

MUNICIPAL LINE TO LINNTON SUGGESTED TO CARRY WORKERS

Restoration of Old United Railways Line Proposed Now Bus Route Has Ceased.

Municipal ownership of a street car line connecting Portland and Linnnton may develop as result from the transportation situation now affecting hundreds of workers in industrial plants of the Linnnton district and the Grant Smith-Porter shipyard at St. Johns, across the river.

City Traffic Examiner Edward M. Cousins Wednesday made a survey of the transportation situation at Linnnton and will report his findings to the city council.

With the withdrawal of the auto bus service by J. M. Flick today the Linnnton district is left without adequate service. Some of the big plants in that section, notably the Standard Oil company, are furnishing their own service, but are said to be willing to turn the business over to any regularly established line.

Most Rebuild 3 Miles of Track

According to Cousins the logical solution of the problem is to rehabilitate the old tracks of the United Railways, abandoned several years ago. The track and overhead wires are in good condition from Portland to a point three miles from Linnnton. This stretch would have to be rebuilt as the rails and wires have been removed and the bridges and culverts torn out.

In the event of reestablishing this road it is probable that the question of municipal ownership would be seriously considered. Commissioner Kelaher is now investigating this point. Flick, who took over the Carver franchise for operation of motor buses between Portland and Linnnton, abruptly discontinued service this morning upon receipt of notice from City Attorney LaRoche that he was violating the law.

Flick announced that he could not comply with the ultimatum of the city council, following a conference Wednesday afternoon, when he furnished \$10,000 bond within 24 hours.

Will Put It Up to People

"We will put it up to the matter up to the people themselves," said Flick this morning. "Carver's franchise was still in force and he was not required to perfect his bond in a short period, but if the council believes that is justice, let them explain it to the people who are depending upon our motor service to take them to and from their daily employment."

Flick was not prepared to state whether he subsequently would put up the bond and resume service. His case was considered by the council, which had expressed the view in public meeting that he was not complying with those ordinances which were in effect before the jitney bonding measure was passed by the people in May. The sentiment appeared to be that the jitney bond measure did not suffice to bring jitneys back because the franchise ordinance still remains in effect.

Hearing on the plan of bettering the streetcar service for shipyard workers in South Portland and in the Peninsula district will be held Friday between representatives of the shipping board, the Southern Pacific company, O-W. R. & N. company, the P. R. L. & P. company and the city traffic examiner. It is expected that Cousins' plan of installing cross-town service on existing tracks on both sides of the river will be adopted.

Roses Are Wanted

Donations of first-class roses for distribution at the military hospital at Vancouver, Wash., and at Camp Lewis, are asked by Hal White, secretary of Mayor Baker, in accordance with the plans of the city administration.

The roses must be delivered at Liberty temple no later than 10 o'clock a. m. next Saturday.

To Regulate Benefit Dances

City Attorney LaRoche was instructed by the council Wednesday to draw an ordinance regulating the sale of tickets for dances and other affairs held for the benefit of war causes. Abuse of the practice had been complained of.

Water Violators Warned

Violators of free watering privileges for war gardens have been warned by Commissioner Mann that future use of water out of the established hours, namely, 4 a. m. to 12 o'clock noon, will result in punishment for the offenders. Numerous instances of violation of the

rule have been observed and as a consequence the water bureau is forced to make extra provision for the daily supply of water, which in the hot weather now averaging about 47,000,000 gallons. This is 18,000,000 gallons in excess of the normal consumption last summer.

Orpheum to Move

War tax benefits derived from theaters won for Frank McGettigan, manager of the Orpheum, the privilege of stretching a cloth banner across the street announcing that the Orpheum shows will be given at the Eleventh Street playhouse the week of June 22. Acting Mayor Bigelow alone voted against the banner proposition. McGettigan saved the day by declaring that the Orpheum's war tax contribution was very heavy.

Personal Liability Bill

Personal liability for fires resulting after the owner of premises has failed to remove a fire hazard after receiving notice has been introduced in a new ordinance introduced in the city council. The violators are liable not only for damages sought in a civil action but also the costs of the fire department incurred in fighting the blaze. The system is in vogue in France and at Cleveland, Ohio, and New York.

Larger Salaries Promised

Salaries of \$100 a month are now promised for recruits, the advance being on the scale of \$10 additional at the end of the first six months' service, and \$5 a month thereafter until the maximum reached is \$125. An examination open to men physically fit between the ages of 25 and 48 will be held by the municipal civil service board at the city hall June 25. Outside residents may compete.

Inspect Barracks

Acting Mayor Bigelow and city commissioners today went to Vancouver to inspect the barracks to get ideas for the construction of quarters for the detention home for women located on the Sandy road.

Policeman Given Salary

Salary for the month of May was allowed by the city council to M. Bernard, patrolman, who was shot by a negro burglar. He is still absent from duty receiving treatment for his wound.

Women to Work in Parks

Park Superintendent Keyser plans to employ women as water ratters in the city parks, because of the scarcity of men who will undertake the work. Ten persons are thus employed.

Soldiers Retain Jobs

An ordinance was adopted by the council holding open the positions of city civil service employes who enlist in the military or naval service.

WORK OR FIGHT ORDER WORRIES BARBERS AND CLERKS IN THE HOTELS

Men With Dependants Told to Breathe Easy, but Not Too Contentedly.

Interest among registrants, unprecedented since the drawing of draft numbers a year ago, has arisen from the "work or fight" regulations, now being sent to local boards in Oregon.

Will barbers, hotel clerks and a few others not mentioned in the regulations be placed in the non-essential class and ordered to change their vocations or go into the army?

This is one of the questions that many times Friday and this morning greeted Captain John Cullison, in charge of the selective service division of the office of the adjutant general.

Hotel clerks and barbers who have dependents breathed sighs of relief when told they were not included.

"But do not breathe too deeply," is the suggestion given them by Captain Cullison. "At this minute interpretations of the various non-essential occupations may be in making. The regulations stipulate sales clerks and other clerks employed in stores and mercantile establishments, but how easy would it be to include clerks of all commercial establishments.

Barbers are not mentioned among those the boards are to consider non-producers, but as long as there are lady barbers, male tonsorialists of draft age may be looked on by draft officials in Washington as more essential in the army than out."

MRS. FALING NORMAL BEFORE WILL SIGNED, FOUR WITNESSES SAY

Optician, Two Women and Electrician Testify in Hearing of Will Contest.

That Mrs. Xarifa F. Faling was in a normal state of mental health as far as their observations went was the testimony of four witnesses this morning in County Judge Tazwell's court in the hearing of the will contest brought by her cousin, Dr. W. Tyler Smith of Sheridan, Or., who is seeking to break her will, which bequeathed the bulk of her \$600,000 estate to Thomas N. Strong and C. Lewis Mead.

Dr. E. B. Wheat, an optician, testified that in 1915, a year before the will was signed, while she was living at the Multnomah hotel he noticed nothing unusual about her mental state.

This transaction occurred at a period when, the contestant asserts, Mrs. Faling was hopelessly insane and confined under lock and key.

Mrs. Florence Sturdevant, who lived at the Sargeant hotel when Mrs. Faling resided there, said she talked to Mrs. Faling frequently and found her capable of talking rationally, saw her writing letters and had no reason to question her sanity.

Mrs. Emma Porter who, for a time, conducted the restaurant at the Sargeant, said she discussed her business frequently with Mrs. Faling, who took an intelligent interest in it and was in every way mentally normal.

James Walsh, an electrician, told of installing an electric fan for Mrs. Faling. She took an intelligent interest in the proceeding, he said, and listened understandingly when he explained the method of starting and stopping the fan.

FINNISH SHIPWORKER FINED

Failure to Answer Court Summons Brings Stinging Rebuke. L. Lahti, a Finn, employed at a local shipyard, was fined \$15 for contempt of court by District Judge Arthur C. Dayton and reprimanded severely.

When Lahti was served with a summons in a civil suit by Deputy Constable Swan, he remarked that Swan might as well give him all the papers he had. Failing to respond to the summons he was served with papers in a supplemental proceeding. On that occasion he told Swan that, if he wanted him in court, he would have to come and get him.

Armed with a bench warrant, Swan brought Lahti into court Wednesday, notwithstanding his protests that his time was worth money and that he would not come unless paid in advance.

Lahti claimed when arraigned before the court that he did not understand the nature of the papers served on him but Swan said that Lahti talked good English on the previous occasions.

"You cannot come to this country, demanding the protection of our laws and institutions, and affect to despise the authority of our courts," said Judge Dayton.

"Look at that young man," pointing to a Greek in the uniform of the United States army, waiting as a witness in another case. "He comes to this country and is willing to give his life for the land of his adoption, while you come here and earn \$8.40 a day—four times more than you ever earned in your native land—and refuse to obey the orders of our courts."

TWO HIGHWAYMEN SENTENCED

One-legged Man Gets 2 to 5 Years; Attempt to Rob, 1 to 2 Years. Wagner Tyvov, one legged highwayman, who had up and robbed William Gibbons and Louis Dundas on the Canyon road March 30, pleaded guilty Tuesday afternoon to a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon before presiding Judge Morrow and was given an indeterminate sentence of from two to five years in the penitentiary.

George Harrison pleaded guilty to a similar charge and was given a sentence of one to two years. He was accused of an attempt to hold up Frances Webber and Lou Cahdima the night of May 8 and of shooting at C. L. Kelly who interfered.

PREVIOUS WEDDING TROUBLES

Marion E. Black Charges Wife Referred to Joys of Former Venture. That his wife annoyed him with what she considered felicitous references to the joys of a previous married state is one of the acts of cruelty charged by

Marion E. Black against Jennie Black in his divorce complaint filed in the circuit court Wednesday afternoon. They were married at Vancouver, Wash., April 22, 1918.

Agnes A. Graves asks for an annulment of her marriage to Guy Graves, alleging that on April 18, 1914, the date they were married, she was only 16 1/2 years of age and that the marriage was void as she had not obtained her parental consent.

Cruelty is alleged by Huldah L. Dahl against Carl V. Dahl, whom she married at Boring June 1, 1913.

Desertion is charged by Ella Hill in her suit against John Hill. They were married in Portland February 10, 1912. A similar complaint is made by F. W. Mattson against Cora A. Mattson, whom he married at Rapid City, S. D., June 4, 1912.

"AD" MARRIAGE ENDS IN COURT

J. W. McFarland Given Divorce From Clara McFarland; Charges Desertion. A decree of divorce was granted J. W. McFarland against Clara McFarland Circuit Judge Kavanaugh Tuesday on the ground of desertion. The testimony showed that they had not met before their marriage in this city, November 11, 1912, and had only been acquainted by means of correspondence for three days. He put an advertisement in the paper, he testified, and she answered it. He had been married twice before he said, and his first wife, now divorced, has been married twice since.

Alving Timbers filed suit for divorce this morning against Bernard Timbers. Vivian that he called her names and nagged her continually. They were married at Cheyenne, Wyo., March 24, 1911.

Curtis D. Hickok asks for a divorce from Jennette Hickok, alleging desertion.

LAWYER DEMANDS DAMAGES

Loss of Business and Destruction of Practice Is Charged. Demanding \$55,000 damages for loss of business and destruction of his law practice, Paul Dormitzer has begun suit in the circuit court against the Sweeney Investment company and others, proprietors and managers of the Dekum building at Third and Washington streets.

Dormitzer alleges that while he was out of the city the lock on his office door was changed wrongfully and maliciously for the purpose of preventing his entry to his office, and that the defendants now retain the possession of his papers, fixtures and papers, driving away his clients and injuring his business.

Election Warrants Ready June 15. Judges and other officials serving at the recent primary election will receive warrants for their pay next Saturday, June 15, according to an announcement of Deputy County Clerk Gleason. In applying for their warrants, Mr. Gleason says, it will be necessary to give the number of the precinct where the applicant served. Before the warrant will be delivered to any person other than the applicant, it was issued, it will be necessary to obtain a written order for its delivery.

Sheriff Brings Prisoner

Sheriff T. M. Hurlburt returned Tuesday from Visalia, Cal., bringing back Robert W. Evans, wanted here on a charge of non-support.

Injured Child Is Plaintiff

A jury was selected in Circuit Judge Kavanagh's court this morning to try the case of 2-year-old Alfred Saperstein against Elizabeth Dalglish for \$2000 for personal injuries alleged to have been received June 25, 1917, at Fourth and Grant streets, when, as alleged, a gate at the property of Mrs. Dalglish fell on the boy as he was walking along the sidewalk, fracturing his left leg.

Mrs. Crumbley Wins Divorce

A decree of divorce was granted Mrs. Crumbley against J. S. Crumbley by Circuit Judge Gutenberg this morning. The custody of three minor children was awarded the mother, with \$10 per month support for each. She was allowed an attorney's fee of \$500. Certain real estate owned jointly by the couple was divided. They were married January 7, 1891. Cruelty was charged.

Couple Released

Mrs. Goldie May Mullins and Fred Day, charged jointly with a statutory offense, the former being held in the county jail and the latter by the police at San Francisco, were ordered released from custody this morning on instructions from the district attorney's office. This action was taken because the husband of the woman and wife of the man have refused to prosecute.

Robbery Case Is on Trial

The trial of Juan Alvarez and Jullu Grakreda on charges of robbing Frank Arbor at Fifth and Couch streets, May 26, was begun before a jury in Judge Tazwell's court this morning. The defendants are alleged to have taken an overcoat and \$1.50 from Arbor.

Optical Men to Hold Convention June 18

The western optical men's convention, under the auspices of the Oregon State Association of Optometrists, will be held in Portland June 18, with headquarters in the Tyrolean room of the Benson hotel.

The association has made arrangements to have speakers nationally known among optical men lecture on the improvement of vision. All Portland optometrists will suspend business for the day. The convention will begin at 10 o'clock with a reception and close in the evening with lectures. Automobile trips will be taken along the Columbia river highway and other scenic drives. A banquet will be served at the Benson hotel. A business meeting will take place at 8:30 o'clock.

Fifth Federal Ship Launched at Astoria

Astoria, Or., June 13.—The McEachern Shipbuilding company's yards Wednesday afternoon launched the fifth emergency fleet vessel to be built in Astoria. She is the third emergency fleet ship built by the McEachern yards. Miss Rosemary Mahoney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Mahoney of Portland, christened the craft "Makanda." Miss Mahoney was presented with a gold wrist watch by the company. The "Makanda" is of the Hough type. She is ready for installation of engines, and will be fully equipped by the Astoria Marine Iron works.

Child in Serious Condition

Five year old Helen Peterson is reported to be in a serious condition at St. Vincent's hospital today. She was burned Wednesday when her clothes caught on fire. The doctor stated that it would be 48 hours before they could tell anything about the girl's condition if she lives that long.

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FRENCH AND BELGIANS NEED MORE AND MORE GRAIN, SAYS WOMAN

Mrs. Vernon Kellogg to Relate Experiences as Member of Relief Committee.

"Two and one-half million French, 7,500,000 Belgians, interned in a German camp, necessarily fighting without swords, without weapons of any kind, crushed here and there, but their spirits ever rising and fighting on unsubsided, this is the picture I wish to convey to the people of Portland, which swiftly reveals the imperative duty of feeding our armies and our allies fighting against terrible odds with scarcely enough wheat to keep them alive for the last two years," said Mrs. Vernon Kellogg, who will speak at the Hellig theater Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock under the auspices of the food administration.

More Grain Called Necessary

Mrs. Kellogg arrived from Tacoma early this morning and is the house guest of W. B. Ayer, federal food administrator for Oregon. Tonight she will speak at Salem.

"We cannot conceive of 10,000,000 persons in an internment camp," said Mrs. Kellogg. "We may be able to picture 10,000 persons there, but I have seen 10,000,000 of our allies shut up within the 'steel ring,' fighting weaponless, struggling with spirit undaunted, fall-

ing, only to rise again. And they must be fed. They haven't enough to eat and must have enough to keep body and soul together. The pictures which I intend to show of what I have seen about convey, more than anything else, the absolute necessity of our sending more and more grain across to the war stricken zones.

Oregon Program Is Praised

An attempt was made to secure Mrs. Kellogg to speak before the Belgium Relief society Saturday night, but an engagement at Stanford university necessitates her departure from Portland early Saturday morning.

Mrs. Kellogg, who, together with her husband, was a member of the relief commission to Belgium under the direction of Herbert Hoover at the beginning of the war, was the only woman in the party, and in her address at the Hellig will tell of conditions in Belgium and France as she saw them.

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Surprise Luncheon Tendered Dr. Short

Dr. Francis B. Short, newly appointed pastor of the Wilbur Methodist Episcopal church, was tendered a surprise luncheon in the Hotel Multnomah Wednesday afternoon by members of the congregation and church. Dr. Short came to Portland to search for a home and did not expect to be honored.

Dr. W. W. Youngson, district superintendent, presided. It is expected that the new pastor will move to Portland about the first of July. Dr. Short comes from Spokane. He was formerly pastor of the old Taylor street church.

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