

CITY SHOULD OWN
ITS STREETS, ALL
THAT IS IN THEMMunicipal Ownership of Public
Utilities and Terminal
Facilities Advocated by the
Civic Federation Head.

Municipal ownership of all public utilities, particularly and above all others, transportation systems and terminals, is recommended by Deios F. Wilcox, representing the National Civic Federation committee on regulation of public utilities, and chief of the bureau of franchises of the public service commission for the First district of New York, who is visiting in Portland.

Mr. Wilcox came west to attend the recent convention of the National Municipal league held at Los Angeles, and while on the coast he is putting some time to good advantage in studying the municipal questions of the far west cities. Some of these, Mr. Wilcox says, he finds particularly interesting and unusual, as for instance the problem offered in California, where there are state laws as well as local municipal regulations governing public utilities. Mr. Wilcox also cites the proposition recently encountered in Oregon, wherein state legislation looking to municipal ownership measures met with favor, though in Portland an effort towards municipal ownership was turned down.

Only Solution of Problem.
"One thing I am firmly convinced of," said Mr. Wilcox this morning, at the Portland hotel, "is that the ultimate solution of the local public utility problem is municipal ownership. American cities are so deeply in debt, however, as a rule, that looking at the matter from a financial standpoint, public ownership of utilities seems almost impossible. I believe that the really practical method of reaching the desired end is to put into all franchises, a provision that will virtually make the properties pay for themselves by the end of a given time, so that at that time the city may take over the properties in view without assuming a great deal of additional debt. I favor the indeterminate franchise, made to carry the stipulation that the city may take over the utility at any time. Under this plan the eventual cost of the utility to the city would be decreasing all the time. I do not mean that I favor removing the maximum time limit, but would rather maintain the maximum time limit with the provision that if the franchise were not taken up at the expiration of the maximum limit, then the city would have to take it up or get some one else to renew the franchise."

Should Protect Investors.
"Honest investments in public utilities should be protected. There should be close supervision over such investments, and something to insure their safety. Heretofore there has been too much speculation in public utilities, and this supervision should be such as to offset this tendency."

"Terminal facilities should certainly be municipally owned. Upon these terminals usually depends the actual growth and expansion of the city, and they should certainly be guarded and controlled that the city can use them to its best advantage. It is fundamental, too, that transportation facilities should be municipally owned. The experience of any American city is getting extensions and accommodations from privately owned street railway corporations is enough to show that revision along this line is imperative. The city should own its streets and everything in them. American cities have been backward in the matter of municipal ownership. There is a gradual awakening, however, and though at present there is more talk about it than anything else, some results are being obtained, and a general advance of the movement may be expected."

WORK ON EAST, WEST
LINE RAPIDLY PUSHED

That the Harriman system is pushing construction of its east and west line across the state with all possible haste, is the word brought here from Vale. It is said that the line will be stretched out to Bend on the Deschutes River railroad, and that thereby the system will have a double track system between Vale and Portland without building a second track across the Blue mountains. Completion of the line from Vale to Bend will practically complete double-tracking of the entire system from Omaha to Portland, as double-tracking of the Union Pacific from Omaha is nearly completed.

The east and west line from Vale to Bend will give the Harriman system a water level grade nearly all the way into Portland, and while the actual distance will be about the same as the present Blue mountain route, it permits of much better time on account of the elimination of the heavy grades and curves.

It is reported that fully 4000 men are now at work building the line out of Vale, and that in the past few days 15 miles of track have been laid. It was announced some days ago that tracklaying will be pushed on to Dog mountain with all possible haste to get that much of the line in shape before winter.

The line will be of tremendous importance to the Central Oregon country, as it will open up millions of acres of land now sparsely settled.

Railroad Celebration Postponed.

(Special to The Journal.)
Eugene, Or., Aug. 7.—In view of the impossibility of getting the track in shape for passenger trains on the date set, the celebration of the arrival of the first train in Eugene over the Oregon Electric tracks has been postponed from September 11 to October 14. W. E. Coman, general freight and passenger agent of the Oregon Eastern, while in Eugene yesterday, made official announcement that it will be impossible to inaugurate regular passenger service before October.

PIANISTE GRANDNIECE
OF GEN. ROBT. E. LEE

MATTIE HARL

Mattie Harl, pianist, of Belmont and Harl, at the Orpheum, is a grand niece of General Robert E. Lee of confederacy fame, and has been on the stage ever since her tenth year. In compliance to Miss Harl, Dustin Farnum and William Farnum invited her especially to witness the premier of their production, "The Little Rebel," and she was asked by the Farnums to censor the part taken in the new play by the mimic General Lee. The fair vaudevillian expressed delight over the realistic portrayal of her illustrious relative and on her way so the makeup and lines of that role were left as originally staged. Later, Miss Harl's opinion of the southern home scenes as staged for "The Little Rebel" was asked by the Farnums. The Orpheum musician was born in Richmond, Va.

PATROLMAN PROUD,
SO OTHERS CALLED
TO LEAD COW HENCE

Because Patrolman Gould of the second night relief declared it would be humiliating for a patrolman to lead a stray cow through the streets of Portland to the city pound, and because Sergeant Bunn and Patrolman McCarthy were compelled on account of Gould's pride to take charge of the stray animal, charges of insubordination may be filed against the patrolman. At 8 o'clock yesterday morning a red brindle cow was found by Patrolman Gould on West Park street between Washington and Stark streets. The animal was tied up and later a rope was secured with which to lead the animal to the pound. "It would be very humiliating," said Gould to Sergeant Bunn. "Very well," said Bunn, who summoned Patrolman McCarthy to take the cow to the pound. Gould followed the sergeant and patrolman until they were off the principal streets and then insisted that he be allowed to help, in spite of the fact that the cow was already under excellent police protection. The affair was the subject of a report made to Captain Keller by Sergeant Bunn today.

RAILROADS TO HAUL
LAND EXHIBITS FREE

The railroads centering in Portland have notified Manager C. C. Chapman of the promotion department of the Portland Commercial club that they will gladly transport free of charge to Portland exhibits intended for the Land Product show to be held at Minneapolis and Chicago, where Oregon will have a state exhibit. Mr. Chapman says arrangements have been made to receive the exhibits, and a warehouse will be secured where they will be put in shape as they are to appear at the respective shows. The exhibits will be arranged exactly as they are to appear, the packed and shipped. Thus there will be no confusion in placing the exhibit in the allotted space. Exhibits intended for the displays will now be received and placed in the warehouse if addressed to the Oregon State Immigration Commission, Portland, Or.

BELIEVED HIS BELT
OF MONEY WAS GONE

Because he feared that his belt containing \$325 would be taken away from him and never returned, Harry Weist, arrested at Second and Couch streets Monday on a drunk charge, attacked Jailer Morelock in the searching room of police headquarters Monday, grabbed the patrolman by the throat and was strangling him, while the jailer, with an equally good hold on Weist's throat, was attempting to compel his prisoner to cry "enough."

Weist was unable to speak and the two men stood in the searching room strangling each other until the timely arrival of Captain Keller, who separated them and assisted in placing Weist in the drunk cell. Weist was released.

Fight Against White Plague.

(United Press Local Wire.)
Berne, Aug. 7.—The Swiss people are carrying on a determined fight against the great white plague. This summer more children than ever are encamped in the holiday colonies of the mountain districts, from 4,000 to 5,000 feet above sea level. In the Jura tourists come upon these camps at an average of one mile. The children sleep tents, spending the rest of the time out of doors.

SHERIFF SNIDER
LEARNS FEE LAWLake County Officer Does
Work for Brother Sheriff
and Cannot Collect.

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)
Salem, Or., Aug. 7.—After chasing both ends of the rainbow in an effort to recover the money he expended in serving a subpoena issued in another county, Sheriff W. E. Snider is still holding the sack and has been advised by Assistant Attorney General Van Winkle that his fees are gone forever. When the sheriff of Crook county sent the subpoena to Sheriff Snider of Lake county, the latter sent one of his deputies about 30 miles into the country to serve it. Then he sent a bill to the Crook county officials for expenses and fee. The deputy district attorney of Crook county advised him that the state footed the bills in such cases.

Sheriff Snider was willing to get his money from the state. He didn't care just so the coin jingled once more in his own pocket. He addressed a letter to Attorney General Crawford, asking about the matter. Assistant Attorney General James Crawford advised him that the state needed its money for other purposes, and anyway there was no authority of law for the payment of such claims. He advised that the county from which the subpoena was issued should pay the expenses in the case, but no fees were permissible.

Back Snider went to the county officials. They turned him down again. Back again he came to the attorney general's office. Assistant James Crawford is away on his vacation and Assistant I. H. Van Winkle is on the job. So Van Winkle looked up the authorities and found everybody was on the wrong track. Neither the state nor the county pays such expense accounts.

Sheriff Snider is "in the hole" just that much, and has charged the amount to "experience."

HOLD CONFERENCE ON
EXTENSION OF CHURCH

Bishop Scadding was in Portland yesterday for a 24 hours cruise to Tacoma from Newport, Or., where the members of the central convention of the Episcopal church last week held a three days' conference on church extension work. Bishop Scadding presided at the meetings. Among those whom were present were Rev. George C. Hunting of New York, secretary of the eighth department of general missions; Rev. H. H. Marsden; Rev. Barr G. Lee; Rev. F. M. Baum; Rev. F. O. Jones, Archdeacon Chambers, and in the absence of the dean, Rev. P. K. Hammond.

Bishop Scadding opened the conference Thursday evening by explaining the object and purpose of the convocation as a practical method of church extension. He took for his subject "Deep Sea Fishing" and applied it to the work of the Episcopal church. In his text he condemned the narrow horizon of some of the members of the clergy and laity who thought only of their local needs, took no active interest in spreading the kingdom, and even at times withheld for local use money contributed in good faith for the missions.

TO TAKE TESTIMONY IN
SUIT AGAINST ROADS

Early next week the taking of testimony in the suit by the federal government against the Southern Pacific, the Oregon & California Railroad and allied Harriman interests to recover title to 2,300,000 acres of land held by the company under the land grant of 1863, which was made to aid railroad building will be started in Portland. The testimony taken here will be from both government and railroad interests. Special Assistant United States District Attorney B. D. Townsend, who has been taking testimony in the same case in San Francisco, is expected to arrive in Portland from the California city next Friday, and the hearing will probably begin the first of the week. As soon as the testimony is complete it will be submitted to United States District Judge Wolverton for an opinion.

In the hearing held by Mr. Townsend in San Francisco facts were brought out which the government men declare point to a scheme by the Harriman interests to dispose of the entire acreage in one gigantic block. The lands in dispute are considered to be worth at least \$15,000,000.

RECEIVER MAY SELL
ASSIGNMENT FOR \$1021

Upon petition of E. P. Tobin, receiver of the suspended Mount Scott Lank, to the circuit court yesterday, he is given authority to sell an assignment against S. B. Edwards of \$1021 for \$557.43. This judgment was taken against Edwards November 29, 1911, an execution issued, but the returns were that no property could be found to satisfy the claim.

Edwards was later brought into court for an examination relative to his financial ability to pay the judgment, but this hearing did not disclose that he had enough assets to settle the claim. By an arrangement, the receiver states he is now able to settle the claim for the amount, and that it will be better for all creditors, as it will be more than could be collected by a judicial proceeding. Attorneys J. B. and W. A. Cleland represent the receiver.

PARK BAND TO PLAY
AT HOLLADAY PARK

The Portland Park band, W. E. McElroy director, will play at Holladay park this evening. Following will be the program: March "King Radium".....Chambers Overture "Jolly Rubbers".....Suppe Waltz "Estudiantina".....Waldteufel Cornet solo "Polka di Concert".....Liberti "Traumerl" (request).....Schumann Intermission. Grand selection "Medley".....Boto Medley of popular airs.....Lampe "Guard Mount".....Ellenberg "Procession of the Knights" from "Parsifal" (request).....Friedman March "Kaiser Friedrich".....Friedman Tomorrow evening the band will play at the South Parkway, Park and Jefferson streets, and Friday evening at Peninsula park.

Liquor Seller Fined.

(Special to The Journal.)
Eugene, Or., Aug. 7.—George C. Lambert, keeper of a roadside bar at West Springfield, was fined \$400 and given 60 days in jail by Justice of the Peace Bryson yesterday, having been found guilty of the charge of violating the local option law.

CHINA HOLDS NATIONAL
ELECTION IN NOVEMBER

(United Press Local Wire.)
Peking, Aug. 7.—Announcement was made here today that President Yuan Shi Kai is planning for a national election in November in which the polls, however, will be located only in the principal cities. This will not give everyone a chance to vote, but the measure is excused on

SOCIALISTS OF DOUGLAS
NAME COUNTY TICKET

(Special to The Journal.)
Roseburg, Or., Aug. 7.—Fifty members of the Socialist party in Douglas county assembled in Roseburg Monday and named a ticket for the general election in November. The ticket follows: S. Strickland, Ashland, joint representative for Douglas and Jackson counties; E. L. Cannon, Roseburg, district

LATINS CAPTURE LAST
TURK COAST DEFENSE

Rome, Aug. 7.—According to official announcement made here, Zuzara, the last Tripolitan coast defense which Turkey retained, was captured by Italians after a fierce land and sea attack. The dispatches from the scene of activities say the battle was stubbornly fought, but no mention of the casualties is made.

Watchdog Is Gagged.

Redding, Cal., Aug. 7.—Mrs. Augusta Dorn, whose \$2000 home was destroyed here last night, declared her belief today that the fire was the work of an incendiary, as the family watch dog was discovered with a gag in his mouth, evidently placed there for the purpose of preventing him from giving an alarm.

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