commission was appointed to have such sweeping changes made. He moved that a second committee of seven members be appointed to draft another amended charter and submit the draft to the council as quickly as possible.

In spite of declarations of other councilmen that no committee could intelligently recommend amendments in the short time that is left before the election, the council adopted Annand's resolution. Besides the heads of the various city departments, P. L. Willis, of the civil service commission, and T. C. Devlin, formerly city auditor, were added to the new charter revision committee.

The charter commission acted with the heads of departments in making the amendments which are to be submitted in April, and the action of the council in appointing the department heads to go over the work again seems to some of the councilmen to be superfluous.

SIXTEEN YEARS AND BIG FINE

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Pittsburg, Feb. 13.—Sixteen years in the penitentiary and fines amounting to $20,000 was the sentence imposed today on John T. Morgan, former tax collector of McKeesport borough. Judge Shafer, before whom Morgan pleaded guilty to charges of forgery and embezzlement, pronounced the sentence.

When questioned regarding the whereabouts of $34,000 that he had drawn from a city depository, Morgan said that he had been robbed of $20,000 one night near the Hay Market theatre in New York. Morgan declared that he had been afraid to report the loss for fear that it would have forced him to acknowledge his guilt.

CALIFORNIA MAN DEFIES CANNON

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, Feb. 13.—"After four years of experience in the house of representatives I am strongly convinced that there must be a change in the rules, unless the house is to degenerate permanently into a machine registering the will of the speaker," said Representative E. A. Hayes of California today on the floor of the house, while discussing proposed changes in the rules.

"At the opening of each congress," continued Hayes, "the house is the complete master of itself for just one day; only long enough for it to select a speaker and to make the rules of the preceding congress the rules of the opening one."

BILLS PASSED BY THE SENATE TODAY

(By Journal Leased Salem Wire.)

Salem, Or., Feb. 13.—The senate passed the following bills today:

S. B. 47 (Oliver)—Appropriating $10,000 annually for support of the eastern Oregon experiment station at Union.

S. B. 184 (Bingham)—Appropriating $5000 per year for two years for salary and expenses of state fire warden.

S. B. 240 (Wood)—Requiring county court of Washington county to pay 90 per cent road tax in certain municipalities.

S. B. 243 (Johnson)—Increasing salary of Benton county school superintendent to $1000.

S. B. 3 (Johnson)—For improvement of main highways.

S. B. 79 (Barrett)—Increasing salary of recorder of Washington county, over governor's veto.

COUNTY REFERENDUM PASSED BY SENATE

(By Journal Leased Salem Wire.)

Salem, Or., Feb. 13.—The bill introduced by Senators Kay and Johnson providing that the people of a county may have recourse to the referendum in all matters pertaining to the county alone, such as the raising of salaries, passed the senate last night. It extends the operation of the referendum to counties as it is now extended to municipalities.

DUTCH PETE SENT TO PENITENTIARY

Peter Stroff, known as "Dutch Pete," this morning pleaded guilty to robbing, with two accomplices, an O. R. & N. passenger train just outside the city limits of Portland, December 17, and was sentenced by Judge Gantenbein to serve 12 years in the penitentiary.

Hayes and Burks, the two other members of the holdup gang, who pleaded guilty some time ago, were sentenced to 13 and 4 years respectively.

WIRING ORDINANCE TO BE REDRAFTED

The overhead wiring ordinance was re-referred to the city attorney by the council this morning. The city attorney is instructed to redraft the ordinance so that it will meet with the approval of the conflicting interests, if this can be done.

BULL RUN FOR SHIPS IS SLOGAN

Chamber of Commerce Asks City to Furnish Pure Water.

"Bull Run for the sailors" is the war cry that has been adopted by the chamber of commerce which has taken up the fight to secure decent water for the ships that enter Portland harbor. Endre M. Cederbergh, Norwegian vice consul in Portland, has written the chamber asking its support for the improvement of the water service along the docks, and both the chamber and Mr. Cederbergh have written the water board interceding for the seafaring men.

Under present conditions, most of the vessels leaving Portland have to fill their tanks with river water. The fire hydrants are generally so far back from the edge of the wharves that it is impracticable to use them for the ships. It has been suggested that the city place hydrants inside the docks and near the water and meet the expense of such a move by charging the ships about one cent a ton for water consumed. This charge would, it is believed, fully cover the expense of installing the additional hydrants.

Another suggestion made the water board by the chamber is that a hose wagon be stationed near the docks and that one fireman be kept on duty with it to see that the vessels secure what water they need. This would do away with the expense of extending the fire mains and installing new hydrants and the expense would not be heavy, it is said.

In case the water board does not want to take the trouble of looking after the matter of supplying water to the ships it has been suggested by Mr. Cederbergh that the city allow someone to charge the ships one cent a ton for water, pay the city half a cent a ton and keep the other half cent for himself.

"I have known of a good many cases where masters of vessels have had serious trouble with their crew because of bad water secured while here," said Mr. Cederbergh. "This seems unfortunate when we are so proud of our city water system and rely upon it so much to advertise us before the world."

It is figured that there are 371,151 net tons of foreign bottoms and 349,068 net tons coastwise plying in and out of Portland annually, while 500,000 tons would yield the city $5000 a year at the rate of one cent a ton.

BOLD HOLDUP ON THE WEBB FARM

While grubbing out stumps at the Webb farm near Gresham Antonn Cobello, a laborer, was attacked by two highwaymen at 11 o'clock this morning, beaten and robbed of $8.50.

Cobello was seized from behind, his coat pulled over his head, so he could not see, and then the robbers went through his pockets. He could give no description of his assailants, as he was threatened with death if he attempted to move. The robbery took place within a few rods of the Webb farm house.

Two suspicious characters, one a heavy set man about 28 years old, the other smaller with a mustache, were seen later in the vicinity of Rockwood, heading for Portland.

CROWLEY REQUESTS POLICE TO WAIT

After being arrested last week for removing a sewing machine from a home as a deputy constable and using too much force to do it, Charles Crowley was freed because of lack of evidence, but he was arrested last evening on another charge, that of larceny. M. W. Rubin, manager of a jewelry store on Washington street near Sixth, swore to the complaint, charging that Crowley had taken a diamond ring worth $50 from his store, saying that he had a purchaser across the street.

By the time Crowley had been arrested, however, Rubin had been informed that the ring was in the possession of a genuine prospective purchaser, so Crowley was released on his own recognizance, pending a hearing in the police court Monday.

VAUGHN PUTS BLAME ON WIFE'S SISTER

For the purpose of interviewing his wife in the hope of a reconciliation, Charles C. Vaughan filed a motion in the state circuit court this morning asking for an order allowing him to visit his home in the company of a deputy sheriff.

Mrs. Emma Vaughan filed a complaint for divorce a short time ago on the ground of cruel and inhuman treatment, but her husband alleges that he has always been dutiful and considerate toward her and were it not for the interference of his wife's sister, Helen M. White, who he says instigated the divorce proceedings, there would have been no discord in the family.

Vaughan says that he has been unable to get a change of clothes from his home since his wife began her suit.

JOSSELYN SAYS HE EXPECTS NO STRIKE

President Josselyn of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company said this morning that he expected none of his linemen to walk out, although there has been a demand for an increase in wages. He considers the demand as coming from outside sources and says he is sure the men at present in the employe of the company are perfectly satisfied with their pay.

"The committee calling upon me yesterday stated their case, and that ends it as far as I am concerned," he said. "We have no trouble with our linemen. They get good wages and there is no dissatisfaction."

PETER STROFF NOW IN COUNTY PRISON

Pete Stroff, alleged train robber, arrived in Portland at 6 o'clock this morning in the custody of Deputy Sheriffs Leonard and Fitzgerald and Sheriff Stevens. Stroff was caught in Santa Clara county, California, where he was working as a day laborer. Deputies Leonard and Fitzgerald reached Albany with the prisoner last night, where they were met by the sheriff. Sheriff Stevens went to Albany in response to a tip that friends of Stroff would make an attempt to rescue him from the train there.

Stroff is suspected of being the ring leader of the gang that held up the O. R. & N. train on December 16. He refuses to talk about the affair and will admit nothing in connection with it.

BLUE JACKETS COME FROM MARE ISLAND

A special train carrying 100 bluejackets from the Mare island navy yard to the Bremerton navy yard will pass through Portland tonight. The special consists of three tourist cars and a "military" diner. The Southern Pacific has several of these "military" diners, which it reserves for the accommodation of Uncle Sam's fighting men. They are designed to handle a large number of men quickly and are in reality more like "quick lunch" cars than diners.

PRUSSIC ACID TAKEN FROM PRISONER

Alleged Forger From Vancouver, B. C., Believed to Have Contemplated Suicide—Fugitive Poses as a French Army Officer.

Arrested as a forger a moment before he was to sail for San Francisco, Jehan Anne de Limesey, also known as T. Brienne, who says he was once colonel of the Forty-fourth cuirassiers of the army of France, and yesterday a guest at the Hotel Portland, repeatedly tried, but in vain to evade the eyes of the police officers for a moment. As a bottle of prussic acid was found in his pocket when searched, and as he was extremely nervous, it is believed he had planned suicide.

De Limesay, as he called himself in Portland, was taken into custody on request of the police of Vancouver, B. C., late yesterday afternoon at the Ainsworth dock. He is charged with having passed several forged checks in Vancouver. De Limesay, who says he is a Frenchman, but who looks and talks like an Englishman, declares he will resist extradition to the last moment and has retained Henry E. McGinn as his attorney. A lawyer who speaks French used that language while speaking of the case and standing near De Limesay today, but the alleged Frenchman made no sign that he understood a word.

De Limesay's wife was already on the steamer Rose City when Detectives Craddock and Mallett reached the dock in search of the alleged forger. The steamer sailed 15 minutes later. As De Limesay had two tickets in his pocket his statement today that he had no intention of leaying the city is not given much credence.

Blames His Wife.

With entire coolness De Limesay this morning said that his wife was responsible for his arrest; that she had passed the forged checks and that he had been arrested simply to force her to return to Vancouver. His wife remained by him faithfully after he was arrested, and was early at the police station to see her husband this morning. After Attorney McGinn had talked with them for a few minutes and left, refusing to make any statement in De Limesay's behalf, the pair sat arm in arm discussing the husband's plight. De Limesay showed much nervousness, constantly mopping his face with a handkerchief.

De Limesay is a large, well built, handsome man, who knows how to wear good clothes. His wife, a decided blonde, was this morning attired in a fashionable walking gown of delicate blue. She had passed the night at the rooms of the Young Woman's Christian association, the police desiring to keep an eye on her.

Bonds have been fixed at $2000, and De Limesay will be held pending the arrival of a British officer with the necessary papers. His case was continued in the police court until Tuesday, although it is doubtful if an officer can get here from Vancouver by that time.

Odd Features of Case.

Several odd features of the case have come to light. De Limesay when he walked into the Hotel Portland yesterday, having moved across the street from the Buckingham, where, it is said, he did not pay his bill, presented letters of introduction from the chief clerks of the principal hotels of the Pacific coast. The genuineness of a letter from Clerk Brownell of the Hotel Fairmont, San Francisco, was verified by telegraph last evening.

On the other hand De Limesay gave the auditor of the Portland a draft for $500 on the Second National bank of New York. The bank wired today that he was unknown to it. For all that, a guest of the hotel recognized in De Limesay a man who was introduced to him in a club in Dayton, Ohio, where De Limesay played golf with the best people of the city, and was evidently well known to them.

According to the letter to Chief Gritzmacher from Vancouver, De Limesay was working there as a draughtsman in an architect's office. The salary would not pay many hotel bills such as De Limesay contracted in every city he visited, if his stay in Portland may be taken as a sample. When arrested he declared his name was not Brienne, but this name was found on a card in his pocket.

Wires for Baggage.

When the pair left Vancouver they neglected to have their baggage checked with them, and De Limesay wired from the train on his way to Seattle, asking that his baggage, or "luggage" as he would call it, be sent to Portland. This was done but the check numbers were forwarded to the Portland police. The letter was turned over to Craddock and Mallett at 2 o'clock, and by 4 o'clock De Limesay was arrested after the officers had vainly searched the baggage room of the Union depot and looked over the records of a transfer company.

De Limesay told the hotel auditor, who visited him this morning to ask for an explanation of the draft, that if necessary he could obtain enough money from his mother to square the case against him, but that he would not telegraph her until it was absolutely necessary. When asked why he had represented himself to be a colonel in the French army he said he had done it for personal reasons.

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