

STREET REPAIRS NOW
This Is the Time for City to Renew Streets.

PRESENT STATE DEPLORABLE
Plan for Improvements Should Be Followed for Three or Four Years, When Portland Would Be a Well-Paved City.

Now is the time for Portland to repair its streets. Unless it repairs them in the next three or four months they will be without improvement for another year. Everybody knows what it means for the pavement to endure another winter in the present deplorable condition. It means that they shall go from bad to worse and even beyond the range of the latter adjective.

It has been generally understood that street repairs would be made this summer. Summer is already here and not even a plan for repairs has been made. Soon summer will be over and the improvements will be impossible. The city is indeed confronted by a serious question.

The city has expended over \$200 this season on Sixth street. Property owners have had a lingering hope that they would fall heir to the same fortune. But they will not do so. The city authorities take the disposition of the city authorities to put streets in a condition that the pride and reputation of the municipality require. It is, therefore, up to the owners to make improvements. Unless they do, the pavements by next spring will be an even greater disgrace to the city. Besides, the cost of making repairs will be far more than it would be now. Property owners who think they can save money by procrastination, are, therefore, only wasting money.

The city authorities are repairing Sixth street because of the expense to which property owners on the thoroughfare have been subjected in maintaining the pavement heretofore. It seemed to the city authorities that it was better to do this, inasmuch as Sixth bears the heaviest traffic of any street and is the only paved thoroughfare in that part of town. But the city government is a strong believer in itself further burdens in that line. The part of the street repair fund for pavements is running low and repairs to other streets must necessarily be very limited. They will amount to no more than a patch here and there, and will be woefully short of what is required.

Macadamized and gravelled streets also need repairs, and need them badly. Many of them there has been no improvement work for six or eight years. Their surfaces are worn down from the grade, they are rough and uneven, and, moreover, they detract from the reputation of the city. If treated with a surface of gravel they would be thoroughfares unsurpassed for excellence anywhere in the United States.

The cause of the deplorable condition of the streets lies in the universal desire of property owners to make the other fellow pay the money. The city authorities are a strong believer in this spirit. According to the present charter abutting property is to keep streets in repair. The street repair fund is limited to the amount of the mill on the assessed valuation of the city, but the council may transfer money to the repair fund from the general fund. The provisions of the charter have not provided money enough for the purpose intended, while property owners, hoping that the repair fund would aid them, have permitted streets to deteriorate.

Under the new charter, remedies are provided. In the city ordinance for improvement of a street, the Council will specify a definite period in which the city will keep the thoroughfare in good order. The repair fund will be maintained by a tax levy of three-quarters of a mill, by revenue from vehicle licenses, and by transfers of money from the general fund.

There are now three alternatives in regard to street repairs—either property owners shall pay for them, or their cost shall be borne by the thoroughfares, or they shall be neglected altogether and streets shall go from bad to worse.

The general disposition is to wait for the new charter. But it will be probably a year before the new charter will have effect. By that time some pavements will be, perhaps, beyond redemption. Besides, the city government would not attempt to make the thoroughfares the property owners would only waste their money.

Lack of system has been a great fault of street improvements. Costly pavements have been laid without regard to the system of the city. The result is that the present system of pavements does not distribute the burden of cost or maintenance equitably. Neither are the pavements in parts of the city where they are the most needed.

The City Council granted \$30,000 for street repairs this year. The Board of Public Works asked for \$4,500. Of the sum granted, \$100 was for asphalt pavements. But that amount was entirely inadequate, and the city authorities have had to draw upon parts of the appropriation for other purposes.

There is hardly a stretch of street pavement that does not need patching or more extensive repairs. Of the 45 miles of macadamized streets, about half require repaving. The mileage of improved streets in the city is as follows:

SURVEYS FOR NEW LINE
RIGHT OF WAY SECURED BY PORTLAND CITY & OREGON.

Road Will Probably Pass Through Sellwood and Reach Willoughby—Will Develop Rich Territory.

Active work is still going ahead in the matter of securing rights of way for the proposed trolley line for the Portland City & Oregon Railway Company from the recently acquired tract at the foot of East Market and parallel streets, south to Wood, through to Sellwood, and east along Maryland avenue, through Willoughby. With few exceptions there is now clear sailing over this route along the Willamette and eastward to the Willa place.

The city is repairing more streets than for many years. If this policy could be continued for three or four years, the streets would be put into fine condition. But when as much redressing as three or four inches is needed, it is better for adjoining property-owners to stand the expense. After repairs are made, the city should keep them up.

"If the few paved streets were kept in good condition, Portland would appear to much greater advantage. These streets give visitors impressions of our other thoroughfares. There are only three or four paved streets that are in great need of repair."

"The climate here is very wearing on streets. There is either too much rain or too little. Rain works its solvent power in eight months in the year, and in other months the sun absorbs needed moisture from the streets."

POLLING-PLACES FOR TODAY'S ELECTION.

The County Court has established the following polling-places for the general election, to be held on Monday, June 2:

First Ward.
Precinct No. 1-776 Savier.
Precinct No. 2-511 North Front, near Madison.
Precinct No. 3-323 1/2 North Twentieth, near Quincy.

Second Ward.
Precinct No. 4-354 Gilman, near Eighth.
Precinct No. 5-613 Gilman, near Fifteenth.
Precinct No. 6-201, corner Sixteenth and Marshall.
Precinct No. 7-173 North Twenty-first, near Johnson.
Precinct No. 8-285 North Nineteenth, near Overton.

Third Ward.
Precinct No. 9-45 North Sixteenth.
Precinct No. 10-222 Burnside.
Precinct No. 11-251 Starbuck.
Precinct No. 12-468 Burnside.
Precinct No. 13-633 Washington.

Fourth Ward.
Precinct No. 14-209 Alder.
Precinct No. 15-Tabernacle, at Twelfth and Morrison.
Precinct No. 16-210 Yamhill.
Precinct No. 17-Tent, corner West Park and Hill.
Precinct No. 18-Tent, in plaza, Salmon, between Third and Fourth.
Precinct No. 19-299 Sixteenth, near Jefferson.

Fifth Ward.
Precinct No. 20-East end of Exposition building.
Precinct No. 21-Tent, on plaza, Third, near Madison.
Precinct No. 22-310 First, between Columbia and Clay.
Precinct No. 23-463 Second, cor. Mill.
Precinct No. 24-Tent, in park block, at Third and Jefferson.
Precinct No. 25-Tent, on Jefferson, between Twelfth and Thirteenth.
Precinct No. 26-Tent, on Sixteenth, between Jefferson and Columbia.

FRUITGROWERS HOLD MEETING.
A Few Resolute Farmers Proceeded With Permanent Organization.

A meeting of the Fruitgrowers' Market Association was held at Old Fellows' Hall, Grand avenue and East Pine street, Saturday night. The attendance was slim, owing to the fact that the members were busy at this time. Reports were received from the membership committee, showing that 20 growers had taken one share each in the proposed incorporation. G. T. Hunt said that it would be possible to organize as a corporation until over 50 shares, or more than one-half of the capital stock, had been subscribed.

WILLSBURG'S NEW SCHOOLHOUSE.
It Is Being Built on Modern Lines—Cost Will Be About \$35,000.

Work on the handsome new schoolhouse for the Willoughby district is progressing satisfactorily, and there will be no delay in completing it in time for the opening of school in the fall. Two rooms of a four-room building are being built, provided with modern conveniences. Heating will be by hot air on the indirect plan, the same as is used and found so acceptable in the Central and Thompson buildings of this city district.

NOTED NEW YORK CHARACTER.
John E. McBride, Old Wall Street Newsdealer, Visits Portland.

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THE AMENDMENT.
A Proposed Amendment to the State Constitution Is to Be Voted on Today.

A proposed amendment to the state constitution is to be voted on today. It is the initiative and referendum, about which there has been much agitation in Oregon for a number of years. All parties have expressed their views on the subject, and the voters will be asked to decide whether they favor it or not.

REPAIRS TO THE CHESTER.
Repairs to the Steamer Chester, Captain Kellogg, owner and master, in Supple's yard, are progressing rapidly.

Repairs to the steamer Chester, Captain Kellogg, owner and master, in Supple's yard, are progressing rapidly. She was out of the water for several weeks, but she is now being refitted and will be ready for service in a few days.

DEATH OF A STUDENT.
Louis Henri Briggs, a student, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Briggs, living at 72 East Third street, died yesterday.

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DIAMOND W. FLOUR.
Not cheap, but economical. You can make more bread and better bread from a sack of Diamond W. flour than from one of any other brand.

THE ERIE RAILROAD.
Beginning on June 15 next will inaugurate a new service between Chicago, New York and Boston, leaving Chicago at 10:30 every morning, and arriving in New York at 10:30 the next afternoon.

DON'T FORGET THE CHARTER.
All voters within the City of Portland must vote today on the question as to whether we shall have a city charter. A commission appointed under authority of law worked many weeks framing a document that would insure the city economical and efficient administration, and that result has been attained so far as it can be attained by law.

THREE DAYS.
Then Postum Saved Him.
It makes rather solid friends of people when they discuss a liquid diet that will save life in extreme cases of need. Speaking of Postum Food Coffee, a lady in Toledo, O., says: "For over five years now I have used Postum Coffee entirely in place of the ordinary coffee or tea."

PREPARE FOR A STRIKE.
Own your home and when a strike is ordered you will not be in danger of being turned out by the landlord. Select 50x100 feet of ground at University Park and pay down \$5 and pay \$5 monthly and it will not be very long till you will be under your own roof in a \$1000 home. We will allow you interest on your monthly deposits until you get your home. This is safer than a savings bank and pays better interest; besides you get the increase of the value of the lot from the day you pay the first five dollars. Only a few more contracts of this kind will be sold. Come before it is too late. Many houses now under construction.

Portland Homebuilding Co., 151 Sixth Street.

EX-GOVERNOR LAID TO REST.
Funeral Services of Sylvester Pennoyer Held.

The funeral services of the late ex-Governor Sylvester Pennoyer were held yesterday afternoon, and were attended by an unusually large gathering of friends and acquaintances of the departed pioneer who has passed away.

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