ARGUMENT IS FAR FROM CLOSED

Lawyers in Land Grant Case Will Resume Their Speech Making Again Monday—Attorney Lafferty Still Addressing Federal Court

Speechmaking has ceased in the Oregon and California land grant case, now being argued in the United States court, until Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. When that time comes A. W. Lafferty will continue his argument in behalf of the actual settlers who have desired in the past and still wish to purchase land from the Southern Pacific for $2.50 an acre. Mr. Lafferty having talked for the greater part of yesterday, said at the noon adjournment of the court that he did not know how much longer it would take him to conclude his argument, as he had two points yet to make before he quit.

When Mr. Lafferty closes his argument he will be followed by William H. Fleet of Seattle, who represents the actual applicants for land in the grant. Following Mr. Fleet, Judge Becker will close for the government and Judge P. P. Dunne of San Francisco will conclude the long series of arguments by presenting the final argument in behalf of the railroad company.

Will Consume Week.

It will be well toward the close of the coming week before the last word is said on the demurrer, and the court takes the matter under his advisement preparatory to passing judgment upon the case.

Mr. Lafferty, in his argument this morning, continued along the same ground over which he traversed at the beginning. He contended that the lands of the Oregon and California grant were given to the company in trust to be held by them for sale to actual settlers. He disputed the theory of the government, which was that the lands had been given to the company upon subsequent condition, holding that had this been the case the company would have been given absolute title to the vast grant under which the lands could be held as an estate so long as the conditions of the grant were not violated.

These conditions under the grant were that the company should sell the lands only to actual settlers at so much an acre, and in small tracts not to exceed 160 acres. Mr. Lafferty argued that were the contentions of the government true, then the company by not selling the lands could hold them indefinitely, could cut the timber or use the resources as it desired.

Under his theory of a trust, Mr. Lafferty contended, the company was not liable for taxes, had no enduring title to the land and could only hold it for sale to actual settlers and apply the money so received for aid in the construction of its road.

Answering the objection of Mr. Fenton that it would be impossible to determine the actual settler under the contentions of the government or of the settlers, Mr. Lafferty argued that it would be easy to discover by the records who had made the first application for the lands and by that means determine the actual settler entitled to the purchase of the land.

In making his arguments Mr. Lafferty read copiously from the court reports, the supreme court decisions from the records of the debates in congress and the holdings of the secretary of the interior in mapping out the land policies and rules of the land office. It is thought that Mr. Lafferty will not close his remarks before the evening adjournment of court on Monday afternoon.

POLICE CHIEF WILL NOT GET AUTOMOBILE

Chief of Police Gritzmacher will get no new automobile. The police committee of the executive board this morning recommended that his request for one be placed on file. This action was taken by the board in response to the request of the police chief.

"I don't see what the chief wants of a $1500 auto," said Mr. Greene, "and I don't propose to buy any second hand junk. I am not sure that the chief needs an automobile at all."

RYCROFT CLEARED IN POLICE COURT

Practically all the evidence through which Captain Baty's sleuths hoped to convict Arthur Rycroft of larceny from a shop fell to pieces like a pack of cards in the municipal court yesterday and Rycroft was freed without further delay. He had been brought all the way from Spokane. Municipal Judge Van Zante declared "there was not a scintilla of evidence against him."

Rycroft was seized in Spokane and brought to Portland because a boy, who had been arrested by the detectives, said that Rycroft had taken a suit of clothes from the restaurant of J. C. Smith, 33 North Sixth, where Rycroft was formerly employed. In court the boy denied the statements the detectives said he had made to them.

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REGISTERS SHOW NUMBER OF TRIPS

President Josselyn Denies Evasion of Payment of Bridge Rental.

"The statement quoted of Mayor Lane's that this company has endeavored to evade payment of a proper rental for the Morrison street bridge is unjust," declared President E. S. Josselyn of the Portland Railway, Light and Power company, this morning. "We could not afford to do such a thing and we wouldn't do it if we could. We are not built that way," he continued. "There is also a common feeling that there is trouble between the city administration and the power company. This is not true. The best of feeling prevails. We have simply been endeavoring to reach an agreement that would be mutually satisfactory."

E. I. Fuller, vice president of the company, explained how a register on each car shows the number of trips made by that car. This register also rings up the fares and makes it possible to determine the time put in by conductors and motormen. "No automatic machine to register the number of cars crossing the bridge has ever been thought of," he said. "If Mayor Lane made his count in January it is very possible that for one week there may have been a number of cars passing that multiplied to obtain the monthly average would result in a larger number than we paid tolls on. But it must be remembered that during other weeks of the same month there were frequent suspensions of traffic, due to weather conditions. At one time there were 90 cars in the barns which we found it impossible to use.

"The statistician for this company keeps rigid account of all cars crossing the bridge, according to schedule. This includes the trippers, or cars used during the rush hours of the afternoon."

LOCAL OPTION UP TO HAYS

Bill Passes Senate at Olympia, 34 to 6—Appropriation Bills.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Olympia, Wash., March 6.—The long drawn out fight on the local option question came to a close this morning when the senate concurred in the amendment of the house to the local option bill. As soon as the document has been put into shape it will be ready for the signature of the governor. The vote stood 34 for, six against and two absent. Those voting against the bill were Anderson, Brown, Bryan, Cotterill, Cox and Stevenson.

The senate today passed two appropriation bills for improvements—$50,000 for the benefit of Pierce and King counties, for the construction of a drift barrier near a point where the White river departs from its old channel, and $50,000 for the improvements of the Columbia river between Bridgeport and Kettle Falls. In both instances $100,000 was originally the sum asked.

The senate also passed an appropriation of $620,000 for the construction and maintenance of state roads.

Nichols of King got the appropriation for the Snoqualmie pass road increased from $60,000 to $120,000.

The state aid roads appropriation for $530,000 was passed.

The Seventh Day Adventists won their fight in the house this morning, when that body changed the day for the auction of state lands from Saturday to Monday. There was considerable opposition to this amendment but the general condition of the house was apathetic and as this was the only clause in the bill dealing with the sale of state lands it went through.

The bill by Cameron of Pierce changing the boundary of legislative districts in Pierce county was passed without opposition.

The house also passed a game bill, prohibiting the killing of quail or any kind of pheasant in Snohomish or Skagit counties until 1911.

ALL DAY SERVICES HELD AT SELLWOOD

Sellwood people will have the pleasure of hearing Christopher Mills of Ohio at a series of gospel services on Sunday, March 7. The services will be held in Union hall, on the corner of Tenino and East Thirteenth streets, beginning at 7 o'clock in the morning and closing at 6 in the evening. Mr. Mills has the reputation of one able to entertain and instruct his audience. He has associated with him the pastors of Sellwood and several Christian workers. He has spent his life caring for the poor, in whose interest he has spent money which he has collected to the reputed sum of many thousand dollars. Mr. Mills is a first cousin to Bishop Mills of the United Brethren church. The program for his Sabbath services is as follows:

7 to 8 a. m.—Prayer and devotion. All Christians are especially invited to this service. Bring your unconverted friends. Let none refuse to come—Jew, Catholic or Protestant.

8 to 9 a. m.—Speaker, C. Mills, evangelist. An address to laboring men.

9 to 9:45 a. m.—Children's meeting, conducted by C. Mills, evangelist.

10 to 11 a. m.—Speaker, C. Mills, evangelist; subject, "Nothing, From a Bible Standpoint."

11 to 12 a. m.—Speaker, Rev. R. Vernon, from Alabama; subject, "Union."

1 to 2 p. m.—General prayer and testimony service.

2 to 3 p. m.—Speaker, C. Mills, evangelist; subject, "One, From a Bible Standpoint."

3 to 4 p. m.—Speaker, Rev. L. H. Blackman; subject, "Holiness."

4 to 5 p. m.—Speaker, Rev. L. C. Poor. Address to business men.

5 to 6 p. m.—Speaker, Rev. D. A. Thompson; subject, "Justification."

BENEFIT NETS $159 FOR QUAKE VICTIMS

The officers and members of the Italian society, Circola Regina Margherita No. 1, U. A. O. D., have passed a resolution of thanks expressing their appreciation of the assistance given them in connection with their benefit for the Italian earthquake sufferers February 14. At this entertainment $159 was cleared, which has been forwarded to the Italian minister of finance, Signor Lacava, in Italy. Not only the Italian residents of this city, but also many other citizens helped to make the affair a success, for which services the committee on arrangements expresses its deep appreciation.

WIFE AND CHILDREN IN WANT; SUICIDE

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Los Angeles, March 6.—Driven to desperation because he was out of work and feared his wife and five small children would starve to death, Lewis Newman, aged 40, a window dresser, hanged himself to the door of his room early today.

Newman threatened to kill himself last night. His wife, believing she had convinced him that he should try to make a new start, retired about 1 o'clock. Early today she discovered her husband's dead body suspended from a door.

PORTLAND SHIPPERS TO SUE FOR LOWER RATES

Distributive rates out of Portland will be made the subject of attack by Portland shippers before the interstate commerce commission, according to the forecast made at a meeting of the transportation committee of the chamber of commerce and nearly 100 of the better known business men yesterday.

The Spokane rate case and its effect upon Portland wholesalers were carefully discussed at yesterday's meeting, and while it was found impossible to go into all the details of the case until the full text of the decision has been received, it was agreed that a suit to lower the distributive rates from this city should be commenced at once.

It is believed that the Spokane case decision leaves the way open for Portland to bring suit before the commission to reduce these rates. Although the commission did not order the reduction of these rates it is recognized the validity of Portland's claim to better rates than Spokane because of her water competition.

"The meeting was harmonious, and its action in all matters unanimous," said Secretary T. D. Van Heekeren of the transportation committee.

In discussing the matter of distributive rates and methods to secure lower rates the opening of the river was given great prominence by every one who discussed the matter, and it was the unanimous opinion of those present that every effort should be made to secure the opening of the Columbia and Snake rivers to navigation at the earliest moment and that in the meantime the interests of this city and state demanded the maintenance to the fullest extent of the portage railway at Celilo.

Work Is Ratified.

"Resolutions were unanimously adopted approving and ratifying the work of the transportation committee of the chamber of commerce in all respects. Committees are to be appointed to take up with the chamber of commerce direct the development of ocean and river transportation so that it will be as effective as possible, covering both shipments into Portland and out of Portland.

"The Spokane rate case has but emphasized the necessity for the immediate development of eastern Oregon by rail lines, and a special committee was appointed in connection with this matter.

"The meeting demonstrated that at no time in the history of this city have its commercial interests been so closely welded together, and upon all these subjects which so vitally affect this city and the state they will act together as one body.

"The lowering of distributive rates out of Portland was considered absolutely vital to its business interests, and from reports received from Washington it would appear that, while in the Spokane case the commission did not deem it proper to order a reduction of these rates, they were under consideration, and it is apparent that when the reduction to Spokane was ordered consideration was given to the fact that an application would be made to the commission for a reduction of the distributive rates.

No Doubt About Suit.

"There is no doubt but what such a proceeding will be instituted for this purpose on behalf of this city. It has also been learned that the five commodities which were used as illustrative in the Spokane case, rates on which were not reduced to a terminal basis, are tin boxes, fruit jars and glasses, cotton ducks and denims, rubber boots and shoes, and twine and cordage.

"The full report of the decision will reach here within a few days, when it will be known exactly what the commission has decided."

The following is the original list of commodities used as illustrative in the Spokane case and upon which, from Chicago west, terminal rates have been allowed except as above noted:

Original List of Rates.

Commodity.	Spokane Blanket Rates, New Rate.	Terminal— Chgo.	Miss.	Mo.
Carpets, N. O. S.	$1.85	$1.85	$1.85	$1.85
Plow points	1.00	1.10	4.10	1.10
Shovels, spades, scoops, in packages	1.35	1.35	1.30	1.35
Canned corn, beans or peas	.90	.90	.90	.86
Belting, cotton or rubber	1.25	1.20	1.20	1.20
Bicycles, boxed or crated	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50
Blank books and tablets	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25
Books, N. O. S., boxed	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40
Drugs and medicines	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50
Glass, common window, all sizes, N. O. S.	.90	.90	.90	.90
Paint, dry, in cans, etc.	.90	.90	.90	.85
Paper bags, plain or printed	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Saws, circular, etc., on boards in boxes	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50
Water heaters, gas or gasoline, instantaneous	1.70	1.70	1.70	1.70
Stoves and ranges (cast iron), cooking, etc.	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30
Stoves, air tight heaters (sheetiron)	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50
Glassware, N. O. S.	1.20	1.20	1.20	1.20
Wheelbarrows, knocked down flat	.90	.90	.90	.90
Windmills, knocked down	1.35	1.35	1.35	1.35
Wire, copper	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10
Wire fencing, in rolls	.80	.80	.80	.80
Woodenware, in packages	1.36	1.25	1.25	1.25

CIGARETTE FIRE IN A DETENTION HOME

(United Press Leased Wire.)

San Francisco, March 6.—Over a score of children, inmates of the juvenile detention home on Harrison street near Tenth, were thrown into a panic this afternoon when fire broke out in the girls' dormitory. The blaze quickly spread. It was with much difficulty that Superintendent and Mrs. Harry Knox succeeded in getting the youthful prisoners to a place of safety. Before the fire department reached the scene the interior of the dormitory had been destroyed.

The fire was discovered by Mrs. Knox, who was distributing dinner to the girl prisoners. Its origin is unknown, but the firemen believe some of the children were smoking cigarettes, unknown to the officials.

LIQUOR WAS SOLD AS MEDICINE IS VERDICT

Ernest Warren was declared not guilty of the sale of liquor in prohibition territory by a jury in Judge Gatens' department of the circuit court yesterday. Warren kept a record of sales of liquor at his place of business in precinct 74, and claimed that all of the purchasers bought for medicinal purposes.

Leaps Dressed Into River.

William Crook went swimming in the Willamette below the steel bridge yesterday afternoon and without the formality of disrobing. He was seen from the steamer Chas. R. Spencer while paddling about in deep water, fully dressed. A boat was lowered and Crook unwillingly towed to the submerged barge near the east bank. From there he was taken to the Spencer, but when Officer Leisy appeared Crook, who seemed mentally unbalanced, dashed upon a boat lying alongside and hid himself. When the officer got him to the middle of the plank between the two boats Crook suggested going overboard again and taking the policeman with him, but Leisy succeeded in getting him to the police station. He was turned over to his brother last evening.

Body of Infant Found.

The body of a well developed infant which had been dead only a few days was found at Union avenue and East Salmon streets this afternoon in a stew pan. It had been hauled there only a few minutes before by a wagon belonging to C. J. Cook.

Cook is engaged in excavating for a building at Fifth and Everett streets and the stew pan containing the child had been loaded into the wagon there and hauled across the river. The man in charge of the dump discovered the lifeless form in the pan and called Patrolman Bales. He notified the coroner, who now has charge of the body.

English experiments in the spontaneous combustion of stacked hay indicate that the phenomenon is due to bacteria, as hay that would not ignite when stacked did so after being sprinkled with water containing earth or ordinary hay yard, falls upon March 7.

CHANGE DATE OF INAUGURATION

Depew Proposes Amendment Providing for the Last Wednesday in April.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, March 6.—Seeking to change the date of the inauguration of the president of the United States to a time in the year when the weather is not so inclement as in March, Senator Chauncey M. Depew of New York today offered a resolution for an amendment to the constitution substituting the last Wednesday in April. The resolution also provides an amendment to the constitution setting the time for the commencement and termination of congress on that same day.

With unanimous consent the resolution was received and referred to the committee on privileges and elections.

Senator Gallinger introduced a resolution, which was adopted, directing Secretary of State Knox to procure from consular officers and other representatives abroad information regarding the practice of foreign governments in selling manufactured goods in this country at less than the domestic price.

LAND GRAB MEN WILL BE HEARD

Hyde, Among Others, Is at Sacramento Opposing Thompson Bill.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Sacramento, Cal., March 6.—The assembly committee on public lands and forestry today agreed to give those who are opposing the Thompson anti-landgrabber bill a hearing Tuesday night. John D. Ackerman, who with F. A. Hyde, the man recently convicted in federal court, of fraud in connection with the sale of public lands in Oregon, is here working against the Thompson measure, will appear before the committee and state what objections he has to the bill.

Hyde himself will not attend the meeting. So far he has directed the fight against the anti-landgrabber bill from his rooms in a local hotel, staying entirely away from the capitol. It is believed he will now change his plan of campaign and put in an appearance at the capitol next Tuesday.

When seen last night Hyde declined to be interviewed regarding his presence here and the reasons for his opposition to the Thompson bill.

"What I might say," he said, "would be misunderstood and would not have much weight. You will learn all next Tuesday."

Surveyor General Kingsbury and Deputy Attorney Malcom Glenn, who had the Thompson bill introduced and who are waging war against the landgrabbers who have infested California for years, today said the Thompson measure must be passed in its present form if the people were to be benefited by its provisions.

Both Kingsbury and Glenn will go before the public lands and forestry committee and oppose any attempt on the part of the Ackerman-Hyde interests to have the bill amended.

ROBBED AND CAST INTO JAIL

G. H. Lee Has Unpleasant Experience With a Pickup Friend.

Robbed of $170 and then thrown into jail for 10 days is the experience of G. H. Lee, an employe of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company, according to the evidence at hand. Meanwhile the man who is suspected of robbing Lee goes about the city a free man, for Captain Baty's police detectives, aside from sweating Lee most vigorously when he was too dazed to answer any questions intelligently, have done nothing to bring the criminal to justice.

Lee was found at 229½ Second street Thursday morning. He was intoxicated and had evidently been thrown down stairs, as his head was severely cut. He was brought into court after the detectives had asked a few questions of the dazed man, who could tell nothing except that he had lost $170 through a man who had pretended to befriend him the night before. In court he was charged with being drunk, and was sentenced to 10 days in the four old city jail.

This afternoon Lee's brother, who also came from western Nebraska recently, visited the police station to tell his brother that their mother was dead. This comparative stranger in the city had, by a few simple questions, been able to learn more about the man who is suspected of robbing Lee than all of Captain Baty's sleuths. Late this afternoon Lee was considering signing a warrant for the arrest of the suspect.

G. H. Lee who was released today as soon as Judge Van Zante learned the circumstances, says he remembers entering his room and there finding a man who struck him down.

California Has an Arbor Day.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Sacramento, Cal., March 6.—Governor Gillett today signed the bill setting aside March 7 as a state arbor day. The day was chosen because the birthday of Luther Burbank, the horticultural wizard, falls upon March 7.

"BARNACLES" ON CITY PAY ROLL

Mayor Lane Says So in Vetoing Bill for Higher Salaries.

Mayor Lane, in vetoing the ordinance increasing the salaries of employes in the street cleaning department, urges that a general adjustment of salaries be made and he declares if the pay rolls are investigated it will be found that they carry a "large number of deadheads and barnacles, who draw sustenance from the city, yet interfere with its progress."

The veto message was made public today and is as follows:

To the honorable city council—Gentlemen: I return herewith ordinance No. 19024 not approved.

This ordinance purports to be one which increases the wages of the employes of the street cleaning and sprinkling department, and I presume that the employes of that department and others think that such will be the effect produced by it if it becomes a law. As a matter of fact, however, it contains a clause which modifies it in a manner that such increase in wages can only be made in the event (a problematical one) that it can be done without spending more money than was appropriated to that fund at the beginning of the year.

Just how this is to be ascertained or the feat accomplished and by whom, or of what value to the said employes such a measure would be is not explained and can only be surmised.

In the matter of salaries and wages paid to city employes I am in sympathy with any action looking to an increase where it can be shown that such a course is an equitable arrangement between them and the city. I am of the opinion, however, that no individual or department should be singled out for such action but that the right of all others should be considered, which has not been done in this instance.

I further believe that before any action is taken with this end in view, all pay rolls of the city should be carefully inspected by your honorable body and that the heads of the different departments and the boards in charge of them should be called into consultation and a just schedule of wages in harmony with the value of the services rendered should be established.

If this were done, without fear or favor, I think that it would be found that in some instances the city underpays its employes, and in others that it overpays them, and that as a matter of fact it carries upon its pay roll a large number of deadheads and barnacles, who draw sustenance from it yet interfere with its usefulness and delay its progress.

To increase the wages of one person or a single department without regard to all of the facts and equities involved, must result in breeding dissatisfaction, and increasing demands, and is neither wise nor fair to the employes of the city or the city itself.

I would therefore again suggest that this question be taken up by you and that a just schedule be established and if, on investigation, it is found that the employes herein mentioned are entitled to an increase of pay that it be granted to them in fact and in good faith and that it be not left a matter of doubt and conjecture as it is in this ordinance.

Respectfully,
HARRY LANE, Mayor.

WATERWAYS MEN READY TO BEGIN

Burton President of Commission—Committee on Organization Named.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, March 6.—At a preliminary meeting of the national waterways commission today Senator Burton was elected president and subcommittees were appointed. Plans for procedure were also discussed.

The commission comprises five senators and six representatives.

Senator Gallinger was made vice chairman of the commission. Senators Burton, Piles and Simmons and Representatives Alexander of New York, Stevens of Minnesota and Sparkman of Florida, were designated a committee on rules and organization to outline the work.

ARRANGING PROGRAM FOR STATE TEACHERS

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Salem, Or., March 6.—The executive board of the Oregon State Teachers' association is in session today in the office of the superintendent of public instruction at the capitol, arranging for the next convention of the association, which is to be held at Albany. Ways and means are being discussed and the speakers to be invited to the convention are being considered. The date upon which the convention will be held must be determined also at this meeting. Those attending are President P. L. Campbell of the University of Oregon; W. L. Jackson, Linn county superintendent of schools; W. W. Wiley, superintendent of the Newberg city schools; J. M. Powers, city superintendent at Salem; State Superintendent J. H. Ackerman, Assistant State Superintendent E. F. Carlton, and L. A. Wiley of Portland, secretary of the board. Mr. Ackerman is chairman and Mr. Carlton is treasurer of the board.

VICTIM LIVES THOUGH SHOT THROUGH HEART

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Redding, Cal., March 6.—Frank Littlefield, a deputy constable, was today convicted of assault with a deadly weapon upon Constable Timothy Foley a year ago after a quarrel. Foley was shot through the heart by Littlefield but to the amazement of surgeons the missile failed to kill Foley, although it left him an invalid.

The original charge was assault with intent to kill but the jury failed to agree on that verdict. The maximum penalty is two years in the penitentiary or a fine of $5000 or both.

COLONIST BUSINESS MAY BREAK RECORD

Several hundred colonists, the first large party to arrive this spring, reached Portland last night over the O. R. & N. from Omaha. Advices received by Portland passenger men show that the colonist movement for the first few days of the present season has far exceeded that of any previous year and it is taken as an indication of a record breaking season of immigration to this state.

Mention of Oregon Men.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.)

Washington, March 6.—John C. Young represented Oregon at the meeting here of the National League of Republican clubs. Joe Friedenthal has gone to New York to remain six weeks at the eastern headquarters of the Fleischner-Mayer company.

Suicide of an Unknown.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Hamilton, Ont., March 6.—An unidentified young woman jumped today from the center of a bridge over a canal to the ice covered surface 100 feet below and was instantly killed.

SAYS FERRY IS POOR BARGAIN

Expert Reports Against Craft Offered City of St. Johns.

That the city of St. Johns would be investing in a third or fourth class boat if it purchased the James Johns to be operated as a public ferry, is the conclusion of M. Welch, who was employed by the county court to inspect the vessel with a view to its adaptability for operation by the county.

His report also says that the boiler of the boat has about reached the age limit, and that the hull and cabins are of the cheapest kind. It seems unlikely that the county will agree to accept this boat to be operated from St. Johns to Linnton as a free ferry under the Couch act, unless St. Johns is willing to make extensive repairs.

A delegation from St. Johns interviewed the county court again this morning, the conference lasting until long after noon, in an effort to decide what should be done.

The report of Mr. Welch reads as follows:

"I beg leave to report that I have carefully inspected the steam ferry boat James Johns, and find that her hull and cabins are comparatively new and in a fair state of preservation, but of the cheapest kind.

"The boiler has about outlived its usefulness, being now 23 years old, which is near the age limit for marine boilers. It would probably have to be replaced with a new one within two years. While the engines might be made to do duty for some time to come, some repairs or renewals would be necessary in the event of installing a new boiler with increased pressure.

"I would give the boat about a third or fourth class rating, and would consider it a very poor investment for Multnomah county, or the city of St. Johns, at the price asked."

GITTINGS FAMILY TO BE GIVEN AID

County Will Contribute $10 Monthly—Public Is Expected to Give.

County charity officials, with such assistance as the public is expected to give, will undertake the care of the poverty stricken family of Policeman J. W. Gittings, who was slain more than one year ago by M. G. Bradley. The county will contribute $10 per month and the family will continue to reside at the home place, 72 Humboldt street.

Patrolman Johnson a short time ago sought to have the children taken from the care of the mother and placed in public institutions, the work of caring for them having been given up by the women who had looked after them for a year or more. Chief Probation Officer Teuscher of the juvenile court opposed this course, urging that they should not be separated from the mother unless it became unavoidable.

County Relief Officer E. J. Carr will supervise the county allowance. Miss Butler, one of the probation officers, and Miss Wilson of the associated charities will take care of any contributions of clothing, money or useful articles that may be offered. The family consists of the mother and four children, boys 8 and 4 years of age, one girl of 7 years and another 18 months old.

Judge Gantenbein, in the juvenile court, has confirmed the title of the Baby home to three babes abandoned by their parents. The children are from 6 to 18 months old and the whereabouts of their parents are unknown. The Baby home as the legal guardian may now place them out for adoption.

Judge Gantenbein ordered three children of Mrs. Margaret Liebel to the Boys' and Girls' Aid society and another child to the Baby home, leaving an infant with the mother. She came from Russia about one year ago to join her husband, but he deserted her and lately she has been living with another man. This condition of affairs brought about the intervention of the officers.

REFUSES TO VALUE BLANKET FRANCHISE

Thomas G. Greene, chairman of the committee on valuations of the executive board, made an unfavorable report to the board this morning on the blanket franchise ordinance asked for by the Portland Railway, Light & Power company and submitted to Mr. Greene by the council.

"We decline to make any estimate of the valuation of this franchise," reads the report, "because it ought not to be granted on any terms. The ordinance does not sufficiently guard the rights of the public. It is better to reserve regulative rights and charge nothing for the franchise."

The board adopted Mr. Greene's report.

OFFICIALS OF A.-Y.-P. VISITING PORTLAND

I. A. Nadeau, director general of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition, and C. B. Yandell, secretary of the Seattle chamber of commerce, are in Portland today on their way north from California, where they went with the Puget sound excursion train as far as Los Angeles. They were in conference this morning with Tom Richardson of the Commercial club, who has just returned from a "boosting" trip through eastern Oregon and Washington.

TWENTY YEARS FOR KILLING SWEETHEART

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Medina, Ohio, March 6.—Guy Rasor, who has been on trial for the last three weeks, was convicted today of the murder of his sweetheart, Orie Lee. The verdict was manslaughter, for which the maximum penalty is 20 years in prison.

Harry Grow Fined $50.

Fifty dollars was the sentence imposed by Judge Gatens this morning on Harry Grow in the circuit court. Grow was convicted by a jury on the charge of simple assault. He was accused of assault with a dangerous weapon in a dispute growing out of a game of cards.

BUDGET WILL BE LARGEST IN HISTORY

Portland Railway, Light & Power Company to Spend $3,222,496 During 1909—Plans Many Improvements and Extensions.

"Expenditures made by the Portland Railway, Light & Power company for the year 1909 will be one third larger than for any other one year of the company's history," said President Josselyn this morning. "We are preparing to spend this year $3,222,496 for improvements, new construction and extensions. This is not for operating expenses, but for new projects. This expenditure is necessitated by the tremendous growth of Portland and because of the faith the management of this company has in the future of the town."

The company's budget for the year 1909 has been prepared and approved by officers of the power company. Several hundred detailed causes for expenditure are included. The sum is divided into three main divisions. For the Portland railway division $1,221,626 is appropriated; for the Oregon Water Power division $623,955 and for the light and power division totals $1,276,915. Following are the principal items of expenditure detailed by President Josselyn this morning.

Completion of underground power conduits in business section, construction of new ferryboat between Vancouver and Portland, street improvements, new fenders, track extensions, new construction and equipment for additional car barns at East Ankeny street, Savier street and Sellwood street; clubrooms for employes of the company at Savier, East Ankeny and Sellwood streets, block signals, consolidated repair shops for broad and narrow gauge cars, the location of which is not yet determined; changing 40 cars to the pay-as-you-enter type; purchase of 48 pay-as-you-enter cars, motors for 25 open cars, 100 sets of air brake equipment to be installed on cars now controlled by hand brakes; feed wire extensions, changing one high tension transmission line from 10,000 to 30,000 volts, additional waterwheels and generators on the Casadero Park line, alterations and additions to freight stations on O. W. P. line, four large passenger motors for cars on Casadero line, 15 box and 25 flat cars for freight use on O. W. P. line, addition of rectifier sets at subsistations for freight cars, additional arc lights for the city, new apparatus for the substations at Seventh and Alder and First and Jefferson, new substation building at First and Jefferson, nine story office building at Seventh and Alder, high tension transmission line to Vancouver, portable substation for use on narrow and broad gauge lines, large storage battery for business district of the city, line extensions, meters, etc., to care for new light and power curtomers, additions to the gas plant at Salem, additions to generators at station in Oregon City, new lock gates, sills and repairs to masonry and arches in Oregon City, new drift boom for the east side of Oregon City.

President Josselyn said:

"The figures covering the total cost may not be reached this year, as it is impossible to carry on such a large number of jobs of so diversified character at one time, and speed in construction will depend upon our ability to secure building material at satisfactory prices. The sum of $750,000 is placed as an indirect tax for street improvements, which do not add to our revenue or increase the service we render the public. The balance is for the care of natural growth and expansion."

SIX SUSPECTED OF HELOSSIS' MURDER

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Tacoma, Wash., March 6.—Suspected of being the gang that murdered Harry Helossis, a Seattle Greek, at Sixth avenue and Charles street, Seattle, on the night of February 5, six young men, Grant Bilton, Albert Fisher, Jack Wells, Arthur Wilson, R. Stanley and Paul Schultz have been captured here by city detectives. Albert Fisher, known as "Jack" Brown, is said to be the leader of the alleged gang. He was taken to Seattle by Detective Keefe of that city. May Clayton, who is said to have lived with the gang, was arrested yesterday. She was the source of the information which led to the arrest.

The accused men have been operating a so-called messenger service in this city for two weeks.

PAYS $20 FINE FOR SMASHING WINDOWS

Mrs. Bee Hamilton had a revelation last evening. A spirit whispered to her than she was Mrs. Carrie Nation, wafted suddenly across the Atlantic from London and, its suffragettes to the Pacific coast. Mrs. Hamilton was also ordered to attack the house at 776 Minnesota avenue.

Clubs, clods and stones were all used. It is alleged, and the windows of the house went out one after another. The surprised persons in the house were so frightened that one woman became hysterical, and a doctor had to be summoned at the same time that a cry for help from the police was made.

Mrs. Hamilton soon found herself in the custody of Officer G. Adams. She was fined $20 by Judge Van Zante today.

Drewsey to Have Sawmill.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Drewsey, Or., March 6.—The Daily & Oll sawmill in the Blue mountains, 35 miles north of this place, will shortly be transferred to Drewsey. Several acres have been purchased from I. M. Davis, the real estate man of this place, and timber for the mill will be supplied from this tract. The land is only a few blocks from the main portion of the town.

The mill will be better located than before. The company will be able to cut about 12,000 logs during the logging season.

Whipple Makes Fast Run.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

San Pedro, Cal., March 6.—The torpedo boat destroyer Whipple is in port after making the run from San Francisco in 17 hours. When the fast little craft shot over the bar at Golden Gate she was traveling 25 knots and the water was running three feet deep over her decks. Then Lieutenant John Gaylor Church "let her out a little" and sped down the coast at the clip of an ocean liner.

GREGORY HEIGHTS TOMORROW

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