

MUNICIPAL HOLDING OF STREET RAILWAYS, SEATTLE, IS ISSUE

Publicly-Owned System Has Been Losing Money Since Service Was Inaugurated.

ELECTION IS DUE SOON

Bakers Decide to Raise Price, but Bread is Still "Jintney."

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 13.—Municipal ownership of street railways in Seattle hangs in the balance, and the fate of the publicly owned system, which has lost \$25,000 since it began operation last summer, appears to rest with the coming municipal election.

Whether the two disjointed systems, Division A in the north end of the city and Division C in the south end, will continue operation practically will be decided by the people's choice of three councilmen and their votes on municipal ownership propositions on the ballot, March 2.

The issue between municipal ownership advocates and those who are opposed to this municipal governmental plan is sharply drawn, and Tuesday, February 16, six candidates will be nominated for the council from a field of 22, embracing various views of the operation by the city of street railways and municipal light and water plants. The impending election is regarded as one of the most important in Seattle in years.

The continued losses on the municipal railways and the discovery that the basin of the new Cedar river dam, constructed at a cost of \$1,400,000, leaks, and the municipal light plant may have to depend indefinitely on its old crib dam, while an attempt is made to seal the basin surrounding the new dam, has aroused the anti-municipal ownership forces. They charge that the council has been riding horses; has plunged the city into debt, and needlessly burdened the taxpayers.

Both the municipal ownership forces and those opposed have agreed upon their champions.

The Public Ownership League endorsed T. H. Bolton, president of the Seattle Central Labor Council; W. P. McElwain, a leader of the Progressive party in Seattle; David McKenzie, former King county commissioner, who was defeated last November for reelection on the Progressive ticket, and two Socialists, Charles D. Raymer and C. J. Jacobs.

The so-called conservative forces in Seattle have generally agreed upon Joseph Collins, former state senator; A. E. Parish, former county assessor; H. E. Kennedy, former state representative, and Frank Renick, now serving in the lower house of the legislature.

Six candidates will be nominated Tuesday, and three elected March 2, when the voters will also pass judgment on proposals to establish a municipal auto bus line in Seattle between its municipal railways, and also make an extension of Division A.

Despite the recent announcement of the master bakers of Seattle that the retailers would have to raise the price of bread from 10 cents to 12 cents, 6 cents and 12 cents, all grocers of the city, excepting those that bought of one of the leading bakers, were able to sell on the schedule. Grocers stopped the movement to advance prices, declaring war on the master bakers by threatening to pass the increase along to the consumer.

The master bakers raised prices because of the war prices of wheat and flour.

The retail grocers met following the bakers' decision and decided to refuse to accept deliveries from bakers in the association at the new scale of prices.

Prosecuting Attorney Lundin promises new revelations of police graft following the arrest of Patrolman Paul R. Schuman on a charge of extorting money from disorderly women living in the north end of the downtown district.

When the patrolman was arrested Charles Shea, part owner of a cigar store on Schuman's beat, was also jailed, charged with having assisted Schuman in the collection. The arrest was a culmination of several weeks of investigation carried on by Chief of Police Lamr.

Schuman was confronted with five women, the principal witnesses against him, in Prosecuting Attorney Lundin's office, but maintained his innocence.

When the city council, in adjourned session Wednesday, refused to purchase the Seattle, Renton & Southern Railway, a nine mile privately owned line from the heart of the city to the town of Renton, a long-drawn-out controversy of seven years' standing remains as far from solution as ever.

The receivers of the Renton line offered to sell the property for \$200,000 of the municipal utility bonds and 25 per cent of the gross receipts for 25 years.

The custodians of the property, now in the hands of the court, refused to submit the proposition to the voters at a general election, but held out for a special election, they agreeing to pay the \$5000 expense incident thereto. The council, while agreeable to submission at the general election, refused to order a special election.

The improvement of Rainier avenue, the highway leading from Seattle through Rainier valley and connecting with Renton, remains unimproved with paving or sewers because of contention in the courts between the city and the railway. This litigation will not be dropped now that the city refused to take over the line, the receivers say.

Watson Judge in Coos.

Marshfield, Or., Feb. 13.—James Watson, who was elected at the November election, to the county judge of Coos county. He was appointed by the governor following the resignation of John P. Hall, who formerly was in office. When the dispute arose as to whether the county judges would hold over six years instead of four, Mr. Watson's name remained on the ticket and at the election he received a big majority over his opponents. Judge Hall, who has served in the office for some years past, was not a candidate again. Pending the supreme court decision, recently given on the judge matter, both Hall and Watson had been presiding jointly, but they tired of waiting for a court decision and Judge Hall resigned and Mr. Watson was appointed. Judge Hall had announced some time ago that he intended to retire from the office at the expiration of the four years.

DOWNING IS ONLY FIRST OFFICER LEFT



R. M. Downing, surviving officer of original Knights of Pythias officers at Vancouver.

Vancouver, Wash., Feb. 13.—Great preparations for right-of-way was commenced by the "home coming" celebration, which is to be held at the I. O. O. F. hall Monday evening under the auspices of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias in honor of the fifty-first anniversary of the institution of that order.

Vancouver lodge No. 6 was organized November 10, 1861, with about 60 charter members. Of this number only three survive. They are: R. W. Downing, who is the only survivor of the nine first officers, having been master of arms; Captain N. F. Bolton and J. W. Wentworth, all of Vancouver.

The home coming is for the Knights of Pythias, the Pythian Sisters and their friends.

OREGON CITY

Oregon City, Or., Feb. 13.—Condemnation suit for right-of-way was commenced by the Willamette Valley Southern railway against Ralph Henry Scott, Della Bertha Scott and Katie Laura Scott today. C. Swanson started civil suit against N. Christian and E. H. Bolick for \$129, which he alleges is due him for cutting timber for the defendants.

Asking for \$2999 damages, Edward Summerfield, administrator of the estate of Alma Summerfield, filed damage suit against the Southern Pacific railroad today. Alma Summerfield was run over and killed on the trestle over the Molokai river between Ganby and Barlow by the Sheeta Limited the night of January 7, 1914. Melvin Hagen lost his life in an attempt to save the girl from death. Plaintiff alleges the railroad company was well aware the trestle was commonly used as a foot bridge and also had an engineer whose eyesight was defective on the run.

A decree of divorce and \$15 per month alimony was given Mrs. Hattie E. Gibson from Horatio Gibson by Judge Campbell today. Decrees were also issued in the following cases: J. R. Spurgeon vs. Nellie Spurgeon; Edward Barker vs. Nina C. Barker.

Chief of Police Shaw received word today from Robert D. Cameron, Captain of Detectives of Philadelphia, Pa., asking for information concerning Austin McCleary, age 4 years, who was found on the streets of New York city on the evening of September 12, 1914. The boy is described as being of light complexion, light hair, blue eyes, feet 3 inches tall, and weighing 38 pounds.

The exhibits prepared by the school children at the Annual School Industrial fair at Estacada Friday were the best of their class he had ever seen was the statement of Superintendent Calavan today. Some of these exhibits will go to San Francisco for use in the Oregon building.

At a recent meeting of the post graduate class of the Oregon City high school the following officers were elected: President, Frank King; vice-president, William Lettenmaier, secretary, Ray Morris; treasurer, Orlando Romik; editor to the Hesperian, Clyde Green; sergeant-at-arms, John Huleston.

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Married Thirteen Days; Asks Divorce

Baker, Or., Feb. 13.—Frank M. Taylor and Irene M. Smith were married January 31, 1914, and today, 13 days after the marriage the husband filed suit for divorce.

His wife came from Washington, where Taylor knew her, he having previously been home there two weeks ago tonight. Taylor seeking the county clerk to get a license on Sunday, he met his third wife, Kathleen, that his wife called him vile names. This is the only grounds set forth for separation.

Pendleton Seems Prosperous. Pendleton, Or., Feb. 13.—Though the Pendleton hotel is little more than six months old, work has been started on the local rectory Saturday evening. Matlock yesterday announced that the Matlock estate has let the contract for the building of a two story concrete building, 40 by 45, just back of the hotel building. The lower floor will be used for sample rooms and the upper floor for additional rooms and apartments.

IT'S TIME FOR TUNING

Pianos are frequently not only out of tune, but also an eighth to a fourth off pitch. Listen to yours. Notice its action's stiff, too, perhaps. We'll tune, regulate action and remove scratches quickly and responsibly. Telephone Main 8695 or A-2350, or write Ellers Music House, Ellers building, Broadway at Alder. (Adv.)

"GERMANY WINS" IS ONLY WAR DECISION, DECLARES MINISTER

Rev. Mau, Oregon City Pastor, After Visiting Fatherland, Predicts Victory.

VISITOR WAS DETAINED

Had Taken First Papers for American Citizenship Before His Departure.

(Special to The Journal.) Oregon City, Or., Feb. 13.—After eight months spent in Germany, Rev. A. Mau, pastor of the First German church (Ohio synod), of Oregon City, has returned home full of confidence in the fatherland and firm in belief that there is only one ultimate end of the great war—complete victory for Germany.

Rev. Mr. Mau was at Kiel, on the great naval canal, when hostilities broke out. He had taken out his first citizenship papers in the United States previous to visiting his foreign home, but these were not recognized as sufficient to cancel his allegiance by the German military authorities, and the American visitor was not allowed to leave.

An appeal was sent to the ministry in the United States, and when proof was furnished that Rev. Mr. Mau was an ordained minister in the United States, and was needed at his work, the German authorities allowed him to depart.

"My stay of my time was spent at Kiel," said Rev. Mr. Mau, in speaking of his sojourn in Germany. "I did not get to visit the front and see actual fighting, although I was very desirous of doing so, and tried to get there. With this end in view, I offered my services to the military authorities, but they said there was nothing for me to do in a military way.

"Not being content to idle during the time I was obliged to stay in Germany, I then offered my services to the ministry and was given charge of a church with a congregation of about 300 persons. I took care of this charge until my departure for America.

"The resources of Germany seemed to me to be unlimited," he continued. "The military authorities have been very careful in enlisting men and have left sufficient able bodied men in each district to take care of the crops. Hence the fields will bear as heavily this year as ever, and the output will be sufficient to feed the nation for another year.

"There were plenty men in the different places I was in. In fact, it did not seem to me that there was a population at all.

"At Kiel, I saw many battleships, and every day observed the maneuvers of several of the great airships. Zeppelins were flying over the town every day and we could get clear views of them.

"We crossed the Atlantic without sighting an English warship until we neared New York. There we saw the cruiser which scouts in those waters, but his ship did not bother us, and we steamed directly into port without being interrupted.

Another 10 per cent dividend will be paid to Union Loan & Trust company depositors about the middle of March, according to an announcement, yesterday by Receiver John Galvin.

A realty deal involving \$20,000 worth of property was closed in Centralia yesterday, when H. B. Spragg exchanged four pieces of local property for an 80 acre farm just north of Vancouver, owned by William Robinson. Mr. Spragg will move to Vancouver.

The threatened invasion of Centralia last night by 500 I. W. W.'s from Seattle failed to materialize.

The fifth fire in Centralia in two weeks caused by an overheated stove badly damaged the south end residence of E. S. Phipps Thursday night.

Realty Deal at Sherwood. Sherwood, Or., Feb. 13.—A realty deal was completed in Sherwood this week involving about \$3000. Fred Collett, of the city, disposed of the 100 foot square on Washington and First streets to Chauncey Calkins. The property sold comprises a restaurant, dining and carpenter shop building. Mr. Calkins takes possession of the residence after a few needed repairs are made.

Mr. Collett will move his family to American Falls, Idaho, where they will make their future home.

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You know the discomforts of an ill-fitting truss, the distressing, discouraging feeling of a rupture not properly held.

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Let Us Explain Personally. Woodard, Clarke & Co. WOODLARK BUILDING ALDER AT WEST PARK

SMITHSON WILL REPRESENT COLLEGE



M. C. Smithson.

McMinnville, Or., Feb. 13.—M. C. Smithson, of McMinnville college, who took first honors in the recent oratorical preliminaries, besides winning the honor of representing his college in the state contest, was awarded a cash prize of \$15. He is a sophomore at the college.

GOVERNMENT HAS AN EXPERT AT BAKER ON THE TRAIL OF RABBITS

Ranchers Urged to Work Together in Effort to Exterminate Pest of the County.

(Special to The Journal.) Baker, Or., Feb. 13.—R. T. Jackson, government rabbit expert, who has been in this city for a week or more, telling the ranchers of this vicinity how to get rid of the long eared pests by the poisoning method, has been very busy man, as he has been called on to make many trips into the county to show how the poisoning system adopted by the government is carried out.

He made a number of experiments here before deciding what means would best serve the purpose, finally deciding that poisoned wheat was eaten more readily by the bunnies than other means he tried. He has not published his formula for poisoning the grain.

He says he does not want to, unless it is necessary. He is making an effort now to get a large number of ranchers together to buy a large supply of the poison and have it mixed all at one time, under his supervision. This will be more effective, he claims, and the ranchers will save money in places that individuals in preparing the poisoned grain have not followed directions closely, with the result that their success was only nominal and the system condemned as no good.

A great many farmers have agreed to join forces in having the poison prepared, and hurried action is advised by Mr. Jackson, so that large quantities of poison can be put out before new grain crops begin to come on and the rabbits begin to multiply.

An experiment with the poisoned grain on the Frank Collins ranch near this city, resulted in over a hundred dead rabbits being counted in a small area, where 15 cents worth of grain feed and poisons had been put out. Many more were probably killed but the men stayed close to the place where the poison was placed.

The rabbit problem is a big one for this section of the country, and the government man appears to be helping to solve it.

Robert Mote had one wife in Minneapolis and another in Hutchinson, Kan. He met his third wife, Kathleen, on Wednesday, courted her Thursday, married her Friday, was arrested Sunday and sentenced to jail on Tuesday.

The cutting of salaries by employers has made it necessary for wage earners to cut their expense on every corner. In a short time hundreds of families will be vacating the stuffy apartments and rooming houses and moving into the vacant houses that are numerous in every section of the city. Renters are very low. Gardens, flowers and freedom can be had with the least expense. We will help those who have not the money laid by that is required to enable them to take advantage of the big reductions in home furnishings by including for a limited time all sale goods on our regular monthly payments terms. Our Red Tag sale is on and fully three-fourths of our stock has been reduced from 10 per cent to 50 per cent. Take this "tip" and secure your house now before the spring rush and take advantage of our sale prices and easy terms to furnish it. Calif Bros., East Third and East Morrison streets. Our store covers the entire half block, affording a large selection. Three blocks east of the Morrison street bridge. Stores also in Salem and Centralia. (Paid Adv.)

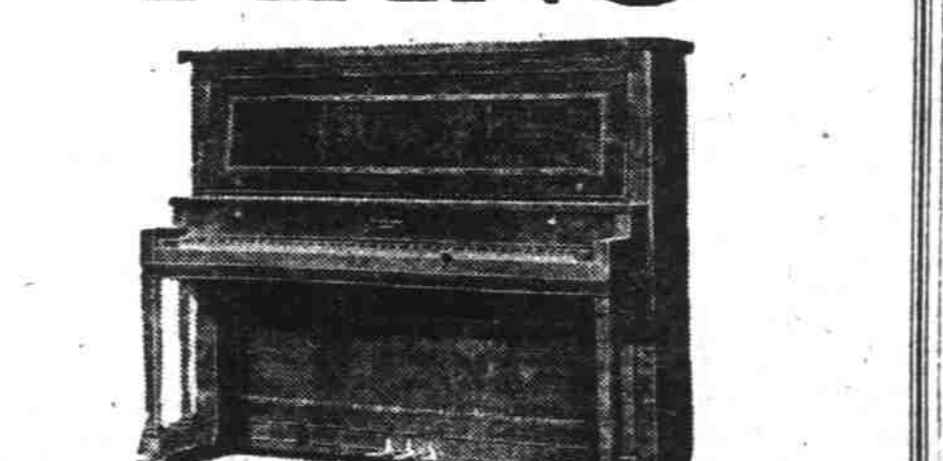
The NORTONIA

offers to the transient as well as the residential guest the advantages of 300 rooms with baths and shower baths—the spacious lobbies and parlors—the "different" American plan dining-room with excellent table d'hote service. Ladies visiting the city alone will be delighted with the surroundings. Luncheon, dinner or tea parties arranged for under the personal supervision of the management. Washington and 11th Sts., Portland, Oregon.

FIRST PRIZE—DISTRICT NO. 4 In The Journal's \$5000 Trade and Circulation Contest

A Bush & Lane PIANO

A High-Grade Instrument On display at BUSH & LANE PIANO CO. 433-435 Washington Street



Responsible Service

O. A. C. STUDENTS TO SERVE AS GUIDES IN THE OREGON BUILDING

Thirty-eight Are Picked Out of Large Number Making Applications.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Or., Feb. 13.—Thirty-eight students of the Oregon Agricultural college have been selected to act as guides in the Oregon building at the Panama-Pacific exposition at San Francisco. The students were selected by a committee appointed by the president of the college last December, when the proposition was first presented to the students by the Oregon commission.

This committee made exhaustive investigations into the records, both scholastic and of general activities, of some 300 to 400 students who made applications for the positions. Out of this number about 140 passed the scholastic mark and other requirements set by the committee. A competitive examination was held several weeks ago to test the applicant's knowledge of Oregon and it was chiefly through the grades received in this examination that the following 38 were appointed their time of service, four weeks, to be set later:

J. R. Magnosa, Oliver R. Hayes, Henry C. Gilbert, C. Edwin Hill, M. H. Middlekauff, Byron C. Wright, W. B. Dallas, A. J. Funk, C. L. Stroma, James O. Beck, Roy E. Marshall, W. L. Chamberlain, F. W. Kehrl, Clayton Strain, W. W. Coe, Hiram Currey, S. E. Brett, J. W. Green, E. C. Allworth, A. M. Doerner, C. E. Schuster, F. V. Romig, J. E. Coates, D. C. Howard, R. M. Howard, Albert A. Amort, De Vere Fendall, Martin Van Covering, N. L. Tarter, C. M. Scherer, Kenneth L. Fox, Brooks Haskill, G. Frederick Chambers, Perry N. Johnston, J. Howard Paine, Edgar Vestan, Louis G. Gentner and T. D. Yeager.

The following students were named as alternates and will serve in the order named, providing any of those students in the first list find it impossible to serve: John Botes, Wallace L. Kaddery, T. R. McClellan, Halbert E. Selby, William W. Johnston, Leonard J. Locker, Robert F. Thorne, C. E. Oakes, W. E. Koenig, C. A. Fryer, D. E. Richards, Fred H. Forster, Theodore Johnston, L. D. Crouter, J. Homer Edinger, Leon H. Loughbary, R. V. Williamson, Howard C. Belton, Irwin Betzel, R. L. Stoneberg, U. G. Robbins and E. M. Klinghammer.

The guides will take in pairs and they will serve for a period of four weeks. The first two leave Corvallis a week from today. They will be followed in two weeks by another set. Four guides will be on duty all of the time, each pair being replaced every two weeks. The entire period of the fair from February 20 to December 4. College work missed by the students will have to be made up on their return.

Thousands Are Cut From Pay Roll of Portland Employes

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In round numbers— 42,000 passengers per day 1,275,000 passengers per month 15,350,000 passengers per year

Also just figure for yourself how many passengers had to be carried during the year to help maintain the Police Department, the Fire Department, the Public Schools, and the Bridges.

Furthermore, letter carriers and County employes are carried for several hundred thousand rides annually at compensation which is less than cost for the service.

In conclusion, did you ever stop to think that during 1914, police and firemen and other city employes enjoyed free transportation as required by our franchises to considerably more than 750,000 RIDES, which, at the usual ticket rate, would have cost the city for this service about

\$33,750 Is not this additional tax?

Free Service

Reliable Service

WARNING!

MONDAY LAST DAY Worrell's Bankrupt Store at Sixth and Alder Closes Its Doors Monday at 6 p. m., never to open again! YOUR PRICE IS OUR PRICE Tomorrow every Suit, Coat, Dress, Skirt and Waist must be disposed of at any price. The merchandise will be practically given away. Bring a big basket and carry away a big load. Come and help yourself to this stock—help yourself to the greatest bargains you ever laid eyes on.

NOTICE! All merchandise held on deposit must be called for Monday before 3 P. M. otherwise your deposit will be forfeited. READ! Fixtures that have been sold will be ready for delivery Monday at 6 P. M. Showrooms, mirrors and forms for sale. WORRELL'S SIXTH AND ALDER

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