

### HEUSNER SHOWED BAD FAITH IN NOT ACCEPTING GRANT

#### If Promoter Had Been Desirous of Fair Charter, He Would Have Accepted One Offered, Says Writer.

Portland, Or., May 30.—To the Editor of The Journal—The writer is no enemy of Mr. Heusner, neither is he allied to those who are opposing him in the matter of his proposed franchise. Occupying a strictly disinterested ground he feels it his duty to give the public his ideas concerning Mr. Heusner's franchise measure. He has carefully considered the arguments pro and con, and, as an east side voter, he takes this view:

Mr. Heusner was offered a franchise by the council which he declined to accept. Instead of that, he had a franchise prepared by his own attorney. This he asks the voters to grant him. Consideration of the two offers shows that provisions which the council insisted upon and which would have protected the city's interests, are left out entirely from the present Heusner franchise.

No provision is made as to schedule of rates. There is no restriction as to length of term.

The Heusner franchise gives the city no authority in the regulation of fares. The Heusner franchise could readily be assigned to another, for there is nothing to prevent its being sold for the best offer.

There are many other weak points in the measure. Nonacceptance by Mr. Heusner of the council franchise, carefully supervised by the city attorney, and his attempted foisting upon the public of one prepared entirely in his favor, without public rights being protected, ought of itself to be sufficient to defeat the measure.

A regular schedule and trains of limited length, the public has a right to demand. The mingling of interurban trains with local service over the route asked for, could not help but cause confusion and congestion in traffic. Unwieldy, slow moving cars, pounding over the streets, would cause all buildings to vibrate to their serious detriment. This is hardly fair to their owners, who are left defenseless against that which would seriously depreciate their values.

The endorsement by the Real Estate Board of the Heusner scheme has no particular merit, for a proposition of this kind might help them to sell lots in the suburbs to the gullible.

If granted, it is highly probable that the franchise would be sold out to others at a profit to Heusner, either great or small, most likely great. His scheme is palpably a promoter's scheme and isn't just to the general public. Why should the Broadway bridge, built for public convenience, be turned over to any promoter, Mr. Heusner or anyone else?

As to Mr. Heusner's "associates," why doesn't he tell us who they are? Why doesn't he frank with the public? Why doesn't he answer some of the questions that have been asked? The public, from whom he asks a great privilege, is entitled to this knowledge. There are so many elements of doubt, so many comments of a suspicious character about this franchise, so many indications that it is a "grab," that his "associates" are those who will share in the profits of the whole thing.

The compensation proposed to the city is absurdly inadequate and the turning over of the Broadway bridge unreasonable.

It seems to me that the Heusner franchise in its present form is dangerous and pernicious, and a heavy vote should be registered against it, for it will not give competition, as is claimed, but do gross injustice to all. J. BRAUN.

### SELF-DEFENSE WILL BE HAROLD HENWOOD'S PLEA

(United Press Special Wire.) Denver, Colo., May 31.—In a hypothetical question put to veniremen in the West Side court today, C. N. Hillman, counsel for Harold E. Henwood, being tried for the murder of George E. Copeland, revealed the whole plot of the defense. The plea will be self-defense.

Copeland was killed in the Brown hotel barroom at the same time Tony Von Phul was killed.

That the defense will attempt to prove Von Phul threatened to kill Henwood previous to the shooting is the main contention. It was shown by Hillman's questions to Harry E. Horn, venireman.



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### VALUE OF PUBLIC PARKS AS A CITY ASSET IS PROVED

#### Health of Children May Be Conserved, and Improvements Will Enhance Realty Values, Says Commissioner

T. Morris Dunne, a member of the Portland Park Commission, and president of the Amateur Athletic Union of the northwest, has made a summary of reasons for voting the bonds for recreation parks and playgrounds at the election tomorrow, as follows:

"One. The present playground facilities are within walking distance of only 10,000 of about 50,000 children and young people in your city.

"Two. The bond issue will make it possible to have a recreation park or playground within walking distance of the majority of all your homes, so that you and your children can use it without paying cartage.

"Three. You can never acquire these lands cheaper than right now.

"Four. In three or five years you will pay more than double the present cost of these lands.

"Five. We all pay out many times our share on the bonds to private amusement and resort owners every year and still they do not belong to the people.

**Portland Growing Rapidly.**

"Six. Some say, 'We did not have these recreation parks and playgrounds when we were children ten or twenty years ago.' This is true, but we must not forget that Portland is more than doubling in population every ten years, and that the vacant lots and open spaces are being rapidly covered with buildings.

"Seven. The taxpayer who owns property assessed at \$1000 will only have to pay forty-five cents a year for these parks. The taxpayer owning property assessed at \$2000 will pay ninety cents a year.

"Eight. Every home in Portland will be increased in value by private recreation and resort owners every year and still they do not belong to the people.

"Nine. Streets are not fit places for children to play in, aside from sanitary reasons and moral reasons, the danger of injury and death by accident through street play is great. Ten children lost their lives in the past year and a half on the streets of our city.

**Gives All Equal Chance.**

"Ten. Recreation parks and public playgrounds will give every child in the city the same chance to play.

"Eleven. You will never get these parks and playgrounds by annual appropriation, the bond issue only will accomplish that.

"Twelve. Crime in your city costs you \$1.51 on every thousand dollars worth of assessed value of your property. Prevention is better than cure. Wholesome recreation and play through recreation parks and playgrounds is the only sure way to prevent delinquency and crime and immorality.

"Thirteen. Portland will be the more desirable as a home by home seekers when they know that the health and morals of the children and young people are properly provided for.

"Fourteen. The following comparative statement shows how badly we are behind other progressive cities in the matter of recreation parks and playgrounds.

**Comparison is Made.**

"Seattle ..... 1800 acres  
"Tacoma ..... 1300 acres  
"Vancouver B. C. .... 1200 acres  
"Spokane ..... 2000 acres  
"Chicago, Cal., over ..... 2000 acres  
"Los Angeles nearly ..... 4000 acres  
"Portland ..... 650 acres

"Portland. The investment of your money is an investment of the highest grade for the city. A hundred dollars judiciously expended for land today will be worth a thousand dollars in less than twenty years. Other growing cities have demonstrated this.

"Fifteen. A recognition of children's rights demand that we make a return to the little people for the open spaces that have been and are being taken for buildings leaving them inadequate room for legitimate play.

**Have Neglected Recreation Parks.**

"Sixteen. In our zeal for furnishing fine school buildings we have neglected the recreation parks and playgrounds forgetting the major importance of physical education in the development of the child's character and of the need of wholesome recreation for the young people.

"Seventeen. The growth of commercial Portland demands that working men and their families shall have abundant recreation parks and playgrounds. If our city does not reckon upon this her prestige will suffer in the coming years and the future generations will be the losers.

"Eighteen. Our responsibility to the greater Portland of the next generation requires that we lay the foundation for a better Portland and that generation will gladly pay for our thoughtfulness in acknowledgement of this benefit."

### DRIVES HIS AUTOMOBILE OVER 100 FOOT CLIFF

(United Press Special Wire.) Berkeley, Cal., May 31.—Ernest W. Modine, of Oakland, a member of the firm of Ancker and Modine, funeral directors, lies in a critical condition in a Berkeley hospital after a fall from a building sustained when his automobile went over a 100 foot embankment on the Tunnel road.

A letter on Modine's person, dated May 1, directed that all his belongings be turned over to his Alameda girl in the event of his death. The police are withholding the young woman's name.

### UNDERWOOD WILL TRY TO FOCUS ON A CURRENCY BILL

#### Caucus Rule Will Be Imposed to Prevent Local Measures Interfering With Big Work of Congress.

(By the International News Service.) Washington, D. C., May 31.—The Democratic caucus Monday will be urged to pass a "gag" rule restricting to currency reform the additional legislation at the present session.

Fearing that the house Democrats with the organization of the committee may plunge into consideration and action on small bills of merely local importance, Underwood and other house leaders have determined to impose the caucus rule.

The resolution to be presented will pledge the Democrats against Republicans by committee other than the banking and currency, appropriations, Indian affairs and rules committees. It may be possible that some plan will be devised whereby the Indian appropriation bill which failed at the last session, may be passed without being sent to the house committee, in which event that committee will be nullified.

Underwood explains that he desires to focus the attention on the money legislation just as he did in connection with the tariff legislation. Should the house committee be permitted to take up the multitude of small bills now before them and go into general legislation there would follow a weakening of interest in currency reform which is to be one of the features of Democratic achievement.

Some dissatisfaction with this program is being evidenced. New members are desirous of getting down to work with their pet local measures and Underwood may have difficulty in getting through his caucus rule.

Republican Leader Mann today announced his assignment of regular Republicans to the house committees and a caucus approved them. There were no changes among the ranking minority Republicans on the major committees from the last session except that where defeat carried off the ranking Republican, advancement was given the second minority member. The Progressives announced their committee assignments some days ago.

### LOBBY INQUIRERS WILL NOT CALL ON CHIEF EXECUTIVE

#### Wilson May Insist Upon Testifying, However; Hearings Will Be Public, It Is Said.

Washington, D. C., May 31.—President Wilson will not be asked to appear before the senate committee charged with the duty of investigating the charges of the executive that "an insidious lobby has been influencing senators against the free trade provisions of the Wilson-Underwood tariff bill."

The Judiciary committee to whom the Cummins resolution as finally enacted by the Democrats was referred, met today and appointed a sub-committee to conduct the inquiry. Those who will make the attempt to uncover the lobby, the president says, are: Senators Overman, Walsh and Reed.

### Democrat, and Cummins and Nelson, Republicans. The presence of Senator Nelson on this committee gives promise of a vigorous minority report. There is a general belief, however, that President Wilson will insist upon coming before the committee.

The hearings will be public. A set of questions addressed to each senator was prepared this evening. The first meeting will be held Monday morning at 10:30 o'clock and senators will be called in alphabetical order.

After the senators have responded, the committee will determine whether it be necessary to summon further witnesses. It is understood there is at least one man on this sub-committee who will have to cross examine the president, should he appear and fail to submit concrete instances of what he believes to be lobby work or furnish names of those engaged in the business upon which his charges were based.

**Hobenzollern Glee Next.**  
(United Press Special Wire.) Berlin, May 31.—According to a Dusseldorf newspaper Kaiser Wilhelm is about to go into business as an oleo margarine manufacturer, and proposes opening a factory at Galden. His brother-in-law, Prince Ernst of Schleswig-Holstein, is already in the trade, having a factory at Prattenau, but the Kaiser's advisers have pointed out to their ruler that despite the increasing demand for oleo there is not a single factory in Prussia. This new enter-

### STEAM SHOVEL BEGINS ON NORTH BEND

(Special to The Journal.) North Bend, Wash., May 31.—When was started yesterday afternoon work on the Willamette Pacific. The steam shovel to make the cut was brought here a week ago and will be busy for the job for some time.

Two hundred people gathered to see the big shovel start. The cut is less than a mile long, but will require the removal of 80,000 yards of earth. This is the first big construction job to be started on the railroad in this immediate locality.

### O You Circus

Its a circus for the selling men at prices below the high rent stores of the Willamette Pacific. The circus should take the elevator and inspect large stock of men's suits.

Dunn, room 315 Oregonian building.

Brand new \$250 pianos for \$105 monthly. See Graves removal sale advertisement, page 5, section 1.

# Everybody is not doing it now Doing What? Doing What?

### Buying Furniture at High Prices, in High Rent Stores, on High Rent Streets

Take a walk on First street. You will find all the stores occupied by conservative merchants doing satisfactory business. Go into the high-rent district and see what is there—20 per cent stores for rent—20 per cent stores, occupied by good merchants, barely getting along—20 per cent stores occupied by fakers—20 per cent saloons and theatres—20 per cent merchants handling high-profit specialties, doing fairly well, and the whole bunch working for Mr. Landlord. Up town you find some things we cannot give you, such as modern buildings with beautiful interiors, so it is up to us to make some inducement, and the only important one is THE PRICE YOU PAY. The up-town stores must get a high per cent of profit to pay their rents—and, on the other hand, we must sell cheaper or we cannot get business at all. They get the trade of rich people who consider style above all, and poor people who are fooled by the low prices of a few articles under price in the show windows. We get the trade of hard-headed business men and workers who can see through the sham.

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Are we selling this \$21.70 Rug for \$16.00 to make you think everything in the store is on the same basis? We are selling this rug for \$16.00 because other stores have been making an advertising leader of it and have established an unreasonable low price.

### Why \$16 Instead of \$17.50?

Why sell these at \$16.00 now when we can meet the market at \$17.50? Just because we don't believe in half way measures—If we cannot get a reasonable profit on this rug you bet we can afford to sell it without any profit and we don't have to raise the prices on our other goods either.

First Street. There are no stores for rent because rents are reasonable and everybody down here is doing well. Maybe you can do yourself some good by coming a little out of your way.

It is 9 feet wide, 12 feet long. We've been selling it at \$21.70. It is worth it. Some other stores have been selling similar rugs for \$17.50. They were a bargain at that. We were asking \$21.70. Ha, ha, ha! WHO SHOULD LAUGH? Did any patrons get stuck?

Yes, if they bought just the rug alone, maybe they did; but most of the bills figured out this way:

EDWARDS' PRICES	
Rug	\$ 21.70
Balance of Outfit	100.00
Total	\$121.70

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Rug	\$ 17.50
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