

SEIZURE OF STREET CARS BRINGS COMPANY TO TIME

TENDERS A CHECK FOR TAXES MINUS INTEREST CHARGES

VANDERVEER ADVISES SETTLEMENT

Stalled Cars Released Pending Submission of Difficulties to Attorney General Bell - Company's Tender Good for Two Hours.

After County Treasurer Matt H. Gormley had tied up a half dozen street car lines in the north end of the city this morning...

Howe formally tendered a check for \$167,172.86, plus the cost of seizing the cars. Mr. Gormley refused the check because there was no provision made for the payment of the delinquent interest...

WHAT THE LAW PROVIDES. The law says that in case of failure to pay personal property taxes there shall be a delinquent penalty of 15 per cent.

Prosecuting Attorney Vanderveer says that he and Attorney General Bell discussed this subject on one occasion, and that the attorney general agrees with him that the statute, as it stands, provides that the seized property shall be returned upon the payment of the taxes and the cost of seizure.

Howe made his formal tender in the prosecuting attorney's office at 1 o'clock this afternoon. The decision from the attorney general must be made by 3 o'clock.

CARS RUN DURING CONFERENCE. Gormley decided to allow the seized cars to run while the conference was being held in Vanderveer's office.

Passengers Cheer Deputies. The next seizure was at West Queen Anne and Mercer sts., where an inbound and outbound car were stopped.

At Cedar and Second av. two Ray st. cars were seized and in two out-bound tracks tied up.

The first car in operation to be seized was No. 642 of the North end line, which was just in front of the barns.

The First Car Seized by Gormley



Car No. 642 Was the First Car Seized by County Treasurer Gormley this morning, in Front of the Cedar Street Car Barns. A Deputy Is Standing on the Car Steps and an Excited Group of Conductors and Motormen Is Standing About the County Deputies, Trying to Find Out What It Is All About.

FRANCHISE MAY BE DECLARED FORFEITED

City Council Can Do So if the Seattle Electric Co. Fails to Operate Its Cars.

Cars shall be run over the various routes hereinafter described for the transportation of passengers and freight at such reasonable intervals between the hours of 6 o'clock a. m. and 12 o'clock midnight as the city council may from time to time prescribe by ordinance for any or all of said lines.

The city has a right to declare forfeited the Seattle Electric company's franchise in case it fails to operate cars on its lines, and there is no doubt but that this action will be demanded by some of the councilmen if the present embargo continues through the day and over until tomorrow.

Superintendent of Public Utilities Valentine stated that his sphere of action was limited. He sent inspectors out to investigate and report back to him by 1 o'clock this afternoon.

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WHAT WILL YOU DO ABOUT IT?

The utter contempt in which the Seattle Electric company holds the people of Seattle was shown this morning when the officials allowed the county treasurer to tie up their lines rather than pay their just taxes.

Here is a foreign corporation that has made millions of dollars in Seattle; a corporation which owes everything it possesses to the people, which uses the people's streets supposedly at the suffrage of the people, which supposedly operates under the laws of the people—and insolently refuses to pay taxes.

There is but one explanation for this outrageous conduct—the Seattle Electric company, with astounding egotism, considers itself, by mere force of its dollars, to be above the law and above the people.

And shall this corporation flout all laws; shall it be permitted to declare and keep in force its private brand of corporate anarchy for its especial benefit?

Will THE SEATTLE ELECTRIC COMPANY PAY OR LOSE? That depends upon you and the courts. The attitude of the Seattle Electric company officials is easy to comprehend.

Will the people of Seattle stand behind their officials in the performance of their sworn duty? Will they get up earlier in the morning to walk? Will they walk home after a long, tiresome day? It all depends upon the people.

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IS ALEXANDRA ILL? LONDON, May 11.—The eagerness of the royal physicians in denying that the queen mother is in poor health leads to the belief here today that she is seriously ill.

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THE FLIES ARE HERE; SWAT THEM!

Dr. Crichton Instructs All Inspectors to Haul Down Their War Clubs and Biff the Pesky Things.

The summer's campaign against the typhoid germ bearing house fly has started in Seattle.

Health Commissioner Crichton has issued instructions to all inspectors in the city health department to begin right now to stop the breeding of the common house fly, which, according to all the authorities of the day, is one of the most, if not the most, potent factors in the spread of typhoid fever.

Every stable in the city will be rigorously inspected, and the city ordinances providing for the hauling of manure, in which 98 per cent of the house flies are bred, will be enforced to the letter.

While the manure is held waiting to be removed, it must be kept in a tight box, and ventilated in a manner laid down by the health department. There is to be no laxity allowed anywhere or at any time during the summer.

Clean Up Campaign. In addition to this, a general clean up campaign of the city is to be inaugurated. Rubbish piles must be destroyed or given to the garbage man to be carted away for destruction.

It is incumbent on every household to clean up his own premises, both for his own protection and for the protection of the general public.

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Odds and Ends From Everywhere

Denver.—A coroner's jury has determined that the revolver shot that caused the death of Frank L. Smith, son of Eben Smith, millionaire, was self-inflicted.

Two girls and three boys were born in Seattle yesterday.

Representative Mann, in an interview in Washington yesterday, said that Miles Polindexter is the most "obnoxious" insurgent in the house.

Des Moines, Ia.—Senators Dolliver and Cummins opened the progressive republican campaign in Iowa last night, with some very warm raps at the regular in congress.

Hoquiam.—Logging camps will be closed this summer for from 30 to 60 days, because of the glutted market.

Nine marriage licenses were issued, six complaints in divorce filed and one decree in divorce granted in King county yesterday.

Portland, Ore.—Insanity is the de-

Washington.—W. F. McMahon has been appointed postmaster of Auburn, Wash.

Vancouver, Wash.—The next annual convention of the Knights of Columbus will be held in Aberdeen.

Tacoma.—James A. Wood, of Seattle, addressed the state conference of charities and corrections in this city yesterday, on publicity.

Nine deaths were recorded in Seattle yesterday.

Superior Judge Shackelford, of Tacoma, yesterday ruled that the various counties should pay for the robes worn by the superior court judges.

FIGHTING FOR A BRIDGE ON STONE AVENUE

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COSTA RICA IS SHAKING AGAIN

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, May 11.—A succession of slight earthquakes shocks today, together with increasing eruptions of the volcanoes Poas and Irazu, spread terror throughout the district.

Volcano dust is settling over the country for miles. The towns on the mountains have been deserted. Many persons are dying of pestilence in the refugee camps and conditions are terrible, owing to lack of food, clothing and medicine.

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