

CITY PLANS MUCH WORK

PROPOSES IMPROVEMENT OF FIVE STREETS WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY.

SUDDEN ACTION TAKEN

Washington, Twelfth, Center, Ninth and Taylor Streets Embraced in Scheme to Give City Better Streets.

Following right upon the heels of the adoption of the amendments providing for a change in the manner of making street improvements, the city council Wednesday night laid the foundation for the improvement of Twelfth street from Water to Taylor street; Center street from Seventh to Ninth street; establishment of the grade and the improvement of Washington street from Second street to the bridge at Seventeenth street; establishment of the grade of Ninth street from Center to Taylor street, and of Taylor street from Seventh to Taylor street. All of these contemplated improvements were referred to city Engineer Melstrom, who will make the estimates and plans and specifications for submission to the council. It will be necessary for the city to condemn property on Ninth and Taylor streets before the actual improvements can be made.

The council canvassed the vote of Monday's election and Mayor Carr proclaimed the charter amendments in full force and effect. Then it was that the council proceeded to make immediate plans for the improvement of many streets.

LIQUOR LICENSES TAKE AWFUL JUMP

COUNCIL MAY PASS ORDINANCE TO MAKE ANNUAL FEE \$1000.

Increase of the liquor licenses from \$600 to \$1000 was determined on Wednesday night at a special meeting of the city council and an ordinance was passed to its second reading, only two councilmen dissenting. It is considered probable that a fight will be made against the increase, for it will mean that some of the 17 saloons in Oregon City will have to go out of business. This step has been contemplated for a long while by the council, with a view to keeping down the number of saloons here, which is out of all proportion to the town's population. The city now receives an income of \$10,200 per annum from liquor licenses and if the number of saloons is reduced to 10 the income will be nearly as much. Several years ago the license for saloons was increased from \$400 to \$600, but this had no effect in reducing the number of retail liquor houses. Unless a great deal of pressure is brought to bear upon the members of the council, the proposed ordinance is sure to be enacted.

FIVE-CENT RATE UP TO SUPREME COURT

RAILROAD COMPANY MUST FILE THEIR BRIEF BY MARCH 12.

Milwaukee patrons of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Co.'s line hope before the middle of March, to begin cashing coupons representing one-half the 10-cent fares which they are continuing to pay while the attorneys for the company plead with the Supreme Court for a rehearing of the judgment confirming the order of the State Railroad Commission in establishing a 5-cent fare.

March 12 is now designated as the date on which the parties to the case must file their briefs covering the matter. It is not believed the court will request oral argument in addition. Milwaukee residents contended long and strenuously for the 5-cent rate, and finally petitioned the Railroad Commission which body came to their relief with a mandate for reduced rate of transportation. The railway company then secured an injunction restraining the Commission from placing its order in effect and appealed the case to the Supreme Court, after the local Circuit Court has upheld the authority of the Railroad Commission in the action taken.

Coupons relating one-half of every 10-cent fare on the Milwaukee run are now being issued in numbers approaching 150,000, and for the redemption of that paper the company has furnished a bond of \$10,000.

Woodmen Go to Portland.

Forty members of Willamette Falls Camp No. 148, Woodmen of the World went to Portland last night on a special car and were the guests of Multnomah Camp No. 77, on the East Side. Forty-two candidates were initiated, the officers and degree team from Willamette Falls Camp putting on the floor work. The initiatory ceremonies were followed by a banquet and the local Woodmen returned home at a late hour.



AUSTIN T. BUXTON Master of Oregon State Grange, Which Meets in Oregon City Next May.

FORMER DOMESTIC IS TOO EXACTING

C. C. SMUCKER, OF NEEDY, CHARGES THAT SINCE HE MARRIED WIFE CAUSED TROUBLE.

Through George C. Brownell and Dimick & Dimick, C. C. Smucker, a well known resident of Needy, has filed a divorce suit in the circuit court against Eva Smucker. Prior to their marriage, states the complaint, the defendant was employed as a domestic at his farm near Needy, and during that time, conducted herself in a most straightforward, ladylike manner. After her term of employment had expired, the defendant returned to Portland, where, on July 18, 1909, she and the plaintiff became man and wife. Immediately after the wedding bells had ceased to chime, the couple returned to the farm at Needy, and in less than two weeks afterwards, she began to find fault with everything possible in her surroundings, and made the life of her husband burdensome.

The first thing to fall under her displeasure, it is alleged, was the family cookstove, and to satisfy her, the plaintiff purchased a new \$35 range. She then began to find fault with Elmer Smucker, the plaintiff's son and she made such trouble that the plaintiff was obliged to advise his son to leave home in order to satisfy the demands of his stepmother. The manner in which the carpenter had built the house did not meet with the approval of the defendants neither, and she was continually making trouble over this, and the manner in which the painters and paperhangers had done their work, as a result, making the life of the plaintiff unbearable. Mrs. Smucker was continually finding fault with Smucker, the plaintiff says, and his minor children, and amused herself by criticizing their actions, in an endeavor to cause plaintiff in his extremity, to do something in order to give her grounds on which to file a divorce suit and secure alimony. She told the plaintiff on several occasions that she did not desire to live with him.

"FARMER'S WEEK" SUCCESS.

Special Programme This Year Is Attended by 340 Men and Women.

The exercises of Farmers' Week, including the special programme offered by the School of Domestic and Art, attracted 340 men and women to the Oregon Agricultural College this year. Of this number 135 are women who are studying the problems of home building and 205 are men taking the work in fruit growing and general agriculture.

INTERESTING POINT OF LAW IS ARGUED

LEGAL TANGLE INVOLVING GLADSTONE PROPERTY IS HEARD BY JUDGE CAMPBELL.

Before Judge Campbell in the Circuit Court Friday morning there was argued an interesting point of law, the court reserving his decision until he has had an opportunity to consider the matter. Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Johnson owned three lots at Gladstone and they have sold the property to H. W. Porter. Prior to the sale, however, M. B. Bailey obtained a judgment in the Circuit Court of Multnomah county against Johnson for \$501.43, and had a transcript of the judgment filed in Clackamas county. In order to defend the title and protect Mr. Porter it was mutually agreed that Johnson should place a sum as great as the amount of the judgment in the hands of John W. Loder to await the determination of the courts. This action was followed by a suit for Johnson to recover the money, and the court's decision will determine whether the Multnomah county judgment shall be a lien against the property sold to Porter.

GRANGES IN SESSION

MRS. HOWARD, OF MULINO, WILL BE RE-ELECTED SECRETARY IF SHE ACCEPTS.

BUXTON WILL RETIRE

State Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, Will Convene at Oregon City May 10, to Elect Officers.

The State Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, will convene in this city May 10, and the county conventions for selection of delegates will be held Saturday, March 5. The State Grange officers will be elected.

According to the teachings of the order, it is not allowable for any one to become a candidate for an office in the ordinary acceptance of the term, nor "use any of the methods of the politicians to secure support for himself or others." It is also forbidden to make nominations, this being done by the body of the State Grange.

Nevertheless the selection of the state master and other leading officers is being quietly considered among the members. Austin T. Buxton has been master for four years, but it is understood that he may retire at the end of his term. J. J. Johnson, state lecturer, may be advanced to state master. There appears a general desire for his promotion, although he is not a candidate. Nevertheless, Mr. Johnson's work as state lecturer has been so prominent that it may earn him the higher place.

He devoted and put into operation the present educational programme for the granges of Oregon, which is being copied in other states. It is considered the best educational plan ever adopted by the order. Mr. Johnson has visited and lectured in nearly all the counties of the state, and but for the prejudice against Multnomah County, he may be elected master.

For the state secretary Mrs. Mary S. Howard will be re-elected, if she will accept.

GRANGE MEETING OF INTEREST TO FARMERS

DAIRY AND FRUITMEN TO DISCUSS CURRENT TOPICS AT NEW ERA ON SATURDAY.

Warner Grange, of New Era, is arranging to have a meeting at the Grange Hall Saturday night for the benefit of this county, and it is probable that there will be a large turnout on that day. The meeting will be held in the afternoon following the regular morning session of the Grange. M. J. Lazelle, who was recently elected secretary of the Clackamas County Fair Association, is chairman of the programme, and he is being assisted by W. A. Dodds, master of Warner Grange. Among the speakers of the afternoon will be State Deputy Food Inspector, M. S. Shrock, A. J. Lewis, president of the Clackamas County Horticultural Society, A. H. Finnegan, of this city, one of the most successful strawberry growers of Clackamas county, George Lazelle, proprietor of the Mountain Ash Farm at Mount Pleasant.

NEW SERVICE FOR CANEMAH.

P. R. L. & P. Co., to Comply with R. R. Commission's Ruling, Starts New Service.

In order to comply with the order of the Railroad Commission of Oregon in maintaining a half hour service for passengers between Oregon City and Canemah, the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company has inaugurated a new service between these two points, placing another car that runs between Canemah and as far north as Green Point. This is done for the reason that the regular Portland-Oregon City cars cannot run to Canemah and still maintain the schedule. The stub car connects with the cars to and from Portland.

MRS. STREIB GETS \$4,000

YOUNG WIFE IS AWARDED VERDICT AGAINST MAYOR OF MILWAUKEE.

JURY OUT SEVEN HOURS

Strieb Expects to File Motion For a New Trial and States That New Evidence Has Been Discovered.

Four thousand dollars for the alienation of her husband's affections was awarded to Mrs. Phillip Strieb, Jr. by a jury in the Circuit Court Thursday afternoon against Strieb's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Strieb, the former being the Mayor of Milwaukee and a wealthy citizen of the town. The jury came in shortly after five o'clock Thursday afternoon, after having been out more than seven hours, and it was feared that the twelve men had deadlocked and that the case, which has been hard fought since last Monday morning would result in a disagreement. It was learned that one or two of the jury favored a verdict for Mayor Strieb from the commencement of the balloting, but there were others who thought that Mrs. Strieb should have a much larger amount than was finally awarded and a compromise verdict was the result.

The opposing counsel concluded their argument Wednesday night, and Judge Campbell adjourned court until this morning, when he delivered his charge to the jury, which left the court room at 9:45 o'clock. Some excitement was occasioned just before noon, when the bailiff was sent out for a cot for Henry Rastall, one of the jurors who had suddenly become ill. It was not necessary to obtain the services of a physician, however, for it proved to be merely a case of indisposition.

Judge Campbell's charge to the jury was simple and direct and in part follows:

In this case the measure of damages in case you find that the plaintiff is entitled, under these instructions, to any, is a sum that will compensate her for the loss of her husband's support, affections, society and protection, and for mental and physical suffering and the injury to her feelings, in the event that you find from the evidence in this case that she suffered such loss, and this amount lies in your sound discretion. There is no technical way of measuring the amount, but you should use your own common sense and judgment in arriving at the amount.

Now, then, should you find that the plaintiff is entitled to recover damages of and from the defendants here in, or either of them, and in addition you should find that the acts or conducts of defendants or either of them, in which you base such recovery, was malicious and wanton, you may assess an amount against them, or against that one whose conduct and acts were so wanton and malicious, such a sum as you may think proper, as your judgment would be proper as a punishment of defendants of either of them in case you should find that such conduct and acts of one only was malicious or wanton. And for this purpose you may take into consideration the wealth of the defendants. But in this respect it is proper to inform you that there is no evidence in this case that the defendant, Mrs. Phillip Strieb, is possessed of any money or property whatever.

The parents are not bound to furnish a home for their son-in-law or daughter-in-law, neither does the law compel or require them to associate with them or invite them to their home. Neither is there any obligation on their part to furnish carriages for them to ride in, even at a funeral, or that to discharge some obligation of the parents to do these things may tend to alienate the affections of the husband from the wife. And to use a slang, but apt expression, this simply means, as applies to this case, that plaintiff married only Phillip Strieb, Jr., and not his parents as well, but should the parents do something, or that to discharge some obligation that the law imposes upon them, with the intent to separate or alienate the affections of the son from his wife, and such action or conduct on the part of the parents did as a matter of fact alienate such affections and was the controlling cause thereof, then such parent would be liable in damages to the party injured.

So you will see that in this case there are certain facts that you must find before you can return a verdict for the plaintiff:

First, that the affections of plaintiff's husband were alienated from her or materially diminished.

Second, that the defendants or either of them were intentionally guilty of some act or conduct which was the controlling cause of such alienation.

Third, that such act or conduct was in bad faith and with an intent and purpose to cause alienation and did in fact cause it.

The Strieb case is the only one of this character that has been tried in the Clackamas County Circuit Court in many years, and the amount asked for by young Mrs. Strieb is probably the largest sum for which suit has ever been brought here.

BOOST DAY LOOKING UP

PEOPLE FROM ALL SECTIONS OF COUNTY ARE EXPECTED HERE MARCH 12.

PROGRAM IS PROMISED

Commercial Club Appropriates \$50 And Merchants Respond to Solicitation of Committee.

Some of the prominent business and professional men of this city are arranging for Booster Day, which will be held on Saturday, March 12. The soliciting committee, composed of Dr. E. A. Sommer, chairman; John Adams and Judge Thomas P. Ryan, is meeting with success in its work, and already has a neat sum to assist in defraying the expense. Other committees on programme and entertainment will be appointed, and they will "get busy" with their work. A good programme is promised the people, who will come from the outlying districts of the county. A Booster Day was observed in this city several days ago but was not the success the merchants had planned. This year they have taken the matter into their own hands to see that the people who come here will not be disappointed. The merchants who have been interviewed by the soliciting committee heartily endorse the action, and are giving freely to the cause. Already many of the merchants are arranging to have bargain sales on that day, which will be among drawing features to the people living in the different sections of the county.

The publicity committee and advisory board of the Commercial Club Tuesday night made an appropriation of \$50 to assist in covering the expense of the "Booster" meeting. The request for the appropriation came from the Board of Governors, and while it was not granted at a former meeting, Dr. Sommer, who is actively interested in the forthcoming meeting, advised the committee that he had interviewed many of the subscribers to the publicity fund and they were willing that the appropriation should be made.

The Board of Governors of the Commercial Club has named the following committees for the big Booster Day on Saturday, March 12:

Programme—J. E. Hedges, chairman; T. J. Gary, O. D. Eby.

Printing—W. A. Huntley, chairman; T. F. Ryan, J. Levitt.

Music and entertainment—John Adams, chairman; E. T. Fields, Dr. Clyde Mount, Dr. L. A. Morris, Harry S. Moody.

"Boosting"—C. G. Huntley, chairman; L. E. Jones, George A. Harding, Frank Busch, F. C. Gadke, E. S. Larsen, George W. Ely, L. D. Taylor, D. C. Ely, A. A. Price, William J. Wilson, L. Adams, G. W. Eastham, E. E. Brodie, W. A. Shewman.

CAMPBELL PREPARES DOCKET.

Sets Dates for Several Jury Trials During April Term of Court.

Judge Campbell has set the dates of the following jury trials for the April term of the Circuit Court: Monday, April 18, Trine vs. Pratt; April 19, Eastham vs. Tracy; April 20, Mink vs. Harlow; April 21, Standard Wood Company vs. DeLapp; April 22, State of Oregon vs. Gregory; April 23, Block vs. Bitzer.

IMPROVE THE RIVER SOUTH OF THIS CITY

COMMERCIAL CLUB DELEGATION WILL JOIN SELLWOOD MONDAY EVENING.

For the purpose of interesting the United States Government in the improvement of the Willamette River between Portland and Oregon City the various committees appointed by the Commercial and Improvement Clubs of the towns between the two cities will hold a meeting with the Sellwood Commercial Club next Monday evening. The transportation committee of the Oregon City Commercial Club, composed of Thomas F. Ryan, George C. Brownell, Frank Busch and G. L. Dedges, along with C. G. Huntley, W. E. Carl, A. L. Beattie, C. D. Latourette, J. W. Moffatt and C. H. Dye, will represent the local organization. Messrs. Dye, Moffatt and Busch were several months ago named as a special committee by President Ryan, of the Commercial Club, to obtain and forward data relative to the condition of the Clackamas rapids to the Oregon delegation in Congress. It is evident that no appropriation is contemplated for the removal of the Clackamas rapids at the present session of Congress, though it is still possible to attach an amendment to the House bill when it reaches the Senate.

REPORT IS UNFOUNDED.

No Grounds for Scarlet Fever Scare, Says Dr. Norris.

The report that scarlet fever has broken out in Kansas City, Addition was disproven Saturday by County Health Inspector, J. W. Norris. In company with Chief of Police Burns, Dr. Norris made a careful investigation in Kansas City, and inspected the house where there was supposed to be a case of the fever, but they found no symptoms of the disease.



B. P. STOUT, Singing Evangelist.

REVIVALS IN PROGRESS.

Crowds Attend Meetings of Prof. Stout at Baptist Church.

The mission now in progress at the First Baptist church, conducted by Rev. S. A. Hayward and assisted by Prof. B. P. Stout, the singing evangelist, is being attended by huge crowds of people. Prof. Stout began his work Sunday morning by the rendition of several solos and he completely captivated the large audience. The evangelist is proving to be all and much more than he was represented to be as a man of magnetic personality and a leader of men. His powerful tender appealing voice, combined with his stories, form a most unique and thrilling service. Pastor Hayward is delivering a series of addresses on gospel topics and these are delivered in all candor and earnestness. The mission now being conducted is, taken all around, without doubt, the most popular ever held in Oregon City. A monster men's meeting is being planned for Sunday afternoon at 3:30, at which time Prof. Stout will sing songs which are peculiarly adapted to reach men. Pastor Hayward will deliver his famous address on "The Making of an American King." In the evening service the pastor will speak on "The Proof of the Pudding, or Scrupulous Floored." Prof. Stout will be at his best in all these services. From Oregon City, Prof. Stout goes to the First M. E. church of Portland to begin an engagement March 7.

NEW BUILDINGS FOR STATE UNIVERSITY

REGENTS DECIDE TWO STRUCTURES MUST BE ERECTED TO HOUSE BIG ATTENDANCE.

Two new buildings, made necessary by the rapid growth in enrollment, are to be erected at the University of Oregon according to the decision reached by the Board of Regents at their semi-annual meeting held in Eugene last Saturday. The first of these will be an Administration Building, to contain the President's, the University Steward's, and the Registrar's offices on the first floor and an auditorium on the second. The second building will consist of class rooms exclusively. The Regents found that with the present enrollment, a number of instructors have no permanent recitation room, but hold their classes in any room where opportunity will permit. The erection of an Administration building will leave all of Villard Hall, in which the present offices are situated, free for additional class rooms, and the Condon Geological Collection, the most valuable of its kind on the Pacific Coast, which is now crowded in a room containing about one-third the space needed, will probably be placed in the present assembly hall on the second floor of Villard.

TWO FIRES HERE IN THREE DAYS

ELECTRIC THEATER BADLY DAMAGED, AND EUREKA RESTAURANT CATCHES FIRE.

Fifteen hundred dollars damages and no insurance is the result of a fire that broke out late Friday night in the Electric Theater. It is feared that the fire was of incendiary origin, as some one had broken open the back door and had evidently laid a fire under the electric piano, which was a total loss. The alarm was turned in about 10:30 o'clock, when the place had been closed for nearly an hour and the fire department responded promptly and prevented the blaze from spreading. The theater reopened Saturday.

A defective fire in the Eureka Restaurant Sunday morning started a fire which might have proved serious, had it not been discovered before the flames had gained a good headway. The downtown companies of the volunteer fire department were quick in responding to the alarm, and the blaze was extinguished in a short time. The loss will probably not amount to over \$250, and the building, which is the property of George A. Harding, is covered by insurance. This is the second fire on Main street between Fifth and Sixth in two days.

MULTNOMAH WOULD LOSE

DOES NOT LOOK WITH FAVOR UPON PROPOSAL FOR MORE TERRITORY.

INCREASE ITS EXPENSE

Addition Would Double Area of Sister County and Portland Would Be Compelled to Pay the Piper.

(Oregonian.) The direct interest to the taxpayers of Multnomah county, particularly of Portland, is the proposal to annex to Multnomah county that part of Clackamas county lying north of the Willamette River, between the mouth of the Clackamas and the mouth of the Tualatin.

The territory proposed to be added to Multnomah county equals the present area of Multnomah. The district described represents assessable values of only \$13,000,000.

In other words, say prominent Multnomah county officials, it is proposed to add that county, which has assessable values of about \$250,000,000, territory equal in area and representing assessable values of only \$13,000,000. It is insisted that if the annexation scheme is carried through, the area of Multnomah county will be doubled, virtually, and the expense of maintaining roads will be more than doubled. On an average between \$180,000 and \$200,000 annually have been expended for road construction in Multnomah county. To make and maintain these improvements in the territory proposed to be annexed, it is estimated, would cost a greater amount for the reason that road and bridge construction in that part of Clackamas county is far more expensive than in any section of Multnomah county as it is now constituted.

The bulk of this increased expense in taxes would be exacted from the taxpayers of Portland, who now pay 92 per cent of the taxes raised for county purposes, including the building of roads. If the additional territory is annexed, the taxpayers of Portland will be required to pay even a greater proportion of the cost of these improvements in that district for the reason that the territory to be added will not carry the same proportion of the cost as is carried by the same character of land in Multnomah county.

Attempted secession by the residents of the northern part of Clackamas county will be resisted vigorously by the voters of that part of the county south of the Clackamas River. The boundaries of the district which would withdraw from the parent county have been so drawn as to include the big paper manufacturing plants in Oregon City. It is in these mills that the greater part of the \$13,000,000 of assessable value exists.

The total assessable values of Clackamas county are about \$22,000,000, stated J. B. Jack, Assessor of this county, "and the value of the property in the district seeking to secede is probably \$13,000,000. While probably nine-tenths of the people in this county, north of the Clackamas, favor the annexation to Multnomah, their vote, if they should will be opposed in the election by a majority of the voters of the entire county. I have been informed that an organized effort will be made in opposition to the campaign of the annexationists. "Multnomah county is now spending annually between \$180,000 and \$200,000 on its roads," said a county official yesterday. "If the additional territory is taken in, this expense to the county will be more than doubled, since there are only a few improved roads in Northern Clackamas, while at the same time there are a great many costly bridges to be maintained. Property owners in the City of Portland now pay 92 per cent of the taxes raised in this county. They will be required to pay more than that proportion of the increased tax for these improvements, which will be necessary if the additional territory is annexed.

"This annexation agitation, I am convinced, had its origin with some property owners who hope by joining their holdings with Multnomah county to reap the benefits of increased valuation, which would follow that action, in view of the vital concern this situation bears to the taxpayers of the City of Portland, the true facts should be brought to their attention. "Annexation of the proposed area can only mean increased taxes to Multnomah county property owners and a maximum of improvements for a minimum of taxes for the residents of the district seeking annexation. Having this knowledge before them, the interested voters cannot be excused if they vote blindly or indifferently on the subject.

ELKS TO INITIATE SOON.

Exercises Will Be Held Friday, March 4—Elaborate Arrangements Made.

The initiatory ceremonies of the new lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will probably take place in this city Friday evening, March 4, and elaborate plans are being made for the affair. The Board of Governors of the Commercial Club have tendered the use of the club rooms for the entertainment of the visiting Elks from Portland and Willamette Valley lodges, and it is likely that the ceremonies of initiation will take place in Woodmen of the World Hall. There are more than 60 names on the charter roll. It is expected that several hundred Elks from Portland will come up for the event.