GOVERNMENT IS TO WAGE MIGHTY WAR UPON COAL BARONS

Fisher Plans to Have Deposits Allotted to Cities for Supplying of Municipal Needs; Prevent Combinations.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, Aug. 10.—The United States government is to wage a mighty war on American coal barons, and assist the workingman to get fuel at a greatly reduced rate, if the plan proposed here today by Secretary of the Interior Fisher is carried to a successful conclusion. By Fisher's plan, all government coal lands are to be allotted to cities for use with the understanding they are to supply municipal needs as well as those of its citizens.

The first step in the proposed plan was taken yesterday when Secretary Fisher recommended that congress pass a bill granting 640 acres of government coal land to Grand Junction, Colo. Fisher favors a bill authorizing the interior department to grant 640 acres to each city, and 140 acres to each town under conditions providing prompt and continuous development of coal, the prevention of any assignment or tranfer of the land, safeguarding of life and health of miners, and undue waste of mineral resources. The plan provides for the title to revert to the government if any city or town fails to fulfill these conditions.

Grand Junction, Colo., Aug. 10.—The coal land Secretary of the Interior Fisher plans to allot to Grand Junction is located in the Book Cliff mountains and is a portion of a great coal field. The Colorado Coal & Iron company operates six mines in this field, and advocates of municipal mines charge that it only operates these mines on occasional periods to keep the supply shortened and maintain a high price.

State Senator Bucklin and other leaders assert that the municipal plan would improve working conditions, and immediately reduce the price of coal. The price of coal now is from $3.50 to $4 per ton, and Bucklin thinks the municipal mine could sell it from $1 to $2 per ton and still make money.

CAPT. WILLIAM BETTS, RIVER PILOT, IS DEAD

(Special to The Journal.)

Astoria, Or., Aug. 10.—Captain William Betts, better known as "Al" Betts, the oldest pilot on the Columbia river, died yesterday at 4:30 at the Weinhard-Astoria hotel, after an illness of more than four months. He was 73 years old last January.

Captain Betts was born at St. Johns, New Brunswick. From early boyhood he followed the sea as a mariner and steamboat man. While a young man he participated in the Maori wars in New Zealand. He came to this coast about 50 years ago and identified himself with the fishing industry. Later he entered the Alaska steamship service on the Columbia river and Puget sound, and played a prominent part in its early history. The body will be shipped to Portland Sunday for cremation. He was a member of the local lodge of Elks.

HILLSBORO PAVING IS HELD UP BY COURT

Hillsboro, Or., Aug. 10.—The Forest Grove paving controversy, which ended this week by the city filing a stipulation withdrawing its defense, was renewed late yesterday afternoon with Hillsboro as the scene of hostilities, when a suit was filed asking an injunction against Hillsboro and the Warren Construction company, restraining them from proceeding with the paving of East Washington street with gravel bitulithic.

The complaint is practically identical with that in the Forest Grove case. It alleges that a combination exists between the Warren company, Clark Henery and Elwood Wiles. The council was to make the apportionment tonight, and the suit will prevent this and also stop the improvement. Curbing has already been laid and the street graded. Miss Rose Cave appears as plaintiff. She is the owner of property on the street, and her attorneys are the men who prosecuted the Forest Grove case.

DR. EQUI ORDERED OFF CORNER WITH HER TALK

Dr. Marie Equi, a prominent suffragette leader, last night engaged in an altercation with a number of soldiers from the Vancouver barracks, during the course of a socialist discourse at Seventh and Washington streets and became so radical in her remarks, it is alleged, that she was finally ordered by Patrolman Helms to move to another corner if she desired to talk, instead of remaining at that corner where the socialists had started speaking. The woman became very indignant at these orders, and demanded the name of the patrolman, declaring that she would see Chief Slover, who was supporting her cause. Patrolman Helms reported the affair to Captain Riley.

Many Women Brought in Case.

In the amended complaint of Helen C. Seed, filed today in the circuit court for a divorce from John S. Seed, she alleges he sought to break open the door of their colored housekeeper. This happened on the night of July 18, 1912, it is cited. The wife further complains that Edith Sandow, another employe of the home, was shown too much attention by Seed. Dorothy Bliss is the name of another woman, whom Mrs. Seed brings into the case. The name of Rebecca Reed is also given. Mrs. N. E. Baker is still another. Mrs. Seed is asking for $10,000 alimony and one third interest in the property.

Kill Deer Near Dallas.

Dallas, Or., Aug. 10.—Two business men of Dallas, C. H. Crawford and Joyce Johnson, while five miles from the city in an auto Monday, killed a five-pronged buck deer which weighed 152 pounds when dressed. The men were gone about two hours.

AN EXCELLENT NIGHTCAP

Horsford's Acid Phosphate

Half a teaspoonful in half a glass of water on retiring induces restful sleep.

FLIGHT TO VANCOUVER TO START AT 4 TODAY

Aviator Walter Edwards spent this morning in preparatiton for his trip to Vancouver in Fred A. Bennett's Curtiss biplane with United States mail late this afternoon. Edwards has his machine in good trim and declares he will show Portlanders some real flying.

At 4 o'clock he will rise from the aviation grounds at the Country club track with a pouch containing all mail deposited in the temporary branch postoffice which has been established at the grounds. Each letter and postal card will be cancelled with two stamps which will advertise the fact that the mail was carried from Portland to Vancouver by aeroplane. At Vancouver the sack will be turned over to proper authorities and by them will be placed in the regular mails to be distributed throughout the world.

At the postal substation there will be a regular authorized clerk who will have stamps and postal cards on sale. Letters and cards may be addressed to all parts of the world and no extra charge will be made for the service. Many letters have already been promised for countries outside the United States. Among the letters will be one from Mayor Rushlight containing a greeting to the mayor of Vancouver. Mail will also be taken tomorrow afternoon.

Before the mail carrying flight Edwards will give an exhibition of flights of various kinds. He will toss baseballs from the machine to amateur and professional ball players while the machine is in the air and those managing to catch balls will receive cash prizes. The ocean roll, spirals and flights for height will be features. The exhibitions both days will begin at 2:30 o'clock.

TAFT WITHDRAWS NAME OF SCOTT AS OREGON MARSHAL

(Continued From Page One.)

senate, nor the favorable report of the senate committee on judiciary, prepared last May. My experience is that of a man who eschews bosses and machine politicians and attends to his duty with only a sincere and a proud desire to serve the people among whom he was reared and expects to do his life work. I cannot meet empty handed the scheming politicians who dictate federal patronage. The Oregon system has gone far in abolishing the bosses in our state and I look forward to the time when this system will drive them out of their lair of federal patronage. Performance of the duties of marshal has brought me into many pleasant associations and made me many valuable friendships. It has been a deep satisfaction to me to serve the public free from the trammels of politics and I have reason to believe that my conduct of the office was regarded as efficient and faithful."

FRIENDS OF SCOTT NOT SURPRISED; BOURNE'S APPROVAL IS CAUSE?

Friends of Mr. Scott expressed no surprise when informed today that the president had withdrawn his name from the senate. In fact, such action had been expected for several days. Indeed, Mr. Scott himself knew as long as two weeks ago that his tenure of office was of short duration.

It was not believed, however, by those who are familiar with the condition in Washington as affecting the marshalship and other federal offices in Oregon, that the president intended to withdraw the name of Mr. Scott, but rather that he would allow him to remain in office until congress adjourned and then fail to give him a recess appointment.

Williams Expresses Surprise.

When seen today National Committeeman Ralph E. Williams expressed surprise at the turn the affair had taken, saying that he expected that Mr. Scott would be allowed to serve at least until congress met again in December.

"I have not been advised by the president as to the plans for filling federal offices in Oregon," continued Mr. Williams. "I didn't know that Mr. Scott was to be removed. I have not been asked to recommend his successor, nor do I think I will be, as I am confident the president will consult Congressman Hawley on such matters. Mr. Hawley is loyal to the president and I have no doubt that the president will appoint whomever Mr. Hawley recommends."

Aims Blow at Bourne.

The theory was advanced today by a local politician who is familiar with the strained relations existing between the administration and most of the Oregon delegation in congress, that Mr. Scott's name was withdrawn from the senate for the reason that the president had learned that Senator Bourne was pressing the confirmation of Mr. Scott and at the same time holding up that of Collector of Customs P. A. Malcolm and C. V. Johnson, appraiser of the port, to allow the confirmation of Mr. Scott, who was Congressman Lafferty's appointee, and at the same time witness the rejection of Malcolm and Johnson, both of whom are loyal Taft supporters, was apparently more than the president was willing to put up with, and in order to checkmate the Bourne move he withdrew Mr. Scott's name.

Mr. Scott has been in Newport on his vacation for several days. He is at Eugene today en route to Portland and will probably reach here tonight.

GUARDSMEN TO SHOOT ON CLACKAMAS RANGE

Adjutant General Finzer, Oregon National Guard, left Portland last night for Clackamas to complete preparations for the annual rifle shoot of the National Guard and the naval militia, which begins Monday.

Each of the 20 companies of the National Guard will be represented at the tournament by a five-man team. Two of the three divisions of the naval militia will enter teams also. Several teams have already arrived at the rifle range.

SHERMAN SETTLERS BILL GOES OVER

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.)

Washington, Aug. 10. — Senator Bourne's bill granting $250,000 for relief of Sherman county settlers was called up yesterday in the house and Mann objected to its present consideration. Representative Hawley spoke for unanimous consent but without result. The bill will be called up again at the first opportunity.

Big Prune Packing Plant.

(Special to The Journal.)

Dallas, Or., Aug. 10.—The big prune packing plant of the J. K. Armsby Co., being built in this city, is nearing completion, and the work of installing the machinery will begin within a few days. When completed this plant will be the largest in the west.

DARROW CASE IS UP FOR ARGUMENT

Both Sides Rest in Bribery Trial of Chicago Labor Attorney.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 10.—After three months of stirring court action, both sides in the case of Clarence S. Darrow, charged with jury bribing, are awaiting today the final clash that will mark the close of the famous trial. Both sides rested their cases late yesterday, and the arguments to the jury will begin Monday morning.

The announcement, "The people rest," coming from District Attorney Fredericks, caused a stir of excitement throughout the courtroom. It was known that the end was near, but it was hardly expected to be reached before the close of another day. Chief Counsel Rogers, for the defense, was close behind the prosecutor with a similar announcement in behalf of his client.

JOBS OF POLICEMEN MAY BE IN DANGER

A number of policemen who were put back on the force under the ruling adopted by the civil service commission whereby former city employes who resigned in good standing may be placed on eligible lists above the names of other eligibles who have had to take examinations, will find themselves without jobs if complaints made to Mayor Rushlight and the civil service commission are found justifiable.

Mayor Rushlight told the commission this morning that he had received numerous protests because of the action of the commission in reinstating half a dozen former police officers. He said that if the commissioners had been aware of the records of some of the men reinstated they would probably have rejected the applications.

No names were mentioned by the mayor, but it is known that some of the complaints referred to were made against Sergeant of Detectives Tom Kay, Patrolman C. L. Tennant, and at least three other detectives and patrolmen.

The commission abolished the ruling that men 40 years of age or older can not be appointed as laborers in the street cleaning department. Four men rejected on that account were placed on the eligible list and Superintendent Alex Donaldson was instructed to appoint them on the night force.

CRATER LAKE GETS NO HELP FROM THE HOUSE

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.)

Washington, Aug. 10.—House conferees have disagreed to the senate amendment giving Crater lake an appropriation of $100,000. Representative Hawley has small hope for it.

The pension office has allowed the reissue of a pension to Green Bond of McMinnville for $30.

The Indian office has approved the issue of a patent to Anna Lenzon on the Klamath resevation.

REFEREE NOT TO GIVE RULING UNTIL LATER

John B. Cleland, sitting as referee, announced this morning that he would hold his decision on a question that practically determines the Wakefield case against the city until the evidence has all been taken. Assistant City Attorney Tomlinson for the city, and Attorneys Mannix and Coovert for the company, have been arguing this point of law for four days, completing the argument this morning at 11 o'clock.

The point involved, in brief, is whether the company abandoned the contract to build the Mt. Tabor reservoirs, and, if so, whether the city should pay the contract price, or pay this price plus $408,000. The city contends the company did the work under the contract and that the price stated therein should prevail, while the company asserts the contract was abandoned and the price should be the reasonable value of the work. It declares the reasonable value is $408,000 higher than the contract price.

Assistant City Attorney Tomlinson has insisted that his point be settled now. The company wants it settled at the end of the case. Attorneys say it will take two months to complete the evidence.

Mr. Tomlinson contends that if the court holds in favor of the city on this technical point, the case is won. The company concedes this fact.

SAYS EGGS AND LOUD TALKING CAUSE OF ROW

Eggs and loud talking were reasons George Prettyman says he had for attempting to oust Dr. Marie Equi from the Medical building in May. She had him indicted for assaulting her, and later filed a suit against the Pacific Trust company, owner of the building, of which Prettyman is superintendent, asking damages from the company. The company's answer contains the reply that Dr. Equi and another woman entered the building on the night of the assault, each talking in a loud tone. Both threw eggs down the hallways, it is alleged. Dr. Equi is also said in the answer to have been delinquent in her rent, and the superintendent asked to collect it. The woman physician accused Prettyman of pouncing upon her in a dark corner, throwing her to the floor, from which escapade she carried marks for several days.

WORK TRAIN WRECKS TACOMA STREETCAR

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Tacoma, Wash., Aug. 10.—J. Creammitchel, a laborer, was horribly mangled and killed, and four passengers were injured about 8 o'clock this morning, when an inbound Spanaway street car crashed into the rear end of a work train on the edge of a deep gulch in the residence section here. The laborer died before reaching the hospital. At the same spot some years ago a heavily loaded car plunged into the gulch, killing nearly two score, and injuring many more.

For the Beaches

Have your baggage checked at your home. The Baggage & Omnibus Transfer Co. Main 6230, A-3322.

RAIL CHIEFS DISAGREE AGAIN AT CONFERENCE

Officials of the Hill and Harriman systems held a conference this morning in the offices of President J. D. Farrell of the O.-W. R. & N. company with a view to getting closer together on the east side franchise question. It is reported that some progress was made. Another conference will be held this afternoon.

At the conference a few days ago, General Superintendent D. W. Campbell of the Southern Pacific offered to switch freight cars of the Hill lines over the track on East First street and the new steel bridge for $2.50 a car, the Hill people to withdraw the application for a franchise on East First street.

President Joseph H. Young of the Hill lines in Oregon held this rate too high and said his lines should not be charged more than the O.-W. R. & N. company pays the Southern Pacific for the same service. This rate is $1.50 a car. Mr. Campbell asked for time to investigate the actual cost of switching the car, and it is understood that at the conference this morning he reported that the proposed $2.50 rate could not be reduced. President Young in view of this, made a counter proposition to Mr. Campbell, who asked for time till later in the day to consider.

The Hill people have asked the city for a franchise in East First street and in streets that will give access to the new railroad bridge, these franchises being desired in connection with the big Hill freight terminal project on the east side. Mayor Rushlight suggested that instead of further congesting traffic the two systems reach a switching agreement, and this is the purpose of the conferences.

The street committee of the city council has the Hill franchise under consideration and will report next week, so it is understood, as soon as the two systems get together on the problems now up for solution.

CASH DISCOUNT GIVES STATE LOWER PRICES

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)

Salem, Or., Aug. 10.—In the general crusade of economy being waged by the members of the state board, and the heads of departments and institutions under them, State Purchasing Agent C. D. Frazer is taking an efective part by demanding of dealers from whom the state buys supplies the same cash discounts that are allowed to individual buyers.

While the red tape of state business prevents bills being paid within 10 days, which is the usual time limit in which cash discounts are allowed, it buys in such quantities that Mr. Frazer is demanding and receiving the cash discount nevertheless.

While this does not apply on the larger portion of the supplies purchased by the state which are bought on bid at net prices, still Purchasing Agent Frazer has found that enough supplies are purchased on which cash discount ought to be allowed that the getting of the discount will effect quite a saving to the state during a year.

DRIFTING LOGS CAUSE ALARM TO RESORTERS

(Special to The Journal.)

Astoria, Or., Aug. 10.—Three logs drifting onto the beach near Gearhart Park yesterday morning caused much excitement among the residents of that resort, as it was believed they were overturned boats and that the occupants were in distress.

The life-saving crew at Point Adams was notified of the supposed calamity and the tug Fearless, in charge of Captain Parsons, towed the life saving crew as far as the jetty. The tug George Mandell, stationed at Fort Stevens, then picked them up and towed them on down the coast to Gearhart Park, where they got a view of the logs that had caused the commotion.

Astoria Lad Operated On.

Astoria, Or., Aug. 10.—Clarence Satre, 4 years old, was operated on for appendicitis at St. Mary's hospital yesterday. The little chap had been stricken with an acute case suddenly. He is recovering rapidly.

WRECK NEAR BAKER DELAYS TRAFFIC EAST

(Special to The Journal.)

La Grande, Or., Aug. 10.—Two engines and two mail cars were ditched in a cut at Quartz, eight miles east of Baker, last night, and main line traffic on the O.-W. R. & N. was blocked for 36 hours or more. Transfers will be made, however, as the wreckage covers but 500 feet.

The train was the fast mail. Engineer Furguson, on engine No. 199, the famous hoodoo locomotive, escaped without harm, as did all members of the train crew. There is evidence of a low joint in the rails, but the exact cause of the wreck has not been fixed. A helper engine was entirely off the track, the tank of 199 was off and the engine tipped partly over. Several mail cars toppled. Engine 199 has been in numerous wrecks and was the ill fated engine in the famous Cayuse wreck a few years ago.

First Pears Shipped.

(Special to The Journal.)

Roseburg, Or., Aug. 10.—The first shipment of pears from Oregon this season was made from Roseburg Friday afternoon and consisted of a car of Bartletts from the Winston district. The fruit was of the very best quality and larger than last year's sizes. The shipment was made by the Producers' Fruit company, and is expected to yield a good profit to the growers.

SALEM TO STAYTON ROAD TO BE BUILT

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)

Salem, Or., Aug. 10.—J. F. Mounce stated here today that the work of clearing the right of way for the electric road from Salem to Stayton will be started Monday. This is understood to be a Hill line.

All of right of way has been obtained and the line will traverse one of the richest sections of the Willamette valley. Among other districts it will tap a 12,000 acre irrigated tract at West Stayton. The road will be 20 miles long.

RICH ITALIAN GARDNER KILLED AT WALLA WALLA

(Special to The Journal.)

Walla Walla, Wash., Aug. 10.—Joseph Taschi, wealthy Italian, was killed last night in a runaway accident. His neck was broken as he was thrown from his wagon. Taschi was wealthy, having made a fortune gardening near Walla Walla.

FIND NEW PASS IN ALASKA RANGE

Mount McKinley Party Returns With Map of Unknown Land.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Skagway, Alaska, Aug. 10.—The discovery of a new pass through the Alaska range, the exploration of 60 miles of country which has been a blank on the map, and the verification of the assertion that the ascent of Mount McKinley can be made along the northeastern ridge, were accomplished by the Parker-Browne Mount McKinley expedition, which arrived here last night on the way home from the mountain.

The expedition, headed by Prof. Herschel Parker of New York, and Belmore Browne of Tacoma, left Seward February 20, with 10 dogs, traveling 400 miles over a rough country to the northeast ridge of the mountain, where the ascent of the south peak was begun.

An altitude of 20,200 feet was reached by the climbers.

CALL ON WOMEN TO AID IN T. R.'S FIGHT

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Chicago, Aug. 10.—The four women members of the Progressive national committee issued today a call to the women of the country, particularly in the states which already have granted equal suffrage, to support Colonel Roosevelt for the presidency.

Senator Dixon of Montana, chairman of the National Progressive committee, left Chicago this afternoon for New York, where he will confer with Roosevelt regarding the appointment of members of the national executive committee who have not yet been decided upon.

SUFFRAGISTS PREPARE FOR BIG DAY AT OAKS

"We're busy getting ready to make tomorrow afternoon's suffrage meeting at the Oaks a great success," says La Reine Helen Baker, equal suffrage leader, who is arranging the gathering. Rain or shine, we'll be there, and the rain cannot dampen our spirits.

"We hope to get everybody who enters the gates to the park tomorrow to wear suffrage tags and women will be at all the gates to pin them. The grounds will be decorated with banners, placards and the yellow suffrage colors.

"At 4 o'clock the program will begin at the band stand. Mrs. Sara Bard Field Ehrgott and C. E. S. Wood will speak, and there will be special music.

Wilson Declines to Comment.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Sea Girt, N. J., Aug. 10.—Governor Woodrow Wilson returned here today from New York. When asked for an opinion concerning President Taft's veto of the bill to revise the wool tariff, the Democratic presidential nominee refused to make any comment.

JUSTICE OLSON GOES ON ANNUAL VACATION

Judge Olson ended his reign of terror against automobilists yesterday before taking his annual vacation, by issuing a bench warrant for the arrest of H. E. Seymour, assistant secretary of the Portland Automobile club, and ordering him sent to jail in case he did not pay the $50 fine given him in the justice court August 5, according to a statement made this morning by W. J. Clemens, president of the Automobile club. When Seymour was arrested he telephoned to W. J. Clemens and M. C. Dickinson. When they arrived Seymour was just being sent to the county jail to serve sentence. The court denied the request of Messrs. Dickinson and Clemens to delay the matter until proper papers for filing bond could be arranged, and then ordered the deputy sheriff to take Seymour away. After a battle of words Olson ordered the club officials from his office. When they insisted that they be allowed to sign any bond necessary for the release of Seymour, Clemens says Olson lost his judicial dignity and shouted for a deputy sheriff to eject him from the office. Steps have been taken by the club officials to investigate Judge Olson's acts and, if possible, have him removed. As Judge Olson left the city last night on a vacation, his side of the story could not be gotten today.

After being in the hands of the deputy sheriff about an hour, the Automobile club officials filed a bond in the sum of $100 and Mr. Seymour was released.

NO PROGRESS MADE IN BAKER MURDER CASE

Detectives Hellyer and Howell, who have been assigned to the Adam Baker murder case, have been unable to make any arrests in the case or secure any tangible evidence against the men implicated. For several days the detectives believed they had a good clue to the men who actually inflicted the blows which resulted in the death of Baker, but these clues did not materialize and the detectives are now at sea.

The only arrests that have been made in the case were those of R. H. Dean and J. C. Hollingsworth, but these men were merely held as witnesses until they testified before the coroner's jury and explained away any taint of suspicion that hung over their heads.

Baker with a friend named A. H. Rost were down town on Saturday, July 27, and while on their way home, early Sunday morning, encountered a gang of hoodlums, who knocked Baker down and kicked him. Baker was rushed to the county hospital, but there it was found that his condition was so serious that he was started to St. Vincent's hospital, but died in the Red Cross ambulance while on the way.

Carmen Agree to Truce.

Chicago, Aug. 10.—A temporary truce has been declared today between the carmen and the street railway officials here until next Friday. Meanwhile the officials of three surface and elevated companies will confer with their stockholders to learn what concessions will be acceptable to the latter in an effort to avert a strike.

ROOSEVELT COMING HERE NEXT MONTH

Will Arrive in Portland About September 12, Says Secretary; Moosers Wait.

Theodore Roosevelt will be in Portland about September 12, according to a dispatch received yesterday by Dan Kellaher, president of the Progressive club. It came from O. K. Davis, one of the colonel's secretaries. The date is not definite, as the Roosevelt itinerary for his western trip will not be completed until next week.

Progressive leaders have hoped to have Roosevelt at Pendleton for the Roundup on September 26, 27, 28, and the earlier date will not permit this. Efforts will be made to rearrange dates to provide Roosevelt for the Roundup, but this may not succeed.

Secretary L. M. Lepper of the Progressive party today received a telegram from Dr. H. W. Coe, national committeeman, at Chicago, which says:

"Leaving tonight for Portland, stopping two days en route. In conference with national chairman and new chairman of the executive committee. Today received reliable data of remarkable landslide everywhere for Roosevelt. Trust no important steps will be taken prematurely in Oregon. Should have deliberate conference of leaders before we move there."

Next Monday night the Progressives will ratify the nominations of Roosevelt and Johnson at the east side branch library, under a call issued by President Kellaher of the Progressive club. At that time it is planned to issue a call for a county mass meeting, probably one week later, to choose a member of the new state committee. The question of a third ticket will also be hot for the griddle about that date.

F. W. Mulkey, candidate for United States senator, and L. M. Lepper, the state secretary, will go to Forest Grove tonight to speak at a meeting at which the new party will be organized in Washington county.

LAST DAY TO VOTE AT STAR BABY CONTEST

Today is the last day at which votes may be cast in the prize baby contest which has been conducted by the Star theatre management for two weeks. The reel of baby pictures will be shown for the last time at the 8 o'clock show at the Star this evening. Votes will be received until the house closes tonight. The count of votes cast is complete to date and winners will be announced at the theatre and published in the newspapers on Monday.

M'CUSKER HAS ABOUT 400 NAMES ON PETITION

Thomas McCusker has the circulation of his petition as an independent candidate for congress well under way. He stated today that about 400 names have been reported, 633 being required. He says he expects to secure about 1000 names before filing the document with the secretary of state.

No. 4.

Why Not Wait Until the Matter Can Be Investigated?

In less than ninety days the citizens of the State of Oregon will vote upon a public utility Act. This law provides for the employment of experts to look into all questions pertaining to public utilities. Were this act in force, the application for a franchise in a community already provided with electric service would come up for thorough investigation by these experts.

Does not sound business judgment suggest that we wait?

No adequate plant, capable of meeting the demands of the city of Portland, can be built short of two or three years. If action upon the light and power franchise now before the City Council is postponed for ninety days, it will not disturb or injure the applicants if their franchise is based upon necessity and merit.

Particularly is this true when the interest charge, which must be paid by the public, may amount to $500,000 yearly. Is there any need for the proposition to be rushed through before the people vote upon the public utility Act?

Portland Railway, Light & Power Co.