

THE SEATTLE STAR

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SEATTLE STREET RAILWAY FRANCHISE.

The proposed consolidation of six street railway lines in this city has a forty year franchise string attached to it.

The question as to whether such a long term franchise should be granted by the city is one to be carefully considered by the taxpayers.

What does the new consolidated company propose to offer to the city in exchange for the long term grant?

The promoters of the consolidation say that a free transfer system will be adopted, so that a passenger can go from one end of the city to the other for a five cent fare.

In many Eastern cities the taxpayers are dissatisfied with long term franchises granted to street railway companies, and there is a general tendency to favor shorter terms at this time.

It has often happened that long term franchises have been granted to syndicates which have given poor services, using inferior equipment, and poor cars, and have asked an indignant public what "they propose to do about it."

Admiral Dewey is actually afraid to come home. Reports from Manila all agree that the great admiral is fast losing his nerve as the fatal day approaches when he must bid goodbye to the seclusion of the Orient and return to face an enraptured public.

SOCIETY HAS A CANDIDATE

WASHINGTON, May 12.—Washington's fashionable set is conducting an active campaign in favor of having the next speaker of the house chosen with some regard to social tendencies.

Considered from this point of view, John Dalzell of Pennsylvania has an excellent chance to win the prize.

social amenities are a bore. Mrs. Henderson is a similar character. Under the Reed regime there was no social side to the office.

Labor Scarce at Rockford

ROCKFORD, Ill., May 12.—Rockford furniture factories, it is announced, will advance the wages of all employees July 1.

Car Wheels for Egypt.

WORT WAYNE, May 12.—The mass foundry at Fort Wayne has just shipped ten cars of car wheels to Egypt, where they will be used under cars for the Egyptian State railroad.

TO BE NO MORE SLANG

Indiana and Kentucky Teachers to Purify Language.

NEW ALBANY, Ind., May 12.—A movement for the suppression of slang in the Falls Cities took definite shape at a mass meeting of the clubs of Louisville, Jeffersonville and New Albany, held here today.

RAILWAY NOTES.

The stock of the Grand Trunk railway has been increased in value about eleven million dollars during the last four years.

STRUCK HIM WITH A HATCHET

SKAGWAY, May 5.—Joe Bunvan, otherwise known as "Klondike," is in jail here for striking Ed Drew over the head with a hatchet.

Will Be Sent Home.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 12.—The special board of inquiry appointed by Immigration Commissioner North, has ordered the deportation of the twelve Filipinos who arrived here on the City of Peking.

IS BEFORE MCKINLEY NOW

WASHINGTON, May 12.—It is for President McKinley to decide whether Missouri shall have five Democratic and eight Republican supervisors of the census, according to the spirit of the census law, or whether the Republicans of the State shall be permitted to name 13 supervisors, and stand the prospect of a fight to a finish with Senators Cookrell and Vest when the matter reaches the Senate.

Census Director William H. Merriam, tired of the attempts of the Missouri Republicans to dictate to him what he shall do, has submitted the matter to the executive and will remain for him to determine finally.

The two senators from Missouri have had nothing to say in the matter so far. They have not attempted to influence the action of the Director of the Census of that of the president.

Label the Bottles.

CHICAGO, May 12.—Four witnesses testified before the senate committee yesterday of the dangerous nature of all embalmed foods, and it was decided that labels should be placed on the bottles containing the fluids.

GERMANS INDIGNANT

Accuse the Associated Press of Sending Out Fake News

Placing Their Country in an Unjust Light—A Vigorous Protest to Be Made.

CHICAGO, May 12.—Dissatisfied with the prejudiced and unreliable reports which have been furnished them in the guise of foreign news forms by the Associated Press, about fifty proprietors of newspapers published in German are preparing to hold a meeting in Chicago to enter a protest with the directors of the news octopus.

The annual meeting of the Associated Press is scheduled for May 13, and before that time the meeting of the German subscribers will have been held. The plans of the publishers are shrouded in secrecy, but it was learned last night that Richard Michaels, of the Chicago Free Press, has already sent a formal protest to the Associated Press, and he is said to be a leading spirit in the plans for the meeting.

German editors declare that the Associated Press has used every agency in its power to cause serious misunderstandings between the United States and Germany, with the ultimate purpose of causing a war and promoting the plan of a close union between England and this country.

AN INFIDEL'S FUNERAL

Michigan Man Skeptical of the Hereafter.

NILES, Mich., May 12.—Joseph Deemer, of Shepherds, an eccentric individual, who has been an infidel for many years, was buried today. Two years ago Deemer had his coffin made and according to his wishes he was buried in his front yard.

Mammoth and Midget.

NILES, Mich., May 12.—At Prescott Charles Howard and Miss Mabel Grace Hamilton were married by Justice John R. McDonald. The groom, who is 34 years old, is the smallest man in the state, weighing only 85 pounds; the bride, aged 30, tips the scales at 384 pounds.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Licenses to wed were issued yesterday for Philip Dunford, 21, and Jessie McCullum, 18, both of Seattle; Herman John Marx, 23, and Tillie Matilda Carstens, 22, both of Seattle.

SITE FOR A SMELTER

MAY BE SELECTED ON THE NORTH FORK FOR GRAVES PLANT.

COLUMBIA, B. C., May 12.—J. P. Graves, of Spokane, is again working a business prospect with his smelter project. He has been examining a property on the North Fork of the Kettle river within a couple of miles of this place and tomorrow morning a party of railroad surveyors will be put to work to run a trial line to the suggested site from a point a short distance up the Columbia and Western. The result of this survey will no doubt be important in helping Mr. Graves to come to a conclusion as to the site to be selected. He said last night that no definite decision had yet been arrived at in the matter.

Another Mysterious Fire

SALEM, Ill., May 12.—The large barn of ex-Sheriff Samuel R. Carrigan, of near Fairman, ten miles to the northwest of this city, was destroyed by fire yesterday. Loss, in the neighborhood of \$100,000, with no insurance. Carrigan has lost three barns by mysterious fires. Neighbors saw a man yesterday fleeing from the burning barn shortly after the fire was discovered. Bloodhound has been put on the trail. A reward of \$250 is offered for the capture and conviction of the guilty person.

BUILDING PERMITS.

Business permits have been issued to L. A. Wilmut for alteration at 201-511 Pike street, cost \$2500; J. Nelson, for alterations at 659 King street, cost \$100; William Lambartine to build a two-story frame residence at 912 Tenth avenue south, cost \$1200; P. Price to build a one-story frame residence at 911 East Alder street, cost \$1000; E. O. Marshall for alterations at 119 Occidental avenue, cost, \$125.

NEWS OF OAKSDALE

Streets Are Being Improved—Wheat All Sown.

OAKSDALE, Wash., May 12.—The city council is working a large force of men and teams on the streets, and say they expect to put Oaksdale streets in as good condition as any town in the Palouse. Gravel may be used on them later on.

Wheat is practically all sown in this vicinity, and the early sown grain is looking well. Farmers say the prospects are as good as in any previous year of a number one crop and if the vast amount of grain now being sown should remain in the warehouses until the new crop comes in, which at the low prices it is believed it will do, warehouse room will be at a high premium unless new buildings are erected.

NO FRIENDS REVEALED

Trusts Get the Cold Shoulder

FROM THE G. O. P. AND DEMOCRATS

Both These Parties Will Pronounce Against Them in National Platforms.

NEW YORK, May 12.—The Herald publishes today the following from its Washington correspondent: Senator-elect Depeew's declaration that the next Republican platform will undoubtedly contain a declaration condemning trusts is concurred in by many Republican leaders.

Rep. Henderson of Iowa, who, if he is not elected speaker of the house, will be chairman of the Judiciary committee, to which any anti-trust bill would be referred, said tonight that he had no doubt the Republican party would declare against trusts in its next platform.

"The trouble is," said he, "that it is very difficult to determine just where the line between national and state authority lies. There is no doubt whatever as to the power of the states to deal with the trust, but how far the national government can go under the power delegated to it by the constitution, it is difficult to say."

I asked Mr. Henderson if it had not gone as far as it could under the constitution when the so-called Sherman anti-trust law was enacted. He replied:

"I am not certain about that. I am not convinced that congress cannot go further. It is a subject to which I have given a great deal of thought, but it is a difficult one to deal with, and it is one which congress will have to consider very carefully."

WORK OF EXPERTS.

Robbers Blow Open a Post-office Safe in Idaho.

RATHDRUM, Idaho, May 12.—Between the hours of 2 and 5 a. m. on Tuesday the postoffice in this city was robbed. Burglars forced an entrance through two windows in adjoining rooms to get into the store and postoffice. The safe was blown open, sacks of flour being piled up against the door to deaden the sound.

It was, evidently, the work of experts, as they made a neat job of it. A committee of the mercantile department money and stamps, as well as some personal money. This is quite a blow to the postmaster, just as he is being chased about a month ago, is a total wreck.

Every effort is being made to capture the thieves, who are thought to be a trio of hoboes who were in town all day Monday.

SALE OF CITY LOTS IN ATLIN

To Take Place on and After May 17.

ATLIN, B. C., May 12.—Special to the Star—May 17 is the date decided upon by the government for the sale of city lots. After that date the present chaotic condition of affairs will cease to exist, building will revive with a rush and upon all sides there promises to be an activity in the work to get a completion as possible. The government is making heroic efforts to establish a relief to the present condition of affairs as speedily as possible. Mr. J. H. Brownlee, the government land surveyor, and his corps of assistants have already accomplished much in straightening out the tangle. In the last 60 days they have surveyed the entire townsite, laid out the streets, etc.

The town of Discovery, on Pine creek, will next be placed on the market, probably not before June 15. The general conditions applying to Atlin will also apply to Discovery, Taku City and Surprise City, which latter sales will follow after Discovery in the order named.

This place has a new paper, started last Saturday, April 29, and it is known as the Atlin Claim. It is a weekly of four pages and sixteen columns and is published by Cowan and Mackay. It sells for 25 cents.

The death of two old men occurred during the week. The first occurred on Wednesday afternoon at about 1 o'clock, being a man named Vance, of Portland, Or., aged 60 years. He had suffered from erysipelas. On Thursday John Peters, a native of Heligoland, aged about 70 years, died from pleurisy. Both

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HOW TO FIGHT THE TRUSTS

Counter-Organization Urged by Central Labor Union.

At the meeting of the Western Central Labor Union, in their hall on Third avenue Wednesday, the following representatives of the respective unions were seated as delegates: H. D. Medlock, of the Cigar-makers' union, and J. Harrigan, of the Machinists' union.

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A Marriage Mystery.

NEW YORK, May 12.—A coach occupied by a stylishly dressed couple stopped in front of the house of Justice of the Peace Oscar Schlichting in Hoboken late last night. The two aroused the justice and requested to be married at once. After the ceremony was performed the bride party, accompanied by the justice and two witnesses, adjourned to a near by hostelry, where a number of bottles of champagne were drunk before the couple departed.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Real estate transfers filed yesterday were: Joe Gasser to J. G. Millican, \$700, lots 8 and 9 in block 63, Gilman park add. Albert E. Joale, receiver to Leander A. Dow, \$10, lots 34, 35, 36 and 37 block 28 Wash. Cen. Improvement Co. Knob Hill add. to Kent. Mary A. Soule and husband to H. C. McDonald, \$1500, 80 feet of lot 1 blk 1, Eastern add. Sheriff's deed to Portland Savings bank, \$1573.31, lot 157 blk 6, plat of Columbia. Charles L. Nichols and wife to F. P. Zehring, \$300, lot 15 blk 11, East Lake add. Angus McAulay and wife to Edwin W. Simpson, \$1, lot 2 blk 6, Baxter's add. Sheriff's deed to Seattle Building & Loan association, \$760.07, lots 9 and 10 blk 63, Ward's South shore division Green Lake add. Henry Lewis and wife to Frank S. Towle, \$200, lot 23 blk 17, Gilman park.

AMUSEMENTS.

John Griffith opened a three night's engagement at the Seattle theater last night, appearing in "The Avenger." In the romantic role of the Avenger, Mr. Griffith certainly surprised his most ardent admirers. He was clever, and his supporting company answered all of the demands made of it. The audience was not large, and those who did not attend missed a rare treat. Tonight Mr. Griffith will appear in "A Fool's Revenge." The engagement closes tomorrow night with "The Belts."

The third avenue theater has had a good attraction this week, and Bobby Gaylor and the company appearing in McSorley's Twins has pleased the patrons of the house. The engagement closes tomorrow night, the usual matinee being given on tomorrow afternoon. Next week "The Rays, in "A Hot Old Time," will fill in the week.

McFadden's Row of Flats opens at the Seattle theater Sunday night.

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