

# ELECTRIC RAILWAY MEN ON STRIKE

## P. C. & O. Employes Quit, Out of Sympathy for Discharged Committee.

All the employes of the Portland City & Oregon Railway, over 75 in number, went out on strike this morning, and, comparatively speaking, traffic over the road is at a standstill.

Superintendent Tiffany was at Milwaukee when the tie-up occurred, and at once proceeded to convince the strikers that they are not the only "pebbles on the beach" by taking out a car himself. Assistant Superintendent Fields also took charge of a car and a weak but heroic pretense was made of resuming business. Section men were pressed into service as helpers. Few passengers are patronizing the road, and about the only business the cars are doing is carrying the mails.

The strikers are orderly and confident of winning. They are members of the Amalgamated Association of Street Railway Employes, and are guaranteed the support of the Federated Trades Assembly.

**CAUSE OF THE TROUBLE.**

Yesterday evening a committee of the employes presented a notice to President Hurlburt to the effect that they would refuse to take orders from Superintendent Tiffany and Dispatcher Stuart on and after July 1. The notice described those officials as obnoxious to the employes and to organized labor, and incompetent as officials.

The committee was composed of Chairman A. R. Dimick, George Nendel, Chas. W. West, O. J. Roberts and J. A. Workman. The notice was called to the attention of Superintendent Tiffany and he at once issued an order discharging all the members of the committee, as well as C. J. Anderson, the former dispatcher, but who of late has had a position on the cars.

**THREATS OF DISMISSAL.**

Information was also given out that any one adhering to the demand for the discharge of the superintendent and the dispatcher would lose his position and be supplanted by another as rapidly as possible. The company considered the demand as an act of disloyalty and stated that it would not be acceded to under any circumstances.

There has been some friction existing between the employes and Tiffany ever since the latter has been identified with the road, and the feeling against him has been growing as the days passed by. Tiffany is said to be incompetent and overbearing in his demeanor, giving and executing orders of which a capable and experienced man would never be guilty. Dispatcher Stuart is also charged with incompetency, and the sentiment is just as strong against him as against the superintendent.

Tiffany incurred the enmity of the men soon after he succeeded to his present position. One of his first arbitrary rulings was that no one in the employ of the company should be a member of any labor organization, and all of those who refused to renounce unionism were summarily discharged. The most skilled mechanics in the car shops were let out in response to this ruling, as well as nearly all the old employes in the various capacities. Incompetent men were given the vacancies thus created, and as a result accidents on the road became of frequent occurrence.

Public sentiment became strong against the management of the road, and it is said that it began to lose patronage. Tiffany began to see the error of his ways, and when the State Federation of Labor met here early in May, he made a visit to Organizer Duke and requested that the employes of the line be unionized. His wish was carried out, and for a while it began to look like the troubles which had long been brewing between the company and the men would soon be forgotten.

**INCOMPETENT MANAGEMENT.**

But on May 25 a collision occurred near Weldman which was attended with disastrous results, and the feeling which had been lying dormant against the superintendent broke out anew. He and his dispatcher had long been considered incompetent, and the men held them indirectly responsible, at least, for the accident.

Stuart, it is said, would get his messages so confounded that accidents were narrowly averted on various occasions. Cars would meet on the same line, and but for the continual vigilance of the motormen several long lists of casualties would have been recorded. The men often asked for the removal of Stuart, but as he is a personal friend of Tiffany, the request was not granted. They believed that their lives were in jeopardy by continuing in the employ of such management, and so the action was taken last night with the above results.

**MR. HURLBURT'S STATEMENT.**

President Hurlburt was seen this morning, and asked for a statement.

"What paper do you represent?" he inquired.

"The Evening Journal."

"No; I have no statement to make. That paper seems to know more about our business than we do ourselves, and I am surprised that you ever look for information."

"The men ask for the removal of Superintendent W. Tiffany and Dispatcher A. L. Stuart, do they not?"

"I will simply say that the men are showing disloyalty in its worst form, and will no longer be retained in our employ. The road will be run, however, just the same, and is in operation this morning."

"Street car men report that not a Portland City & Oregon car has gone out of here this morning," was suggested.

"Well, you came here for information, and I am telling you that cars are running on the line and will continue to run."

**EMPLOYEES' SIDE.**

J. A. Workman, of the strike committee, came down from Milwaukee this afternoon and in an interview said:

"We presented our demands to President Hurlburt about noon, and later he called six of us to his office. He said that he had employed Tiffany as a competent official, and that he did not believe all the stories circulated about him. He said that he had given orders to Tiffany to discharge all the members of the committee. Tiffany was seen and informed that the men must be reinstated. He declared that the men would never be reinstated, and in connection with the matter took occasion to apply all the vile epithets that he could conjure up in his mind to the fellows who were so brazen as to cross his path. We went to Milwaukee and called a special meeting. From 75 to 100 people were in attendance and it was unanimously decided that a strike be instituted this morning."

"The reason we filed the petition and made the demands was simply because of the incompetency of Tiffany and Stuart. We believe them to be the direct cause of the accidents which have occurred, and that they are not the proper men for the positions which they hold. As to hours, wages and other conditions on the line, we have no cause for complaint. It is wholly because of the incompetency of these two men that we have taken our present stand. At the night of the big fire here Tiffany was helplessly drunk, and made himself particularly offensive to the firemen."

"We have made arrangements to run the launches Hartford and Constitution, during the strike, from Portland to Milwaukee, Sellwood and all way points for the accommodation of the public. They will leave the foot of Morrison street on the West Side."

### AT OREGON CITY

(Journal Special Service.)

**OREGON CITY, June 24.**—With two cars running on the entire Oregon City line, one in charge of Superintendent Tiffany, the other by C. G. Fields, head of the freight department, the Portland City and Oregon electric line is playing in hard luck today.

This has been caused by trouble with Mr. Tiffany, the superintendent of the line. A petition has been in circulation for the removal of Superintendent Tiffany and Car Dispatcher Stuart. This obtained 500 signatures in Oregon City and several hundred others in Sellwood and Milwaukie. Some carmen were signers of this petition and Mr. Tiffany demanded that these signatures be withdrawn or the signers would suffer discharge. The names were not removed and today the entire force went on strike as the result of the superintendent's enforcement of his threat.

There has been bad feeling for some time between Superintendent Tiffany and his men. The primary cause of the present trouble was the discharge of Motorcar Meldrum at the time of the recent wreck near Gladstone. The carmen claim this accident was due wholly to the work of Car Dispatcher Stuart, one of Tiffany's importations from California. As a scapegoat was needed, the employes of the road say that Meldrum, motorman of one of the colliding cars was discharged without cause. There was considerable talk at that time of enforcing the demand for Meldrum's reinstatement by a strike, but nothing came of it. However, the petition was the outcome of that incident, and the strike, although delayed, has at last arrived. An extensive boycott is talked of and talk about town is very favorable to the strikers.

## The FIELD OF SPORT

The boxing contests held in connection with the coronation sporting tournament given by the National Sporting Club have been very tame affairs so far.

No real championship contests will be pulled off, as the Americans who journeyed across the pond are nearly all second and third raters out after a little easy English coin.

"Kid" McFadden of San Francisco proved easy game for Ben Jordan, who knocked him completely out in the 15th round last night.

Joe Walcott, the colored champion welterweight, was pitted against Tommy West of this city, but who claims Brooklyn, N. Y., as his residence. West started his pugilistic career before the old Pastime Club of this city, but he has never shown championship ability. The men "fought" 15 rounds and Walcott gained the decision on points. The latter could have ended the fight in half a dozen rounds had he so desired.

**BOTH CONFIDENT.**

Both Hegarty and De Coursey have practically finished their training for Thursday night's contest. They are at weight and from now on will only do such work as is necessary to keep them in trim.

De Coursey is a great believer in sculling as a developer of the back muscles, and whenever the facilities are offered in his training, he puts much time in on the water. This accounts partly for the terrific punch the little fellow has in him.

Hegarty, on the other hand, trains more according to the lines laid down by the old school of fighters. Plenty of road and gymnasium work is Hegarty's rule. There is no doubt as to the Australian's cleverness, which will be pitted against the Californian's strength and aggressiveness.

Few understand about the weighing in part of the contest. Both men will appear in the ring ready to commence the contest. Scales will be in the ring set at 125 pounds. Each man will in turn step on them and if each does not go over the limit his weight forfeit of \$500 will be made. After the weighing in has taken place, the gloves will be donned and the contest commenced.

**TO DECIDE CHAMPIONSHIPS.**

**LONDON, June 24.**—The program of bouts arranged for the National Sporting Club tonight is the best of the coronation series. Three of the four fighters scheduled to appear are Americans and two of them at least are at the top of their class.

The wind-up will be furnished in Tommy Ryan and Johnny Gorman and is to decide the middleweight championship of the world, though it can hardly be said that the winner of the go will be in possession of an undisputed title. Nevertheless the bout should prove to be one well worth seeing. Ryan hopes to retain his title, while Gorman is equally anxious to wrest it from him. The backers of both men declare that the bout will not go the limit.

**GREAT WESTERN CIRCUIT.**

**JOLIET, Ill., June 24.**—The season of the Great Western Circuit was inaugurated auspiciously today with the opening of the meeting at the Joliet Driving Club. Racing continues three days, and judging from the liberality of the purses and the large number of entries in the various events the meeting will be the most successful ever held here.

**BENNETT VS. ZEIGLER.**

**SAVANNAH, Ga., June 24.**—The Southern Athletic Club expects a big crowd on hand tonight to see Jack Bennett, the McKeesport, Pa., welterweight, and Owen Zeigler, of Philadelphia, mix up in what is scheduled to be a 20-round bout.

The two have met in the ring before and furnished interesting bouts and as both are in prime condition they are expected to put up a lively contest tonight. The fight is for a purse of \$1000 and \$500 side bet.

**MISCELLANEOUS SPORTS.**

The Baker City Herald: Manager Fred Basche, of the Baker City Baseball Club, received a wire from Spokane last evening, signed by Manager Jack Grimm, of the Spokane team, saying Glendon, the famous pitcher, would reach Baker City tonight and that young Russell, who was released from the Spokane, could be signed if he was wanted.

Billy Roche states that he has matched

### TEACHERS' EXCURSION.

Superintendent R. F. Robinson has chartered a car to be attached to the regular overland train of the Southern Pacific leaving Portland at 8:30 a. m. tomorrow morning. The car will carry a party of teachers from Portland and vicinity. Partial list of those who will go is appended:

Superintendent H. A. Lyman, Astoria; H. R. Winchel, Gresham; Miss Alexander, Portland; Superintendent and Mrs. R. F. Robinson, Portland; Principal D. A. Grouf, Park school; Miss Nellie Kingsley, Portland; Miss T. J. Hoffman, Portland; Miss Cornelia Failing, South Mount Taber; Miss Annie Davidson, South Mount Taber; Prof. Herbert Lee, High school, Portland; Prof. R. R. Steele, High school, Portland; J. T. Neff, The Dalles; J. S. Lauden, The Dalles; Miss Demmer, Portland; Miss Lewis, Portland; Mrs. G. Lawrence, Mrs. Teggett, Holmes Business College, Portland; Prof. Terrin, Pacific University; Superintendent J. C. Zinsler, Oregon City; J. T. Garry, Oregon City; Miss Cora Potter, Portland; Principal E. J. Hadley, Stephens School; Principal R. H. Thomas, Clinton Kelly school, Portland; Miss Ada Mercer, Hillsboro; Superintendent H. A. Ball, Hillsboro; Principal D. W. Jarvis, Harrison Street school; Miss Ethel Phillips, Portland; Miss Carrie Holman, Portland; E. H. Anderson, Gresham; Miss Laura Myers, Portland; Miss Zelma Shafer, Portland; Miss Mary Frasier, Portland.

### Shields' Park Tonight.

The drizzling rain of yesterday put a damper on the festivities at Shields Park last night, and Manager Shields was obliged to hang out the "postponed" sign early in the evening to the disappointment of a number of people who braved the rain to see the excellent program that is holding the boards this

his protege, Willie Lewis, to fight Rufe Turner at Stockton on July 4, which was the date Gans was to have fought. The Stockton favorite threw up the match with Gans, and a dispatch from the Slough City states that it was a case of cold feet. Lewis is now on his way from Denver to prepare himself for his contest.

While Joe Gans was tearing off a few miles on the road yesterday at Blanken's he met two cops chasing a fellow who had stolen a pig a few miles further down the road. The "bulls" dug the spurs into their skates and J. Gans hung on behind until the bloke with the wad of pork was grabbed. As he stopped the pig got away. The cops begged Joe to give it the hot foot. "As much as ah love pork," replied Gans, "I'd radder stan' still. Prize-fightin' is a noble business, but when it comes to colored cops, I pass."—San Francisco Bulletin.

A Skaggs Springs, Cal., dispatch says: "Jeffries has limbered up his sore arm until now it has ceased to trouble him. He has never started into training feeling as well as he does at the present time or in better condition, and with it all he goes at his training with a light heartedness born of the conviction that he will come out of the ring victorious. Yesterday it was so extremely hot that the champion did not go to the 'gym' until late in the afternoon. Today, however, the weather has moderated and he has been in the 'gym' all morning and will more than likely go at it again this afternoon. He has not as yet taken up boxing. He has had one go with his brother, but that has been all."

Jimmy Britt has agreed to fight Perry Queenan in Seattle, but the date of the contest has not been definitely fixed. On August 20 the Elks will hold a big carnival in that city and the club is considering holding the fight at this time, when there will be large numbers of strangers in the city. Queenan made such a hit by beating Hawkins that the Seattle sports are able to make him a favorite over Britt, who ought to beat him easily. If the fighters were to meet in San Francisco the betting would about 10 to 6, with Jimmy on the long end.

The grand game of boxing was given a large discolored optic at Philadelphia last Friday night, when the talent who lay the band had their pockets picked to the amount of \$1000. Root and Carter were given a guarantee of \$3000 when they signed articles to fight before this club, but after the sale had closed it was found that there was only \$1800 in the house, \$1200 less than the guarantee. That is, there should have been that much money, but the representatives of the two fighters, when they went to take a look at the long green, found less than \$300. Joe McCarthy, who was running the show, said that the receipts had been attacked by Dr. C. P. Christman and Israel M. Koshland, who, he declared, were interested with him in the club.

To an outsider it looked like a plain case of steal. Being about \$1200 shy of the amount promised the fighters the management preferred to rob the public of the \$1800 rather than "dig" for the \$1200.

Pitcher Winnie Mercer of the Detroit American League has received an offer to captain and manage the Los Angeles team in the California League. He has asked for his release from the Detroit Club. Mercer says the offer from Los Angeles is so flattering that he will probably accept it, whether or not his release is given him by the Detroit team.

The sale of James B. Haggins's yearlings took place at the Sheepshead Bay track yesterday. William C. Whitney secured the bay colt by Hamburg-imp. Bridal for \$7000, the top price of the sale. Sidney Paget paid \$3000 for the chestnut colt by Salvador-Bigonet.

There is quite a squabble over the services of James St. Vrain, Tacoma's southern manager. Manager Andrews claims him as a reserve, while Manager Frank of the Memphis Southern League Club claims to have secured the big fellow's services from Chicago. Manager Andrews has wired the secretary of the National Association of Minor Leagues that he will not allow St. Vrain to play with Memphis. He says the pitcher will play with Tacoma or not at all.

Those who attended Sunday night's performance wondered how such a big program could be given for 10 cents. Mr. Shields dispelled the idea of his place being a beer garden by having two signs placed at the entrance which read "No Liquors Sold in This Park."

An exceptionally strong bill has been provided for next week, which includes Mr. Shields himself in one of his famous illustrated talks, "A Trip Across the Continent." Matsuda's troupe of Japanese acrobats and jugglers—six in number—direct from Japan, and a poly-scopic picture of the Portland Hunt Club drill and hurdle race. The performances will be resumed again tonight.

### Barber's Troubles.

The hearing of the arguments for and against restraining permanently Barber Sam Howard from plying his trade as a proprietor in this city till August 21 has been postponed till Wednesday to give Howard time to prepare counter-affidavits.

Minor Lewis, who bought Howard's former shop at No. 206 Alder street, sets up that he has an agreement with the defendant that he would not open up a barber-shop in this city for a period of six months, and that Mr. Howard is now in violation of that agreement, conducting a shop at No. 107 Fourth street, not two blocks from the old stand.

### For the Summer Cotillion.

Pretty prizes for a summer evening German are had made of tissue paper. Some of the braids used for these hats is very elaborate and closely imitates fancy straw braids. The delicate white combinations, also the deep crimson and white ones, produce very realistic braids.

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### MANY PLANTS TO CHILDREN

Cordray's Theater was crowded last night by an audience of children and their parents. Four thousand plants were given to the children, and the ones who get the best rewards from them in the fall will be awarded prizes.

A fine program was rendered. F. B. Gibson, the president, read a letter from

### AMUSEMENTS

#### THE BAKER.

Another good house, greeted the Pollard Juvenile Opera Company at the Baker last night in its presentation of La Mascotte. Every one of the children carried out the parts assigned them to the satisfaction of the audience, which manifested its delight and approval by the warmest applause. As at the previous performances of La Mascotte, honors were about equally divided between Willie Pollard and Willie Thomas, as Lorenzo and Rocco; between Alice and Ivy Pollard as Bettina and Pippo, and between little Daphne Pollard and Irene Finlay.

Tonight will see the last presentation of La Mascotte. The performance of the week will be the Pinafore souvenirs matinee tomorrow afternoon, at which time all the ladies attending will be presented with a picture of the charming little Daphne Pollard. Tomorrow night A Gaiety Girl will be presented. The attraction for Thursday, Friday and Saturday will be In Town. The local hits, particularly those relating to the Duke of Al-

#### LADY PAUNCEFOTE.



Washington, June 24.—Lady Pauncefote, widow of the late British ambassador to this country, will sail tomorrow for England, accompanying the body of the ambassador. With her will go Mrs. Bromley, a married daughter, and Miss Audrey Pauncefote.

George Otten, the florist, explaining the care of plants. George M. Hyland presided, and in a brief speech described some of the nuisances in the city.

"Old Kentucky Home," sung by Seid Back, Jo's Chinese Quartet, was so enthusiastically applauded that "America" was sung as an encore.

Governor-Elect George E. Chamberlain was introduced, and in an eloquent address requested the children to make Portland beautiful. A piano selection by Miss Ella Hitchcock preceded Governor Chamberlain's address.

### TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

The date of the County Teachers' Institute has been decided by County Superintendent Robinson and will be held September 19-22.

This comes just before the opening of the city schools this fall and will enable teachers to attend without materially shortening their vacation. The time of the annual institute largely determines the date of the opening of schools throughout the county. It comes at a season of the year when the teachers are fresh from their vacation outing and all are actively preparing for their winter's work. This gives the superintendent opportunity to present to them new plans for work. Mr. Robinson already has the program for the institute well in hand and has made arrangements for the attendance of several prominent educators from outside the state, while the best local talent will also be retained.

### S. P. and the Fair.

William H. Mills, head of the land department of the Southern Pacific Co., is in the city. The object of his visit here at this time is looking toward the preservation of the valuable timber interests of the company in this state. To this end a number of permanent forest reserves will be created. Mr. Mills is enthusiastic as to the Lewis and Clark Exposition, but he does not say what the Southern Pacific Company will do for the enterprise.

### Two years for Horsethief.

Archibald A. West, arrested in Portland last week by Deputy Sheriff Harry Meyer, on a charge of stealing a horse from Constable Duke of Hood River, and who was taken to The Dalles for trial by Sheriff Kelly, has pleaded guilty and been sentenced to two years in the penitentiary. Deputy Meyer was notified of the fact by a letter received from Sheriff Kelly.

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## ORIENTAL COMMERCE

### How Portland Can Secure It by Using Her Ocean Port.

ASTORIA, June 23.—(To The Journal.)—The third benefit to accrue to Portland from Astoria's seaport supremacy would be the diversion to Portland importing houses of the bulk of the Oriental traffic now coming in at Seattle and San Francisco gates.

Given, as a premise, an entrance over the bar of sufficient depth for the largest sailers and steamships, and Astoria would attract the bulk of that commerce. She offers the only water level grade to the summit of the Rockies. She has the only fresh water harbor of a first-class port in the West or in the world. Her capacity for long piers is the finest in the United States. Her peninsula formation, the ideal for concentration of commerce, is unequalled. She is equidistant with Seattle from New York, with only 10 miles from the high seas against 154 for Seattle. In a word, every advantage of cheapness and rapid transit is in Astoria's favor. General Gillespie says he has power to buy a sea dredge that would secure the needed entrance at once. Such a dredge is for sale now at New York bar. Of course, Astoria, as the seaport, means diversion of the bulk of the Oriental commerce to the Columbia gateway.

What then? Excepting the through freight for Eastern points, on which Astoria would get only stevedorage and dockage, and excepting such as is to be consumed west of the Coast Range (Astoria's tributary country), every pound of that stuff, intended for consumption in the Willamette, Snake and Columbia Valleys would go to Portland importing houses. Why? Simply because of the great law of Nature, laid down and elaborated in my first and second articles, viz., the topography of the country, that forces continuous railway lines to Astoria, via Portland, making Portland the railway distributing center—requiring a differential in her favor on local freights. This proposition no one will dispute. Neither will it be denied that Portland would have a common point with Astoria, as well as with Seattle and Tacoma, on all those Oriental imports.

Here, then, is the third great benefit to Portland from Astoria's seaport supremacy. It would make her mistress of the Oriental commerce—the mightiest commerce of the world, that must make its mistress the chief city of the West. Where Astoria would have one importing house for that traffic, Portland would have five.

But this is not the chief value of that trade to Portland. It would fetch great fleets of great ships here with in-bound cargoes, causing a further reduction in ocean charters beyond what Nature insures through this unequalled seaport. This effect would insure Portland's primacy in Pacific Coast commerce, especially when aided by an open river above The Dalles. This reduced freight rate, again, would be four-fifths for Portland's benefit as against one-fifth for Astoria. For Portland would be the conceded mistress of the local commerce it would serve, east and south of Portland. Astoria, it is true, would grow great under its impulse; but only as the seaport, in Portland's interest, not as the commercial primate. It would be our Liverpool to Portland's London. It would make Portland, what Nature designed, the forefront of commerce in the West. It would send all the world scurrying to her gates. It would give her the boom, five-fold increased, that Seattle now enjoys.

All this is true because, as shown in my second letter, Portland can use her grand ocean port without building up Astoria as her commercial rival—in fact by increasing Astoria's value to her. Yet Portland is now ignoring this grand port—her very own. She is abdicating her mightiest agency of growth, guaranteed by Nature's grade and gorge. She is turning over the commercial primacy of the West to Seattle. Why?

Ah! when, in a later article, the baleful but secret schemes of Wilcox and his great Wheat Pool and of "Jim" Hill and his allies to the north and south shall be exposed, Portland will marvel at her blindness and will be ready to use her machetes on secret traitors in her midst. She will demand of the Oregonian to know why all hint of these vital truths (well known to its editor) is kept out of that organ of public opinion.

Before treating that phase, however, some further and even greater benefits to Portland from Astoria, as her seaport and handmaiden, will, by your leave, Mr. Editor, be submitted and the effect of Astoria's seaport supremacy on Portland's lumber trade and other manufactures will be presented in short, separate articles. Meantime, I ask those in Portland, who differ with any of my propositions, to point out their fallacy.

SIDNEY DELL.

### AMUSEMENTS.

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