

ANXIOUS TO ADJOURN

City Council Rushes Through Its Business

TO ATTEND WATER MEETINGS.

Bids for City Printing Opened and Referred—Railroad Franchises Put Over for a Week.

The two houses of the city council held short business sessions last night, and business was rushed through so that the councilmen could attend the meeting at the Armory or at Turner hall on the water question. Bids for the city printing were opened by the aldermen and referred for a week, and the ordinance granting a franchise to the Seattle, Portland & Tacoma Railway Company was again put over for a week. In the house the Great Northern franchise ordinance was referred for a week, to give the corporation another time to investigate the proposed city system. The Seattle Consolidated street railway franchise ordinance was also put over for a week.

THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Bids for City Printing—Thomas' Railroad Franchise—Ordinances Passed. The aldermen rushed through quite a lot of business last night, although some of them were very anxious to get away to attend the water meetings that were held last night. Somebody would make a motion every few minutes to adjourn, and there would be reaching for hats and overcoats, but somebody else would have some ordinance or report that he wanted to get through, and adjournment would be delayed.

Bids for the city printing for 1896 were opened and referred to committee. The bids were as follows: Post-intelligencer Publishing Company—For all city printing, first insertion, 9 cents per inch; each subsequent insertion, 4 cents per inch.

The Times Company—For all city printing, first insertion, 15 cents; subsequent insertions, 7 cents.

Evening News—Ordinances, 14 cents per inch, 9 cents for each subsequent insertion; notices, 14 cents and 5 cents; delinquent tax list, same as the last.

After several efforts had been made to adjourn, Jordan secured the floor and said he had heard rumors that some of the clerks for today's election were not going to be at their posts, and that their places were going to be filled by other men who were opposed to the city grading system. He also tried to create a sensation by asking if the ballots were printed according to law, and said that he could produce "proofs" of chicanery, etc. The rest of the aldermen did not seem to understand where the "chicanery" came in, and Jordan's little sensation broke without a responsive remark.

G. L. Lotz sent a letter to the council claiming he had made the lowest bid for constructing the booths for the election today, and protesting against the award of the contract by Chairman Van Broeklin to somebody else. Lotz bid was \$12,500, and he claimed that Van Broeklin had promised him the contract, and had told him to come around again and close the deal up. When Lotz saw Van Broeklin again, so Lotz claims, the chairman of the board of public works tried to escape, and finally said he had made other arrangements, referred.

The following ordinances were passed: Vacating an alley through certain lots on the tide lands plat for the Frye-Bruin Packing Company. Vacating the easterly 15 3/4-foot of Ninth street, between Burgess and Merrill streets, in Portage addition.

Appropriation ordinance for November accounts. Giving the board of public works authority to lay a two-inch water main on Seneca street from Fourteenth to Fifteenth streets.

Levying a special assessment for redeeming the first annual installments and interest due on the improvement of Willow street.

Authorizing the mayor and controller to issue local improvement bonds for the improvement of Second street.

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The special committee on the proposed ordinance granting a franchise for right-of-way to the Seattle, Portland & Tacoma Railway Company, reported substitute bill changing, for the benefit of this city, the original bill, and giving the company an extension of one month, or to April 1, within which to begin work. The ordinance caused a short discussion, Jordan wanting a provision attached for the payment to the city of one-third of 1 per cent of the gross receipts, he having heard in Tacoma contained such a provision. Hugh L. Thomas, of the company, stated that the conditions were entirely different, and that the Seattle franchise was the most favorable to the city ever granted by the city. The ordinance was finally referred for engrossment.

THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

Railroad Franchises Postponed—Line to G. N. Depot—Ordinances Passed. In the house of delegates the report of the committee on railroads on the Consolidated street railway franchise came up for discussion. Corporation Counsel Scott said that he had examined the proposed franchises for extensions and found that they complied with the charter. Little showed how the committee had arrived at a conclusion to pass all the extensions asked for, except that on Fifth street, and Hurd made a further explanation that there was no objection to the extensions asked for except the one on Fifth street, in regard to which the majority of the committee agreed to act independently. Voice drew attention to the fact that the proposed tracks crossed those of the Great Northern, and this brought forward Receiver M. F. Backus, of the consolidated line, who explained that the subject was to run the line through Jackson street instead of Main, as at present, so as to bring passengers as near to the Great Northern depot as possible, then people would not have to walk two or three blocks in the wet, but could wait in the Great Northern depot for a street car, and get one there. He explained further that the extension asked for at the other end of the line, that to Kinross park, was simply to save passengers on the line from walking the two and a half blocks to Kinross park, as they now did. There was no objection to this, but the diversion of the line from Cedar street to Fifth had the appearance of a new franchise, and a resolution was passed deferring decision upon this point for a week. Meanwhile, the clerk was ordered to advertise, as a mere formal compliance with the law, the other extension asked for. The proposed new franchise ordinance of the Seattle & Montana railroad, on which Corporation Counsel Scott made some suggestions as to paving, was also laid on the table.

The house passed the ordinance authorizing the mayor and controller to levy for the first annual installment and interest on the Willow street improvement bonds, which had already been passed by the board of aldermen. The appropriation ordinance for the month of November was passed.

AMUSEMENTS.

"Charley's Aunt" at Seattle Theater. The three-act farcical comedy "Charley's Aunt," which has caused the success of New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago, St. Louis and San Francisco to forget their cares and troubles for two and a half hours, returned to the Seattle theater last night, after an absence of over a year. The cast contained a number of people that were here the first time it was presented, and they were warmly welcomed. It might be said in truth that while as a rule Seattle audiences are inclined to be cold, it was not the case last evening. "Charley's Aunt" is a comedy that would fall flat were it not well carried out. In the hands of ordinary people it would not be laughable a bit. The present company, however, is strong, well balanced and the new members are certainly every few minutes to adjourn, and there would be reaching for hats and overcoats, but somebody else would have some ordinance or report that he wanted to get through, and adjournment would be delayed.

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ST. LOUIS OR CHICAGO

Will Probably Get Republican National Convention.

SAN FRANCISCO FIGHTING HARD.

The National Committee Will Hear Arguments by Representatives of the Contending Cities Today.

Washington City, Dec. 9.—The Republican national committee will meet tomorrow at the Arlington hotel to select the time and place for holding the national convention next year. As to the time the committee seems to be pretty well agreed that it should be held some time in June, although there are some advocates of a very late convention and a short, sharp winter. The place at which the convention will be held is the subject of a hard but good-natured struggle. Each rival city is being boomed with great diligence. The question of candidates does not appear to enter into the question of the choice of the convention city, and the Republican politicians who swarm about the corridors say that the committee will select the place for the convention and allow the convention to select the candidate. Among those present are some of the most distinguished and powerful leaders of the Republican party. An attempt was made to give the cities a hearing today, but many of the committee members were absent, and it was decided finally to postpone the hearing until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, when each candidate will be given an hour to present his claims. The question of the basis of representation, which will come before the convention for settlement. The leaders, as a rule, claim to be fully to discourage the Southern Republicans by reducing their representation just as they are beginning to fulfill their predictions that the solid South would tear away from her old allegiance and the Democratic party. An effort was made to secure a meeting of the committee, but a quorum was not secured. Those present attempted to take up no business beyond the framing of a telegram to Gov.-elect Bradley, of Kentucky, congratulating him on his election, to be presented to the full committee tomorrow.

The corridors of the Arlington hotel are the storm center of a surging crowd of convention hopefuls and others, the parlors of the hotel being used as headquarters by the various cities. Pittsburg has a point of vantage in the first parlor of the main corridor, the "Café" being held in the room presented by Representatives Dalzell and William A. Stone and C. D. Magee. An adjoining parlor St. Louis has headquarters, with headquarters in the main corridor, the "Café" being held in the room presented by Representatives Dalzell and William A. Stone and C. D. Magee. An adjoining parlor St. Louis has headquarters, with headquarters in the main corridor, the "Café" being held in the room presented by Representatives Dalzell and William A. Stone and C. D. Magee.

The Chicago delegation is also active down stairs, without headquarters. The headquarters of the Ohio delegation, which is looking after the interests of Gov. McKinley, are constantly crowded. The delegation has a permanent organization, with Representative Grosvenor as chairman and Representative Coville as secretary. It is said that as Reed and Allison are in Washington City it is proper that McKinley should be likewise represented through his friends in the city. A meeting was held for the forenoon and authorized Samuel Kennard, head of the Business Men's Association of St. Louis, to announce authoritatively that the colored delegates to the national convention would receive exactly the same accommodations, facilities and treatment at hotels and public places as white delegates; also to make no advance rates during the convention.

The large banquet hall where the hearings are to take place has been elaborately decorated and the room at 2 o'clock only a few committee men had reached the hall. At 2:30 o'clock only twenty members of the committee were present, and it was 3 p. m. before the hearing began. The hearing of the claims of the various cities should be presented. Each city is to have an hour tomorrow for the presentation of their claims, and the hearing will be held in the afternoon. The convention then adjourned, having been in session ten minutes, to 10 o'clock tomorrow.

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aries. Last and most important of all, the Reed influence is secretly against Chicago. The feeling is that Chicago is a hostile territory, and that any other place would be preferable. Pittsburg would be satisfactory but for the discovery that the town is saturated with McKinley sentiment. Simultaneously with that disclosure came the disclosure of lack of hotel accommodations. That may be said to be the knock-out blow. San Francisco being geographically impracticable, Chicago supposedly hostile and Pittsburg dangerous, St. Louis was picked out as the most neutral point in sight, and the Reed play is being made for that city.

A SILVER MAJORITY.

On the Reorganized Senate Committee on Finance. Washington City, Dec. 9.—The Republican caucus committee of the senate was in session three hours today, but adjourned until tomorrow without completing the assignment of the committee memberships. The work accomplished is only tentative, but so far as it has progressed it has confirmed the forecast of chairman Reed. The committee members are assigned as follows: Finance, Reed, Sherman, and Tamm; Commerce, Sherman, and Tamm; Education, Sherman, and Tamm; Agriculture, Sherman, and Tamm; War, Sherman, and Tamm; Navy, Sherman, and Tamm; Post Office, Sherman, and Tamm; Penitentiaries, Sherman, and Tamm; Rivers and Harbors, Sherman, and Tamm; Territories, Sherman, and Tamm; Unexpended Balances, Sherman, and Tamm.

There has been an exchange of places by which Senator Cameron takes a membership place on foreign relations and Senator Wolcott the place on finance which was conceded to Mr. Cameron before he announced his intention to stand for reelection to the senate. There is a probability that this committee will be increased by the addition of one member. This increase will stand 7 to 5 in favor of silver. It is about settled that appropriations will also be increased from nine to eleven members. This will enable Senator Bruce to obtain a place on the committee, and will give the Republicans two appointments there. Senator Pettigrew will receive one of these, and the other will go to either Senator Quay or to a Pacific coast senator.

The Populists probably will retain their present chairmanships so far as they have them, Stewart remaining at the head of the committee in Senate and in the same way, Sherman and Peffer of the committee to examine the several branches of the civil service. It is possible that Kyle may be retained as chief clerk, but it is not yet settled. Butler will be given a minor committee, and Senator Jones of Arkansas will be restored to his old place at the head of the committee on contingent expenses.

Reed and McKinley Look to St. Louis. St. Louis, Dec. 9.—Manager Lewis, of the Southern hotel, received telegrams from Thomas B. Reed and Mark McKimley this afternoon, asking that rooms be reserved for their delegations should St. Louis be decided upon as the place to hold the next Republican convention.

THE FERRY DIVORCE SCANDAL. Mrs. Ferry Charges J. B. Metcalfe, Her Attorney, With Conspiracy. Tacoma, Dec. 9.—Special—A suit filed today in the United States circuit court recalls the Paris scandal of five years ago, when Col. and Mrs. C. P. Ferry, of this city, were divorced. Mrs. Evelyn P. Ferry, the wife, brought an action today to set aside and have declared void her certain portions of the settlement made by her to her husband at the time the divorce was obtained several years ago, by which she accepted \$20,000 in full and final settlement of her claims, and which she now declares to have been worth at that time \$300,000. She alleges that the settlement was procured by fraud and misrepresentation made to her by her attorney, J. B. Metcalfe, whom she makes a party to the suit, and who acted at that time as her attorney. She charges collusion between Metcalfe and her husband, which she was led to believe the property was worth but \$150,000.

The community estate lies in Oregon and Washington. The new claims are one-half of the Oregon property and one-third of the Washington property, and the portion under the laws of each state. A similar suit was begun about the same time in superior court, but failed to obtain judgment.

"Take Our Liberty, but Give Us Debt." More bonds to be issued by the national government. Some were to be created in Seattle? Go! Denounce the foreign, interest-sucking bondholder; but put yourselves into his clutches every chance you get. Don't let us get into debt, but let us take care of our debts. Of course, only let us get to the polls and we will vote for more debt every time.

A Spokane Embezzler Sentenced. Spokane, Dec. 9.—Ex-County Clerk C. O. Downing, convicted of embezzling public funds, was sentenced by Judge Buck today to three years in the penitentiary. Downing's attorney gave notice of an appeal to the supreme court. The court fixed his bond on appeal at \$15,000.

FUNERAL OF H. C. ASHENFELTER. Almost All Spokane Does Him Honor—His Bereaved Family. Edmond S. Meany, registrar of the University of Washington, returned today from Spokane, where he had gone with Dr. F. H. Cox bearing the remains of the late H. C. Ashenfelter, contractor on the university buildings. The funeral took place in Spokane on Sunday, and was one of the most impressive services of the kind ever held in the state. The following organizations took part: Consistory of Scottish Rite Masons, presided over by Dr. E. D. O'Connell, commander; Oriental Lodge, No. 74, of Free Masons, presided over by Grand Master Witherspoon; Odd Fellows, Royal Arcturian; Ancient Order of United Workmen; Battery of the National Guard. The large granite edifice of the Congregational church was filled to overflowing. Short services in the church were conducted by Dr. Cherington, the impressive services of the Scottish Rite Masons were rendered, and the procession of sorrowing friends wound its way to Greenwood cemetery on Sunday, and was kind over held in the state. The following organizations took part: Consistory of Scottish Rite Masons, presided over by Dr. E. D. O'Connell, commander; Oriental Lodge, No. 74, of Free Masons, presided over by Grand Master Witherspoon; Odd Fellows, Royal Arcturian; Ancient Order of United Workmen; Battery of the National Guard. The large granite edifice of the Congregational church was filled to overflowing. Short services in the church were conducted by Dr. Cherington, the impressive services of the Scottish Rite Masons were rendered, and the procession of sorrowing friends wound its way to Greenwood cemetery on Sunday, and was kind over held in the state.

China Exhibition and Sale of Decorative China by the Seattle Ceramic Club, in Riata hall, afternoon and evening, December 12 and 13. Public invited.

Coming Event. The grand Kilmis at the Armory on Thursday and Friday evenings, December 19 and 20, under the direction of Miss Harris, who will arrive this week Wednesday.

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