

TAKE STEEL TO TIME

Council Plans Prompt Repairs of Pavements.

DO-NOTHING COMMITTEE IS OUT

New Committee Named to Prepare Plans With Instructions to Get Busy-Deplorable Condition of Many Bridges.

The subject of street repairs occupied the attention of the City Council during most of the session of yesterday afternoon. Members urged that the subject of the most important with which the Council has to deal. When it was shown that the special committee on street repairs has failed to perform the functions of its office, it was summarily voted out of existence and a new committee appointed.

It will be the duty of this committee to proceed without delay to draw up an effective plan that the city would report the plan at the next meeting of the Council, in the form of a resolution.

This resolution will be drawn up so as to provide for the care of all newly improved streets. It is argued that, should small breaks in the paving be repaired as soon as they appear and before they have a chance to spread, thousands of dollars will be saved.

The attention of the Council was drawn to the subject by Mr. Fiegel, who said: "During the first six months of existence of newly-paved streets they receive practically no attention from any source. Small holes are allowed to expand into larger holes. Instead of checking the damage in its infancy, the city allows the damage to run along until it becomes serious and the cost is doubled many times over. Just now we have miles of the new streets which are not getting any attention. Old streets that are in condition are being repaired and these new streets which are under contract to keep in proper condition are neglected."

Fill Holes While They Are Small.

Mr. Fiegel concluded by predicting that, if active steps are not taken during the next two months to care for new streets, the city will be forced within the next two years, to issue bonds for the purpose of sinking thousands of dollars in repairs.

Mayor Williams endorsed this statement by saying that he has personally observed the daily growth of holes in street pavement until a large sum was required to patch up a hole that had been there for some time and which the rent first made its appearance.

Mr. Rumell, chairman of the old special committee, admitted that he, the committee and he failed to take any action and stated that it was because of a lack of understanding of the duties rather than negligence. He was willing that the committee should be discharged and that the service to give place to a more lively committee and expressed a willingness to serve on the new one and live up to all requirements.

Mayor Williams then appointed Councilmen Albee, Rumell and Fiegel, with City Engineer Elliott associated, as a special committee and instructed them to get busy at once.

Bad Condition of Bridges.

A report was submitted from the City Engineer on the bridges of the city, many of which are in wretched condition and during the past few months have been closed to the public. It is stated that there are nearly 40 bridges that are unfit for use and, as there is no money on hand that can be used in repairing them, the City Engineer has advised that he will build barricades to prevent traffic. These barricades will be kept in place until a solution of the problem of repairing the bridges can be reached. It may be rather an extended period as property owners have remonstrated against paying the cost of repairs and the city does not feel in duty bound to assume the cost.

Authority was granted the City Treasurer to call in and cancel another \$20,000 batch of improvement bonds, that sum of money having accumulated in the City Treasury.

Consider Morrison Bridge Plans.

Plans and specifications for the new Morrison-street bridge will be considered this afternoon by the bridge committee of the Executive Board. A special meeting for this purpose has been set for 4 P. M. at the office of Mayor Williams. It is expected that there will be a large delegation of river men and pilots on hand to view the new plans and make suggestions.

Barbers Who Passed Muster.

The grading of the papers of those who took the recent civil service examination for chain men in the city surveying corps was completed yesterday. Of the 11 men who took the test, all but four were successful. The successful ones are: Francis X. Sherlock, W. J. Ward, John E. Clune, R. F. Beatty, William H. Johnson, C. E. Lee, D. W. Demmer, H. C. Hachensy, W. W. Frazier, Eugene Walsh, M. L. Hayes, J. J. Gorman, C. E. Harding.

WAR ON BARBERS' SCHOOL

"Professor" H. L. Briggs is Arrested.

A war of lather and shaving brushes is promised between the State Board of Barber Examiners and H. L. Briggs, of the Portland Barber College. The board, backed by the Barbers' Union, made the first hit yesterday when Briggs was arrested charged with conducting a barber school unlawfully.

It's all because Briggs advertises that his college for tonorial artists can grind out gilt-edged barbers in eight weeks that was declared upon him some time ago by the regulation barbers of the city.

"Why, I've spent seven years at my trade and I've learned it yet," said one of the prominent members of the local Barbers' Union last evening. "This man says he can turn out a high-class barber in eight weeks from the time he begins the course at the college."

Briggs' university for students in the barber trade is conducted at 23 Everett street. Other barbers say that it is not up to requirements in sanitation, but the State Board of Barber Examiners, though they have had the president of the college arrested, have not issued any suspension of his license.

The complaint against Briggs was made by J. C. Wells, president of the local Barbers' Union, and one of the members of the State Board of Barber Examiners. The other members of the board are F. T. Rogers, of Portland, and H. G. Mayers, of Salem. Briggs is the secretary and treasurer of the American Barber College Corporation, which owns the college here.

When the quick-time barber college started business some time ago the barbers laughed and said that they would soon put it out of the town.

"I want it to start just in order to show the public how quickly we will put it out of business," said T. M. Lenko, the secretary of the Barbers' Union, last August.

But try as the barbers might and did, they could find no complaints made against the school, through which they could "put it out of business." Whether the charge preferred by Wells will be sufficient remains to be seen.

"I feel sorry for that board, for they are between the devil and the deep sea," Briggs is reported to have said in commenting upon his arrest. "They must keep on the good side of the union in order to hold their jobs and their shaky laws will not permit of much legal criticism."

NEW PASTOR WELCOMED.

Rev. F. L. Young Succeeds Rev. W. T. Kerr, of Central M. E. Church.

Central Methodist Episcopal Church of Albina last night sped the parting of the former pastor, Rev. W. T. Kerr, and welcomed the new pastor, Rev. F. L. Young. There was a large attendance in the auditorium, where a short programme of addresses and music was rendered. In order to hold their jobs and their shaky laws will not permit of much legal criticism.

Mr. Kerr rounds out a quarter of a century of active work in the ministry, beginning his work in the Central Illinois conference when he was a young man of 30 years. He also served four years in the Union Army.

Rev. F. L. Young, who succeeds Mr. Kerr at Central Church, was pastor at Clark for one year. He was transferred from Eastern Oregon to the Western Oregon conference.

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TO HOLD THE FORT

Mrs. Riggs to Take Up Abode at Crittenton Home.

SHE PAYS IT DAILY VISITS

Majority of Board of Managers Calls for Her Resignation, at Which Her Friends Are Indignant, but She Holds On.

Mrs. Riggs still holds the fort and refuses to budge. Officers of the Florence Crittenton Home are still awaited to settle the dispute.

The parlor of the Home has been fitted up for a new guest. In place of the piano stands an iron bed. The stove and are old carpet have been removed; also the lounge and the hat rack. The new guest is to be Mrs. Riggs.

Mrs. Riggs announces that she intends to take up her abode at the Home. Several days ago she gave out that intelligence, but she has deferred moving from day to day. However, she has visited the institution every day for a week past, sometimes staying in the morning and other times going away in the gloaming. Such concatenation of visits is wholly unprecedented.

Any minute Mrs. Kate Waller Barrett, general superintendent of the National Mission, may drop in. Mrs. Riggs has expected Mrs. Barrett's advent for about a week and will be on hand when the stranger arrives.

Several days ago the opponents of Mrs. Riggs on the board of managers did something perfectly awful—they asked for Mrs. Riggs' resignation.

The petitioners were: Mrs. M. E. Hoxter, Mrs. S. E. Foster, Mrs. Agnes McGowan and Mrs. H. J. Shum, who also acted as sealer.

The signers were: Mrs. H. H. Crozier, Mrs. Hamilton Meade, Mrs. J. C. Moreland, Mrs. H. C. Albee, Mrs. A. J. Hamilton and Mrs. Frank Hachensy.

The meeting opened with prayer, in which the mercy of the Most High was invoked to lend pacific inspiration.

First of Mrs. Riggs' answers to read the petition was Mrs. B. T. Rankin. She passed it to Mrs. Riggs. Mrs. Riggs read and passed the paper to Mrs. L. J. Amos.

That's another blow, said Mrs. Amos. But Mrs. Rankin was no gentle woman; the petitioners. She read them a fiery lecture. Why had Mrs. Albee, who never attended the meetings of the board, signed the petition? That was what Mrs. Rankin wanted to know. And why had not Mrs. Shams signed, who had been the first to raise the standard of rebellion against Mrs. Riggs?

The upshot of the conference was that Mrs. Riggs, president; Mrs. Amos, vice-president; and Mrs. Rankin, secretary, deemed the petition insolent and preposterous and worthy of consideration by such a dignified body as the board of managers, even though the document was signed by six women, and Mrs. Riggs had only three women to hold down her end of the table.

In spite of the order of Mrs. M. M. Wolfe, National organizer, that all inmates must be kept six months, Mrs. Riggs has refused to consent to this. She is permitted to go about that period.

Mrs. Riggs is not dismayed by the refusal of the State Commissioners to disburse any more funds for the Home until she resigns.

RETURNS TO THE CHARGE

Reed Objects to Report of Receiver Sigler.

W. I. Reed, in the matter of the receivership of the Rainier Mill & Lumber Company, has filed objections to the report of the receiver, Bluford D. Sigler, and asks that he be held to account for all property that came into his hands.

Reed has filed his objections in the form of an affidavit in the State Circuit Court yesterday.

Some time ago the mill was advertised for sale by order of the court, and at the time the receiver, Charles Wilder, representing his brother, Gardner K. Wilder, bought the property for \$30,000. The terms of the sale were 10 per cent down, which on the Wilder bid, amounted to \$3,000. The receiver, Charles Wilder, had a deposit, and the sale was not consummated. Reed afterwards bought the mill for \$15,000, and he now asks that the receiver be made to account for the difference between the price and the Wilder bid of \$15,000, which, he says, the receiver would not have to do if he had made Wilder come down with the 10 per cent deposit, which could have been forfeited when Wilder backed out of the deal.

Reed adds that it is not true, as alleged by Sigler in his report as receiver, that the necessity of filing an inventory

was waived, and says that he does not know that certain property transferred to the receiver was lost, but is unable to state just now what it consists on account of not having an inventory.

Reed alleges that it is not true that the 10 per cent of the bid of the mill was to be paid when the report of the sale was made to the court, but asserts that it was to have been exacted from the successful bidder immediately after the bid was accepted, to insure the faithful performance of the contract.

Reed further states that he frequently demanded a statement from the receiver of his accounts so as to be advised of the financial condition of the concern, but was never able to obtain a statement. The receiver is criticised for cancelling the insurance on the mill, and states that had he never assented to it, it would be useless to employ a day watchman.

Concerning the financial statement submitted by Mr. Sigler, the allegation is made by Reed that the same is incorrect until all of the original books have been placed in his hands so that he can ascertain if the accounts were properly transferred to the receiver's books, and the charge is also made that the books, as presented to the court, do not balance with the cash on hand.

Mr. Reed asks that the business of the Grays River Logging Camp be closed by the receiver at the time of the sale, that he recover is paying interest on \$2000 when he has plenty of money on hand to pay the amount. These, and perhaps other objections will be argued before Judge Fraser and passed upon.

TRYING TO PLACE THE BLAME.

Almond Branch Collision With Bridge Ascribed to Anderson.

Evidence for the defense was submitted yesterday in the suit of Multnomah County against the Williamson & Columbia River Lumber Company, Pacific Export Lumber Company et al., to recover damages on account of the collision of the Almond Branch with the Morrison street bridge on February 12, 1903.

John M. Lewis, of the Pacific Export Lumber Company, was on the bridge of the steamship Almond Branch at the time of the accident, as was Captain Anderson, the master of the vessel, and Henry A. Emken, pilot. Mr. Lewis testified that he heard no protest from the pilot wanted two towboats, but they were unable to get two at the time and so went ahead with one. There was a conversation between Captain Anderson and Henry A. Emken regarding where the Vulcan should be lashed to the Almond Branch, and it was decided to attach the steamer to the stern of the vessel.

Mr. Lewis testified that he saw the pilot-William Mitchell, pilot, was in the pilot-room of the Vulcan and received orders from Emken. The witness also testified that after maneuvering for some time an attempt was made to go through the draw, but the current interfered. The bridge draw was then closed to allow people and cars to cross the bridge. The draw was reopened and several more attempts to pass through were made. The current caused the bow of the Almond Branch to swing to one side or the other. Captain Anderson pushed a telegraph button for the engine of his ship to go ahead, and signaled his crew to stand for orders. It was this action on the part of the master of the Almond Branch, according to the opinion of the witnesses, brought on the collision, and Mr. Emken was not responsible for it.

Henry A. Emken, the pilot, testified that he was engaged by the Pacific Export Lumber Company to take the Almond Branch from Astoria to Portland and return. He was on the vessel by request of the captain of the vessel, and her down to the North Pacific Lumber Company's wharf from Inman, Poulsen & Co.'s. He applied for two towboats, but they would not go down any more. The witness said he remarked at the time, "We will have to drift down; we can't tow."

Mr. Emken then told of the closing and reopening of the draw and said the vessel finally got into position and would have passed through the draw all right, when Captain Anderson, who is a very nervous man, and the witness said he saw him not to. "We were getting along fine and there is never any danger in drifting."

Emken has been a pilot on the Williamsonette River for 25 years. He blames the accident entirely on Captain Anderson. Neither the latter nor the ship Almond Branch is a party to this suit.

FIGHTING TAX LIENS.

Property-Owners File More Suits Against County to Cancel These.

Suits against Multnomah County to get aside tax liens are still common, and hardly a day passes but what two or more of such cases are filed. A suit to cancel lien against the county was filed by Judge Cleland, who said that he had since Judge Cleland decided that compromises made by the County Court are void.

Frank Spredborough yesterday brought suit in the State Circuit Court against the county to cancel taxes on lot 7, block 1, in Patton's addition, for the years 1892, 1893, 1894 and 1895. The county heretofore bid in the property for tax under the act of 1901, and is about to sell it under the provision of the same act. The complaint sets forth that the county, under the law of 1901, has not secured any title to the property and has nothing to sell, and other legal objections have been raised. An order of court has been obtained enjoining the sale.

Emma Godfrey has instituted suit against Multnomah County to quiet title to property at West Salmon and King street. The case is one of Lewis and Clark school district No. 1, and others claim an interest in the property because of a tax title.

WILL SENTENCE JOHNSON.

Judge Cleland to Perform Last Act in Trial of Young Highwayman.

Admir Johnson, who pleaded guilty to a charge of robbery about two weeks ago, is to be sentenced this morning by Judge Cleland. Johnson held up a messenger boy and stole a few cents from him and is also said to have played the role of highwayman in several other cases, assisted by his young wife, who states that she is only 17 years old. Mrs. Johnson is also locked up in jail on a larceny charge.

Johnson is a son of A. A. Johnson, who was a well-known butcher and capitalist in Portland. His parents are both dead. The Johnson estate was valued at \$88,000, but it was eaten up by debts. Since the arrest of Johnson his brothers and sisters and various old friends of his father, including Richard Williams, the attorney, have interested themselves in his behalf with a view of lessening his punishment.

WILL Decide Damage Suit.

Judge Fraser will announce a decision today in the case of William R. Moffett vs. Oregon & California Railroad Company; motion for judgment on the pleadings.

Examining the Orientals.

The Immigration Inspectors are still examining the Asiatics brought over in the steamer of the steamship Indramah. Of the 7 Japanese passengers, 6 have been landed. The other ten are being held for further examination. Some of them seem to be afflicted with loathsome diseases and one is alleged to be a contract laborer. The Chinese have all had their preliminary examination.

Japanese Wanted at Astoria.

ORON CITY, Oct. 21.—(Special)—Kanaka, a Japanese, was arrested at Milwaukee today by Deputy Sheriff Charles Noblitt and will be returned to Astoria. He is wanted for robbery at Clifton, Clatsop County.

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HISTORIC STRUCTURE TO BE REPRODUCED AT ST. LOUIS.

Cost Will Be \$100,000, and It Will Resemble That of Lewis and Clark as Nearly as Possible.

The power, what were the measurements and general appearance, exactly, of venerable Fort Clatsop? was anxiously discussed at a meeting last night in the Chamber of Commerce of the state Lewis and Clark Fair Commission. The meeting was called to discuss a plan for the Oregon state building to be erected at the St. Louis Fair. After considerable discussion those present admitted that they were not "up" on Fort Clatsop lore, as it was next to impossible to obtain the exact particulars concerning the old fort from the journals of Lewis and Clark. The sentiment of the meeting was that the proposed state building ought to resemble Fort Clatsop as nearly as possible. Ultimately, a plan drawn up by Walden & Lewis was approved and ordered to be sent to President Jeff B. Myers, who is now at St. Louis, asking the exact appearance of Fort Clatsop, and its measurements, etc. "Put in the stockade as a feature if you like," he urged. And by post he came to the place Fort Clatsop. "Nobody came for the stockade then, for thunder storms with rain arise unaccountably at St. Louis," said another objector.

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