

Mt. Hood Railroad May Be Extended

Interview With David Eccles Says that Extension Was Decided On at Meeting of Directors Saturday--Manager Early Doubts Statement.

According to a story in Monday's Oregonian, the Mt. Hood Railroad will be extended five miles further up the valley this summer, a move that was decided on after a conference at the Oregon Hotel Saturday. David Eccles, of Ogden, who is at the head of the Mount Hood Railway, which runs from Hood River to Parkdale, a distance of 22 miles, announced that a five-mile extension will be built this summer, the objective point being in the neighborhood of London-Powers' ranch. Last year the company built five miles, and the policy of extending the line to meet demand for travel and shipping will be carried out this year. Just where the line will eventually end Mr. Eccles was not prepared to say.

"We are just building a little now and then as the country grows and needs transportation," said Mr. Eccles. "Last year we built five miles and thought that might do for awhile, but that country is growing fast. As we build, the population and development goes ahead and it seems that we shall be busy keeping up with it. No sooner had we

reached Parkdale than there was a clamor for more road, and we are going to build it, I suppose when that is finished there will be more demand and we will have to build another extension. In one way we are opening up the Hood River Valley and in another we are just keeping pace with progress and development. Where the road will end we do not know."

J. E. Eccles and W. H. Ingles, also of Ogden, attended the conference.

When the attention of Chas. T. Early, resident manager of the road, was called to this article, he admitted there had been a conference of the nature to which the Oregonian referred and that all of the directors of Mount Hood Railroad were present except two. Mr. Early states, however, that nothing definite was done about extending the road, although many things were discussed. If Mr. Eccles stated positively that the road would be extended this year, he believes that Mr. Eccles undoubtedly meant what he said, but is under the impression that the latter was not accurately quoted, and refused to discuss the matter further.

Lively Interest Centers On City Councilmen

Meeting Attended by Big Gathering of Protestants and Boosters for Street Work--Fail to Pass Ordinance Over Mayor's Veto.

Matters of close interest to many citizens caused the council rooms Monday night to be filled to overflowing and for a time it looked as if an overflow meeting would have to be held on the porch of the city hall. The progressive campaign started by the council to give the city needed improvements was the cause of the gathering, some of whom were there to remonstrate, while others took the opposite view and wanted the improvements. The largest delegation was present to protest against the supplemental assessment recently made to complete State street, several of whom were represented by Attorney S. W. Stark. Mr. Stark, who was allowed to address the council, made his objection on the score that there was no recorded authority in the transactions of the council for the additional assessment and referred to this fact several times. He stated that the council had made an agreement to have the excavating done at a certain sum which had been exceeded and there was no record of any kind to show that the excess charge had been authorized.

City Engineer Morse stated that it was in the discretion of the engineer to determine under what head the excavating was to be made after its character was determined, and therefore it was not necessary for any authority from the council. Mr. Stark was proceeding to elaborate on his argument when Councilman Hall had a motion passed instructing him to bring the matter before the street committee. In addition to the property holders represented by Mr. Stark a number of communications were received from others objecting to the assessment which were also referred to the street committee.

The appointment of A. J. Derby city attorney by ordinance, was brought up after the reading of the minutes, and Councilman Brosius moved to have it referred to the finance committee to report at the next meeting. As Mayor Hartwig evidently looked upon this move as an attempt at filibustering he quoted a section of the city charter showing that a motion of this kind was out of order and ruled it out, stating that the ordinance would have to be brought up for consideration at the present meeting. The veto was read and the vote asked for on its passage over the mayor's disapproval. Before the vote was put Councilman Brosius addressed the council, taking up the veto message by sections and stating that he wanted it understood that he had only the kindest feelings toward the mayor and the opposing councilmen in seeking to have the ordinance passed. He was in favor of it he said on account of the fact that he didn't think there was any other attorney fitted to

guide the city's legal affairs under the circumstances. Continuing he said that when the majority of the members of the council who were still acting had taken office the legal affairs of the city were in bad shape, but that under Mr. Derby had been straightened out and he believed the latter was probably best fitted to continue in the position of city attorney at present. As to the question of the legality of the ordinance which the mayor had raised Councilman Brosius said that he wasn't fitted to give an opinion on this matter, but inasmuch as it had been drawn by the late city attorney he was of the opinion that there was ground for believing that the ordinance was lawful. On account of his views in the matter, however, he asked to be excused from voting on the passage of the ordinance except under protest, adding that he wished to express his appreciation to the mayor of the latter's consideration during the contention that had arisen. The vote on the ordinance being taken showed Brosius, Huggins and Wright not voting and Hall and Smith voting against it and it was declared lost.

A petition to annex the base ball grounds and a strip along the south side of the road leading to Belmont and asking that a special election be called to vote on the proposition was submitted. The petition was largely signed, and was accepted and

HOUSE PASSES GOOD ROADS BILLS

Highway Commission And Bonding Act Win Out While State Aid and Working Prisoners on Roads Laid on Shelf. Opponents of State Association Lay Down. Believe Senate Will Approve Amended Bill.

In pursuance of a compromise between the warring factions, the House Monday afternoon passed a Good Roads Bill creating a State Highway Board and providing for the election of a State Highway Commissioner, and also Gill's bonding bill. Mariners bill appropriating \$340,000 to aid the several counties in road building was put on the table, while the measure for working prisoners on the roads remains on the desk. With a favorable report from the committee on roads and highways. It will either be postponed indefinitely or it will be placed on the table with Mariner's state-aid bill. After discussion before the com-

mittee the supporters of the substitute bill providing for the commission agreed not to urge the enactment of the state-aid bill and the bill working prisoners on the roads. At the same time both sides agreed to the amendment of the Gill bonding bill so as to make it optional with the people petitioning for a bond issue as to whether or not the ballots in the special election should specify what road or roads were to be improved and at the same time indicate the beginning and the terminus of such roads to be improved with the money produced from the issue of bonds. This arrangement met with favor on both sides and the hatchet was buried.

Friends of the state-aid bill were willing to abandon the measure after it had been amended in the house and the amount of the appropriation for this purpose reduced from \$640,000 to \$340,000. As amended the bill provided that only \$5000 annually should be available to the several counties, and this amount, it was argued, was not sufficient to accomplish much in the way of road building.

Advocates of good roads legislation are now satisfied with what has been accomplished at this session, feeling satisfied that the house amendments to the two measures passed by that body will be concurred in by the senate.

referred to the judiciary committee. A remonstrance containing a few signatures was also submitted and no action taken.

Residents along the Farmers' Irrigating ditch in the city limits asked that it be removed from in front of their premises. On a report from the street committee that the irrigating company be given another year to remove the water, the matter was referred back to the committee for a further report.

A communication from Guy Talbot, president of the Light & Power Company in regard to negotiations with the city for the water plant and asking for information was answered by instructing the city recorder to call Mr. Talbot's attention to the reports of the State Board of Health.

Mayor Hartwig submitted a communication calling the attention of the councilmen to the legal aspect of the city's financial condition which showed that it had an indebtedness of \$10,500, while the charter limited it to \$5,000, and quoting legal authorities to the effect that the city could not be held responsible for the payment of warrants above its debt limit. The communication was placed on file.

The offer of W. G. Aldred & Company to take bonds in payment of street work, which had been refused, was reconsidered and accepted.

Council then took up the jangle between the property holders on Columbia street in regard to improving it, but was unable to discover just what the owners of property on that street wanted as the opinions, petitions, remonstrances, etc., were too conflicting. The matter was finally left with the understanding that it could be brought up later under the regulations of the charter when bids

GASOLINE EXPLOSION BADLY BURNS EMPLOYEE

An explosion of a gasoline stove Wednesday morning, in the rear of the cafe operated by Parker Brothers, resulted in what was at first feared to be fatal injury to Miss Marie Doane, one of the girls employed there. The cause of the explosion is unknown. It is thought the girl was engaged in filling the tank of the stove. James Parker heard her screams, and rushing to her assistance was blinded and slightly burned by the flash of the explosion, which occurred after he reached her side. Miss Doane was burned internally by inhaling the burning gases. The shock of the explosion and pain from her injuries caused her to become hysterical, and a physician was summoned and she was taken to the Hotel Oregon. Later she recovered consciousness and is now thought to be out of danger, although for a time it was feared that her injuries might prove fatal.

for the work were ready to be advertised.

Ordinance 274 prohibiting minors from having liquor, tobacco or narcotics in their possession was laid on the table by the unanimous consent of the council which believed that it might work an injustice if passed in its original form.

The ordinance providing for compulsory connection with sewers was passed with an amendment making the minimum fine \$50 and the maximum \$200.

Crandall & Roberts, who have been auditing the city books, reported that they had about finished their

task and recommended that the city recorder receive all city money and receipt for it adopting a form of triplicate receipts, and also recommending the use of a ledger made particularly for city accounts. A detailed report, they stated, would be made to the finance committee.

GIVEN SURPRISE PARTY ON 82ND BIRTHDAY

A pleasant surprise party was recently given Mrs. Howland, mother of J. C. Howland, the occasion being the 82nd birthday of that bright and active octogenarian, who lives on the east side. The party included Mr. and Mrs. Wm. R. Starrett, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Dragseth and Mrs. Sam Campbell. A pleasant evening was spent and the aged lady very much pleased with the thoughtful attention bestowed upon her. Mrs. Howland, notwithstanding her advanced age, recently made the trip from her former home in Indiana, unaccompanied, and arrived here as bright as a new dollar.

SUCCESSFULLY PASS TEACHERS' EXAMINATION

The teachers' examinations held last week by County School Superintendent Thompson were attended by a number of teachers, and certificates in the various grades were granted as follows:

First Grade—Miss Edna Groves, Miss Grace McCarty and Miss Edna Merchant.

Second Grade—J. Irwin Long.

Third Grade—Miss Helen G. Hunt, Miss Gertrude Irwin and S. D. Cameron. Miss Grace Stewart also passed the examination, but certificate will not be granted until August.

State papers were given to Miss Dora Knox and Miss Evelyn Turney.

Live Questions Taken Up By Commercial Club

Monthly Meeting Well Attended and Members Take Up Matters Pertaining to Interest of Community--Want Better Streets.

The monthly meeting of the Commercial Club attracted a good attendance and several lively discussions were had. The members of the club decided that it could not take any definite action in regard to closing the rural carriers' window in the post office on Sunday, as it would be affecting many over whom the organization had no jurisdiction. It is known, however, that many of the members are in favor of the movement.

The banquet committee reported that they could not find anyone who would do the catering for the club's annual spread which will be held in Helbrunner's hall next Wednesday night, Feb. 22, and feared it would have to be held in Portland. It was decided, however, to refer the matter back to the committee to obtain a home made feed if possible.

The secretary's financial report was read. In behalf of the Hood River Realty Board A. J. Epping asked that the names of those making inquiries about Hood River real estate received by the club be turned over to the various real estate men in the city who, he said, were strong

supporters of the club and were helping to develop the country. Mr. Epping's request, however, failed to prevail.

The closing of the billiard room on Sunday was reconsidered and the club voted to allow members the use of it on that day.

C. H. Vaughan asked the club to commence a campaign to secure better city streets and A. W. Onthank requested that the organization take up the matter of securing manufacturing enterprises, saying that the city had been neglected by the club in furthering the interests of the country. Other questions were taken up, but were thought to be matters for the consideration of the directors.

Aubert Wins in Supreme Court

In a suit commenced by Albert Rubke to restrain Paul Aubert from diverting water from an irrigation ditch, Judge Bradshaw decided in favor of Rubke. The case was appealed recently to the supreme court, which reversed the decision of Judge Bradshaw, and decided in favor of Aubert. E. H. Hartwig, representing Rubke, and S. W. Stark, tried the case for Aubert.

Growers Fellowship Select Tree Expert

H. W. Lawrence Chosen By Organization for Experiment Station at Hood River--Has Been in Charge of Work at Puyallup, Wash.

C. D. Thompson, president of the Apple Growers' Fellowship, announces that W. H. Lawrence has been selected by the association for the position of horticulturist and that Mr. Lawrence will shortly assume his duties.

Mr. Lawrence came here Sunday, accompanied by Prof. A. B. Cordley of the experiment station of the Oregon Agricultural College, and, after a meeting with the board of directors of the association, was engaged.

The expert is now located at Puyallup, Wash., where he has had charge of the experiment station there for several years, and has had a wide practical experience, as well as being a graduate of the Washington State Agricultural College at Pullman. Later he took a post graduate course at the experiment station

at Cornell University. He is said to be particularly strong on tree diseases and also other phases of horticulture.

Mr. Lawrence, with his family, will come here March 1st and establish headquarters in town, where he will be accessible to growers from all parts of the valley. As soon as possible he will make a trip of inspection over the valley and will be prepared to take up the work of tree physician to growers in general.

Nightly Services at U. B. Church

Meetings are now in progress at the United Brethren church, in which the pastor is being assisted by Mr. Hargreaves. The two congregations are in full sympathy and will be mutually helpful. The sermon subjects are and will be the essential principles of faith. Much good is expected to result from this endeavor. But whatever the religious developments may be, the fact that two men of widely differing historic methods and pulp style can actively and practically co-operate is, of itself, a demonstration which furnishes hopeful suggestion.

Big Lumber Company for Mosler

A deal was consummated last week, through McGee & Company, whereby the Tum-A-Lum Lumber Co. of Walla Walla, Wash., became possessed of a strip of land running 200 feet on First avenue, cornering on Washington street. The company has also leased from the O.W. R. & N. Co. a parcel of land along the right of way opposite, on which they will establish a large lumber yard. Arrangements have been made with Guy Wilson to build at once a large warehouse on the tract leased from J. N. Mosler—Mosler Bulletin.

Buys Interest in Realty Company

M. R. Woodburn, a well known resident of the valley, has become associated with C. D. Nickelsen in the Hood River Realty Company, who have offices corner of Cascade and Second street, and will take an active part in the business of the company shortly. Mr. Woodburn will look after the selling end of the business, while Mr. Nickelsen will, as formerly, do the office work. The firm has the use of two automobiles and is looking forward to an active summer in realty.

Special Dinner

The Mt. Hood Hotel will serve one of its famous table d'hote dinners next Sunday evening, at the hours of 5:30 to 7:30 p. m. Fifty cents. Made by Mandolin and Guitar Club.

Will Close Washington's Birthday

Washington's birthday, February 22nd, will be observed by Hood River merchants and all places of business will be closed that day.

Events of World Wide Interest Pictured For Busy Readers



News Snapshots Of the Week

Rear Admiral Charles S. Sperry, who successfully piloted the Atlantic fleet around the world in 1908-9, died of pneumonia. Lord Decies and his bride, Vivien Gould, will sail for Egypt Feb. 18 on their honeymoon. With disastrous effect a consignment of dynamite for the Panama canal being loaded on a boat at the piers of the Central Railroad of New Jersey at Communipaw exploded, killing and wounding scores on both sides of the North river, the shock being felt fifty miles away. In a special message to congress President Taft introduced the reciprocity agreement recently signed by Canadian ministers and Secretary of State Knox. The last rites of the church were given to Archbishop Ryan, who has been seriously ill at Philadelphia for some time.