

# NOTABLE CITIZENS DISCUSS GOVERNMENT

## The National Municipal League In Session In Boston.

BOSTON, Mass., May 7.—The eighth annual meeting of the National Municipal League and the 10th national conference for good city government opened in this city today.

Over 200 delegates are present, including city officials and municipal authorities from all over the country.

The opening session was occupied with addresses of welcome and responses and work of a routine nature.

The real business of the conference begins this evening with the annual address of President James C. Carter, of New York.

The sessions are to continue throughout tomorrow and Friday.

Among the features of the programs is a discussion of the franchise question. Those contributing papers are E. H. Clement, of Boston; George C. Sikes, secretary of the Chicago Street Railway Com-

mission; Charles Richardson, vice-president of the Philadelphia Municipal League; and Superintendent E. F. Bemis of the Cleveland water works.

The subject of uniform municipal accounting and statistics will form the topic of one whole session's discussion.

The Friday session will be held at Harvard University.

In the morning the Pittsburg political overturn will be discussed by George W. Guthrie, of that city, who was chairman of the citizens' committee.

The New York situation will be discussed by Dr. Albert Shaw, editor of the Review of Reviews.

Former District Attorney Philbin, of New York, will present a paper on "A Non-Partisan Administration," and Professor J. H. Beale, of Harvard, will close the meeting with a paper on "Charter Legislation in New England."

# A HEAVY VOTE

## The Contest in These Columns Will Close on Saturday.

A tremendous Fair site vote has been polled since Saturday. Many of these votes, very likely, have been thrown away—that is, the more than 20,000 cast for Ladd's Field. The gentlemen controlling this property have declared their unwillingness to tie it up with a three years' lease, hence that location cannot longer be considered in the contest.

The Fair must now go to either the Peninsula or Sellwood. It is believed, as other locations mentioned will scarcely be considered.

The contest in these columns will close on Saturday. Ballots coming in between now and then should eliminate Ladd's Field, though, of course, this need not be done if the voter still desires to hang on to a forlorn hope.

The vote now stands:

Ladd's Field	79,494
Peninsula	55,777
Sellwood	31,262
City Park	1,021
Cycle Park	484

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### ANTI-MEAT EATERS

#### LADIES AUXILIARY.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of Harrington Camp, Spanish-American War Veterans, was mustered into service at the room of Company B, at the Armory, on Monday night by the state organizer, Mrs. Daniel McDonald. It has 34 charter members. The officers elected are as follows: President, Mrs. T. N. Dunbar; senior vice president, Mrs. Mary Willis; junior vice president, Mrs. Willis; secretary, Miss Jennie Munk; treasurer, Miss Rhoda F. Wallin; conductor, Miss Anna Munk; chaplain, Miss Ido Poppleton; guard, Miss Flora Hollis; sentinel, Miss Grace Shaw.

The organization was formed May 9, 1900, and they have done active work since that time. They were delayed in joining the national organization on account of the fact that this camp is not made up entirely of relatives of war veterans, but of a group of loyal women who have devoted much time in working for the soldiers, and in view of this fact the national auxiliary inserted a clause into its charter allowing this camp to be admitted. They are now the third camp in the United States, and Camp Hampden auxiliary is the second. The latter was mustered in about two years ago, and the installation of officers of the two organizations may be at the same time. This will have to be delayed for about one month, however, as the charters will not arrive within that time. Until a hall is secured the meetings of the newly formed auxiliary will be held in the Armory. Their next meeting will be on May 19, when constitution and by-laws will be arranged.

### CONGREGATIONAL AID SOCIETY

The Ladies' Aid Society of the First Congregational Church entertained a large number of friends at the church parlors this afternoon. The hostesses were Mesdames R. V. Pratt, C. V. Potter, G. M. Parker, F. W. Prehn, I. W. Pratt, A. N. Smith, M. Rapp, S. B. Smith, C. B. Sears, N. M. Showers and M. W. Smith. The program consisted of readings by Miss Vesta Townsend and Mrs. S. P. Keith, vocal solos by Miss Mabel Johnson and an interesting paper on "Religion in Poetry and Song" by Mrs. Buford Sigler. After the program a social afternoon was spent.

### THIEF CATCHERS

Yankee Chiefs of Police Are in Session Today.

(Journal Special Service.)

LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 7.—The ninth annual convention of the National Association of Police Chiefs of the United States and Canada was called to order today by Major Richard Sylvester, of Washington, president of the association. Prominent among those in attendance were Frank O'Neill, of Chicago; C. W. Soost, of Mobile; J. J. Atkins, of Knoxville; R. R. Baker, of Providence; William Price, of Vicksburg; John Hayes, of Kansas City; Colonel Philip Detsch, of Cincinnati; George E. Corner, of Cleveland; and William A. Pinkerton, of Chicago.

Mayor Charles F. Grainger, of Louisville delivered a happy address of welcome, to which President Sylvester responded.

These formalities concluded, the convention then began business.

The sessions are expected to continue through the week.

An interesting feature of the present convention lies in the fact that the annual meeting of the National Bureau of Identification, an organization that has made itself of vital importance to the police departments throughout the country, is being held in conjunction with the gathering of police chiefs.

Reports show that there are at present 46 cities enrolled on the membership list of the National Bureau of Identification.

Foremost among the subjects to be considered at the convention is the treatment of anarchists.

The subject will be discussed at length and a report of the deliberations will be forwarded to the police departments of all the leading cities of Europe.

Some of the other important matters to receive attention are the improvement in the system of identifying criminals, the reduction of juvenile delinquency, the reformation of criminals and ways and means of improving the efficiency of police departments.

### TRACTION CONSOLIDATION.

(Journal Special Service.)

CINCINNATI, O., May 7.—At Hamilton today the final steps are to be taken in the deal to consolidate the Southern Ohio Traction Company and the Northwestern Railroad.

The company will be capitalized at \$5,000,000 and will be operated under the name of the Cincinnati, Dayton & Toledo Traction Company.

The lines will form a continuous route across the state from Cincinnati to Toledo.

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# AMONG THE WHEELMEN

## In the opinion of experts, the bicycle season just opening up promises a lively trade.

The bad condition of the weather tends to keep sales down, as the paths and streets have been in such poor condition that riders are not induced to go out any more than they have to.

As long as the wet weather continues a majority of those who are expecting to discard their old wheels and get the latest-modelled ones this year, are satisfied to retain their old bikes. The old wheels will do just as well, they think, until the weather permits them to take pleasure in riding their new wheels, when the work of keeping them clean will be much easier than it is now.

But, judging from the general renewed interest in all manner of cycling throughout the East, as manifested in the reports of the trade journals and sporting papers, the wave of prosperity in the trade is now due on the Pacific Coast.

Deputy Sheriff Herace Thielens states that he will not put any special bicycle tax collector out to sell tags this year. Instead, in a few days a force of deputies will be started out to seize all wheels that are not licensed. The annual tax of \$1 became due March 1 and delinquent April 1.

A number of Portland riders will compete in the bicycle races to be held at Salem Sunday, May 13, under the auspices of the Brotherhood of Railroad Locomotive Engineers' excursion, which leaves here on that date. Among those who have signified their willingness to take part in the races are "Keg" Barrell, Ray Campbell and Ted, Ingfield. Prizes will be given for motor cycle events also.

Automobiles are fast becoming the fashion now among those who can afford to have them. Last Sunday six auto took a run out to the Twelve-Mile house, on the Gresham road. The road was in good condition, and a high rate of speed was attained. Two motor bicycles accompanied the party and had no difficulty in keeping up with the procession. On a long run, a motor cycle is hard to beat.

### FOR PLEASURE

#### Prince and Princess of Wales off on a Visit.

(Journal Special Service.)

LONDON, May 7.—The Prince and Princess of Wales have gone to North Wales for a week's visit.

Until Monday they are to be the guests of Mr. Asbestos-Smith, at Yaeon Park. Friday the Prince will be installed as Chancellor of the University of Wales and the occasion will be marked by interesting ceremonies.

Next week his royal highness is to preside at the opening of the electric railway to the summit of the Great Orme, and later he will open the Alexandra Hospital at Rhyll, in which the King and Queen have taken a great interest for many years.

At Rhyll, it is interesting to note, their royal highnesses will be in sight of the ruined Castle of Rhuddlan, where, according to tradition, the first Prince of Wales was presented to the Welsh chieftains by King Edward II. as their future Prince.

### CHIEF'S NEW BILLY.

Chief of Police McLaughlin is the proud possessor of a genuine Irish bog oak policeman's club, identical with those worn by the members of the London City force. The "stick" is black, resembling ebony in weight and hardness. It is almost 18 inches long, very heavy and is worn to the London "Bobbies" in a scabbard at the hip, similar to our short swords. The club is the gift of a friend and was sent to the chief from the old country.

### SCHOOL INSURANCE.

School Clerk Allen is revising the insurance list of the Portland schools. It is customary to do this every three or four months. New buildings require additional insurance and old policies have to be renewed. At present the city schools are carrying about \$300,000 worth of insurance, the policies for which are held by the several companies represented in Portland.

### LECTURE ON BIRDS.

Under the auspices of the John Burroughs Society the bird-lovers of the city will hear a lecture by Dr. William E. Lord tonight at the Unitarian Chapel. This is the first address of this nature yet delivered in the city by Dr. Lord, although he has been instrumental in the

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# THE REAL ESTATE SITUATION

The record of transfers and building improvements still continues unabated. The total valuation of deeds recorded for the first half of the week shows:

Monday	113,937.99
Tuesday	22,396.30
Wednesday	20,086.85
Total	156,421.14

The building record shows the following:

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Conditions Encouraging.

Following are the opinions of some of the local brokers and dealers:

McMaster & Birrell: "There is much inquiry for outside property and a growing inquiry for inside property at far better prices than those which prevailed a year ago. These matters indicate prosperity, and matters look towards a continuation of these conditions. The general conditions of the country will determine whether this state of affairs is to continue or not, for they have a great deal to do with the determination of conditions."

Henkle & Baker: "The inquiry for property is mostly around Portland. We have closed several thousand dollars' worth of business already this month. It is surprising how many people are asking for property ranging from \$500 up to \$25,000 in price. Of course this lies near Portland. On one \$25,000 piece we have had an offer already of \$21,000."

"It should argue well for conditions when we say that we have more inquiry for city property than we have city property to sell. Buyers are looking about all over the city for property. While there is considerable inquiry for business property, there is more for residence property. We find, too, that there is a marked demand for warehouse property."

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Improvements.

Among the improvements now making or to be made are the following: Repairs on the church at the corner of East Yamhill and East Seventh streets, \$1500; the erection of a "story-and-a-half" dwelling at the corner of Dwight and Winchell, by L. C. Sheldon, to cost \$1000; a one-story dwelling on Mallory avenue, near Gering, to cost \$1000; a one-story dwelling for D. A. Jones, at the corner of East Tenth and Thurman streets, to cost \$1200; repairs on the dwelling of R. L. Gilsan, at Nineteenth and Kearney, amounting to \$1500.

Farms Wanted.

Randall & Tuisberg: "We deal largely in farms. The inquiry is 100 per cent better than it was a year ago. The majority of the people we have dealt with are farmers who have recently come from Minnesota, Iowa and Wisconsin. They all seem to want to get lands in the Willamette Valley."

"These newcomers seem to consist principally of Germans and Scandinavians, with a few Yankees sprinkled among them. Generally speaking, they declare themselves well satisfied with the prospects. There are very few who can possibly find fault with the country. None of the newcomers think Oregon lands high as compared with those in their Eastern homes. The inquiry ranges mostly for farms of from 10 to 40 acres, which average from \$30 to \$40, according to the amount of improvements."

"There was one man who came here from Kansas with his family. His wife wasn't enjoying the very best of health, and this seemed to be the paradise for which she had been seeking. She couldn't speak too highly of Oregon. We showed her husband some bargains in farms that were good enough for anybody. He couldn't see it. He was homesick, and the finest bargain in the world would not tempt him in the east. He said: 'I'm

Excavation for the new building to be occupied by Finley & Son at the corner of Third and Madison will begin next week. The work of removing the old buildings is well under way. The new building will have a 50-foot front on Third and one of 100 feet on Madison.

The foundation walls for the new building of Henry Weinhard will be gotten under way next week; the excavation having been completed. Fourth and Alder streets is piled with building material for the new structure.

Fits for the foundation piers of the new Falling building at Third and Morrison are being dug, the work of excavation having been completed. This will be an imposing building when finished.

The way in which the George Lawrence building, at First and Stark, is progressing speaks well for the contractors. This was one of the first buildings started this spring, and it still keeps in the lead.

Mrs. Raleigh's building, on Alder street near Third, is being remodeled for a first-class saloon. The excavations, for T. M. Richardson's new building, at the corner of Third and Salmon streets, has been completed, and the foundation walls are now being laid. All the brick work for D. Reiman's building, near Burnside on Third street, has been finished. The process of overhauling the store is

going back to Kansas—going to buy my ticket today and go back and purchase the old homestead again. His wife wanted to stay here and get well, and he wanted to go back and get well—the homesickness. After he burns up another summer and then gets thrashed around by a cyclone, he'll be glad enough to return to Oregon."

### MURDER TRIAL

The Schievie Case Will Be Called May 15.

(Journal Special Service.)

ST. HELENS, Or., May 7.—Circuit Court will convene here Tuesday of next week. There are 21 equity and 26 law cases on the docket for this term. There will probably be one or two criminal actions besides the Schievie trial, which is set for Wednesday, May 15. The evidence is very strong against him, and it is very likely that he will be convicted of murder in the first degree. It has been several years since a grand jury has been called, and it is presumed that one will be called at this term to check up the books of the County Court officials.

The tax roll was placed in the hands of the Sheriff February 24, with \$7,794.72 for collection. Of this amount he has received \$48,794.31, and there remained for collection May 5 \$3896.41.

The total amount of fees collected in this county for the month of April was \$335.37.

### MARINE NOTES.


After a passage of 129 days from Zamboanga, the schooner Mahukona arrived at Port Townsend yesterday afternoon.

The schooner David Evans, which arrived at Port Townsend Monday from Salinas Cruz, will go on a drydock and have her bottom repaired. She was 63 days in making the run to Port Townsend.

The new traffic arrangement recently effected between the Pollard line and the Northern Pacific is proving successful to its promoters. It is a new passenger line from San Francisco to the Sound. From the latter city to Aberdeen, Wash., passengers are taken by boat and the remainder of the distance is covered by rail. The first boat to arrive at Aberdeen on the new line was the steamer Newberg, which carried 22 passengers.

The old brig Tanner put back to Port Townsend yesterday in distress. The Tanner was bound from Port Blakely for San Pedro with lumber, and was off the Columbia river last Monday a week ago. During the night a heavy southerly gale was experienced, which swept the vessel and threatened to wash away the deck load. The Tanner was leaking as a result of laboring in the terrific sea. Finally a heavy sea boarded the brig and carried away the main pump, and nothing remained but for her to seek port and have the damage repaired.

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