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George B. French, Aged 35, Will Succeed Francis B. Clarke—Appointee Said to Be One of Brightest Men in Field.

Announcements by wire from Chicago to the effect that James J. Hill has selected George B. French as the new head of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railway to succeed Francis B. Clarke, are taken to mean that the entire policy of the North Bank road, which heretofore has taken only a negative part in the railroad situation as regards the Pacific northwest, is to suffer a radical change.

That the North Bank road in connection with the Oregon trunk into central Oregon and through California is to play so important a part in the railroad situation here is not an unusual young man for so important a position, but it is a great wealth and influence is evident.

Ever since President Francis B. Clarke of the North Bank was taken ill last summer he has been trying to relinquish the presidency of the road which he has had charge of since it was first opened. He has been trying here that he had formally resigned, however, he has been slowly but surely recovering from his last serious illness and now able to be up and about to some extent.

President Young Man.
George B. French, the newly named president in a man under 35, is at present general agent of the freight department of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul in Chicago, and has charge of the freight business in the St. Paul road. He has held that position two years, coming from Kansas City, where he was general freight agent of the same road.

The news of the appointment has been something of a shock to local railroad men. In the first place scarcely any of them know him, most of them say they never heard of him, and he is a new name in the business here. In the second place, he is young, and has had no executive experience as an operating man.

According to some Portland men outside of railroad row, in the words of one of them, "the hardest worker, the most energetic and the most competent business man in the Chicago railroad offices."

It is said that Mr. French is a member of the family of Amos Tuck French, the millionaire Boston banker who has visited Portland on several occasions with President Howard Elliott of the Northern Pacific, and who is a director of the Manhattan Trust company, the Northern Securities company, the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy and the Great Northern railways. It is known that the family of French are heavily interested in the Hill roads and that his share of the securities of the Great Northern, the French to an unusual degree, a freedom of movement as executive of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle.

Among the Portland railroad men who have met French personally is E. F. Rowe, general agent of the St. Paul road, and Mr. French is an excellent railroad man," said Mr. Rowe this morning, "and a very fine fellow personally. It is an excellent thing for Portland that he has been selected to head the North bank, although it is a loss to our people to have him leave us."

WIFE SAYS SHE DID ALL THE PILFERING
In an attempt to shield her husband and save him from being severely dealt with in municipal court, Mrs. Richard Lee today laid the blame for securing the value of \$225. The husband and wife were left in charge of a store at 311 Seventh street, which was valued at \$50 each, one silk shirt valued at \$70, a shoulder cape worth \$15, black silk skirt valued at \$15, bolt of white cloth valued at \$15, and a pair of shoes valued at \$25, and an assortment of silks worth \$10.

HACK DRIVER SUES OWNER OF AUTO
A jury in Judge Gastenbein's department of the circuit court is today hearing the case of a hack driver against an owner of a motor car. The hack driver, or more properly the coupe driver, and E. D. Hall, the autoist, were arrested while driving their coupe in an easterly direction on Samble street between Sixth and Seventh streets, about midnight April 3, Hall, driver, was charged with driving the coupe stealthily from behind at a high rate of speed. Notwithstanding the fact, however, that there was no evidence that it ran away, throwing the plaintiff to the pavement. Two ribs were broken and minor injuries sustained. Stowell vs. Hall. Damages, \$100. The case will go to the jury this afternoon.

The Fight is On
Every moment of your life, when you are at home or abroad, when you are awake or when you are asleep—between the poison germs that are in air, food and water, everywhere in fact, and the billions of your invisible friends, the little soldier-corpuses in your blood.

Judge Munly Speaks on the Broadway Bridge Project.

Building Broadway bridge is essential to east side property and should not be delayed, Judge M. G. Munly asserted at a meeting held in North Albina last night. Judge Munly outlined the following plan of procedure for the bridge, a plan which he considered reasonable and logical.

"First, we must have money for actual construction. This necessitates the issuance of bonds. The bonds must be friendly suit should be instituted to establish their legality."

Judge Munly also added that he had received a combination of Third street property holders was working against the bridge, in the belief that the construction would be inimical to their business interests.

"Therefore," he concluded, "the issuance of the bonds and the suit subsequent thereto would be done in accordance with the law and at the same time keep all interests friendly. I have no objection to the suit being brought in his favor toward the bridge and hope that such a plan will meet approval in a recent convention of the Board of Public Works that he would confer with the secretary of war on behalf of the Broadway bridge, and if necessary, to sue the city and is consequently favorable to its construction."

Few sessions of the city council have passed so quietly and smoothly as the one held last evening. Although a large amount of the usual routine business was gone through there were but one or two ordinances of such importance as to cause discussion.

The ordinance regulating traffic and designed to relieve congestion in the business district and especially at the approach to the bridge was passed with only one dissenting vote, that of Councilman Driscoll. The ordinance has been printed in The Journal before.

An ordinance amending the law passed in the interests of clean streets some weeks ago, was passed. This change in the ordinance so that mechanics may sweep the sidewalks in front of their places of business at any time providing that the sweepings are not thrown on the streets.

All private permits heretofore issued for the erection of street light posts were revoked by a measure which the council passed. This law provides that henceforth no permits of a similar nature may be issued by the engineer without the sanction of the council.

Councilman Cellars secured the passage of an ordinance which forbids the peddling of salve, ointment, drugs and other articles of this nature. The object of the ordinance is to prevent fakers and quacks from distributing their harmful concoctions. It will wipe the mysterious whispering to young men on the streets as the peddler slips into the hands of the victim a bottle of medicine for five cents.

Councilman Cellars, referring to his ordinance, said that he had seen advertisements in the papers and afterwards reconsidered on motion of Councilman Annand, who introduced it, the council called upon the city engineer, considered necessary to make the ordinance sweeping, had been left out. These were inserted but on motion of Councilman Cellars, they were then referred to the street committee.

The proposed law allows only business to use private advertising advertisements, and then only to advertise their own business.

As the ordinance was changed after it had been recommended by the carrying of boycott signs such as were sometimes used by the labor unions against firms under their displeasure.

Right-of-way for the east approach of the new Madison street bridge was assured by the passage of an ordinance authorizing the city to purchase some land fronting on the river within the lines of Hawthorne avenue for a small strip of property owned by the restaurant liquor licensees of G. D. Miller and E. J. Mackay, who conducted notorious gambling places for women at the corner and Vandy "grills" on Main street, were revoked, the council passing the revocation ordinances unanimously.

Portland Merchants Testify Before the Interstate Commerce Commission—The Trusts Stand In With the Railroads.

At the suggestion of a number of property owners along East Third street, President C. A. Bleslow of the East Side Business Men's club has called a special meeting of that organization to determine whether or not these property owners wish the O. R. & N. company to have a franchise on the East Third street. The meeting was held last evening at the club and was one of the most interesting of the season.

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The annual meeting of the Oregon State Congress of Mothers convened at the Hotel Vancouver in Astoria, Oct. 10, 11 and 12. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. E. B. Colwell, and the first business of the meeting was the reading of the annual reports of the treasurer, corresponding secretary, and the various committees.

The report of the last named committee was the most important and the session was devoted to cooperation with it in its proposed work for the coming year. The committee is made up of a member of the council for Jewish Women, the Collegiate Alumnae, Federation Clubs and a fifth member elected. The work for the coming year will be a study of school improvement along all lines throughout the state.

Following the general reports was the report of the nominating committee, which was accepted as read and the following officers have been elected for the coming year: R. L. Donald, president; Mrs. R. H. Tate, first vice president; Mrs. C. F. Clark, second vice president; Mrs. A. King Wilson, secretary; Mrs. E. L. Hart, treasurer; Mrs. Alan Welch Smith, auditor.

The question of the future of the various mothers circles in the city all of which showed growth and good work was discussed. The meeting will meet again for the public program at 2 o'clock.

WAS FOUNDER OF ST. HELEN'S HALL

Miss Clementine Rodney, a pioneer educator of Portland, died at the Good Samaritan hospital at 8 o'clock this morning. Miss Rodney was born in 1829 in New York and came to Oregon in 1857 with the late Bishop Morris, and together with her sisters, Misses Mary B. and Lydia Rodney, founded St. Helen's Hall, which she managed this institution for many years.

Miss Rodney was a native of Delaware, and is survived by Mrs. Morris, widow of Bishop Morris, and her son, Rodney and Henry Rodney, all of whom reside in Portland. Arrangements for the funeral will be announced later.

MRS. HUDDY WANTS DECREE OF DIVORCE

Mary Huddy has brought suit for divorce in the circuit court against William Huddy, whom she charges with adultery and desertion. The suit was filed May 29, 1901. Adelaide Howlett is named as co-respondent. On June 1, 1901, the woman obtained a divorce, which was set aside on appeal, and she was sentenced to a jail term on a statutory charge. She asks a decree of divorce and \$50 a month alimony.

REMONSTRANCES ARE OVERRULED

Remonstrances against assessments made against property owners for the cost of construction of the Brooklyn street bridge were overruled by the city council today, and an assessment ordinance was passed unanimously. The total cost of the bridge, including engineering costs and other incidentals, will be more than \$280,000.

Hawkers' License Referred.

An ordinance defining certain districts in which hawkers and peddlers shall be prohibited was referred to the license committee this morning upon motion of Councilman Baker, who had called the council to order. The ordinance is being prepared by the city attorney.

People From Adjacent County Enjoy Good Program.

Gresham is today entertaining a large number of visitors from all parts of the county adjacent thereto, the opening of the annual fair being the attraction. More ideal weather could not be wished for, and this served to materially swell the attendance to such an extent that before the day is over it will probably be the largest ever recorded in the history of the town.

The festivities opened with a concert by the Gresham band, which was greatly enjoyed by the throng. Then at noon came the big grand dinner, and the dancing pavilion was opened. The afternoon the dancing pavilion opened. Dancing will continue till 10 o'clock.

The fair is given under the auspices of the Gresham Chamber of Commerce. The stockholders will hold a meeting to discuss the business and of the understanding. There will be a band concert in the morning and another in the afternoon, when there will also be a game of football between teams from Russell and Gresham.

Friday afternoon the stock show will begin, and there will also be band concert. The stock show will be held between the home team and the Mungo club. Saturday will be children's day, with a variety of amusements for the children. There will be prizes for the children.

Sunday the fair will come to a close with lectures and sacred concerts. The stockholders will hold a meeting to discuss the business and of the understanding. There will be a band concert in the morning and another in the afternoon, when there will also be a game of football between teams from Russell and Gresham.

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Forty-foot Channel in the Columbia Discussed at a Meeting of Chamber of Commerce This Morning—Survey of the River.

Data, streams of continual and continued information concerning the river and harbors of the state; everything that will help the congressional delegation to answer questions asked by critical colleagues or to furnish foundations for effective argument, these are the things which the Portland chamber of commerce has agreed to give to the delegation from this time on.

Leaving members of the chamber of commerce met with Senators Bourne and Chamberlain in the office of Secretary Giltner of the chamber this morning to discuss the survey of the river. The delegates will be given information with regard to the improvement of the waterways of the state, and the chamber of commerce will follow the questions relating to the improvement of the waterways of the state, and the chamber of commerce will follow the questions relating to the improvement of the waterways of the state.

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Men's Club of Episcopal Diocese Entertains for Noted Divine.

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