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## TROLLEY ON WEST SIDE

This Line Will Open Up the Finest Suburban Residence District to be Found Anywhere

## WHITWOOD COURT WILL TAKE A BOOM

The County Court has just granted a franchise to the United Railways company to construct a trolley line along the east line of the Portland and St. Helens road to Linnton, and the right is also given to cross the road at any convenient place. The line will cross the range at Cornelius Gap to reach Hillsboro, from which point to Portland cars must be running inside of two years according to the terms of a franchise recently granted by the city of Portland.

The maximum fare fixed by the franchise is 5 cents between Portland and Linnton. The road must be constructed to the grade of the county road, must be begun within sixty days and be completed to Linnton within a year.

We have been informed that 300 men will be put to work on the road the first of the month and the work pushed energetically. This road when completed to Whitwood Court means a ten minute ride from Portland.

The completion of this line will mean much for Whitwood Court. Admirably situated as it is on the west bank of the Willamette with one of the finest panoramic views to be found anywhere in the northwest, a trolley line was the only thing lacking to make it the most popular residence suburb in the vicinity of Portland. The view which discloses Mt. Hood, Mt. St. Helens, and several other notable peaks in all their snowy grandeur, miles and miles of the majestic Columbia as it winds its way toward the sea, numerous sloughs and lakes, with the Willamette at its feet, the city of St. Johns clear and distinct just across the water, and Portland and the packing plant site in plain view, the picture is one to entrance the eye of an artist.

The advent of the trolley will have a marked tendency toward developing the water front on the west side. Manufacturing plants will spring up in a short space of time and it will not be long until the hillside will be dotted with handsome residences. Let the trolley come.

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## DOINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

An Interesting Session Tuesday Evening in Which a Large Budget of Municipal Business Was Disposed of

The 6th regular session of the common council convened in the council chamber at the usual hour, all members being present. After the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved a remonstrance against the contemplated improvement of Richmond street was read and referred to the street committee.

T. T. Parker appeared and called attention to the ordinance pertaining to the vacating of a portion of Charleston street in favor of the Marine Iron Works which the old council had tabled. Mr. Parker requested the present council to take some definite action, either to pass the ordinance or kill it. The matter was later referred to the street committee.

On motion of Windle the water company was authorized to lower the water pipes on Tacoma street at the expense of the city as that pipe was uncovered before the water pipe ordinance was passed, and there was nothing else apparent that could be done, the pipe having been put at the legal depth before.

On motion of Dobie the street committee was authorized to raise the approach to the city dock to conform to the street grade on Richmond street as being graded by the county supervisor. It seems that the nightmare of the old council is about to be stabilized. The proposition of Mr. Gosney to care for the garbage at an expense of \$150 per year to the city was referred to the committee for further investigation and to arrange a contract with Mr. Gosney and report at the next meeting.

The committee investigating the stability of the gas franchise bonds reported that the bondsmen were not in their estimation either at the time of making the bond, nor at the present time worth \$20,000 and that they did not consider the bonds worth anything. At this time, by his attorney, Mr. Meagher presented an affidavit to establish the fact that he was not worth \$20,000 at the time he signed the bond, that he did not know he was signing a bond, but thought he was signing a recommendation to assist Mr. Davidor in securing a bond

from the security company. The gentleman appeared in person and stated that he was not worth the \$20,000 at the time he was fraudulently, he claims, induced to sign the bond and that he was not worth anything, in fact, owning no property and was still in about the same financial condition.

Attorney Collier stated that he and Mr. Hunter had called on Mr. Davidor and that gentleman said he would furnish other bonds if Mr. Meagher furnished this affidavit, that he would require but two days or a few hours. Mr. Collier stated that under the circumstances he thought that the city had no bond, that Mr. Davidor should, however, be given a reasonable time in which to furnish a bond and that if he did not do so then it would be proper for the city to revoke his franchise.

On motion of Davis Mr. Davidor was given ten days in which to file an acceptable bond.

On motion of Tryon a resolution covering the matter was adopted.

Bills to the amount of \$61.65 was allowed, on motion of Alderman Bonham.

The matter of the sewer on Jersey and Fessenden or Catlin was referred to the city engineer for the selection of the street best adapted to sewer purposes from Jersey street to the river.

On motion of Hunter the condemnation proceedings on Polk and Tyler streets was tabled for another week.

The monthly report of the St. Johns Transportation company was read and on motion of Davis the check covering the city fees was returned to them.

The rock crusher was reported to be on hand at Linnton and the city engineer was authorized to attend to the arrangements for its installment at the rock quarry, on motion of Dobie.

A motion to change the grade on Kellogg street in accordance with the lines shown on a blue print before the council was lost by a vote of 5 to 2, which leaves the grade as it now stands.

Fire Chief Noonan reported some buildings in the city that were not in accordance with the requirements of the fire ordinances. The

Rose City hotel, the Bickner hall and others, and requested that the council take the necessary action in the matter.

The building committee reported that Mr. Capron would bring over a number of sample seats in order that the council might select such as they wished for the city hall.

On motion of Hunter the recorder was instructed to write ex-City Engineer Edwards requesting him to turn over to his successor such field notes and other data as he may have acquired on the city work while in the employ of the city.

The matter of putting crushed rock on Pittsburg and other streets leading to the ferry was discussed and it was the sense of the council that this should be the first work that should be done after the crusher was installed.

On motion of Hunter the street committee was instructed to inspect the road from the ferry to the top of the hill and make their recommendations at the next meeting.

R. J. McKinney was appointed special policeman on the same basis of the other specials.

### Death of Mrs. Simpson.

Mrs. Sarah E. Simpson was born Nov. 25, 1845 in Burlington, Ct., died May 15, 1908 at her home in Portland, the immediate cause of death being dropsy. She is one of a family of four—two brothers having passed on before and one sister still surviving her. Three children, one boy and two girls remain to mourn her loss.

Mrs. Simpson was converted early in life and remained a steadfast, earnest Christian until her death, dying in the victories of a Christian faith. The funeral services were conducted from the Evangelical church, Sunday afternoon, interment taking place in Rose City cemetery.

Yes it is going to stop raining some of these days and you will be kicking as hard for a little water as Dives did in the story of Lazarus and the rich man.

furnished parlor connected with the living room by an arch and portieres. The living room is connected with a very large bed room by folding doors on the west side of the living room. This enables the three rooms to be thrown into practically one big room in case of a party or reception. Another fine bed room leads off from the living room on the south and all these rooms are connected with the bath and toilet by a hallway that enables one to go from any of these rooms to the bath without disturbing any one in any of the rooms.

Mr. Hollister was in his yard and showed us over the entire building. We entered the basement through the hall or second dinner, into the dining room which is fitted with china racks on the wall, tables, etc. and hot water radiator. From there we went into the kitchen, which our friend calls a Dutch kitchen. It is one of the most convenient we have seen. There is a spice cupboard in one corner opposite the range, leading from it along the wall is a draining board, reaching to the sink. On the opposite side of the sink is another draining board that reaches the china cupboard. Besides these arrangements there are other conveniences making it a model kitchen for convenience and comfort to the house wife. From here we entered the boiler room where Mr. Hollister has his work bench and tools and which is fitted with an ideal hot water heater that he says cannot be beaten for economy of fuel and efficacy in heating. Three tons of coal heated his house of eight rooms during the entire winter keeping the temperature at 70 degrees. From the boiler room we went upstairs.

There we found a beautifully

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