

G. N. PURCHASE OF S. P. & S. SEEN IN GILMAN ELEVATION

Appointment of L. C. Gilman, president of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle and affiliated railways, to the vice president of the Great Northern system, has given rise to a recurrence of reports that the major line is planning absorption of the S. P. & S. in the near future.

Officials of the S. P. & S., however, declare the absurdity of such a plan is plainly evident and say the appointment of Gilman is totally irrelevant to any such proposition.

Announcement of the selection of Gilman at the annual meeting of the board of directors of the Great Northern Thursday at St. Paul was made public formally this morning. He will succeed Fred V. Brown, who died recently, and will have headquarters at Seattle. The appointment becomes effective November 1.

TURNER IS MENTIONED
Interest now centers in the selection of a new president for the S. P. & S., and W. F. Turner, vice president, is named as likely successor. Turner served as president from the middle of 1918 until the first of this year, during which time Gilman left the service of the road to serve as district director of the railroad administration.

Gilman first came to Portland in 1913 and on January 1, 1914, was appointed president of the S. P. & S. On June 26, 1918, he left the company to serve the railroad administration and returned to the presidency January 1, 1920.

Gilman was born in Levant, Maine, January 28, 1857; graduated from the Columbia University of Law in 1883, was admitted to the Washington state bar in 1884 and after serving in several law partnerships became Western counsel for the G. N. at Seattle in 1903. He went to St. Paul as assistant to the president of the G. N. in 1906, coming from that position to the presidency of the S. P. & S.

Gilman was absent from his office this morning, having left for a trip over the Spokane, Portland & Seattle at 7:30 a. m. Turner was unable to confirm reports that he would succeed Gilman.

SITUATION DISCUSSED
In discussing the possibility of absorption of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle by the Great Northern, local officials reviewed the situation from the point of finance, traffic and other angles to disapprove the reports.

It is said that it would cost the Great Northern railway \$51,500,000 to purchase the Northern Pacific interest in the joint line. It is considered that the Great Northern would find it highly impractical to raise this sum at present interest rates. Further, the Northern Pacific is not believed to be so badly embarrassed for money at this time that it would sacrifice its Oregon traffic.

If the Northern Pacific should dispose of its Spokane, Portland & Seattle interests it would lose its entry into the Willamette valley and Central Oregon sections via the Oregon Electric and Oregon Trunk lines. This, it is claimed, would be extremely disadvantageous to the Northern Pacific.

It would still have entry to Portland by the joint line between this city and Seattle, but this route would not be a serious competitor to the Spokane, Portland & Seattle route.

In consideration of these and other features the absorption is considered improbable.

Only one point might stand in favor of the absorption. This is the fact that the interstate commerce commission guarantees 6 per cent earnings for all railroads and has not given its stand as to whether the Spokane, Portland & Seattle, which has only been able to earn about 2 per cent in the past, will be considered a unit traffic bearing line for the Great Northern and Northern Pacific and be provided for accordingly.

City Club Approves Port Bill in Spite Of Apparent Defect
That a portion of the Swan Island or port consolidation measure on the state ballot is unconstitutional, but that the bill's constitutional provisions would permit necessary channel work for the Port of Portland, was the substance of a report submitted to the City club at a meeting in the Benson hotel this afternoon.

The report reflected the sentiment of a majority of a committee headed by F. B. Layman and this majority recommended support of the bill in spite of its acknowledged defects, rather than wait for later legislation. The unconstitutional provision, it was said, applies to the section of the bill containing the intended power to issue bonds for exercise by the port commission without a direct vote by the electorate of the port. The nullifying of the bond issue would also nullify the acquisition of the Swan Island, Moxie Bottom and Guide Lake tracts until the people would be given an opportunity to vote their approval. The action on the report will be taken at the club's meeting next Friday.

A committee headed by Dr. Richard B. Dillehunt, dean of the University of Oregon medical school, reported adversely on the anti-vaccination measure, declaring that it would not only nullify compulsory vaccination, but render ineffective any attempt of health authorities to handle an epidemic.

DEMOCRATS NAME SPEAKING DATES FOR LIVELY FINISH

Mark E. Hearne, O. P. Coshaw, M. L. T. Hidden and Dr. Eloy T. Hedlund appealed to the members of the Multnomah county Democratic central committee for the greatest cooperation during the remainder of the campaign at a meeting of the committee at the Morgan building last night.

Announcement was made that the committee will meet every Thursday evening at headquarters during the remainder of the campaign, and Dr. Hedlund, county chairman, requested all precinct committeemen to keep in immediate touch with him for the next three weeks.

The following public meetings were announced:
Central library, Kerns school and Gilbert school, tonight.
Central library and Lents school, October 18.
Central library and Fernwood school, October 20.
Hawthorne school, October 21.
Irvington, Sellwood and Brooklyn schools, October 22.
Ockley Green and Woodlawn schools, October 23.

Rose City Park, October 25.
Kenton and Vernon, October 26.
Lents and Clinton Kelly schools and Central library, October 27.
Portsmouth and Albina Homestead schools and Central library, October 28.
Washington and James John high schools, October 29.
Lincoln, Franklin, Jefferson high schools and The Auditorium, October 30.

Kerns, Buckman and Couch schools, November 1.
Oglesby Young will speak on the League of Nations at the Central library tonight, and A. F. Flegel Sr. will compare the records of Senator Harding and Governor Cox.

At Gilbert School
Rev. George Smith Brown, Dr. Lovejoy and Colonel Evans will be speakers at Gilbert school at 8 o'clock tonight; subject, "The League of Nations."

Mayor Baker Asked To Produce Proof Of Alleged Charge
The legal committee of the Portland Realty board has been instructed to ask Mayor Baker to produce evidence to verify statements alleged to have been made by him reflecting upon the honesty of the members of that organization.

At a meeting of the board in the grill room of the Portland hotel at noon today Dor E. Keasey presented an affidavit made by E. K. Roth in which Roth stated that on Monday evening Mayor Baker made a speech at the Sellwood community house in which he

Woman and Baby Hurt
Roseburg, Oct. 15.—Mrs. C. K. Dukedorf of San Francisco and baby were painfully injured when the Dukedorf automobile skidded over a bank near Winston and overturned. Dukedorf and his sister, also members of the party, were bruised. Heavy rains had caused the road to become slippery.

Missing Medford Man Is Reported Alive in Portland
Medford, Oct. 15.—The theory that Joseph H. Morris, who mysteriously disappeared about two months ago, leaving his coat, hat and fish pole on a ledge from which he had been fishing in the Rogue river, is alive and possibly in Portland is being investigated. He was cook at the Westerlund orchard and has a wife and two children.

His supposed widow received a telegram Monday from Portland, purporting to be from Morris' cousin, to the effect that he arrived from Japan and had lost his money and clothes and requesting that she send him \$25. Mrs. Morris laid the telegram before the local officials of a fraternal order in which he was insured for \$1000.

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Olive Thomas Is Imitated He Blames 'Girl and Bottle'

In a gray, barren room in the emergency hospital a man lay dying slowly, painfully from successive doses of poison. His name is Earl Rhinehart, aged 26, 5619 Washington avenue, Philadelphia. He said that his father's name is D. F. Rhinehart at the address given.

This information he gave barely a minute before his speech was stopped by a numbing of his facial muscles caused by the poison. His last words were, "Tell dad to take good care of Emily."

Before the poison overcame him completely he said that he wanted to die in the way of Olive Thomas, motion picture star, who died from the effect of the drug after a wild night in Paris. But the real cause for his attempt at suicide he failed to reveal. This story, if a story he had, is sealed with his paralyzed lips.

He was found Tuesday lying against a building at Twenty-first and Upshur streets. He said that he had taken 11 doses of poison. The first he took Saturday evening. He didn't expect to wake up Sunday morning, he said. After breakfast Sunday morning he took two more. He was sick Sunday and again he expected to die. But Monday morning he wasn't even sick. So he took more tablets. Tuesday morning he again took the poison that by this time was eating away his life.

"A bottle of whiskey and a girl—my referred to the supporters of Herbert Gordon for the mayoralty as a "set of unscrupulous real estate men" who are opposed to all progressive legislation.

In a debate on the divided session amendment Robert Kuykendall supported the measure and D. C. Lewis attacked it.

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