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PENDLETON TO BE HUB FOR NETWORK OF ELECTRIC LINES

James H. Gwinn, as Trustee, Asks City Council to Grant Franchise on Certain Streets.

Ohio and Pittsburg Capitalists Offer to Finance Proposition if Franchises and Right of Ways Can Be Secured—Eastern Engineer Makes Thorough Examination and His Report is Favorably Received—Lines Will Extend to North, East, South and West and Will Eventually Connect With the Columbia River—Tonnage Found to Be Sufficient to Guarantee Paying Proposition—Will Mean Much for Development of Pendleton and Umatilla County—City Park and Natatorium Included in the Plans—Matter Reported to Ordinance Committee.

An electric street car system for Pendleton, with an interurban traction line connecting this city with steamboat transportation on the Columbia river, is a movement which had its inception at the council meeting last night when an ordinance was introduced granting a franchise for this purpose to James H. Gwinn, trustee.

Mr. Gwinn was present and briefly explained that in asking for the franchise he was following the instructions of Ohio and Pittsburg capitalists engaged in building and operating traction railroads, who had sent an engineer here some weeks ago to look over the territory, and it was upon the report of the expert that the franchise was asked.

The ordinance was read the first and second times and referred to the ordinance committee, with instructions to investigate the matter and report at the next regular meeting.

In speaking of the enterprise which means so much to Pendleton and Umatilla county this morning, Mr. Gwinn said:

Backers Are Not Named. "I am not at liberty to give the names of these people for two reasons: If on a final examination of the project they should conclude not to go into it the fact that they turned it down would make it extremely difficult to induce other capitalists to take it up; and if the council should refuse to grant the franchise, these people would not care to have the matter published that they were turned down.

"We have been corresponding with a representative of these capitalists for several months, principally answering questions, and in May their examining engineer came to Pendleton, spending several days driving over the country, gathering statistics and securing information necessary to make a report. A street car line will not pay operating expenses in cities of less than 15,000 population, and there is nothing to insure a city of that size in Pendleton for some years.

Sufficient Tonnage Assured. "In order to make an attractive proposition it was necessary to show the business in the tonnage to be obtained in a line from Pendleton and the Columbia, and the local traffic from the irrigated lands of the Echo and Hermiston districts. A railroad must have an initial point and a terminal. With Pendleton as the starting place and the Columbia river the objective point, and a connection with a line of steamboats, sufficient tonnage is now in sight to pay fixed charges on the estimated cost of construction, the increase of business from the development of the country by the road itself guaranteeing the profits.

"A street car line has to look far into the future of a city to secure the business necessary to make it a paying proposition. The city was gone over very thoroughly with a view of outlining future development of business. We are to have a park some day at one end of the city and a natatorium or some such resort at the other. These are matters the railroad

will assist in securing for the purpose of making business—places for people to go on the cars.

McKay Creek Line. "This was the purpose in view in asking for the use of some of the streets, and another was a line out to the cemetery, and on up McKay creek if the irrigation project once proposed should be revived and constructed, a project that appeared to be feasible to the engineer.

"The franchise submitted was drawn by their attorney and sent to us. Perhaps the only objection is the provision giving three years in which to commence construction. The reason for this is that it will require several months in which to make permanent surveys and estimates on cost of construction, securing right of way and other preliminary work before arranging for the money to do the work.

"This is a presidential election year and capitalists will not go into large enterprises like this until they are fully satisfied with the proposition. The franchise is the foundation. With this secured they can go ahead with their plans.

Work May Begin at Once. "While they ask this time for beginning construction, for they cannot anticipate what may happen to delay, if the final examinations bear out the preliminary reports made construction work will begin at once and hurried to completion.

"My interest in the franchise is only that of a citizen of Pendleton. When these people say they are ready to go ahead and build the line I will make an assignment to them. If they abandon the project we will try to find other parties, and if others should come and want to take over the proposition the franchise will be ready for them. I shall be a trustee for the people of our city whenever my trusteeship for these capitalists ceases. The movement is one to build up Pendleton and Umatilla county, and we must all do what we can to boost it along."

The request for the franchise was referred to the ordinance committee.

REAL STRENUOUS LIFE.

Ross Newport Makes Flying Trip to Hermiston in Middle of Night.

An example of the strenuous life as it is led in eastern Oregon was given here last night by Ross Newport, superintendent for the Newport Land & Construction company.

When the council decided last night to again throw down the bars for bidders on the levee work, the Junior Newport found he had quick work to do. At the time his father, Col. H. G. Newport, was asleep at his home in Hermiston and as they have no night phone service in that city there was no way to reach him.

Engaging an auto Mr. Newport left here at 11 o'clock to make the trip to Hermiston "overland." He arrived there at 2 o'clock this morning and at that hour Col. Newport was aroused from bed and told that the Pendleton council would be open for another bid on the levee work. The father and son then returned to the

gagged and bound her, stripped the clothes from her body and viciously tortured her, pounding her body with his fists, kicking her face, clawing at her throat with his finger nails.

There are 15 deep finger marks on her throat, 400 distinct bruises were counted on her body and the imprint of a boot heel is on her face.

The autopsy showed the fiend who choked the woman possessed such strength that he broke every bone in her neck.

The coroner is astounded at the revealing revelations. It was not believed Raymond was such an awful fiend.

NEW YORK HAS HOTTEST DAY OF SEASON.

New York, July 2.—This is the worst day of the terrific heat which has held this city in its grip. Before noon seven deaths had been reported.

The blistering rays seemed concentrated on Manhattan Islands. The streets are so hot it is almost impossible to carry on business. Prostrations are almost without number. They are so common few are reported.

The hospitals are unable to care for the victims and in the east side tenement districts, the suffering exceeds past records.

According to the Newports they will have a new bid for the levee work this evening and as it is understood that W. S. Betts will again seek the work the opening of the bids tonight is awaited with interest.

Freewater Committee Gets Less Than Half Amount Asked For

This forenoon the county court granted the appeal of Freewater-Milton people to the extent of voting \$400 to be used in the construction of a dyke for the Little Walla Walla. A delegation of east end people were before the court yesterday afternoon in behalf of the dyke proposition and their efforts proved successful.

Much of the time yesterday and today has been given by the court to the consideration of bids for some steel vault furniture to be used in the vault of the clerk's office.

The commissioners have not yet acted upon the \$1000 appropriation asked for by the district fair board.

LIVERMORE REELECTED CLERK

Will Serve Pendleton School Board for Another Year.

At a meeting of the school board held last evening Lot Livermore was reelected to the position of clerk and other business of importance transacted. Bills for the past month were audited and paid. Bids for the fuel and general supplies for the coming school year were also opened. But owing to the fact that some explanations regarding the bids were desired no action was taken upon the bids.

The matter of filling vacancies in the teaching force was not taken up owing to the fact that Dr. C. J. Smith, chairman of the board was away. There are several vacancies to be filled.

FIRST RESULT OF PROHIBITION

FAMILY COMES BECAUSE PENDLETON WENT DRY

J. H. Ledgate Shows Faith in New Conditions by Engaging in Business—Leases Dining Room at Golden Rule Hotel and Will Conduct First Class Establishment.

The first business man to come to Pendleton to engage permanently in business here because the town and county went "dry" at the recent election is J. H. Ledgate of North Yakima, who has leased the Golden Rule dining room and will convert it into a first class restaurant at once.

Mr. and Mrs. Ledgate will have immediate charge of the business and being experienced restaurant people, will make improvements and add attractions to the place and hope to enjoy a share of the patronage of the city and adjacent country.

The deal for the lease of the restaurant was consummated last evening and today the new proprietors took charge and will begin business at that popular place, believing that prohibition will help, rather than injure, Pendleton.

J. Popeloy will continue in charge of the hotel, but hereafter will have nothing to do with the dining room or restaurant department.

HUNDREDS REPORTED KILLED.

Yuzovka, Russia, July 2.—It is reported that 100 miners lost their lives last night by an explosion of gas in a mine at Rikorkvet. It is feared 400 are imprisoned. Troops were rushed to the scene.

Daily Revolution.

Fez, Morocco, July 2.—The population of Morocco is again on the verge of a revolt, this time against Mulai Hafid, the victorious pretender to the throne, who is subjecting the followers of his rival, Sultan Abdul Aziz to torture in an effort to locate the treasure which is believed to have been hidden by Aziz in his flight before the army of the pretender.

SEVEN KILLED, MANY INJURED

Frightful Train Wreck in Missouri—Head on Collision.

BOTH TRAINS WERE PRACTICALLY DEMOLISHED.

Two Fast Expresses, Running at High Rate of Speed, Crash Together Near Sedalia With Awful Results—One of the Worst Disasters in the History of the Road—Full Extent of Loss of Life and Property Is Unknown—Many Injured Will Probably Die—Victims Buried in Wreckage.

Sedalia, Mo., July 2.—Seven persons were killed and a score injured seriously in a head-on collision between the Missouri Pacific California limited and the St. Joseph express, 20 miles from here today.

It is one of the worst wrecks in the history of the road. Both were going at a high rate of speed and the trains were practically demolished. The full extent of loss of life and property is unknown.

The locomotives, tenders, mail cars and forward coaches of the two trains were reduced to splinters. A fire quickly followed.

It is reported that the St. Joseph express was two hours behind and it is understood that the failure of the California limited to take a siding, caused the collision.

Both trains carried a large number of passengers, according to reports from the St. Joseph offices of the road.

Relief trains with surgeons, nurses and wrecking crews were rushed from this city.

The only victim so far identified is William Harking, mail clerk, whose home is in St. Louis.

The California limited left St. Louis last night. It is one of the fastest and best equipped trains of the Missouri Pacific system. It carried two mail cars, two chair cars, two sleepers, observation car and a diner.

The St. Joseph express was also a high-class train, and was eastward bound, trying to make up time when the collision occurred.

It is believed more bodies will be found when the debris is cleared away. The whole town of Knobnoster turned out to aid the wrecking crews. It is feared that several of the injured will not recover.

WRECK KILLS FOUR.

Engineer and Three Mexican Tramps Lose Their Lives.

El Paso, Texas, July 2.—Engineer Jones was killed and several passengers injured early this morning when the eastbound Texas and Pacific passenger ran into a washout near Borrancho, Texas, 155 miles east of El Paso. Fireman Elmer Ellis escaped by jumping.

The engine and baggage car and two coaches left the rails and rolled down an embankment.

In clearing away the debris the bodies of three unidentified Mexicans were found under the baggage car, making four deaths. The Mexicans were stealing a ride.

TAFT INVITED TO SPOKANE.

Taft Club Trying to Bring Candidate to Northwest.

William H. Taft, republican candidate for the presidency, may visit Spokane and other northwestern cities during the campaign, a request for him today, by Judge L. B. Nash, president of the Spokane County Taft Republican club.

This club was the first to be organized in the northwest to promote the candidacy of Mr. Taft, and will be the first to extend an invitation to the presidential nominee to make a trip through the northwest before the election.

Judge Nash has not only sent a personal invitation to Secretary Taft, but he has opened correspondence with the leading Taft republicans of Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana, asking their cooperation in trying to induce Mr. Taft to make the trip to the northwest.

"It is a matter of history," stated Judge Nash, "that both Mr. Taft and Mr. Roosevelt are interested in the northwest, and I have no doubt that if a united effort is made by the republicans of the northwest to induce Mr. Taft to visit this section of the country he will come. While there is no doubt that he will carry the northwest, a personal visit from him would add greatly to his majority here, and would put Washington well up at the top of republican states of the nation."

Why is the careless boy like a hen? Because he can seldom find anything where he laid it yesterday.

BISHOP POTTER CAN LIVE ONLY FEW HOURS.

Cooperstown, N. Y., July 2.—Cheerfully chatting with physicians today whenever his strength permits Bishop Henry Codman Potter is today rapidly drifting toward death. Although suffering no pain he is losing strength and has but a few hours to live. Dr. Janverin and Dr. Bassett gave up hope of saving the life of the famous preacher and bulletins today indicate the end is near.

STRIKE IS IMMINENT.

Railroads Preparing to Employ Non-unionists.

Chicago, July 2.—Precautions were taken today by the railroads of this city to guard against the consequences of a possible strike among freight handlers.

In the event the negotiations pending between the roads and the men are broken off a walkout will be declared and the roads will employ nonunionists. The Rock Island and other roads have already prepared cots in warehouses for them.

The matter of a strike is in the hands of the executive board of the union, which is instructed to take whatever action is necessary to prevent a reduction of wages.

HIGH SCHOOL FRAT A NATIONAL

ALPHA PSI BECOMES A LAMBDA SIGMA

Harold Warner Succeeds in Getting Signal Recognition for the Pendleton High School Organization—Honor Great Since Big Eastern National Is Exclusive.

The Pendleton high school fraternity, the Alpha Psi, has been signally honored by being admitted to a national association, the Lambda Sigma, and there is now strong rejoicing among the boys.

A message announcing that the local fraternity had been admitted to the national association was received yesterday by Cress Sturgis from Harold Warner at Ithica, New York.

Warner had been in Ithica to attend a meeting of the national association and to present Pendleton's claim for admission. That he was successful is shown by the message received.

While to outsiders the admission to the national association may seem of little consequence, among fraternity boys it means much.

The Lambda Sigma is one of the strongest fraternities of the east and it has always been very exclusive. Aside from Pendleton there is probably no other western town within the charmed circle and so the news received yesterday was hailed with joy by the members of the Alpha Psi.

Over a year ago application for admission to the national association was made but at that time it was turned down. Since then further efforts were made to gain admission and a short time ago the Alpha Psi was requested to send a man to Ithica to present the claim. Warner being in Indiana at the time was sent to Ithica and by his influence he had his fraternity admitted.

Now that the Alpha Psi has been admitted to a national association the name will be changed for the local boys will hereafter be members of the Lambda Sigma.

Installing Pumping Plant.

Wintworth and Elder of Echo have just installed an eight horse power gasoline engine and 5-inch pump for a private irrigation plant on the Umatilla river. They have excavated a hole about 80 feet long by 25 feet in width and 15 feet deep to tap the underflow water and will have a large supply for irrigation purposes. The pump will lift 700 gallons per minute to a height of 15 feet and this is a complete irrigation system within itself.

SENSATIONAL KIDNAPER IS CAPTURED

Fresno, Cal., July 2. (3 p. m.)—Loveall, the kidnaper, surrendered this afternoon, according to a report received here.

Coalinga, Cal., July 2.—Tony Loveall, the outlaw who planned the sensational kidnaping of Edna Domingue, has eluded his pursuers though sick, and is holding up isolated families, forcing them to give him food and is carrying out a remarkable campaign which promises to rival Tracey, the famous bandit.

He seems to know every inch of the ground and travels with the speed and accuracy of an Indian.

So rapidly does he change his course and shift his base of operations that the posse has little chance of capturing him until overcome by hunger.

"I will follow him until I drop dead in my tracks," said Adolph Domingue, father of the girl today, as he headed a new posse.

Loveall was surrounded yesterday in a narrow valley and escaped between sentinels.

CHARLES TOWNE BOOMS HIMSELF

New Yorker Announces That He Will Be Brynn's Running Mate.

NEBRASKAN WILL HAVE NO STRADDLING OF ISSUES

Will Insist on Adoption of Strong Anti-Injunction Plank if He Has to Go to Denver Personally—Demands of Labor Will Be Met—Leaders Discover Plot in Resolution to Memory of Cleveland—Say It Will Strike at Injunction Plank—Covert Attack Resented.

Denver, July 2.—Charles Towne of New York, arrived here today from Lincoln, bringing his own boom for the vice presidency. He announced he will be nominated for second place.

When asked if Bryan had promised to support him he avoided a direct reply.

He said Bryan was preparing a draft of several special planks for the platform, which he will insist on being inserted.

"Bryan told me that he did not want any ambiguous language in the platform," said Towne. "He will not be satisfied with any straddling of questions.

"Bryan is going to see that a strong anti-injunction plank, in plain terms, meeting the demands of labor goes into the platform. He will enforce its adoption if he has to come here personally."

The Bryan men declare that the resolution in memory of Grover Cleveland, as given out by Alton Parker, is a covert attack on the anti-injunction plank. The resolutions will refer extensively to Cleveland's high respect for the courts and will dwell upon them in such a way, they say, as to reflect on the present issue.

Mayor Dahman of Omaha, stated today that the convention will do everything possible to honor the memory of Cleveland.

Kern Not a Candidate.

Lincoln, July 2.—John W. Kern of Indiana, is visiting Bryan here today. He said: "I am not a candidate for vice-president. Bryan's friends will control the convention, besides nominating Bryan on the first ballot and will adopt a platform in accordance with the principles of progressive democracy."

Tammany on the Way.

Chicago, June 2.—Chairman Murphy of Tammany Hall, Lewis Nixon, State Chairman Connors and other members of the advance guard of the New York delegation to the Denver convention, passed through Chicago today. All gave the impression that they expect a fight before the convention.

KING TO CROOK.

Engineer Has Month's Work Ahead of Him.

Horace W. King, the engineer, will leave tomorrow morning for Laidlaw, Crook county, where he has a month's work ahead with one of the companies now engaged in developing that section. He will combine his work with an outing and will return to Pendleton when through. He has an office in the Despain building.

Before opening his engineering office Mr. King was with the reclamation crew on the East Umatilla project and had charge of the work on the dam.

The railroad in German Southwestern Africa from Swakopmund to Windhak was built with a 2-foot gage and so far has served chiefly as a base for military operations against rebellious natives. It is now decided to reconstruct with 3-foot 6-inch gage, which is that of the Cape colony railroads, with one of which it will connect. The railroad is now 236 miles long.

ONE OF BRUTAL MURDERS IN HISTORY

Chicago, July 2.—An initial and laundry marks on two handkerchiefs stuffed into the mouth of Mrs. E. Thompson, whose mutilated body was found yesterday in a lodging house room, may lead to the arrest of the murderer.

The letter "B" worked in the corner of one of the handkerchiefs and the laundry mark, "P 143" stamped on them are clues.

The coroner's physician who examined the body says he never before has seen the work of such a fiend.

The police believe it was J. H. Raymond, who rented the room, who