

## LAND CEASES TO SLIDE

HILL BACK OF RESERVOIRS NOW STATIONARY.

Water Committee Considers Rebuilding the Walls, but Defers Action for a Time.

A meeting of the Water Committee was held yesterday afternoon. Chairman Corbett presiding, and Messrs. Dolph, Knapp, Ladd, Haslegrave, Carson, Lewis, Teal and Joseph present.

The operating committee presented its report of the operation of the works for the month of April, showing receipts and disbursements as follows:

Cash receipts, for water ..... \$27,107.00

Cost of operation and repairs..... 3,738.65

Balance paid to Treasurer ..... \$23,469.72

In answer to Mr. Teal, Mr. Ladd, of the operating committee, stated that the receipts from the Albina system were very satisfactory—larger than had been expected.

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## STREET BIDS OPENED.

Board of Public Works Examines Bids.

At the meeting of the Board of Public Works yesterday afternoon bids for street and sewer improvements were opened as follows:

Sewers—East Alder street, from Sixteenth to Eighteenth—Jacobsen-Bade Co., \$307.40; Franklin &amp; Keating, \$741.90; Relli &amp; Stevens, \$765.60.

Edgar street, from East Seventh to Union avenue—Riner &amp; Riner, \$337.70; John Bayes, \$552.50; J. B. Slemmons, \$605.50.

Corbett street, from Bancroft to Seymour avenue—Franklin &amp; Keating, \$492.50; Jacobsen-Bade Co., \$491.20.

East Ash street, from Twentieth to Twenty-second—Jacobsen-Bade Co., \$207.50.

East Couch street, from Eighteenth to Sixteenth—Franklin &amp; Keating, \$334.80; J. W. Sweeney, \$725.60; Jacobsen-Bade Co., \$327.50.

Mabel street, from Hamilton to Seymour avenue—Franklin &amp; Keating, \$492.50; Jacobsen-Bade Company, \$424.65; Reller &amp; Stevens, \$492.50.

Montana avenue, from Prescott to the Second street—Franklin &amp; Keating, \$337.50; J. W. Sweeney, \$725.60; Riner &amp; Riner, \$323.50.

Hammond avenue, from Front to Corbett—Franklin &amp; Keating, \$334.80; Jacobsen-Bade Company, \$326.70; Reller &amp; Stevens, \$326.70.

Kingsbury street, from Front to Sixteenth—Franklin &amp; Keating, \$334.80; J. W. Sweeney, \$725.60; Jacobsen-Bade Co., \$327.50.

Stratford—Morris' street, from Vancouver to Union avenue—Lewis Janin, \$260.90; Jacobsen-Bade Company, \$244.65; Gieck &amp; Joplin, \$267.35; Reller &amp; Stevens, \$265.50.

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East Nineteenth street, from the Sandy road to Everett street—N. B. Golden, \$307.94; M. J. Connally, \$305.25.

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All the bids were referred to the City Engineer for computation, with instructions to report at the next meeting.

A letter was received from City Auditor Devlin calling attention to the ordinance providing that all work of any kind done by the Pacific States Telephone &amp; Telegraph Company in the erection of poles, stretching of wires or the construction of conduits, shall be done by direction of the Board of Public Works, given in writing.

"It seems to the management of the telephone company," the letter reads, "that if a permit in writing from the board is demanded for each particular piece of work, the same will be a source of much annoyance to the board and of serious delay and inconvenience to the company. The company, therefore, desires that the Board of Public Works should consider the advisability of having a general form of permit provided which would set forth the specifications in detail for each kind of work which the company may desire to do, and that the City Engineer be authorized by the board to issue said permits at the same time."

The letter was referred to the Superintendent. Whiting, who has charge of the Fourth-street improvement, asked, on behalf of the contractors, Fisher, Thorson &amp; Co., an extension of 30 days in which to complete the work. Mr. Whiting said that the work had been greatly delayed by the rain, and that out of the 42 days he had only 19 working days. Mr. Whiting was told to present the matter to the next meeting of the board, as there was no immediate cause for an extension, and the board did not wish to grant more than one extension.

A petition was received from McMillan's Camp, Sons and Daughters of the American War Veterans, asking the use of a room in the City Hall on Thursdays, until June 12.

The camp is making arrangements for the annual encampment of the Indian War Veterans, which will be held June 17, and it wished to have a central meeting place. The sentiment of the board was against the use of the hall by any private bodies, but the clerk was instructed to inform the officers of the camp that they might secure rooms by

conferring with Assistant Secretary Himes, of the Oregon Historical Society, or County Roadmaster Steele.

City Engineer Chase informed the board that he had made a price for the use of the steam roller of \$25 for the block of 20 feet, or \$150 per hour.

## BOB BURDETTE'S TALK.

Humorist Entertains Good House at the Y. M. C. A.

Bob Burdette lectured last evening before the Y. M. C. A. auditorium. He kept the hearers in laughter from the time he began until he closed, yet his humor was such that it could be laughed over but once. Nearly every sentence contained something that set the audience in a roar, but there was nothing that one could carry home and enjoy by himself or with more pleasure than the additional humor that is not humorous at second hand, and after the extreme pleasure of the moment there is left only the recollection of an enjoyment which is past.

He did not tell stories nor make use of puns. He cracked jokes that are as old as steeplechase and carpet tacks and housecleaning, but he put his descriptions in such a manner that the difference between them is not noticeable.

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## SITE FOR A SCHOOLHOUSE

## ALMOST AS TROUBLESOME AS 1900 FAIR PROBLEM.

Location of Woodlawn Building Arouses Contention—Repairing Gravel Roads—East Side Items.

The Board of Education will have to settle the location of the new schoolhouse on Woodlawn, as the residents of that portion of the district are very much divided on the question. Doubt is expressed whether the directors will select another location further south and more centrally, or the additional roads will possibly because of the feeling displayed over the matter. The present building will be used as a portion of the new structure, and if the site is changed four or five blocks south the cost of moving it will be considerable, but even this objection is met by those who want a new site who say that they would pay the expense of moving it to the different location, the cost of the new block and the value of the present school ground.

Piedmont and Rosedale people want the site on the higher ground, and say that even if the buildings were put up five blocks south of where the present building

Delegates will be entertained mainly in the homes of the members. Rev. H. W. Haslam, pastor of the local church, has been making provisions for their entertainment. Conference will continue till Sunday night.

## Clyde Middleton Will Recover.

Clyde Middleton, whose legs were crushed in a street-car accident at Mount Tabor Sunday evening, will recover, but it is not known whether or not the left foot will have to be amputated. O. Botkins, who is attending him, said yesterday that the boy was greatly improved and was at himself. He had hopes that both legs will be saved. However, owing to the crushing of the bones of the left ankle, amputation may be necessary, but this will be resorted to only as a last expedient to save his life.

## Building in Upper Albina.

There is a considerable building boom east of Union Avenue, in Upper Albina. Between 30 and 40 new dwellings have been put up and are going up there now, costing from \$600 upward to \$250. A large new tract has just been opened which is filling up rapidly. On both sides of Union Avenue north of Morris Street there is an enormous building movement. The next thing will be leverage. This is highly necessary already, and the need will increase as the number of buildings increases.

## South Mount Tabor School.

The Eighth grade of the South Mount Tabor School will take the state examinations Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. As the school closes this week the pupils have invited C. M. McDowell to deliver an address to the class Friday evening, May 25. Friends and citizens of the school are cordially invited to attend on that occasion. The number who will graduate from the grammar grade will not be known until after the examination papers have been looked over.

## Will Address Missionary Society.

Mrs. W. L. Howard, of Honolulu, will address the Home Missionary Society of Columbia Methodist Church this afternoon at the home of Mrs. Marion S. Scott, 581 East Pine street. She spent many years there and has thorough knowledge of the missionary work. She is a pleasing speaker.

## Pioneer Seriously Ill.

John Deardorff, a well-known pioneer resident of the Deardorff settlement southeast of Mount Scott, yesterday was reported to be seriously ill. He is 75 years old. His recovery was then considered doubtful.

## WEEKLY CROP BULLETIN.

## Unseasonable Rain, but Crops Make Progress.

PORTLAND, May 20.—The past week has been unusually cool and cold; local rains have occurred, particularly in the Western part of the state, and showery conditions prevailed generally east of the Cascade Mountains. A sharp frost occurred Monday morning in Southern Oregon, and the indications are favorable for frost again on Tuesday morning in all exposed localities, except near sea-level.

The maximum, or day, temperatures in Western Oregon ranged between 52 and 72 degrees, and the minimum, or night, temperatures between 40 and 53 degrees.

In Eastern Oregon the maximum temperatures ranged between 45 and 76 degrees, and the minimum temperatures between 34 and 56 degrees.

On the surface it would seem that if the residents on the higher ground would see that the district lost nothing in changing the higher site would be well advised to do so.

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## HERE'S NO NEW RECRUIT.

The man who started the first move ever made in Congress toward the exclusion of the Chinese was George H. Williams of Oregon.

Mr. Williams submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee on foreign relations be instructed to inquire into the expediency of regulating or restricting the immigration and importation of Chinese into the United States.

Mr. Williams said:

Mr. President: I offer this resolution at this time with the view of calling the attention of Congress to the subject. Since the first discovery of gold in California the Chinese have immigrated to the Pacific Coast. They came there not to be citizens of the country, not to learn our language, to profess our religion, to adopt our customs, manners and habits; but they came there to be a people unto themselves and to maintain their attachment to the religion and government under which they have lived. I do not say that any particular harm has yet resulted from their presence on the Pacific Coast, but new facilities for their immigration have recently been created and no doubt will be increased, and some great inducement may arise which will pour clouds of Chinese from the land of Egypt. I think it is not safe to despise the day of small things in reference to this matter, and it is much easier now to deal with the subject than it will be when it assumes more formidable proportions. I hope, therefore, the committee will give the subject attention which its importance demands.

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when it happens as when the victim thinks he over a week afterward, if the sufferer would only look at it that way.

He said he could not tell the difference between wit and humor, though he had studied the subject frequently and carefully. One difference he has observed is that wit is local, while humor is not. That is, you can point out in a poem or in story, in any sentence or word upon which depends the wit of the whole. Humor, on the other hand, runs through the entire fabric and cannot be pointed out in any particular place.

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MAY ENLARGE HOME.

## Possible Action by the Odd Fellows' Grand Lodge.

It is confidently expected that one of the important measures coming up before the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, which will meet today at Newberg, will be the enlargement of the home on East Twenty-eighth and Holgate streets. Contrary to expectation the apartments in the buildings on the main street are nearly all being taken, so it is the impression among many of the members that at this session provisions will have to be made for the erection of an addition at no distant day.

The generosity of the lodges in furnishing the home resulted in the building being fixed up like the dwellings of the most wealthy, and while doubt has been cast upon the value of the building, it is evident that the order can do what it undertakes.

The trustees will do what they can to make good the deficiency, and it is the impression among many of the members that the order will make good the deficiency.

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REPAIRS TO EAST EIGHTH.

## What Can be Done to Restore Worm-eaten Street Improvements.

The work that is being done on East Eighth street, south of Hawthorne avenue for nearly a mile, is highly satisfactory to those who live in the vicinity. Gravel has been laid in the center of the roadway, and the intersections are being fully repaired. South of the Stephens about the gravel has been spread nearly to Beacon street. Here the steam roller has been at work packing the gravel down into the crown of the street. There is enough dirt in the street to mix with the gravel and make a compact roadway when dry.

There are the first repairs made since ever have been made to East Eighth street, which was improved about six years ago and had become badly worn by the heavy travel it has to carry.