

GLISAN FRANCHISE UP ON WEDNESDAY

Will Council Pass It, or Will It Wait Until Real Cash Value Is Fixed?

With the substructure of the new railroad bridge practically complete and the steel superstructure in process of manufacture by special order, it is pointed out that the O-W. R. & N. company will use all its influence to secure from the city council the Glisan street franchises which it must have before work on the superstructure can safely begin.

An effort will be made, it is understood, to get these franchises before the council at the Wednesday meeting to be passed if possible. Councilman Kubli says that no matter whether action is taken Wednesday or not, he will insist that the franchise be referred to the executive board, there to have its cash value placed on both the Glisan street and Albin privileges asked by the Harriman interests.

The franchises now pending are in slightly different form from those asked in connection with the rejected east side street vacations. Permission to cross East Burnside with Harriman tracks is not asked. Councilmen Kubli, Lombard and Rushlight contend that the rights now asked will deprive the city of streets and waterfront access easily worth \$1,000,000 or more, overbalancing by several hundred thousand dollars the value of the Broadway bridge rights of way wanted by the city from the railroad.

City Attorney Grant expects to be able to commence condemnation proceedings against railroad property wanted by the city this week. The city will sue first for the bridge rights of way. The South Portland park site, the east side boulevard and the Sullivan gulch sewer right of way will take their turn. When the value of the bridge rights of way has been settled by the courts, the railroad company will be asked, it is announced, to deduct the amount from the cash value of the franchises, then pay the balance in cash to the city. Since the railroad company cannot proceed with its bridge until the franchises are granted, Councilman Kubli says he believes that for the first time in Portland history the railroad interests will be ready and even eager to pay for the property they get from the city.

Major Abbott's Death Mourned.

Aberdeen, Wash., Feb. 6.—In the death of Major L. A. Abbott, U. S. A. (retired), who passed away soon after midnight on Thursday night, Grays Harbor has lost a staunch and loyal friend. Major Abbott owned property here and was a firm believer that Grays Harbor will eventually be one of the great waterways of the Pacific coast.

OLD PROJECT MAY BE RECONSIDERED

Secretary of Interior Makes Proposition to Upper Klamath Land Owners.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Klamath Falls, Or., Feb. 6.—There is now every indication that the abandoned Upper Klamath project will be resurrected. Jacob Ruesch, a large landowner under the project, has returned from Washington, where he had been for several weeks endeavoring to get the government to reconsider the irrigation of the lands in Langille, Yena and Bee valleys. He brings with him two propositions from the secretary of the interior.

The first, and the one most favorably considered, is to utilize the Horse Fly reservoir. In order to induce the government to build this project it will be necessary to get 16,000 acres signed up for water. The cost will not exceed \$50 an acre. It is estimated that if a larger acreage is subscribed the cost of water per acre will be materially lowered. The other proposition is to utilize the water from Clear lake. This would require a larger acreage and the cost would be higher than under the Horse Fly project.

Indian Girls Good Nurses.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Chemawa, Or., Feb. 6.—The hospital department of the Chemawa Indian school, under the direction of Dr. C. H. Fulkerson, the school physician, and Mrs. Irma J. Douglas, the head nurse of the institution, gave a demonstration of what the class of young Indian girls who are taking a course in trained nursing at the institution are doing. The young Indian maidens showed great aptitude in the various demonstrations, showing what to do as first aid to the injured, and with great skill gave demonstrations in the various forms of bandaging, among them the gauntlet bandage, the demi-gauntlet, the head and face, the figure eight, the spiral and the spiral reversed.

Big Ranch Sold.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Dayton, Wash., Feb. 6.—One of this section's big ranches changed ownership yesterday. Homer Samuel selling 400 acres located six miles east of Dayton to Charles Martin for \$20,000. Dr. P. L. Austin, of Portland, purchased ten acres of orchard land near Baileyburg for \$1200. He will set out an orchard this spring.

DESIRE ALL GRASS IN FORESTS EATEN

National Forests Officials to Open Inaccessible Range by Driveways.

Final reports of Oregon and Washington fire losses filed by the forest service show the total to be about 700,000,000 feet. This is less than provisional estimates immediately after the fires. The report is the first of an official detailed survey given out in Portland. Better protection of forests and the opening of new ranges to stockmen as one method of protection, are insisted upon.

Of the national forests in Washington and Oregon, that on which the fires extended over the greatest area was the Colville, with 160,000 acres burned. The fires on this forest, however, were chiefly surface, which are far less destructive than fires which travel through the crowns of the trees. It is considered by the forest officers that the fires in this forest point clearly to the value from the stand-point of fire prevention of proper utilization of the range under regulated grazing. Large parts of this forest, and also of the Chelan Okanogan forest, are not used by stock because of their inaccessibility, although a good supply of forage is produced. The dry grass and other herbage which spread the flames and make them fiercer and more destructive than they would be if the land were grazed. One of the objects of rational forest administration, anti-conservationists to the contrary, forest officials claim, is to open all available range to the fullest use consistent with preservation of the carrying power of the range and protection of forest growth and water supplies.

In carrying out this principle, where good grazing grounds are at present inaccessible to stock, the aim of the national forest administration is to open means of communication through the construction of driveways and the building of roads and trails.

Through the building of railroads and the pushing forward of the system of permanent improvements planned for the national forests of northern Washington, Idaho and Montana, it is believed that hitherto unused range in these forests will soon be opened to use. The topography of some of the country is such as to make it available only from the Canadian side, but American stock owners are now beginning to work into it from that side. Another means of opening more national forest range, which is being actively employed by the department of agriculture, is the securing of concessions from railroads in the forms of rates and facilities for shipping stock in and out of regions where forage is now going to waste.

PROPOSED GAME LAW MEETS BILL

J. N. Wisner in Open Letter Declares Measures Passed by House Excellent.

Oregon City, Feb. 4.—To the Editor of The Journal—I note with much pleasure the bill which passed the house Thursday offering the possibility of putting the fish and game interests of the state on a fair and profitable basis. The adoption of this plan would mark the greatest step forward ever taken toward the preservation and upbuilding of the one tremendous and other important fishing industries and would go far toward making the game of the state a valuable asset.

The bill calls for a state fish and game commission which shall be non-partisan and nonpolitical in its makeup as far as possible. Four men are to be appointed by the governor—not to exceed two are to be drawn from any one political party. The fifth member is to be elected. These men are to serve one, two, three and four years respectively, receiving no salary but a per diem of \$5 while in actual session. The maximum amount for service that can be drawn annually is limited to \$100 for each member.

Given Full Power.

The commission is given all the powers with which the present board of fish commissioners is vested, appoints the master fish warden and state game and forestry warden (who serve and act under the supervision of the commission) with the clerks, deputies, etc.

It is to look after the enforcement of the law, the expenditure of the respective funds of the two departments, acquisition of necessary and disposition of useless property and is responsible, generally, for the protection and propagation of the fish and game of the state.

Other states have adopted similar plans and have proved the desirability of having such matters in the hands of a body or power, which, being free from other duties, has time and opportunity to specialize. Many of the departments of a state require only good business ability and an aptitude.

The careful and proper handling of the fish and game in a state like Oregon requires an intimate knowledge of local conditions in all sections.

Such work requires time and specialization.

Much is at Stake.

In Oregon where millions of dollars are invested in the fisheries, where the commercial fisherman and the angler clash and where game is found under every conceivable condition from the ocean beach over vast prairies to the mountain tops, conditions demand such a commission to an unusual extent.

A body of this kind could provide the legislature with data in the form of hard facts, boiled down and based on real knowledge of what is needed. The legislature would be enabled to simplify and make the laws effective. The interests of the man with a large investment could be respected, while the man with less at stake or the locality claiming unusual conditions could expect the same justice. At the present time there is no way to get at the right in the many conflicting issues—it is simply a case of one man's wishes as against the wishes of another.

J. N. WISNER.

MUSICAL COMEDY LAUGH PRODUCER

Fascinating Chorus Is Feature of Three Twins; Bessie Clifford Cute.

Voiceless but clever—as to the principals—and with the best appearing, best trained, best dressed and generally most fascinating chorus that Portland has seen in moons, "The Three Twins" began a run of seven nights at the Helling theatre yesterday. As the first evidence of the durability of the production is the fact that it was a greatly enjoyed last night as though it had not before been produced in this city.

Bessie Clifford and Victor Morley are the mainstays of this musical whirlwind, adapted from Mrs. R. Pacheco's "The Three Girls," by Charles Dickson. The plot would not induce the two piece was adapted from anything more coherent than a college yell, but the program conveys the rather unbelievable information that it has a base. Bessie Clifford deserves what praise is contained in the earlier items. Her singing is a mere series of songs, but her acting has a deliciously refreshing something that defies criticism.

Victor Morley, sans vocal accomplishments, contributes happily to the conglomerate of laugh producing devices. Unquestionably the chorus of "The Three Twins"—a full complement of "show girls," "mediums" and "ponies"—is its most attractive feature. Fine form, gowns and ability to dance are all there. The squad of "ponies" is excellent, but excels by only a small margin the troupe of "show girls" and "mediums."

"The Three Twins" is above the ordinary run of musical comedies.

ARTESIAN WATER IS STRUCK AT FREEWATER

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Freewater, Or., Feb. 4.—Bradley and Farish, extensive ranchers living at Grandview, three and a half miles from Freewater, have struck artesian water at a depth of 525 feet. The flow is sufficient to irrigate 100 acres of land. Their land will be divided into 10 acre tracts and already a large number have been sold.

Freewater to Get Water.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Freewater, Or., Feb. 6.—Beginning the operations on the new city water works system of Freewater, the city council has let a contract to Seigel Eaton for a well six feet in diameter, the first of a series that is to supply water to Freewater. With the completion of these wells the city will pump its water and supply its residents from the new source.

The first well is being dug on the premises of H. D. Lamb, where it is hoped to secure water in less than 50 feet. The contract price is \$18 per foot for the first 20 feet, \$20 for the next ten and \$22 a foot for the next ten feet.

ARCHITECT BENNETT IS COMING TOMORROW

E. H. Bennett, architect of the Civic Improvement league, is expected to arrive in Portland tomorrow. He comes from Chicago, bringing with him his complete report on the plan for the systematic construction of the Greater Portland. Mr. Bennett's stay in Portland will be featured by his appearance before special meetings of the improvement league and the public docks commission. The dock commission will receive from Mr. Bennett suggestions for the construction of a public docks system in Portland, and will inspect his plan for harbor improvement. Other plans formulated by the civic architect are for recreation, transportation and civic centers, for parks, boulevards and roads and enlargement of the city's drainage system.

COWBOY MAN KILLER IN JAIL AT PASCO

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Pasco, Wash., Feb. 6.—Charles Cook, the cowboy who shot and killed James Walker, a bartender in a Kahlottas saloon two weeks ago and who was captured at Ellensburg Saturday, was brought to Pasco yesterday afternoon by the sheriff of Klickitat county, and Sheriff Davis of this county. Sheriff Davis went to Ellensburg Saturday after Cook. When the train arrived here at 4:35 this afternoon, in order to avoid the large crowd which had gathered at the depot, Cook was taken off of the opposite side of the train from the depot and, guarded by the two sheriffs and a couple of deputies, was hurried directly to the county jail. His trial will doubtless be set for an early date, as the superior court convenes here next week.

Hood Teams to Debate.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Hood River, Or., Feb. 6.—Two debates with the Hood River high school teams are scheduled for Thursday, February 16. The affirmative team from Hood River will remain at home and debate The Dalles high school team. The Hood River negative team will go to Newberg and debate the Newberg high school team. The question to be debated in each instance, is: "Resolved, that the Chinese exclusion act should be extended to include all Asiatics." The affirmative team from Hood River is composed of Viola Nickelsen, Fred Ball and Forrest Mee. The negative team is composed of Earl Spaulding, Lynn Young and Lester Murphy.

Wagonmaker Resigns.

Chemawa, Or., Feb. 6.—Charles E. Frye, the head of the cabinet and wagon-making department of the Chemawa Indian school, has resigned to take effect immediately. He has accepted an offer of a position as foreman of the Cabinet Manufacturing company, a new manufacturing plant which has lately been established in the city of Salem. Mr. Frye is from Indiana, coming to Oregon about a year ago, accepting the position at Chemawa as he could be employed while he was studying conditions in the Willamette valley.

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