

PUT ON HEAVY TAX

How to Oblviate the Billboard Nuisance.

NO PLACE IN THE CITY LIMITS

Civic Improvement League Will Seek to Reform Present Offensive Methods—Council Asked to Act.

The Civic Improvement Association will attempt to put a stop to the billboard nuisance. Acting on the suggestion of Councilman H. R. Albee, it is now hoped that by a new ordinance the unsightly boards may be either restricted to a limited district or wholly done away with.

All the billboards in Portland are under the control of one firm, the T. F. Williams Posting Company. They are everywhere to be seen. Guests in the Portland Hotel may feast eyes satiated with the glories and beauties of 30 states upon the relaxing charms of a new breakfast food or feel at home again under the beneficent picture of a domestic cigar.

License Per Square Foot.

Thomas McCusker, president of the Civic Improvement Association, said when asked his plans: "I am in favor of a license per square foot of surface. I believe the license should be so heavy as to do away with billboards within the city limits. I question whether those who use them profit very much. As to restrictions, if it was impossible to prohibit, I would not permit a sign taller than 10 feet high. I would forbid entirely loose boards that fall down in the first heavy wind. As to the bill distributors, I think very strongly of asking all householders in Portland who do not have their yards littered with patent medicine advertisements to send in their names. That would give the Council a fair idea of the sentiment in the city. It is certainly a nuisance at present to have the Council license a man or firm to do what we are trying to undo. I am convinced that 50 per cent of the citizens would be in favor of a clean city streets uncluttered by trash and not fenced in by billboards that make every avenue in the city look like a beer garden."

Boards Disfigure City.

G. M. Hyland, a prime mover in the civic improvement movement, has definite plans. He said: "If we must have the billboards, they should be licensed by the square yard of surface, as in London, and at a rate of not less than \$1 a yard per year. Thus increased space would mean increased revenue to the city. There are miles of billboards on Union avenue, where it not only shuts out a most beautiful view from tourists but is objectionable for more reasons than one. For example, the nature of the matter to some is very distasteful; there should be a censorship on matter. Then they should be regulated as to height. In Los Angeles they prohibit them entirely. The ordinance was pronounced unconstitutional. Then the Council exercised its prerogative and passed an ordinance that they should be 10 feet above the ground. That failed in the city court. There is nothing attractive about billboards any way you fix them. In Berlin they have the nearest approach to good taste in this matter. The city has erected four-sided pillars with ornamental emblem on top. In these pillars are framed carefully censored advertisements, which pay a fixed revenue to the city. And outside of these pillars notices or advertisements can be posted.

Blames It on His Competitors.

J. T. Williams, the billboarder, sought a comfortable draught and beamed warmly on the reporter. "I see two former employes of mine are trying to get a classification made of billposting as distinct from billposting and advertising," he said. "All right, but I am responsible for good work, am under bonds and consequently have to charge more than they. Why should they also seek to raise my license? I belong to an association which includes nearly every town and city of size. By its laws I cannot distribute obscene literature, nor objectionable matter of any kind. I employ from 12 to 15 men and boys regularly, and all my money is invested right here in Portland.

"No, I don't object to a higher license. I would say that \$20 was a fair rate, and it would prevent 'pirates' who pay no taxes whatever. I consider \$300 pretty high. They quote Seattle. Seattle is a boom city and it is not legitimate business.

"A nuisance? I am very cautious about hurting other people's feelings. I refused to put a billboard on that property at Twelfth and Taylor, where the wood-yard used to be, on principle, or I wasn't going to put a billboard up right in front of two churches. I'm a Unitarian and would hate to see any unsightly object by my church. I have often pulled down billboards when a proper remuneration is made, and I always shall. We pay high ground rents, from \$15 to \$50, and it helps out property-owners.

Mr. Flors had nothing to say about any license but his own. "That is too high. I wouldn't object to \$12 a quarter. I use no paste; simply tack and distribute. I am very careful in both cases not to litter up the street. The Williams concern is a monopoly, and tries to run us out."

made in the bank to avoid a wide curve in the old line. It has been operated enough to show that it will do its work effectively. It does not differ from the steam shovels used in the construction of railroads. It has much work ahead of it for the next year, as it is expected that construction of the new trolley line eastward will soon commence.

OIL TANKS MUST GO.

City Council Will Today Take Up Ordinance.

At the regular meeting of the Common Council this afternoon the matter of moving the tanks of the Standard Oil Company to a place less dangerous to the surrounding community will be taken up. Many prominent persons are in favor of forcing the company to secure a location farther from the business center of the East Side, so that in case of another fire there will be no chance of a destructive explosion.

The beginning of the action dates back to the time of the first fire in the East Water and Hawthorne avenue district.

FIRE IN OLD ICE WORKS

LIVELY BLAZE MAKES TROUBLE IN ALBINA.

Hard Work by Department to Prevent its Spread—Damage Is Nominal.

Fire broke out last evening in the old ice-works building on Railroad and Knight streets, in Lower Albina. It was completely destroyed, and several other buildings in the neighborhood caught fire, but were saved through the prompt action of the Fire Department. The alarm was struck from box 112, and the companies responded quickly. District Engineer Holden being in charge. The icehouse was a frame structure 60x75 feet, and being of extremely dry material made a very hot fire. The

ment. I have just been to the bank to make a deposit of \$50 toward the fund. I have received a great many donations and subscriptions by mail, the largest being \$20, which came last week. This latter subscription came from a long distance and from one who is only incidentally interested in this monument. In spite of the many other demands on the generosity of the public for funds for various things, the monument fund is growing steadily, although somewhat slowly. The exact amount raised is not known, but it ranges between \$250 and \$300. Money received is placed on deposit in a bank, and subscriptions are filed with Secretary Ogilvie, of the association. Besides Captain McMillen others are quietly pushing the matter of raising funds, and all who are interested feel greatly encouraged over the outlook.

Funeral of Pearl Alice Shaw. The funeral of Pearl Alice Shaw, 7-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Shaw, was held yesterday morning from the family residence, 580 East Davis street. There was a large attendance of

BALDWINSTO FACE CHARGE

INDICTMENT FOR MANSLAUGHTER FILED AGAINST THEM.

Will Be Tried for Death of Frank Carlson in First Fight With George W. Baldwin.

An information was filed in the State Circuit Court yesterday by the District Attorney against William Baldwin, George W. Baldwin and Frank Baldwin, charging them with manslaughter in causing the death of Frank Carlson on July 25. Carlson was killed while engaged in a fist fight with George W. Baldwin. William Baldwin, the father and Frank Baldwin, the uncle, are indicted as accomplices, for having aided and abetted in the affair.

WANTS PART OF CITY FINES.

County Auditor Brandes Is Determined to Get Money in State Cases.

County Auditor Brandes is determined that the moneys received from fines and forfeitures in the Municipal Court in state cases shall be paid into the county treasury. He states that the county pays the expense of the prosecution of these cases, and is entitled to the revenue derived. With reference to the subject, Mr. Brandes yesterday said: "I went to see the clerk of the Municipal Court about his report as to fines and forfeitures in state cases. He sends in his list of witnesses for the county to pay, but does not send in any moneys received from fines and forfeitures of bail. The statute provides in this regard: 'The Judge of the Municipal Court of the City of Portland, in Multnomah County, at the close of business of each month, shall make a certified report to the County Auditor of all fines and forfeitures in state cases collected by him, and the commitments to the county jail during the month, showing the names of persons committed and the date and term of sentence.'"

"I called on the District Attorney about the matter, and he gave me an off-hand opinion that the county is entitled to the money, but said he would look the matter up. I spoke to Judge Hogue, and he stated that he could not see his way clear to do so, and that he was entitled to the money. They make us pay the costs. The Municipal Judge has never made a report here in state cases, but I will have a report here tomorrow, and can tell from it that the county is entitled to receive."

SAYS HUSBAND WAS CRUEL.

W. Scott Morrill, Saloon-Keeper, Is Sued by Wife for Divorce.

May Morrill yesterday commenced proceedings in the State Circuit Court against W. Scott Morrill, a saloon-keeper, for a divorce, on the ground of cruel treatment. They were married in 1900, at Bangor, Me., and have no children. Mrs. Morrill, in her complaint, charges her husband with having assaulted and beat her, and with falsely accusing her of misconduct. She says he received and entertained at their home women of bad reputation, and violently abused her for not assisting in their entertainment. Mrs. Morrill further alleges that her husband insisted on her associating with such people, and became very angry when she refused to do so, and that he refused to provide her with the necessaries of life, and to get rid of her, advised her to go and live with relatives at Princeton, B. C.

JAPANESE APPEALS CASE.

United States Court Asked for Writ of Habeas Corpus for M. Matoba.

An application for the writ of habeas corpus for the release of M. Matoba, a subject of the Emperor of Japan, was filed in the United States District Court yesterday by H. Y. Zui. The application states that Matoba has been deprived of his liberty by D. M. McLaughlin, Chief of Police, that he had been arrested on a charge of vagrancy, tried before an illegally summoned jury, convicted and sentenced to 20 days in jail; that such sentence carried with it the necessity of working on the rockpile; that an undertaking on appeal had been offered and refused, and that the sentence and the accompanying punishment were contrary to the provisions of the city charter. The Chief of Police is asked to appear and show cause why he should be held liable, and a hearing will be had today.

Court Notes.

The inventory of the estate of John W. H. Miller, deceased, was filed in the County Court yesterday. The property consists of an insurance policy for \$2000. The final report of Lida B. McKittick, administratrix of the estate of Clarence M. McKittick, deceased, was filed in the

UNSIGHTLY BILLBOARD THAT GREET THE EYE OF PORTLAND HOTEL GUESTS



OPPOSITE THE HOTEL ON SEVENTH STREET, NEAR MORRISON.

At that time it was seen that if the flames ever reached the tanks they would burst, and the burning oil would flood the whole place with a seething bath of fire. After the conflagration, the Council passed an ordinance compelling the oil people to build a stone wall around their tanks, and the burning oil would flood the whole place with a seething bath of fire. After the conflagration, the Council passed an ordinance compelling the oil people to build a stone wall around their tanks, and the burning oil would flood the whole place with a seething bath of fire.

entire structure was soon ablaze from end to end, and the firemen devoted their efforts to saving the endangered cottages on the East Side. Sparks were carried southward many blocks. The saloon building of John Everson, on Loring street and Albina avenue, caught fire from a live cinder. The fire caught well down toward the ground on the side and ran up the building. Chemical No. 3 was summoned to the saloon and extinguished the fire before it had spread. Further south cinders were carried to the Victoria dock, but as close watch was kept no damage was done in that quarter. A fire started at the dock, but it was discovered in time by the watchmen. Damage to Everson's saloon was slight. Two cottages east of the burning building, 484, occupied by Van Waterhouse, and 486, occupied by Mrs. W. M. Mallett, both owned by Mrs. P. Johnson, caught fire and were damaged to the amount of about \$400. At 486 the front windows were broken out and other damages resulted. Both caught in the roof, but the flames were quickly extinguished. The icehouse was the property of Mrs. J. B. Montgomery. It was built 20 years ago and was occupied for a time, but for many years had been vacant. It was worth about \$500. The fire is supposed to have been caused by sparks from a passing locomotive. There was no insurance. The two Johnson cottages and Everson's saloon are insured.

Work on Government Boat Started.

The keel for the new Government boat has been set up under a shed in Supple's boatyard. The stem and stern pieces are of oak. The new craft will be 85 feet long, and will be high class in every respect. It will take some time to complete the vessel. In this year also work has been started on a derrick barge for the Port of Portland.

East Side Notes.

The funeral of Mrs. Otavia Munsell, wife of W. A. O. Munsell, of Los Angeles, Cal., was held yesterday at the Portland Crematorium. Mrs. Mary Axford, who lived in the Patton Home in Albina, died Monday. The funeral was held yesterday, and Lona Fir cemetery was the place of interment. She was 80 years old. H. J. Fisher, M. G. Thorsen and H. Weinhart have petitioned for the improvement of East Taylor street, between East Water street and Union avenue. An elevated roadway is wanted. George Quinlan, George Smith and Ike Roberts left yesterday evening for the Upper Hatcher near Warm Springs. They went in a light spring wagon drawn by two sturdy horses, and supplied for a comfortable outing.

DEATH FOR A CHINAMAN

Instantly Killed in a Runaway on St. Helens Road.

Wong Gee, who was driving six live pigs to the ranch of Chang Hong, his employer, on the St. Helens road, was instantly killed about 6 o'clock last night near Ninemile and Front streets by being thrown from his wagon. His neck was broken. The horses attached to the wagon he drove suddenly took fright at a passing railroad engine, and they ran away in spite of his efforts to control them. In the confusion one of the lines snapped, and the horses had the mad race their own way. Wong Gee was pitched out

ROADS ON EAST OAK STREET IMPROVEMENT.

Residents along East Oak street are very anxious for the improvement of East Oak street between East Third and East Twelfth streets. A largely signed petition has gone to the City Council and the general wish is that the matter should be pushed with energy. Owing to the dangerous condition of the elevated roadway between Union avenue and East Sixth streets, Oak street has been partly closed up for the past five years, and great inconvenience has been suffered by the public. The roadway has become extremely dan-

TOURISTS ON STREET-CARS SEE SIGHTS LIKE THIS



BILLBOARD ON WASHINGTON STREET, NEAR SIXTEENTH.

been taken up, and so charged the application. He held the document for further information, and he said, made no attempt to file it. As he had committed no crime there was no objection to the dismissal of the case.

MONEY FOR MONUMENT.

Cash and Subscriptions Being Received for Lone Fir Shaft. Cash and subscriptions are constantly being received for the soldiers' monument which is to be erected in Lone Fir cemetery to the memory of the veterans of the four great American wars. Captain J. H. McMillen, a pioneer and Indian War veteran, who is greatly interested in the proposed monument, said yesterday: "I am greatly pleased over the quiet interest that is being taken in the monu-

ment, and as he lay one of the rear wheels of the wagon passed over his head. It is thought he was dead when picked up. The accident was witnessed by J. J. Mell, proprietor of the Villard Hotel, 175 North Front street, and his clerk, S. C. Hylton. Coroner Finley made inquiry into the matter, and found that it was purely an accident, and that no one is to blame. He will examine more fully into the case today, but it is probable that there will be no inquest. For those who are nervous and run down, Hood's Sarsaparilla is the ideal building-up medicine.

County Court yesterday.

The receipts were \$2000, and all claims have been paid. There is some wheat in storage belonging to the estate, and also 30 acres of land in Columbia county.

Encouragement for Beef-Raising.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5.—At the National Retail Butchers' and Meat Dealers' Protective Association, which met in Columbus, Ga., yesterday, the so-called beef trust was vigorously assailed and President W. G. Wagner, of New York, in his address, recommended that the tariff be taken off meat and food products. It is likely that there will be a movement made at this meeting to urge the payment

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FOR FIREBOAT FUNDS.

Committee Is About to Begin Active Campaign.

The committee of the Chamber of Commerce which has in charge the matter of securing a fireboat for this city will canvass the business houses the last of this week to see who will sign the subscription list and make the plan a possibility. The committee estimates that about \$60,000 is needed to build and equip a first-class boat that will be effective, and of some use in a time of fire. It has been decided by the committee appointed to collect the necessary data concerning the fireboat, its construction and cost, that if possible a boat made in the city from material furnished by the state would be more desirable than a boat made in some other locality. The reason for this action is easily seen. It is better that the money used in its construction be spent in the city and state, so that those who will subscribe will be putting that much money into general circulation. This committee consists of Messrs. Campbell, Bentley and Supple, and they will make a formal decision this evening at Chief Campbell's office, at the fire headquarters.

WEATHER FORECASTS.

Forecasts made at Portland at 8 P. M. for 24 hours ending midnight August 6: Portland and vicinity—Fair; continued warm. Oregon, Washington and northern Idaho—Fair; continued warm; northerly winds. Southern Idaho—Fair; slightly higher temperature. EDWARD A. BEALS, Forecast Official.

MEETING NOTICES.

WASHINGTON LODGE, NO. 48, F. & A. M.—Bated meeting (Wednesday) evening, 8 o'clock, in M. M. degree. All Master Masons cordially invited. By order of the W. M., J. A. NEWELL, Secretary.

SAMARITAN LODGE, NO. 2, I. O. O. F.—Regular meeting this (Wednesday) evening, at 8 o'clock. Second degree. Visitors welcome. M. OSVOLD, Secretary.

ORIENT LODGE, NO. 17, I. O. O. F.—Regular meeting this (Wednesday) evening, at 8 o'clock, corner Grand and East First st. Initiatory degree. Visitors welcome. W. W. TERRY, Rec. Sec.

DIED.

MADDEN—In Seattle, August 5, Mrs. Hattie E. Madden, wife of E. H. Madden, of Seaside, aged 43 years 1 month. Funeral 5 o'clock later.

ALDRICH—At the Good Samaritan Hospital, August 5, at 6:50 P. M., Stephen W. Aldrich, Funeral notice later.

FULLER—August 5, 1902, Mrs. Della Fuller, aged 56 years, a native of Cuba. Funeral notice later.

ROGERS—In this city, August 5, Duran Rogers, aged 38 years. Notice of funeral hereafter.

SCHACHT—August 5, 1902, near Damascus, Or., J. P. A. Schacht.

J. P. FINLEY & SON, Progressive Funeral Directors and Embalmers, Cor. Third and Jefferson Sts. Competent lady staff. Both phones No. 4.

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TIME CARD, STEAMER T. J. POTTER

This week the O. R. & N. Co.'s steamer T. J. Potter will leave Astoria dock for Portland and Ilwaco as follows: August 5, 8:15 A. M.; August 6, 9 A. M.; August 7, 11:15 A. M. Baggage must be received at Ash-street dock 30 minutes before departure. Ticket office, Third and Washington.

DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

PORTLAND, Aug. 5.—Maximum temperature, 80 deg.; minimum temperature, 60 deg.; river reading, 11 A. M., 10 feet; change to 24 hours, -0.1 foot; no precipitation; total precipitation since September 1, 1901, 40.89 inches; normal precipitation since September 1, 1901, 42.23 inches; deficiency, 1.34 inches; total sunshine August 4, 1902, 14 hours 42 minutes; possible sunshine August 4, 1902, 14 hours 42 minutes.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

No rain has fallen west of the Rocky Mountains during the last 24 hours, and the temperature is moderately warm. The indications are for fair weather in the