

GRIFFITH READY TO DISCUSS THE TRIPARTITE PLAN

Says Newell's Proposed Franchise as Solution of City Railway System Is Unreasonable.

ENTIRELY NEW FEATURES

Believes in Full Investigation of Accounting System and Advising Public Fares Taxed Just.

Although the 3 per cent minimum return allowed the company on its investment by the tripartite plan of operation of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company is branded as unreasonable, Franklin T. Griffith, president of the corporation, Saturday declared that he is willing at any time to discuss with the city council or the public service commission the proposed franchise suggested to the city by J. P. Newell as a possible solution of the railway problem.

"An advance on service at cost franchise has been adopted in several cities," Griffith related Saturday. "In no case has a minimum return so low been suggested. The proposal embraces some features entirely new. I would want time to give very careful consideration to the proposal before an opinion as to its practical operation."

MINIMUM RETURN LOW
"The proposal seems objectionable in that the minimum return is less than should in fairness be accorded existing investment, and much less than sufficient to induce investment of new money for extensions and betterment."

"I believe in full investigation by public authorities of the accounting system of the company and any solution should provide every facility for advising the public that fares paid are only such as are absolutely necessary to cover provisions of the franchise."

"I am willing to discuss with the council or public service commission at any time and wish to cooperate in every way in reaching a solution that will insure permanent fair dealing between the public, employees and the company."

NEWELL'S PROPOSAL

Under the proposal made by Newell Saturday a minimum return of 3 per cent on the investment should be assured the company, and the interest guaranteed the bondholders. The employees would share in profits above the minimum return to the extent of 10 per cent of the payroll. A maximum return to the utility of 8 per cent would be established, all excess to go into a guarantee fund of \$500,000 for use in times of depression. A similar system is in vogue now in Cleveland and Youngstown, Ohio, although a fixed return, 6 per cent in Cleveland and seven in Youngstown, is assured and traction company. A purchase fund of profits above the guaranty fund established for extension and betterments under the guidance of the city. All bond sales must be approved by the municipality under Newell's plan.

WAGES FIXED ANNUALLY

Wages would be fixed by agreement or arbitration annually, and a new valuation set by the public service commission. A just proportion of the bonded and floating indebtedness would be assigned to the railroad properties, and all accounts audited by the city.

A fare would be established subject to decrease by the city if the profits warrant the move. The public service commission holds the power to compel changes of service, although the company must operate over lines constructed by the city.

FRANCHISE ESTABLISHES CREDIT

The credit of the company would be established by the franchise, Newell maintains, facilitating the ease with which the utility can secure capital for needed improvements of property and service. Adequate wages would be assured employees, he asserts, cooperation for economy of service would be obtained, patrons of the company would be relieved from paying interest on borrowed capital, and protection would be afforded against increase in fares.

Representatives of the company will appear before the public service commission at the courthouse Monday to ask advanced fares to offset increased operating costs. Request for the raise was made August 14, the company claiming that cost of materials and wage advances had made it impossible to secure adequate return on the old fares.

The city, represented by J. P. Newell, traffic expert, and H. M. Tomlinson, deputy city attorney, will oppose the increase.

Timber Sale Advertis

A. T. Munger, assistant district forester, has announced the advertisement of a timber sale of 1,500,000 feet of timber near Prairie, chiefly western yellow pine. Prices named are \$2.25 a thousand for yellow pine and \$1 for Douglas fir and other species. It is expected the timber will be cut for the use of the local market at Prairie City.

AMALGAMATION OF SESSIONS VOTED DOWN BY ELDERS

Pacific Swedish Mission Annual Conference Passes Resolution Flatly Opposing Suggestion.

5 YEAR PROGRAM INDORSED

Sentiment Is Strong Against Union of English Speaking Conferences With Foreign.

Foreign speaking Methodist conferences should not be amalgamated with English speaking conferences. Their independence should be respected.

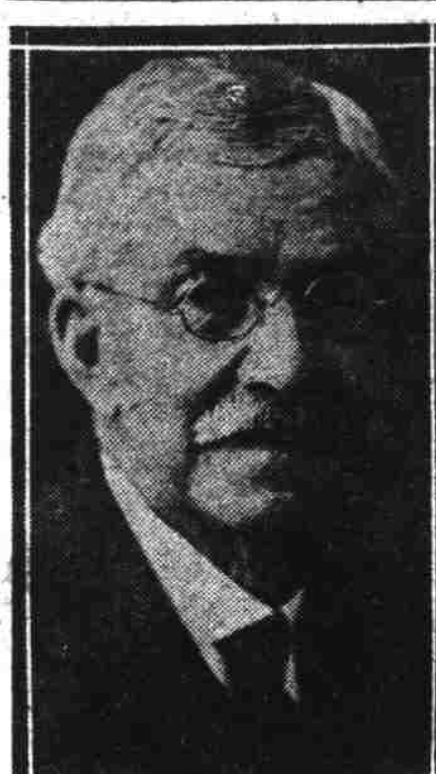
Such is the substance of resolutions adopted Saturday at a business session of the Pacific Swedish Mission annual conference at the First Swedish Methodist church, Beech and Borthwick streets. The resolutions were in the form of a memorial to the general conference favoring amalgamation. Suggestion was also made that the quadrennial conference of 1920 appoint a committee to study the foreign language situation and report to the 1924 conference.

Resolutions were passed indorsing the five-year centenary program of the church and outlining a mission policy. There are 19 churches in the conference. These raised \$7544 during the year for missionary purposes, an increase of \$5658 more than last year. The total benevolent offering of the churches in \$11,726, an increase of \$5517 more than last year.

Los Angeles was selected for the next conference. Bishop Matthew Simpson Hughes spoke.

Saturday afternoon members of the conference and visitors from all parts of the Pacific coast took the Columbia river highway trip. Bishop Hughes will preach the conference sermon at 11 o'clock this morning, following the Sunday school session. A service in the Swedish language will be at 4 o'clock. At 7:45 o'clock the ordination service will be held, after which new appointments will be read.

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James U. Chamberlin

James U. Chamberlin of Goldendale, Wash., has been a Democrat since he cast his first vote for Stephen A. Douglas, and remained loyal to his party by coming to Portland to shake the hand of President Wilson Monday. Mr. Chamberlin is 81 years of age, and has been a resident of the Northwest for 31 years.

Born in Pilsfield, Berkshire county, Massachusetts, June 29, 1838, he went to Natchez, Miss., at the age of 19. He joined the Confederate army in April, 1862, as a member of the Jeff Davis legion of General Stuart's cavalry. He was captured by the Yanks in November, 1863, and spent five months in Old Capitol prison.

Thirty-one years ago he settled in Klokitt county, Washington, and he knew Senator George E. Chamberlain when he was a small neighbor boy. Since the conclusion of the present war Chamberlin has been actively interested in the League of Nations, and has always advocated support of the treaty.

In 1913, the veteran attended the reunion at Gettysburg, and from there went to the national capital, where he met President Wilson in the White House and shook hands with him. During the president's visit last week, Chamberlin succeeded in reaching him at the Portland hotel, where he again shook hands with the leader of the nation.

Reed College Has Auspicious Opening

Reed's opening week ended with all signs pointing toward a prosperous collegiate year. Registration began Monday and included 269 students in

the enrollment, with the women slightly ahead in the count. There are 18 senior women, 20 senior men, 23 junior women, 19 junior men, 41 sophomore women, 40 sophomore men, 55 freshmen women and 52 freshmen men. Several Reed men who sought adventure with the merchant marine will return to the college in a short time, and a few other late registrants are expected.

Butters Fined \$50 For Killing Otters

Walter J. Butters of Allegheny was arrested at Golden Falls last week for killing and having in his possession the skins of two otters during the closed sea-

son. At Marshfield Friday Butters was fined \$25 and \$16.60 costs. The hides, valued at \$20, were shipped to the headquarters of the state fish and game commission in Portland.
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VANCOUVER FESTIVAL PRONOUNCED SUCCESS; REPETITION IS ASSURED

Agricultural Display of Government Will Be Brought to Salem

C. A. Lindstrom of Washington, D. C., who has charge of the exhibit which the United States department of agriculture is displaying at state fairs throughout the country, spent Saturday at the forest service, arranging for the removal of the exhibit from Yakima to Salem.

Lindstrom has been traveling with the exhibit for two months, stopping in Iowa, Missouri, Wyoming and Montana. The exhibit is especially large this year, since congress made a special appropriation for the purpose. Twelve departments are included, among which the forest service is one of the best represented. In addition to and in conjunction with the department of agriculture display, the forest service will have a display of its own at the fair.

Lindstrom, during the war, was in charge of agricultural exhibits in France, placed there by the department, the Y. M. C. A. and the war department for the use of American soldiers. These exhibits were stationed at Bordeaux, Lemaire and Mons.

The present agricultural and forest service exhibit is being shown in 60 cities in the United States. Of these, Lindstrom has supervision of the display in 15.

Aero Club Officers Are to Be Installed Next Friday Night

Installation of the newly elected officers of the Oregon Aero club will be effected next Friday night at a dinner party to be held at the Hotel Portland.

B. L. Metzger, new president of the association, is receiving numerous communications from all over the country reflecting the future development of the aviation industry. Among them is one from the Aerial Navigation company of New York, proposing a north to south and east to west passenger and freight service membership flying at a schedule of one a week. This and other matters will be taken up by the new officers after the installation.

Oregon Collection Agency Association Announce Luncheon

The monthly meeting and luncheon of the Collection Agency association of Oregon was held at the Hazelwood Friday noon. Eight new members were received at this meeting, bringing the total number of affiliated agencies in the states up to 32, besides a large associate membership of agencies in other Pacific coast states. The chief topic discussed at the meeting was the proposed state license law governing the operations of collection agencies. Officers of the association are: O. A. Perry, president; D. T. Short, vice president, and C. B. Roads, secretary treasurer, all of Portland.

Hearings on Highway Crossings Completed

Salem, Sept. 20.—G. B. McCullough, bridge engineer, and J. M. Devera, attorney for the state highway department, returned this morning after an absence of several days during which they have been at Arlington, The Dalles and Heppner in attendance upon hearings before the public service commission with reference to highway crossings over the tracks of the Oregon-Washington railroad.

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Rule of Queen Fay Over Prune Fete Comes to End Following Prunarian Parade.

Vancouver, Wash., Sept. 20.—The rule of Queen Fay came to an end tonight at the close of the first Prune Festival. So successful was the fete that plans are being made to make it an annual event.

A parade tonight brought the festival to an end. Prunarians featured the coming drive for the Salvation Army, depicting the good work accomplished by the order among the down and out.

Prizes were awarded and distributed by Queen Fay as follows:
Best fancy costume—Eleanor Peter, first; Harriet Knapp, second; Clinton Fines, third.
Most original—"President Wilson and League of Nations," first; prune girls, second.
Best school group—Franklin school.
Gladstone girls and scout groups—Mrs. Hendrickson's girls first; scout troop No. 3, second.
Fancy groups—Sunflower girls, first; watermelon boys, second.
Doll and carriage, autumn leaf girls, first; Betty Blair, second.
Best wagon or other vehicle—Del Monte group, first; Winifred Swanson, second.
Coaster or tricycle—Boy and girl with pigs, first; wagon of kittens, second.
Clowns—Charlie Chaplin, first; Bo-Peep, second.
Best window display—J. J. Padden, first, \$20; Cohen & Dietrick, second, \$7.50; Joseph Carter, third.
Best prune display, green—Chester Palmer, first, \$20; Frank Russell, second, \$10; Mrs. Harry Walker, third, \$5.
Best prune display, dried—Fred Brooker, first, \$20; Mrs. F. Forbes, second, \$10; Frank Russell, third, \$5.
Best apples display—John Wilkinson, first, \$10; B. O. Cave, second, \$7.50; M. E. Roe, third, \$5.
Pear display—C. B. Durbin, first, \$10; McKinley, second, \$7.50.
Best peach display—Mrs. Moore, first, \$10; Fred Booker, second, \$7.50.
Best walnut display—M. R. Smith, first, \$7.50; B. O. Cave, second, \$5.
Tallest stalk of corn—Hubert & Roth, first, \$2.
Best community exhibit—Lake Shore grange, first, cup; Hal Caples, second, cup; Hockinson farm bureau, third, cup.
General farm exhibit—H. B. Nelson, first, \$20; Charles Brewer, second, \$10; Louis James, third, \$5.
Prize mole catcher—Sam Zimmerman, Ridgefield, \$5.
Canning club—Ridgefield, first; Felida, second; Probstel, third.
School canning—Spencer, first; Hockinson, second.

Sunday School to Use Index Card System of Records, October 1

Beginning October 1, the Mt. Taber Presbyterian Sunday school will introduce an index card system of records, leaf binder sheets. The school also voted to pay the enrollment fee of her leaders to the school of training for church school workers, to be conducted in the city under the auspices of the Portland Church Federation and Multnomah County Sunday School association. The newly elected officers of the school are: Elton Shaw, superintendent; S. W. Lawrence, associate superintendent; Professor L. A. Wiley, enrollment secretary and director of religious education; Edna L. Shaggy, primary superintendent; H. K. Crockett, secretary-treasurer; Josephine Sandie, assistant secretary; C. A. Muir, chorister and leader of school orchestra.

Capitalist Seeking Palix River Timber

South Bend, Wash., Sept. 20.—A Sound capitalist is dealing for a section of timber owned by F. A. Hazeltine on the middle Palix. The stream has recently been cleared and has proven to be good for logging. It is understood the party will acquire other timber and build a shingle mill either at South Bend or Raymond.

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