

COUNCIL MAY AGT

Civic Improvement Subject of Official Inquiry.

UNSIGHTLY BILLBOARDS TO GO

Citizens and Municipal Officials Are United in the Effort to Make Portland a City Beautiful.

At the next regular meeting of the Council in all probability a resolution will be introduced requesting the citizens of Portland to take an interest in the present civic improvement agitation to the extent of beautifying their own property and inducing neighbors to do the same.

Rumor goes farther and states that in the near future the fight against the unsightly billboards may be carried into the Council with the effect that an ordinance abolishing the billboard under certain conditions may be introduced and passed and that the general nuisance ordinance may be broadened to include billboards erected on private property.

It is deemed that this is the most direct way to get good and lasting results, and though Councilmen will not talk on this subject in present legislative session, it is taken for granted that at least a minority are opposed to the billboard and may be urged to their influence in promoting legislation against it.

SUBURBS GETTING INTERESTED

Citizens on East Side Are Aroused for Civic Improvement.

The "City Beautiful" is now the programme on the East Side, between St. Johns and Sellwood and from the Willamette River to Russellville. At Sellwood the Board of Trade will set civic improvement in action with a rousing public meeting in St. Johns next Friday evening.

In Brooklyn the Mothers and Teachers Club has undertaken to clean up and beautify that suburb. Mrs. C. W. Keefe is chairman of a special committee on sewers and purification, and this committee will inaugurate a general campaign early this Spring.

At Mount Tabor and Montaville both the push clubs are urging the cultivation of flowers, and much is being done in the way of cleaning up premises. The University Park Ladies' Civic League is an active force, and is making itself felt along these lines.

At Central Albina, Milwaukie Addition, the Board of Trade, with the Ladies' Aid Society, will continue the work this Spring. Last year the Ladies' Aid Society spent about \$100 on the grounds of the Thompson School, with excellent results.

There are several places on the East Side where as yet no movement has been made for civic improvement. Central East Portland, between Sullivan's Gulch and Division street needs cleaning up. In Stephens' Addition, between East Tenth and Eleventh streets, there is a bad block. It is covered with tin cans and scraps and tin shavings.

University of Washington. The Seattle Athletic Club will probably be the university's hardest competitor. While the club has a large number of noted athletes on its list, still but few of the men have as yet begun training.

UNREST IS CROWING

Political Agitators Stir Up Russian Laborers.

BREAK EXPECTED IN SPRING

Peasants May Then Make Common Cause With Discontented Workmen, Now Apparently Held in Leash by Silent Factors.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 27 (3:35 A. M.).—Evidence is increasing that the strikes throughout the empire, and especially those in St. Petersburg, are not economic in their origin, but inspired by a definite political plan. The government and employers are embarrassed by the action of the workmen, whose discontent is being fanned and who are increasing their demands with each new concession.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 27 (1:35 A. M.).—It is announced that all the railways will be placed under martial law, in order to prevent the extension of the strikes. The employees of the Warsaw-St. Petersburg Railway have formulated demands for presentation to the management.

STOESSEL HAILED AS A HERO

Governor, Nobility and Civil Officials Greet at Moscow Station.

SOLDIERS GUARD THE POLICE

Warsaw Authorities Are Taking Unusual Precautions Against Attack.

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ADVISE EMPEROR TO TEMPORIZE

People's Representatives to Be Given Seats in Council of the Empire.

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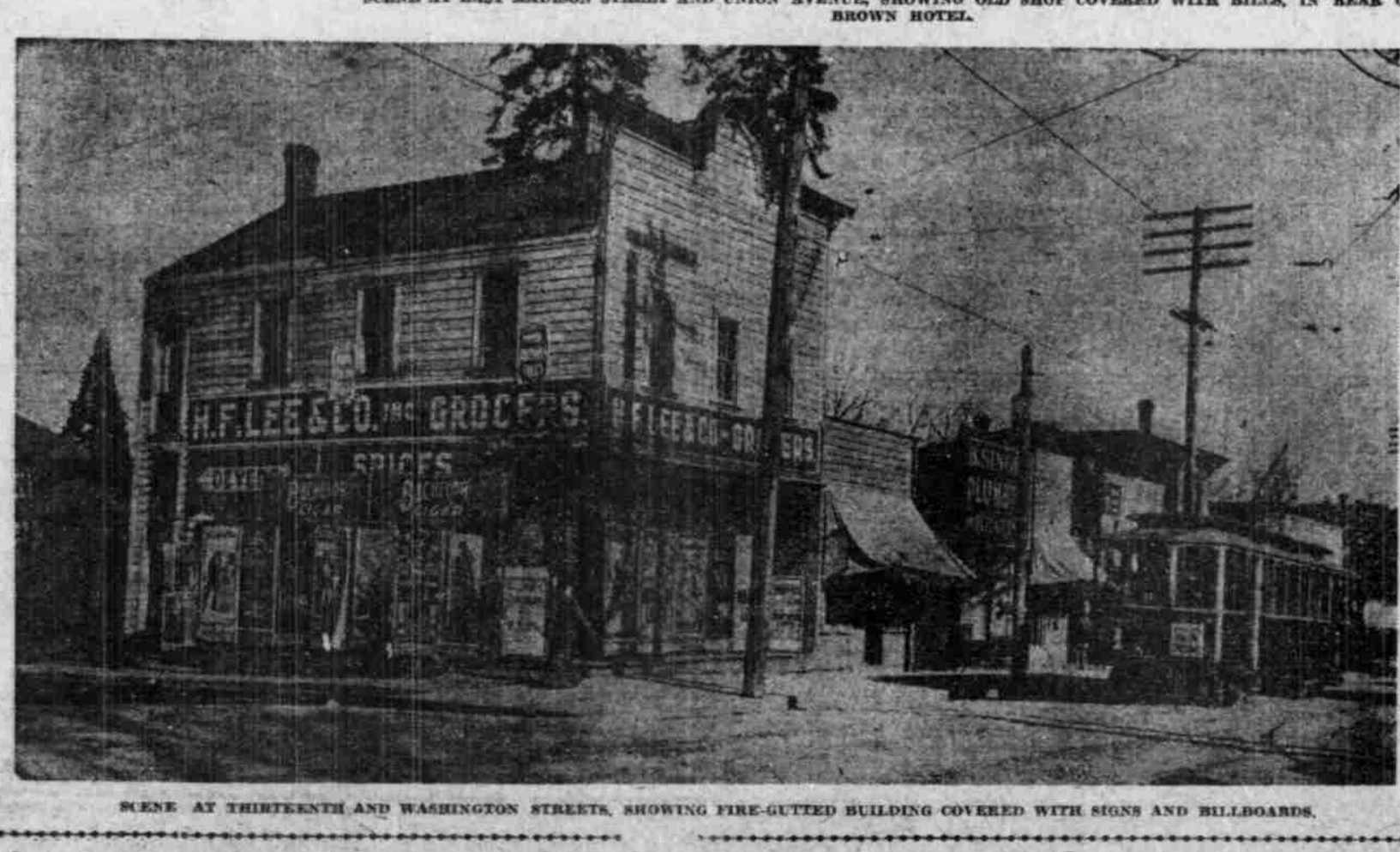
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For South-Eastern Alaska. Steamer of this company leaves Seattle 9 A. M. TADOMA 3 P. M. day previous, steamer COYAHUIC leaves Seattle 10 A. M. day previous.



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