



REPORT ON FRANCHISES INDETERMINATE GRANT FAVORED BY P. S. C.

Commissioner Maltbie Urges It in Preference to Perpetual Lease—

Some of Its Features.

Commissioner Maltbie, in a report to the Public Service Commission on "The Indeterminate Franchise for Public Utilities, or, Tenure During Good Behavior," strongly advocates the indeterminate form of franchise as against the perpetual franchise or the short term grant.

The indeterminate franchise in the main avoids these objections," says Mr. Maltbie, "and combines the desirable features of the short term franchise by protecting public interests and of the perpetual franchise by stimulating private initiative.

The indeterminate franchise, or tenure during good behavior, as it is sometimes called, briefly defined, is a franchise which may be terminated by the proper authorities at any time upon the payment of a fair compensation for the value of the property thus taken, exclusive of franchise.

Already the Public Service Commission itself has gone on record in favor of the indeterminate franchise, for, when the subject of rapid transit legislation was up in the Legislature, a year ago, the commission recommended legislation along this line.

PROVISIONS TO BE MADE.

Commissioner Maltbie argues that to obtain complete success with the indeterminate franchise the following provisions must be observed:

- 1. The grant should be subject to termination on purchase of the property, either by the city or by another company specially authorized by the city, at a fair valuation. The provision for purchase by another company is necessary, because the municipal corporation may be neither feasible nor desirable.

USE OF INDETERMINATE FRANCHISE.

Commissioner Maltbie then gives a summary of the experiences of different communities with various forms of the indeterminate franchise.

TRANSVAAL GETS OUTLET.

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SCOLDS BIBLE CLASS.

Rockefeller Pupils "Dodging Collection Plate," Says Treasurer.

Members of the Rockefeller Bible class at the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church were bluntly accused yesterday of "dodging the collection plate" by William Vogt, the class treasurer.

"You fellows will have to do better than this," said the indignant Mr. Vogt to the class. "There isn't any one of you who can't afford to contribute something regularly. A few cents will do if you cannot afford more; but you really ought not to dodge that plate. We need the money in our treasury."

The members of the class know that it is Mr. Rockefeller's wish to see the organization self-supporting. He has often lectured the members on the great importance of being self-reliant.

NIGHT RIDER BREAKS JAIL.

Soldiers Hunting for One of Gang Which Killed Rankin.

Union City, Tenn., March 7.—Hirschel Hoeg, a confessed member of the band of Night Riders who murdered Captain Quentin Rankin at Walnut Log in October, escaped from jail at Dresden last night and has not been recaptured.

FIND DEAD MAN IN SNOW.

Murderer Left Over \$300 in Pockets—Alexandria, Va., Police Puzzled.

Washington, March 7.—The body of a well dressed man, partially covered with snow and with a ragged wound in the neck, was found to-day near the railroad station at Alexandria, Va., a short distance from Washington.

The police regard the case as one of cold-blooded murder, and are mystified, as robbery was evidently not the motive. The cards found in the victim's clothes are believed to have been placed there by his slayer, with a view to a false identification.

"DEAD MAN" SHOWS UP.

Wife Had Come to This City to Attend Funeral.

Brookton, Mass., March 7.—Jacob Goldman, formerly a well-to-do merchant here, came home this morning, after a four months' mysterious absence, to find that his wife was in New York attending what she supposed was his funeral.

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BIG ISSUES AT ALBANY PRIMARY BILL AND NEW CHARTER THIS WEEK.

Opponents of Governor Responsible for Injection of Personal Element into Primary Reform Fight.

Albany, March 7.—Three of the big issues of the session will come before the Legislature this week—the direct primary bill, in a form supposed to be acceptable to Governor Hughes; amendments to the Public Service commissions law to put telephone and telegraph companies under the jurisdiction of those bodies, with amendments to the rapid transit law and the general transportation law to stiffen a few weak spots and effect changes designed to help along subway building in New York City, and a proposed new charter for New York City.

The New York City charter and administrative code will be presented in a report from the Charter Revision Commission, which has been at work on this problem for approximately two years. It is expected on Monday night, the Public Service commissions legislation, also looked for to-morrow night, will be the result of conferences of both commissions and their legal staffs, in which Governor Hughes has taken part, the last of them as late as yesterday.

Over these propositions will arise most of the stress and strife of the legislative session, and unless a great part of the indicated or surface opposition to the Governor's views regarding these matters falls to develop, this strife bids fair to be as intense as was that of the last session over the anti-gambling measures.

WADSWORTH'S OPPOSITION.

Indications of coming trouble are not lacking. Speaker Wadsworth, because he has been beyond suspicion of unworthy motives personally and has the affection and esteem of the Assembly, represents the most dangerous element of opposition to the Governor's project in the Legislature.

Immediately after The Tribune declared some time ago that Assembly leaders had planned to hold a caucus on the direct primary bill as soon as it was introduced, and believed that in that caucus the sentiment against it would be so strong as to assure its death, the Speaker denied the story and laughed at the very idea.

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SLUSH PUT RICHMOND MILITIA OUT.

Half of Virginia Capital's "Light Infantry Blues" Inauguration Day Victims.

Richmond, Va., March 7.—Richmond's crack military organization, the Richmond "Light Infantry Blues," is to-day temporarily depleted by at least half its membership, who fell victims to exposure during the storm of inauguration day at Washington, when, in order to show their dazzling new uniforms, the men marched in slush and snow without overcoats.

JAILED INDIANS CHOOSING CHIEF.

Lawton, Okla., March 7.—At an informal meeting of more than half of the Apache Indian prisoners of war at Fort Sill, eligible to vote for a chief to succeed the late Geronimo, Aza Dekigie, son of Whoa, of the Nedni branch of the tribe, was chosen chief. A formal election will be held soon.

SLIPS TO DEATH AT FIRE SALOONKEEPER FALLS THREE STORIES.

Hung on to Window Sill Until Heat Broke His Grip—Two Others Are Burned.

With a fire burning fiercely in the parlor of his home, on the third floor of No. 158 West 101st street, yesterday, Dennis Redmond, a saloonkeeper, sat on a window sill, waiting for the arrival of the firemen with a ladder.

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POPE PIUS WORSE. Condition Causes Anxiety—Interest in the Elections.

Rome, March 7.—The Pope's indisposition has taken on the character of influenza, and his condition causes apprehension. Notwithstanding his ill health, however, his holiness showed keen interest in the electoral struggle to-day, insisting on seeing the dispatches giving the returns.

SILENT ON APPOINTMENTS. President Will Say Nothing Previous to Official Announcements.

Washington, March 7.—President Taft, when asked to-day regarding published predictions of diplomatic and federal appointments, announced that he would have nothing to add to such discussion, and would continue the policy of silence until he was prepared to make official announcements of appointments.

MIGUEL RESIGNS CLAIM. Report That Pretender Will Aid Portuguese King.

Lisbon, March 7.—The "Seculo" says that the Pretender, Dom Miguel de Braganca, has declared his intention to renounce all claim to the throne of Portugal, out of sympathy for King Manuel, who was so tragically called to the crown. It is understood, according to the paper, that Dom Miguel will live in Portugal and take part in the work of regenerating the country.

SURFEIT OF PIG IRON. Company to Shut Down Plant Unless Demand Increases.

As a result of the recent slackness in the iron and steel trade great demoralization prevails in the pig iron industry. Stocks of pig iron are increasing at a tremendous rate, and the leading producers are feeling decidedly blue over the outlook.

The president of the largest producer of pig iron in the country, a concern which controls over 50 per cent of the entire output, said last night that unless there was a decided improvement in the next ten days, which he did not look for, his company would bank all its resources and cease all production.

BOSTON BEANS IN DANGER. Back Bay of Hub Getting Sand Eating Habit.

Boston, March 7.—Mrs. Marie Windsor, the high priestess of the sand eating cult, is in Boston, teaching the Back Bay how to improve its health and beauty with this latest delicacy. Thoroughly convinced that she has found a panacea for many of the fleshly ills, Mrs. Windsor declares that she has eaten sand for twelve years. She has found many converts in Boston to her methods, she declares.

BURNS NEGRO ASSAILANT. Crowd Watches His Death—Man Who Harbored Him Killed.

Rockwall, Tex., March 7.—After having been identified by Mrs. Arthur McKinney as the negro who attempted a criminal assault upon her Friday morning, Anderson Ellis was taken from the Rockwell County Jail to-night, fastened to an iron stake driven into the earth and was burned to death in the presence of about a thousand persons.

POLICE DOGS' CAPTURE. Stopped Three Men Who Were Running Away from Patrolmen.

Revolvers, the blowing of police whistles and the baying of the police dogs Nogi and Max awakened many of the residents of Borough Park early yesterday, and as is the custom many of the residents joined in what they thought was a burglar chase.

J. H. REID BADLY INJURED. Lieut. Commander Throws Himself from Hospital Window.

Washington, March 7.—Lieutenant Commander James H. Reid, U. S. N., leaped to-day from a second story window of the Navy Hospital, where for two weeks he had been under treatment, and was seriously, if not fatally, injured. The fact that the naval officer escaped instant death is considered by the hospital surgeons as remarkable.

HAAN'S RESTAURANT, PARK ROW BLDG. Refined surroundings for Luncheon. Dinner. Music. Advt.

BIG REDUCTIONS IN NEW TARIFF BILL.

STEEL BILLETS SAID TO BE ON FREE LIST.

Washington, March 7.—The Ways and Means Committee of the House has completed the draft of the tariff bill, and to-day the first printed copies were placed in the hands of members of the committee. Each member is sworn to secrecy, so that only a few of the more important provisions can now be outlined.

Cut Made Throughout Iron Schedule—Leather Duty Reduced—Also That on Wood Pulp.

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SENATOR ALDRICH HAS ACCEPTED THE TASK OF GETTING THE YOUNGER REPUBLICANS INTO LINE.

Senator Aldrich has accepted the task of getting the younger Republicans into line, so that they will stand solidly behind the bill reported by the Finance Committee.

THE HOUSE TARIFF BILL IS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE PRESIDENT WITHIN A DAY OR TWO.

The House tariff bill is to be submitted to the President within a day or two, so that he will be in a position to appreciate its progress and the difficulties of the work and to understand the lines along which the Republican leaders are working.

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REPRESENTATIVE CLARK ON THE COMMITTEE, AS THE LATTER WILL DISPLACE MR. DE ARMOND ON THE RULES COMMITTEE.

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