

WORKMAN'S SPARE IS BUSY IN PARKS

Lighting Systems, Flower-Planting and Drive-Making Occupy Employees.

THOUSANDS OF SHRUBS SET

Sunken Gardens, Attractive Nooks and Other Features Rushed for Tourist Invention on Way to Fairs Next Summer.

The opening of Spring last week marked the commencement of extensive improvements of a permanent nature in the various parks, playgrounds and boulevards of the city. Work was started on improvements to cost nearly \$40,000.

Under the direction of Park Superintendent Conwill a special effort is being made this season to make an exceptionally good showing in the parks next Summer for the benefit of the thousands of visitors who are expected here en route to the San Francisco and San Diego expositions. In addition to completing as many permanent improvements as possible, the parks are being filled with flowers and shrubs and are being placed in excellent condition.

Improvements in General.

Permanent lighting systems are being installed, walks are being built, bridges and footpaths constructed, drives improved, wading pools built and hundreds of thousands of flowers and shrubs planted.

One of the scenes of most activity is Mount Tabor Park. Here a large force of men is at work on the drives and walks. The walks are being laid out in graceful curves about the sides of the mountain and benches and other conveniences are being installed. More than 100,000 shrubs have been planted along the walks and drives in this park. Workmen are completing the construction of wide steps up the hill. There are 500 steps in all.

In Laurelhurst Park workmen are busy putting up 50 ornamental light poles. These line the walks and drives, giving the park an attractive appearance. The poles are of concrete and are painted white. Lights will be installed on each pole. The entire lighting system in Laurelhurst Park will cost about \$5000. It is proposed later to construct a three-acre lake in the park.

Car of Choice Shrubs Arrives.

A carload of choice shrubs from France, South Carolina and Georgia have been received for planting in Laurelhurst. Walks are being laid in this park and improvements are being made on the drives, lawns and flower beds. Comfort stations recently were completed.

In Kenilworth Park a fence has been built. Ornamental light poles are being erected and a lighting system will be finished in a bout six weeks. Improvements are being made on walks and drives.

In Columbia Park electricians have just finished the installation of a \$3000 lighting system. There have been planted about 600,000 flowers of various kinds. Improvements have been made on the walks and drives. On the pathways a new type of wearing surface known as "litter" has been laid.

Sunken Gardens Nearly Done.

At Peninsula Park workmen are completing the brickwork on the sunken gardens and colonnades surrounding the garden. Flower tubs are to grace the pillars. In Lincoln playground a wading pool is being installed.

Terwilliger boulevard on the sidewalk in South Portland is being provided with a six-foot gravel and crushed rock pathway. The walk will extend the full length of the boulevard, making an excellent place for a stroll. At Lents playground a wading pool is being built and other improvements are being made. Two small comfort stations are being installed.

In Sellwood improvements are being made on the lawns, walks, roadways and some of the present permanent fixtures and the playground and swimming pool are being worked out for improvements in Washington Park. These are not definite yet, because of the necessity of deciding on the disposition of the zoo. As soon as a proper place for the zoo is chosen plans for improvements there will be made. Workmen are endeavoring to place the lawns and walks in excellent condition.

In all the other parks improvements are being made on lawns, walks and drives.

GOVERNOR FOR SUFFRAGE

Mr. Withycombe Expresses Views on Bristol-Mondell Resolution.

Governor Withycombe has expressed his views on the Bristol-Mondell National amendment for woman's suffrage. Miss Virginia Arnold, Oregon representative of the Congressional Union for Women's Suffrage, has received the following communication from the chief executive:

"I have always been a believer in woman suffrage, and its operation in Oregon has made me more than ever an enthusiastic supporter of it. I see no logical reason why, if women have the right to vote in the states, that right should not be carried further through the medium of the National Congress; and it is gratifying to note that our Oregon Congressmen and the Republicans of the country have stood by the women in their effort to secure this Federal recognition.

"So far as I am concerned, as Governor I shall stand exactly where I stood as a private citizen; namely, believing that women are entitled to identical political rights with men, and that their privileges should be Nation-wide as well as state-wide."

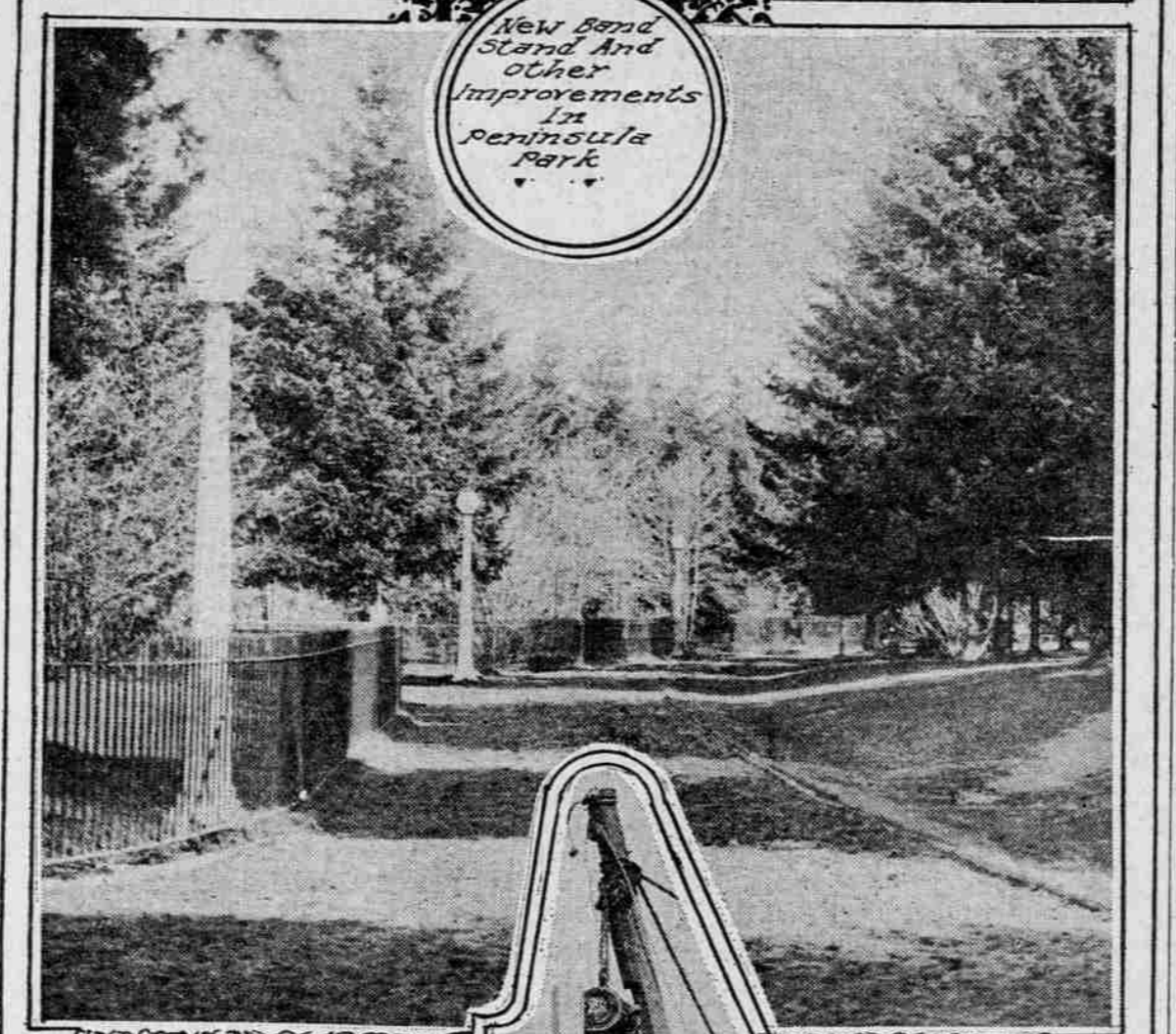
THREE CRIMES LAID TO MAN

G. Gulbranson Gets 180-Day Sentence and Faces Other Charges.

George Gulbranson was sentenced by Municipal Judge Stevenson yesterday to serve 180 days in jail for the theft of a suit of clothes, was bound over to the grand jury on a charge of assaulting and attempting to rob F. W. Lutkenmeier in a saloon at 49 Union avenue March 16 and was found guilty of snatching a man twice in the face of H. Weldman, a bartender, March 17. Sentence was continued in the last-named case.

A John Doe warrant was issued by Deputy District Attorney Deitch for the arrest of a Mexican, who was with a man, supposedly Gulbranson, according to the police, who assaulted Lutkenmeier. The Mexican is also accused of holding up Henry Feldman Tuesday night. City Detectives Coleman and Snow are working on the case.

SCENES IN PORTLAND PARKS WHERE BIG IMPROVEMENTS ARE STARTED WITH OPENING OF SPRING.



New Bond Stand and other improvements in Peninsula Park.

View in Columbia Park showing new lighting system and pathways.

GRAIN BUREAU IS BIG

H. V. Chase Explains Value of Division in New Chamber.

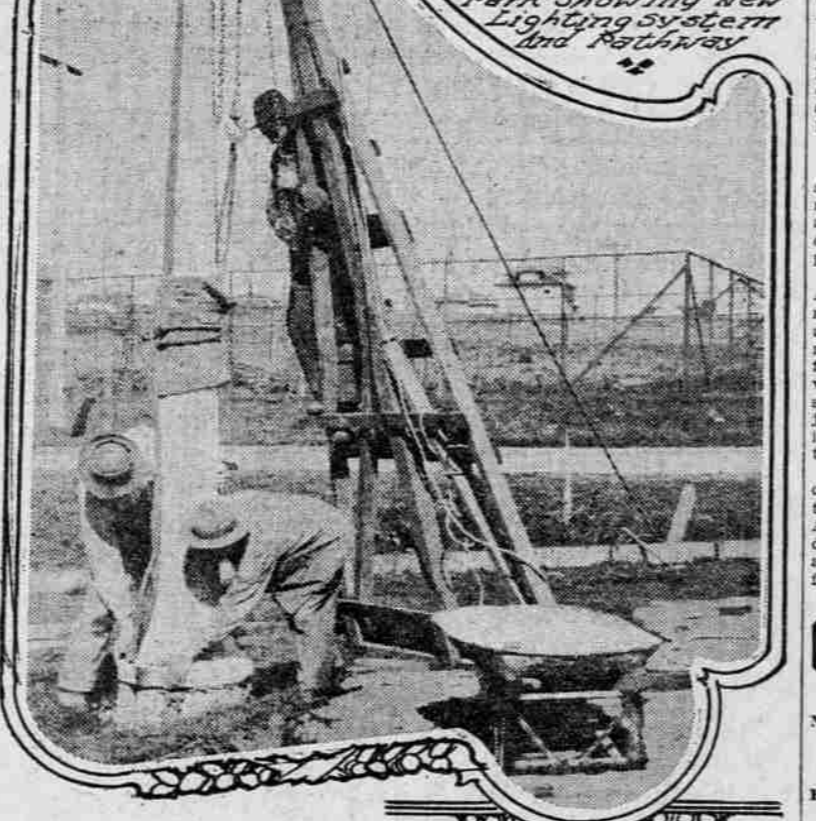
FINANCIAL EFFECTS NOTED

Department of Legislation and Taxation Is Pledged to Steer Clear of Political Matters and to Render Unbiased Decision.

In his concluding outlines of the methods in which the various bureaus of the new Chamber of Commerce will operate and their work, H. V. Chase yesterday discussed the work of the bureau of legislation and taxation and the grain bureau.

"The Chamber of Commerce will, of course," he says, "have an active hand in promoting desirable legislation, although steering clear of all matters of a strictly political nature. It will approve or condemn, as may be found to be in the best interest of the community as a whole, regardless of any political party or division.

"For the purpose of efficiency and directness in handling all such matters there is created in the Chamber a legislative and taxation bureau, in which will be first considered all matters of city, county, state and National legislation affecting the interests of Portland, the county or the State of Oregon.



Erecting concrete lamp posts in Laurelhurst Park.

grading and weighing, for example, would result in great financial loss and impair the standing of grower and dealer in their relation with other parts of the country and with foreign buyers.

The grain bureau therefore is designed to have oversight of the inspecting of grains, their grading and weighing, the setting of standards for grading and weighing, the issuing of certificates and the fostering of grain exportation.

This is not to be conducted in the interest of the dealer solely, but to the end that fair dealing may be had between all, and to the mutual advantage of the producer and dealer, and with proper consideration for the transportation business as well.

"This is in keeping with the Chamber of Commerce idea, of mutual service for the common good, striving at all times to get away from special or class interests and fostering community interests in the promotion and development of Portland and the State of Oregon."

THEATER PARTY ARRANGED

Cavalry Troop A to Use Proceeds of Show to Buy Mounts.

Troop A Cavalry will give a theater party at the Baker Theater the night of March 25. The troop has bought out the house for the play, "Genesee of the Hills." The proceeds will be used to purchase mounts for the troop.

AD PLEDGED TO IDLE

Married Workers Unite to Relieve Unemployment Evil.

MEETING ON TAPIS TODAY

George I. Baker and J. C. English Among Businessmen to Promise to Help Find Jobs—Citizens Are Asked to Do Share.

With the organization of the Married Workers Association, efforts are being made along practical lines to relieve conditions of unemployment in Portland. It is estimated that there are nearly 1800 married men in Portland without employment. A large proportion of these workers have become affiliated with the association.

The association has headquarters at 112 1/2 First street. C. B. Ellis is chairman and V. C. Campbell is secretary and treasurer. Each member is expected to pay 25 cents a month for the creation of a fund to carry on the work of the organization. This money is spent in maintaining headquarters and in meeting current bills.

Each member is required to fill out an unemployment registration blank of the following items: Name, address, number of members in family, number of wage-earners in family, occupation, number of days out of work and wages. Association Recently Formed.

The association has been organized less than two weeks, and up to yesterday jobs for 40 members had been found. The men in charge believe that the organization will be able to find work for most of its members when the public is made familiar with the situation.

An appeal is being made to property owners, business men, manufacturers and corporations to aid in providing employment for these men. Among them are skilled mechanics, representatives of various crafts, but all, irrespective of their abilities, are willing to accept any kind of work, such as clearing up vacant lots, making gardens, working on streets and roads and working on farms.

Portland, in common with nearly all large cities in the country, has been suffering from general business depression and as a result hundreds of deserving men have been thrown out of employment," said Secretary Campbell yesterday. "We organized our association in the belief that we would be able to obtain relief more quickly.

Good Results Are Noted.

"Already we are getting good results, and when the people of Portland learn how much the men are in need of work the question of unemployment here should be solved in a very short time.

"The members of the association are sober, industrious and deserving. Many of them have large families and many are property owners, but are without funds. They are not seeking charity, but they do want work, and as married men and permanent residents they rightfully believe that they are entitled to the first chances for work and to good wages.

"They believe that every Portland citizen who create a job or who can help in finding a job should do so willingly. These men should be given preference over single men and 'doctors' even though the latter are willing to work at starvation wages.

"We will be glad to have persons desiring work to be done to let us know at once, by either telephoning or calling personally. Our headquarters are at 112 1/2 First street and our telephone number is Main 5572."

Business Men Give Support.

Since it became known that the association was organized several business men have made an investigation and are convinced that it is one that deserves the earnest support of the people of Portland.

George L. Baker, president of the Ad Club, and J. C. English, an active member of the Rotary Club, have taken an interest in the association and announced yesterday that they would put forth every effort to help the married workers to get jobs. Various other associations in Portland will be asked to join with the Ad Club and Rotary Club in relieving the unemployment situation as quickly as possible.

A mass meeting will be held at 2 o'clock today at the Plaza block under the auspices of the Married Workers Association. The meeting is called to discuss the unemployment situation and decide on a programme of relief for the unemployed.

ORPHEUM CUTS AGAIN

NIGHT PRICES REDUCED BECAUSE THERE'S ROOM FOR ALL.

Holiday Matinee Rates to Remain Same as in Evening—Acts and Service Standard to Stay.

Fifty cents will purchase any seat on the lower floor of the Orpheum for any night performance on and after Monday. Yesterday the general manager of the Northwest Orpheum circuit, John W. Considine, decided to follow up his action in reducing matinee prices by dropping off two bits from the charge for parquet accommodations at evening shows.

"The order making any matinee seat 25 cents is blazoned on the billboards of the city to take effect tomorrow and occasioned so much favorable comment that it was decided to reduce night prices at the same time. Boxes and loges for matinees will be 50 cents and 75 cents will be asked for them at night, instead of \$1. Saturday, Sunday and holiday matinees will be offered at night prices.

"In the absence of any specific reasons from Mr. Considine, I presume that the cut in prices is based on the large capacity of the Portland Orpheum," said Manager T. R. Conlon.

"He probably figures that it is better to play to capacity at 14 performances each week at the lesser price than to maintain the higher scale of seat prices and not have quite so many people in the theater.

"The Orpheum is playing the highest class of vaudeville brought to this city, and on its list of performers are some of the great artists of the world. This is especially true in the lesser price because of the foreign wars making it impossible for many noted acts to secure employment abroad.

"The fact that admissions to see these stars can be had for less money does not mean that the character of these shows will be in the least particularly cheapened or lowered. The public tideless whelped or jockeyed of the week's results because of the larger patronage.

"Orpheum service will be kept up to the highest standard in the theater."

Our Dollar Dinner

served table d'hote from six until eight Sunday, is a very sumptuous repast. Pleasant surroundings, good company and an entertainment unexcelled adds to your enjoyment. From eight-thirty until ten a magnificent concert is rendered in the lobby.

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GEO. C. OBER
Manager

House, is nearing completion. It is a three-story structure and will cost \$25,000. It stands back from the East Line road and is considered one of the finest and most expensive dwellings in the county outside of Portland.

FRAUD VOTE BOARD OUSTED

Former Officials in Precinct 37 Not to Serve at Bond Election.

Judges and clerks who served on the election boards in Precinct 37 at the November general election were ousted by the County Commissioners when the appointments of boards for the special bonding election of April 14 was brought up Friday. The discovery of gross irregularity and numerous marked ballots in this precinct was given by the Commissioners as their reason for not retaining the election officials.

In Precinct 37 approximately 140 votes out of a total of 230 were discovered to have been changed in favor of Tom M. Word for Sheriff at the last general election. The irregularities were discovered during the recount proceedings instituted by ex-Sheriff Word against Sheriff Hurbutt. The February grand jury is still investigating the ballot tampering.

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