

BIG PROPERTY SOLD

Northern Pacific Railway Buys Water Frontage.

MAY BE FOR TERMINAL YARDS

Three Blocks Owned by George Weidner Are Transferred to Corporation That May Possibly Need Them for Coal-Bunkers.

A property sale of the greatest importance to the commercial and maritime interests of this city was consummated yesterday in the transfer of the Weidner property on the North Portland waterfront to the Northern Pacific Railway Company.

The consideration is not positively known, but some months ago the property was held at \$250,000, and it certainly has not decreased in value since.

For the past several years it has been known that the Northern Pacific wished to acquire good terminal property in Portland. During Mayor Rowe's administration, George W. Weidner secured a franchise on North Front street from the Council. It was the understanding that should turn this franchise over to the Northern Pacific, the company would buy the valuable water-front property. But the railway people didn't like the terms of the franchise and declined to take the land and the franchise from Mr. Weidner. A second franchise was not more highly regarded. The deal after slumbering since that day was revived in the past month when C. M. Lewis, assistant to President Elliott of the Northern Pacific, visited Portland and had a conference with Mr. Weidner. After telegraphic negotiations of some weeks' duration the transaction was closed yesterday.

The Weidner property extends from North Front street to the harbor line, and is practically bounded by the foot of Thurman street and the foot of Eleventh street on the south. Its location extending from the harbor line to the nearest street makes it the most valuable piece of water-front property on the West Side.

It is either terminal holdings or extensive coal bunkers which have been planned by the Northern Pacific to be placed upon this land. The Northern Pacific has long looked enviously at the O. R. & N. Company which, with its East Side terminals for freight, cut down its account with the Northern Pacific Terminal Company. The terminal company is a non-profit-producing concern owned in conjunction by the Northern Pacific, the O. R. & N. and the Southern Pacific. The Weidner property, believed to be included in the sale of yesterday, embraces but three blocks, it could be used for terminal purposes in a small way to great advantage.

Coal bunkers would also be a logical use for the property purchased. Since the burning of the Alhambra bunkers there has been no coal storage depot of any size in the city. With the Northern Pacific owning several coal mines in Washington, coal could be brought to Portland on its own rails, placed in its own bunkers and sold to steamships and river steamers at an excellent profit.

Late last evening it became known that the deal had actually been closed. Mr. Weidner could not be reached during the evening, and the Northern Pacific officials at Tacoma declined to give any information. Real estate men wise in water-front affairs said that much has been done toward the consummation of the sale within the past month.

If the Northern Pacific acquires or has already quietly purchased other North Portland property, it undoubtedly means the establishment of extensive new terminal yards for that company. Such a movement would also make it appear that the plan often discussed of eliminating the Kalamazoo-Goble crossing of the Columbia, bridging the Columbia at Vancouver, and entering Portland by a cut-off across the peninsula was about to be revived.

LIBERTY BELL TO COME HERE.

Portland Public School Pupils Will Sign Petition.

Twenty-five thousand students of the Portland schools will ask the Mayor and City Council of Philadelphia to send the historic old Liberty Bell to Portland as an exhibit to the Lewis and Clark Exposition. The request will be in the form of a huge petition, signed by all the school children, and it will most probably be delivered to the Philadelphia officials by special representatives sent from Portland for that purpose.

The petition of all these school children will unquestionably have a great deal of influence. The old bell, which pealed forth the glad tidings of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, thus signaling the birth of a great Nation, would attract no end of attention if brought here. The Lewis and Clark officials intend to leave no stone unturned in their efforts to secure the bell.

Every school in the city was supplied with a copy of the petition yesterday and there are already several thousand names enrolled. The petition, which the old bell will be brought here in charge of a joint special committee, representing Philadelphia.

The Philadelphia Council has already passed a resolution authorizing a request to Portland during the Lewis and Clark Exposition, and since there is already a sentiment favoring a trip to Portland, and it is believed the bell will be brought here along with a large delegation of citizens and officials.

THE GENUINE UNTERFIERED.

Delegates to the Prohibition National Convention Leaving.

A carload of Prohibitionists will leave Portland today for Indianapolis, Ind., where the National Convention of the party assemblies on June 25. Poes of the liquor traffic from Idaho and Washington will join the Oregon party en route, and a total of some 30 delegates from the Pacific Northwest is expected to make the journey.

The transportation arrangements are in charge of H. W. Kelsey, of Newberg, and among others who will make the trip are D. M. Cookingham, of Portland; Rev. C. C. Poling, of Dallas; C. J. Bright and wife, of Warco; W. P. Elmora, of Brownsville; E. S. Craven, and W. H. Miles, of Newberg; W. N. Hare, of Grant's Pass, and L. H. Amos, of Portland. F. McKeercher, of this city, has already departed.

The Prohibitionists will nominate a full ticket at Indianapolis and expect to poll a larger vote this year than usual, owing to a slightly increased activity in prohibition circles all over the country.

Entertainment for Charity.

PORTLAND, Or., June 15.—To the Benevolent and Charitably-Inclined People of Portland: We beg to present a plea for the following humane movement: The Open Air Sanitarium Aid gives an entertainment at the Marquam Grand, consisting of a cantata by children and the best local talent in the city, June 24 and 25, for the purpose of raising funds for the establishment of an open air sanitarium in Portland, for consumptives. One-seventh of the deaths in Port-

land last year resulted from tuberculosis. Portland has no place to care for these unfortunates. The sanitarium when established will give them an opportunity to receive benefit of all that science can provide for them. The hopeless cases have a refuge where their families and scores about them may be protected from contamination. The safety of the community at large demands that a place be provided for the segregation of our unfortunates. Tickets on sale at Woodard, Clarke & Co. and Bern's drugstores. Respectfully submitted, MRS. OAKES, DR. FLORENCE MANNION, Committee.

MAUDE ADAMS TONIGHT.

Star Actress in "The Little Minister" at the Marquam.

Maude Adams, whom Charles Frohman will present for the first time as a star in Portland, at the Marquam Grand tonight, will have reason to be proud of the flattering reception she will receive in this city. Miss Adams' engagement here is limited to two nights, and tomorrow evening she will be seen in the comedy as Lady Babble in "The Little Minister" extends throughout the entire United States.

There are many Portland theatergoers who remember Miss Adams when she was here some years ago playing minor parts, who then attracted much attention. They have read with interest the advancement she has made, and will be glad to welcome her return at the head of her own organization, and one of the leading actresses of the United States. The advance sale for Miss Adams' engagement in Portland has been of such a character as to indicate the capacity of the theater will be fully occupied.

E. H. Sothorn in "The Proud Prince." E. H. Sothorn's appearance in "The Proud Prince" at the Marquam Grand Theater Tuesday and Wednesday nights, June 23 and 24, is engrossing the entire attention of theatergoers. The scenes of "The Proud Prince" are laid in Sicily in the 18th century. In the play is the contrast of the richly-attired, arrogant nobles of the King's court and the picturesque populace, an effect which was so artistic in "If I Were King." A new element, however, is introduced in the religious and supernatural, and the play is made picturesque with scenes of temples and monasteries, with the soulful music of organs, the chanting of monks and religious chorists. It is generally conceded that Sothorn has handled his subject with true reverence and dignity, and it has attracted the attention of the churchgoer as well as the theatergoer. A love theme is the moving spirit of the play.

"A Thoroughbred Tramp."

This week's attraction at Cordray's bids fair to be a record-breaker. "A Thoroughbred Tramp" started its run with an S. R. O. sign at the box-office window, and set a very fast pace, but the excellence of the play, its abundant heart interest, its sensational situations, realistic scenery and the masterly acting of the company to whom it is entrusted fully warrant the patronage received. There was a large and enthusiastic audience last night, and everybody seems talking of "A Thoroughbred Tramp" and bent on seeing it before the week is over.

Next week the most sensational melodrama ever written, "The Buffalo Mystery," which deals with the famous Burke murder case, will be the attraction. This play comes here after phenomenal runs in New York and Chicago, and should be a great drawing-card in Portland.

Want Matinee Wednesday.

In response to many requests the management of the Marquam Theater will make an effort today to induce Manager Frohman and Miss Maude Adams to agree to a matinee performance of "The Little Minister" for Wednesday afternoon. If the matinee is arranged, a bulletin will be posted in front of the theater and seats placed on sale today at noon. Miss Adams is very popular among matinee-goers, many of whom being young people, to whom it would be an inconvenience to attend evening performances. Miss Adams was expected to arrive from San Francisco at 9:45 last evening, but her train was delayed and will arrive at 7:30 this morning.

"Hoity-Toity."

This last week of the Casino Company at the East is one of the best and broadest burlesques of the entire season. Rice and Cady, the funny long and short Dutchmen, undergo an entirely original series of adventures, calculated to make every spectator a student of anatomy, and begin to enjoy life. The musical numbers are all very pretty, and with Sidney De Grey and Lou Harlow in bright, catchy parts, to which these two popular leading comedians are adapted, "Hoity Toity" is bound to please not only in spots but all through the evening.

Lyric's Great Offering.

"The Father of Minstrelsy" is the title of the play which Dan Hart, who is appearing this week at the Lyric. Mr. Hart was born in Boston in 1834; he made his stage debut in 1850, and during his long career played countless comedy roles, but his fame rests on his connection with negro minstrelsy, which he, with Dan Emmet, Billy Emerson, and others, originated. When the Civil War broke out he joined the Navy and was appointed signal officer on one of the ships of the Gulf squadron. He was with Farragut at the battle of Mobile Bay, and served with great credit until peace was declared. Afterward he returned to the minstrel stage, and has appeared in all parts of the world. He is now the oldest living negro minstrel, but is as full of the zest of his calling and in no wise betrays his 70 years.

Other great acts at the Lyric this week are: Frank Coulter, soft shoe dancer; the Kennedy-Vernon trio, in a comedy sketch; the Juggling Burks; Ed. Bell, German comedian; Kelly and Massey, sketch artists; "The Intruder," and Raymond T. Baldwin, the peerless baritone, and the vltascope.

The Baker Company.

The opening play, "Diplomacy," which the Baker Company opens with Sunday afternoon, is a very powerful drama from the pen of Sardou, the famous French dramatist. It will be a play the company made a splendid record in at Los Angeles.

An Old Poem Recalled.

PORTLAND, June 20.—Thinking that perhaps the pioneers might be interested in this old piece, I send the following copy.—(From memory): Says Joe Joe, "I'd like to know what Congress means to do; They've made a law a line to draw to split my claim in two. 'I took a claim in my own name down in Willamette Valley, But they've agreed to split the deal, and give one-half to Sally. 'If Congress knew as well as I do how Bal's disposed to 'rank it, They'd think the game was just the same as it we'd split the blanket. 'I've rolled the logs through streams and I wish the gull that framed the bill was forced to build the frame."

Says Joe to Tom, "That bill is some, the Homestead's nothing to it, Though you can't see, it's plain to me, for I can see right through it. 'Don't you suppose that Congress knows, though some folks call it cheat, That Mr. Thompson's not the first one that thought Bal's the better half?'" J. S.

FILIPINO BAND MAY COME

DUSKY MUSICIANS ARE TO BE A FEATURE OF MARDI GRAS.

Queen Voting Contest Spirited, and Heavy Balloting for the Leaders is Expected.

Aguinaldo's Filipino band will be a feature of the Mardi Gras to be held on the Multnomah Field June 23, to July 2, inclusive. The announcement was made by the Mardi Gras committee last night, and although the contract for these musicians has not been signed the management believes from the correspondence received from the manager of the band that there will be no difficulty in bringing the Filipino musicians to this city.

The band, which is composed of a large number of the best musicians in the Philippines, is en route from Manila to the St. Louis Fair, and the idea of securing them was first thought of by W. C. North, manager of the Mardi Gras. He served the Oregon volunteers in the Philippines, and realized what a drawing card it would be for the Carnival to have the band of dusky musicians fill an engagement at the Mardi Gras while en route to St. Louis.

Another feature announced yesterday evening was the Spanish bullfight, the toreadors and matadors for which are now in California, and are expected here in the near future. Although the management realizes that there may be some trouble in pulling off the fight in the city limits, they believe by guaranteeing to the humane officials that there will be no cruelty to the animals the fight will be carried out.

Manager North has established quarters at the Multnomah Hotel, where he is supervising the placing of the various tents and other paraphernalia for the Mardi Gras. "Dare-Devil" Edwards was very keen and set to work on the Multnomah Field to make his second attempt to leap the aerial arch yesterday, and as it was late in the afternoon before the carpenters had finished the new receiving platform he decided not to try the ride until this morning, when a number of photographers will be present to take snapshots at him as he makes the sensational ride.

The first rehearsal of the spectacular coronation was held at Alisky Hall last night. The coronation will be the finest and most gorgeous ever given on the Coast. Twenty-five young men and women are wanted to participate in the coronation scene. Another rehearsal will be held at Alisky Hall tonight, where all those who desire to participate are requested to apply. The little city between the ages of 8 and 12 years, who will ride on the liberty-car with the Goddess of Liberty will report to Mrs. Drew, at 142 Second street, after school this afternoon.

The coronation and the principal business streets will commence today, when several hundred large flags will be suspended along parts of the line of march of the Fourth of July parade. A number of prominent merchants have informed the committee that they will decorate their places of business in an appropriate manner before and during the Mardi Gras, and the city promises to take on the aspect of festivity that will surpass any patriotic decoration of the past.

The queen voting contest continues to excite more interest and some heavy voting was done Sunday and Monday; as the following count will show. The committee will employ men to watch the ballot-boxes from now until the close of the voting, as much as possible, to be done both by cash and ballot subscriptions. Following is the count taken last night: Margaret Paffrath 2523 Anna Simmons 2385 Bessie Aaron 2191 Anna Mabel Atkinson 2883 Mas Mason 2387 Pearl Sones 2191 Recha Paffrath 1395 Fanny Hendee 1605

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300 white or mixed Straw Hats for Boys; all sizes; great special value for all day today at the low price of..... 39c

Hammocks

100 Canvas Weave Hammocks; 36x80-inch, full colored, pillow and spreaders, wide valance; best \$2.25 values on sale for today only at the low price of..... \$1.53

Chow Chow 55c

500 bottles of Crosse & Blackwell's famous chow chow, quart bottles; value extraordinary in the Grocery Department today..... 55c

Men's Clothing Specials

In the Men's Clothing Store for today only the following Extra Special Offerings should attract scores of eager buyers.

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100 Men's Wool Homespun Outing Suits, light colors, stylish, well-tailored garments, all sizes. The greatest value ever offered at the low price of..... \$6.10

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Refrigerator Bargains

Today we offer 15 handsome Gurney Refrigerators with removable galvanized iron ice box—Easily cleaned—Two adjustable shelves, enamel lined, brass hinges and lock—ice capacity 63 pounds, an economical ice consumer—Reg. \$12.50 value for \$14.63 It's really worth \$20.00

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Lawns 4c yd.

3000 yds. of Colored Lawns, desirable patterns and colorings; great special value for today only at the low price of, yard..... 4c

65c Neckwear

Parker & Finn's handsome Stocks and Turnovers for women; batiste embroidered in Persian colors, very attractive ideas, for wear with shirtwaist suits; 65c values..... 39c

Corset Covers

Five great lots of Corset Covers; blouse front and tight-fitting styles; solid tucked fronts; lace or embroidery trimmed; lace trimmed neck and arm holes—35c and 40c values; 25c all sizes..... 25c

Dinner Sets

60-piece semi-vitreous Dinner Set; green or brown decorated; value extraordinary all day today at the low price of..... \$4.39

\$1.00 Ties 50c

Men's \$1.00 pure silk tubular Four-in-Hand Ties; the newest and best style; \$1.00 values on sale all day today at..... 50c

Cuff Buttons 15c

500 pairs of Men's Gold Plated Cuff Buttons; new designs; great special value for all day today at, pair..... 15c

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3500 yards of 4-inch All Silk Taffeta Ribbons; great range of leading shades; wonderful value today, yard..... 18c

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5000 yards of Japanese Matting; best patterns; 36 in. wide; just the thing for the Coast or servants' room; today only all you want at, yard..... 9c

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10-piece Decorated Toilet Sets; 3 decorations, blue, green and brown; regular \$3 value on sale all day today at the low price of..... \$2.14

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5000 yards of Figured Challies; large, medium and small figures; marvelous value for today only at the low price, yd..... 5c

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Boys' two-piece All-Wool Suits in gray, plaids, checks and mixtures; ages 8 to 16 years; one of the best \$3.75 values on sale all day today..... \$2.43

50c Wash Silk

2000 yards of 50c Corded Japanese Wash Silks, stripes and checks; on sale today only at the low price of, yard..... 35c

Table Damask

1000 yards of Turkey Red Table Damask; just the thing for use at the Coast; best patterns today..... 21c only at, yard..... 21c

Outing Flannels

1500 yards of Outing Flannels in stripes, checks and plain colors; best colorings; on sale today only at the low price of, yd..... 7c

Drug Specials

Coke Dandruff Cure; Large bottle, 69¢; small, 33¢ "4711" Toilet Soap; White Rose, Violet, Lily of the Valley; cake..... 11c

Soap 11c Box

500 boxes, 3 cakes in box, of Witch Hazel Soap, Bay Rum Soap, Glycerine Soap; great special value today..... 11c only at, box..... 11c

Boys' Waists

Boys' Laundered Blouse Waists, with or without collar; 6 to 16 years; pink, blue or black striped percales; great value..... 62c

Underwear

Men's 50c White Cotton Mesh Underwear, Shirts and Drawers; well made and finished; all sizes; 39c today only at..... 39c

Willamette Sewing Machines

"Willamette" Sewing Machines, \$5.00 down, \$1.00 weekly; every one fully guaranteed for 10 years, equal to agency machines from \$35.00 to \$75.00. Prices range from \$15.00 to \$35.00.

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