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IS PEOPLE'S POWER TO BE DECIDED

Mayor Orders Suit Against Street Railway Company on Bridge Rental.

As a result of the declaration of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company to accept the terms of the act voted by the people at the last election, fixing the annual rental for streetcar rights over the new Madison street bridge, suit will be brought through the city attorney's office to condemn the rights of the streetcar company over the new structure.

Mayor Simon yesterday ordered that the suit be brought following the refusal of President Josselyn of the P. R. L. & P. Co. to accept the terms of the new contract with the city. The matter was put in the hands of George W. Brown, chairman of the bridge committee of the executive board, who will confer immediately with the city attorney in drawing up and filing the papers for the suit.

The streetcar company had a contract with the city for rental of the old Madison bridge, for which they paid \$1300 a year. The new proposition which was voted by the people, stipulates that the company pay an annual rental of \$15,000 a year for the use of the bridge. President Josselyn had contended that as the old contract had not yet expired at the time the Madison street bridge was torn down, the company is entitled to the use of the new bridge until that time has expired.

The streetcar company is fighting for a matter of \$12,000 annual expenditure, while the city maintains that the \$1300 formerly paid each year by the company, was insufficient rental and that it would amount to practically nothing for the use of the bridge, which will cost in the neighborhood of \$450,000. The point of law involved is the power of the people to change the contract.

HARRY DALEY HAS HOPES FOR NECK

Harry Daly, condemned to die on the gallows next Friday for the murder of Harry Kenney, hopes to live, by reason of a promise that if his sentence is commuted to life imprisonment he will never ask for any further favor from the state.

A petition for commutation of sentence, signed by five of the jurors who found him guilty and by several of Kenney's relatives, as well as by various lawyers and others having knowledge of the case, has been presented to the governor by John H. Stevenson. But perhaps an even greater importance is a letter from Judge Gantenben, before whom Daly was tried, in which the judge says that if sufficient assurances were given that no further effort would be made to modify the sentence, he believes the interests of justice would be served by commutation to life imprisonment.

In an effort to comply with this condition, Daly himself, and his attorneys, John H. Stevenson and Lester W. Humphreys, have filed with the governor a written waiver of any intention to make any further effort in the prisoner's behalf. While this probably is of no legal or binding force, it puts the defendant on record in the most solemn and positive way and is apparently all that can be done to assure the governor that if Daly's life is spared he will be contented to serve the remainder of his life behind the prison walls.

Daly was defended on the ground of insanity. He was found guilty in the first degree and was sentenced by Judge Gantenben to be hanged next Friday, the same day appointed for the execution of Finch.

ERNEST HARPS WITH DOCTOR

Kept under close watch at the home of Dr. J. Allen Gilbert, at 451 Fifth street, for a week, 11-year-old Ernest Harps, son of Mrs. Annie Harps, supposed to be possessed of psychical influences, has been quiet and normal and has caused no other manifestations.

Ernest was taken to the hospital at the home of Dr. Gilbert for a week or more, and his case investigated by a number of physicians and scientists. Mrs. Annie Harps, mother of the boy, is still in bed suffering from the nervous attack, which resulted from the two manifestations at the Valley hotel, Second and Main streets, a week ago Saturday.

SEEKS DIVORCE ON ODD GROUNDS

In a suit for annulment of marriage filed in the circuit court today by A. B. Widney against Maude Blinn, Widney declares that while he and the defendant went through the marriage ceremony in Seattle three years ago, and have since lived together as man and wife, the marriage was illegal and of no effect, for the reason that at the time of the alleged marriage the defendant had not received the final decree in a divorce instituted by her against her former husband in Los Angeles.

BAKER MUST MAKE BREAD FOR PUBLIC

Work laid out for the November grand jury by this circuit court was delayed one day this morning by the necessity for excusing one of the jurors, F. M. Peters, a baker. After the rest of the veniremen had been discharged by Judge Bronaugh, Peters asked the court to excuse him from service on the jury as he has no one to run his business for him. The court did so, but there was no one to call in his place and another juror will have to be called this afternoon. The jury will be charged by Judge Bronaugh tomorrow morning.

MOVING CAR FRACTURES KNUDSON MANY TIMES

A. H. Knudson, of Hillsboro had two ribs broken, his shoulder blade fractured and suffered two severe scalp wounds as the result of an attempt to board a swiftly moving car at the Oregon Electric railway at Hillsboro this morning. He gained a foothold on the car but reckoned without the iron gate on the platform which was closed and which when he bumped against it caused him to lose his balance and fall to the ground. The injuries are not serious.

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POSTMASTER CALLS FOR HELP

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The department has already anticipated the request by a notice that the sum of \$600 would be allowed for extra wagon and carrier service, but Postmaster Young refuses to be sidetracked with such a paltry amount. He went back at his superiors at Washington with a statement which shows that it will require at least \$2000 to handle the business. And at the rate at which the business of the office is increasing he estimates that it will require every cent of it for extra clerks and carriers.

The business of this office is increasing all the time at about 30 per cent per month, and on that basis it is anticipated that the Christmas trade will make an advance of at least 40 per cent for the month of December. The largest appropriation heretofore granted to Portland for extra holiday work has been \$1500. That won't do the future metropolis of the Pacific coast this year. Extra clerks and carriers will be selected from the civil service eligible list.

SACRAMENTO ALSO WANTS BEN

Sacramento, Cal., Nov. 8.—Governor Gillett this morning signed papers for the requisition of Ben Davis, arrested at Denver, where he is held for the San Francisco officials. It is alleged that he stole \$11 in money and \$15 in checks from his employers, Myer & Beer.

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