

EDITORIAL.

The Salem city council tonight will have to consider the question of granting a new charter to the company that now owns both the street car systems of Salem. This is a very important matter to the people of the capital city.

It is important that Salem have a good street car system. It is not at all likely that a city of this size would be entirely without car lines. It is more likely that a city of its size will have a system far in advance of its needs.

The question of granting such franchises is a very important one, and generally speaking charters are granted pretty much without regard to municipal rights being considered or protected by the city authorities.

Either these public services must be performed by the city, or else charters must be granted to private corporations. The tendency of the times is strongly in the direction of municipal ownership. The city of Mayence, Germany furnishes gas, water and electric light to the people for one-half what it costs at Portland and last year cleared enough profit so that no city tax is to be levied this year. The city of Glasgow operates all street car lines and out of the proceeds pays all city expenses. But the people of western cities are not yet advanced to the point of doing these things. They will be someday.

It is assumed that the city council will grant a charter to the corporation that now asks the privilege of conducting all the street car lines in the Capital city. This charter has not been made public, although it has passed a second reading and been referred. It is not likely that all the aldermen know all its contents, or the points wherein it differs from the two charters that it is to take the place of. Few of the aldermen claim to have the technical knowledge and legal training to understand the importance of all the points in a voluminous charter. We repeat that this is an important matter, and the granting of a charter upon which large sums of money are to be borrowed and expended, should be closely scrutinized from the public standpoint. It is virtually granting an exclusive franchise in the nature of a monopoly. The city will probably be benefited in having the street car system operated by one company. But even that does not justify giving away the use of the public streets without due regard to the general public rights in the streets and the interests of the various parts of the city.

It is often complained of as an evil after charters are granted that no one knew of their import at the time of granting. It would seem as though this city had outgrown its swaddling clothes and had its eye-teeth cut so as to escape the result of indifference on this matter. The JOURNAL has no interest to promote in this matter. It desires to be fair to the owners of the old franchises and also just to the public. A liberal charter privilege should be granted but the common interests of the public should not be entirely disregarded.

Last fall the capitalistic press denounced all supporters of the Bryan platform as anarchists because that platform had a plank denouncing the supreme court decision declaring the income tax unconstitutional. Now the same press is condemning and denouncing the supreme court because it has declared that railroad pooling contracts are unlawful. Are those papers therefore anarchists? That no one can honestly maintain. They are simply inconsistent.

The argument is used for a railroad pooling bill, that if the government had control of the railroads, it would fix uniform rates and use all its power to enforce them. But the government would have no interest in collecting more than enough to pay expenses.

TRUSTS AND CORPORATIONS.

Fifty-three of the sixty-six United States Judges are corporation attorneys. The Standard Oil Company furnishes sixteen or nearly one-fourth. Is there any wonder about government by trusts? The people curse monopolies but vote for them just the same. These judges are appointed. It would never do to have the people elect the high judges. The people are little children and must be governed. The judges must be free from the people and attached only to the corporations. When the king made the judges, the judges always served the king, and when corporations make the judges, they will naturally serve the corporations—Union County Farmer.

It has recently come to light that one rolling mill in Cleveland, Ohio, was paid \$100,000 a year by the rail trust to quit work and not interfere with the prices established by the trust. No doubt other mills were paid to remain idle in a like manner, and it was by this means that the ten mills in the trust made \$32,000,000 more than a legitimate profit while the trust was in operation. The rails they sold for \$26 and \$25 a ton are now selling at \$17, and the way the railroads are buying has started all the mills at a lively rate. This is furnishing a vast amount of work in the steel industry, in the mines, and in all the departments of trade connected in anyway with the steel and iron industry. It illustrates the serious effects of trusts and combinations, and the benefit of free and honest competition. The effect goes still further, for cheaper railroads means cheaper freight and passenger rates, and that either directly or indirectly helps the general public.—Portland Dispatch.

President McKinley has re-appointed Frank Palmer of Chicago, government printer. He held the office under Harrison, and his selection means opposition to all reforms possible from more economical management. There is no check upon the voluminous publications and costly composition that the national printer can "forward," except a \$1,000,000,000 congress, and that is an influence for extravagance.

There is an effort to attribute diphtheria in this city to the "harmless necessary cat," as Shakespeare describes that animal. No doubt but that animals can carry this disease about with them, but there are other more direct causes. The conditions to produce such troubles are nearly always local and they have existed in several parts of the city.

The next legislature will have a big job on its hands in the adjustment of the multifarious claims that it will be called upon to allow. There will be a big opportunity for commissions and fees for members of certain committees, and it is too much to hope that almost every sort of a claim will not go through.—Portland Welcome.

The only way to keep Japan from possessing the Hawaiian Islands by occupation and outnumbering all other races is for the United States to annex those islands and shut out the Japs.

Of course, we are living in a free country; little trifles like Mark Hanna's national committee sending out readymade editorials for all Republican papers don't count.

The farmers will meet a woman of Mrs. Lord's energy and determination of purpose half way, and grow the flax for the first scutching mill to be located at Salem.

Governor Budd of California vetoed over two million dollars of legislative appropriations. Such a governor earns his salary.

Probably Corbett is much in favor of the various bills to prohibit the reproduction of the Carson fight by the kinetoscope.

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RYE STRAW'S LAST RACE.

Overtaken by Death, After a Career of Many Victories.

Klamath Falls Express: The famous old racer, Rye Straw, who has for several years wandered at will over General John F. Miller's ranch on Klamath river, a few miles below Klamath falls, died on the 17th of last January and was buried near the river's bank. He was 26 years old. He was in his younger days a long distance runner, and at one time was the fastest runner on the coast. When a 3-year-old he ran in the greatest race ever saw, at the state fair, in Salem.

The race was, mile heats, best three in five. The entries were: General John F. Miller's, Rye Straw; Young's, Bill Bigham; Gird's, Bill Gird, and Perkin's, Norway.

First Heat—Gird inside, Norway second, Bigham third and Rye Straw outside; Gird took the lead, the half mile post being passed in 53 seconds, and the wire in 1:52 with Norway two lengths behind, Bigham much in the rear and Rye Straw just inside of saving distance.

Second Heat—Gird got away in fine style, but a gopher hole near the stand nearly caused him to tumble. Bigham nearly closed the gap with Norway near and Rye Straw rattling away with hot impetuosity. The half mile was made in 55 with a gallant struggle for the head of the stretch. Down they came in a bunch at tearing speed, but Rye Straw, under whip and spur, sped under the string in 1:52 with two lengths of daylight between himself and Gird. Bigham third and Norway last.

Third heat—Pools now sold with Rye Straw a favorite, notwithstanding Bigham's remarkable development of speed. Bigham took the lead from the jump, Gird close behind, Rye Straw third and Norway showing weariness. Bigham got to the half mile stake three lengths ahead and finished in 1:55; Rye Straw a close second, Gird third and Norway distanced.

Fourth heat—Bigham still maintained the lead in the pools although the sporting men were nonplussed for Rye Straw showed the breathings that tell the story where blood and bottom together are, that made him as easy to handle as eager to go. At the tap Rye Straw bounded off as if resolved to win; Bigham was close up but Gird showed that he was not equal to four hests. To half mile Rye Straw and Bigham could almost have been looked upon as traveling in double harness. It was passed in 57 and then came the trial for blood and the gallant rivals clattered down the home stretch amidst the cheers of thousands, but the resolute Rye Straw bounded in the victor in 1:53, with Bigham a length or more astern and Gird distanced.

Fifth heat—Only Rye Straw and Bigham now for it and still the pools favored the latter. Away they go fairly abreast but Rye leads to the quarter; Bigham forces ahead towards the half mile but Rye passes the stake first in 57 seconds. There is no day light between the pairs as they rush for the head of the stretch. The dense crowd—15,000 strong—grows tumultuous under the excitement. What a race! See, the sorrel loses! How the grey strides! Harken to the yells and shrieks of the engrossed and inflamed multitude. The racers rushed by the stand like a sweep of a meteor. And such a shout! "Which wins?" asks the crowd as if with one voice. The judge announces, "Rye Straw's heat and race in 1:54." And though he won for he beat Bingham by but half a neck.

No jockeying there—no "throw off," no "put up thing." It was a fast race considering that it was run nearly 23 years ago on a wretched track, nearly five seconds slow.

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WASHINGTON.

The Forestry Commission. The Senate Discusses the Cuban Resolution by Allen.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—The government forestry commission had a hearing before Secretary of the Interior Bliss, at which they went over the whole forestry question and explained the reasons for advocating all reservations of timber lands made by President Cleveland's proclamation on February 2d.

Senator Wilson of Washington and Senator Shoup of Idaho represented the western opposition to the reservations. Senator Wilson, on the other hand, protested vehemently against the wholesale reservations "committed" in Washington.

The outcome of the conference was a decision to forward to congress, in a day or two, a proposed amendment to the sundry civil bill, to be framed on the line of the McRea bill, which has been before both houses of congress in various forms and is now pending in the senate. This amendment will authorize the secretary to prescribe such rules and regulations for the government of forest reserves as will permit the disposal of the timber in the reservations for legitimate mining purposes, and will preserve also the rights of agricultural and mining settlers on reservations. The amendment gives authority for the suspension of the operation of presidential proclamations, reserving forests reservations, and the survey of reserved tracts by the geological survey, and appropriating \$150,000 therefor.

ALLEN RESOLUTION. The senate indulged in some bantering of Chandler of New Hampshire, who introduced a bill "abolishing competition in trade and production and authorizing combinations to enable merchants, manufacturers and producers of commodities subject to interstate commerce to maintain prices and profits notwithstanding the business depression."

Allen said nothing like this bill had been seen in the palmiest days of the Populists. Chandler announced his serious intention to press the bill as an amendment to the railroad pooling bill, in case that measure was brought forward.

The Cuban question was then debated, the Allen resolution, protesting against the trial of Gen. Rivers by a drumhead court martial, forming the basis of the debate. Allen made an emphatic speech, calling on the United States, as a Christian nation, to stop the Spanish savagery and outrages.

Hoar, of Massachusetts, opposed the resolution, and favored a calm and deliberate course.

Senator Gallinger, of New Hampshire, made a very vehement speech in favor of Cuba. He said he and every other senator, he believed, were getting letters denouncing them for their position on Cuba. They came, he added, from the money-changers of the East.

A motion to refer the Rivera Cuban resolution to the committee on foreign relations was defeated. The resolution was adopted, 44 to 0.

ANTI-SCALPING. Senator Cullam has introduced the anti-scalping bill substantially as it was reported by the interstate commerce committee to the last congress.

CONFIRMATIONS. The senate in executive session confirmed the following nominations: Andrew D. White, to be ambassador to Germany; William F. Draper to be ambassador to Italy; Oliver L. Spaulding, of Michigan, to be assistant secretary of the treasury; William B. Howell, of New Jersey, to be assistant secretary of the treasury; Chandler Hale of Maine, to be secretary of the embassy of the United States at Rome. Lieutenant-Commander A. R. Coulden, to be commander in the navy.

NOMINATIONS. The president sent to the senate the following nominations with others: State—Alfred L. Buck, of Georgia, to be envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary from the United

States to Japan; James Boyle, of Ohio, consul of the United States at Liverpool, England; Frenston R. McCrary, of Michigan, secretary of the legation of the United States at the City of Mexico.

Justice—Frank P. Flint, of California, to be attorney of the United States for the Southern district of California.

Navy—Henry M. Paul, of New Hampshire, to be professor of mathematics in the navy; Captain Henry L. Howison to be commodore; Commander Charles D. Sigbee to be captain; Lieutenant-Commander Edwin C. Pendleton to be commander.

War—Brigadier-General Frank Wheaton to be major-general; Rev. Charles S. Wakeley, Ohio, to be post chaplain.

INSURRECTION.

The Troops in Great Danger. Government Officials Alarmed for Their Safety.

NEW YORK, April 6.—The Herald's correspondent in Montevideo, Uruguay, telegraphs that the government has been startled by the news that Lamas and Saravia, with 6000 men, are in pursuit of 2500 federal troops under General Nunez. It is feared that numbers may defeat the troops if they should encounter the insurgents.

The rebels have captured the town of Artigas, and are collecting duties on the Brazilian frontier.

The Herald's correspondent in Rio Janeiro telegraphs that the government has dispatched reinforcements to Uruguayan frontier to intercept the revolutionists.

A Herald dispatch from Pacaya says: General Plutarco Bown, who was with Alfaro in the revolution in 1895 in Ecuador, and who was condemned to death by court-martial for treason, his sentence being subsequently commuted to exile, on his arrival here on Friday from Venezuela, was immediately placed under police surveillance. He was notified to leave the country at once, and the government gave him a second-class passage to Corinto.

The general said that he would re-embar after his arrival at Corinto by direct steamer Payta to Callao, and endeavor to raise a force and work his way to the Ecuadorean frontier and invade the country.

Quickest on Record.

SIoux FALLS, April 6.—Judge Conrad holds the divorce record up to date. At 5:10 last night Etta Watson filed a petition asking for a divorce from Clark E. Watson on the ground of adultery and desertion. They were married in Newton, May 21, 1896, and she says he deserted her a month later. At the time of the filing of the petition a stipulation was filed and at 5:16 the decree of divorce was filed, and signed by Judge Conrad.

BY ORDER OF COURT.

Assignee of the J. M. Moyer & Co. Stock Forced to Sell.

PORTLAND, April 1.—By order of the circuit court Ben Selling, assignee of the \$75,000 Moyer woolen mill clothing stock, has put the uniform suits that were held in pledge by the bank of Columbia onto the market at \$8.50. These all wool dark blue navy suits were never sold at Portland before for less than \$12 to \$16.

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FLOODS. The Disasters Are Increasing. Many Counties Added to the Flood Stricken District.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 6.—The prediction made in these dispatches that a greater disaster to the Mississippi delta would follow the breaking of the levee at a point on the east side of the river north of Helena, has been realized. The break at Flower Lake, which occurred yesterday morning has rapidly grown from a dozen feet in length to a thousand. This was the condition of the crevasse this afternoon at 4 o'clock, when an Associated Press reporter left that levee north of the break.

An arrangement is being made to tie each end of the levee, but owing to the difficulty in getting material from the railroad, four miles away, the success of the effort is doubtful. This crevasse is at the head of the delta and will cause an overflow of the northern tier of the counties in Mississippi with the exception of a part of Tunica.

The situation that now confronts the planters is a duration of the flood. If the water is out of the delta by May 5th, a crop of cotton can be grown, but cotton planted as late as May 10, has little chance of maturing before frost. There is still another danger. The crevasses must all be closed before the June rise or there will be a second overflow. The delta country produces annually no less than 5,000,000 bales of cotton.

The river at Memphis is stationary. Much suffering is reported from the overflowed region. Relief steamers are making daily trips into Arkansas and Mississippi rescuing hundreds of people and bringing them to Memphis. The local relief committee is doing everything possible for the refugees. At a meeting of the committee it was decided to ask other cities for help.

The Raging Missouri.

BISMARCK, N. D., April 6.—The ice in the Missouri river became gorged below here, and the water is now rising at the rate of six feet an hour. A perfect torrent is rushing toward Mandan, and it is probable that the lower part of that town will be inundated. The Northern Pacific track, between this city and Mandan, are under water. The great steamboat warehouse at the landing here is afloat. It is tied to the banks by cables.

Rising.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., April 6.—The river was twenty-six feet at 10 o'clock, a rise of ten feet in twenty-four hours. It is rising 2.4 inches an hour and will reach the thirty-three feet danger line by noon today.

Hopeful.

St. Louis, April 6.—The clear weather of the past two days has averted the rise of the Mississippi to the danger line, which was predicted last week would be reached. The flood lacked a foot and four inches of the thirty-three feet danger line.

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