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CITIZENS URGED TO JOIN IN CIVIC IMPROVEMENT WORK.

PORTLAND, Feb. 28.—(To the Editor.)—Noting your interest in the cause of civic improvement, I have no hesitation in asking you to give all publicity possible to the fact that the board is very desirous of obtaining the names of citizens and others who are willing to take an active part in the work. All such persons are requested to send their names and addresses to the Civic Improvement Board of the Chamber of Commerce, with suggestions as to the direction in which they desire to employ their efforts. These applications will be considered and acted upon as soon as the organization is complete and gets into working order, which will be in the course of a very few days.

WILLIAM D. WHEELWRIGHT,
Chairman of the Civic Improvement Board.

It must be apparent to anyone with eyes to see that this town needs a housecleaning before the opening day of the Fair. Tens of thousands of visitors will come to see Portland during the period from June 1 to October 15, and the city does not want them to catch it with the bedding hanging out of the front windows and the dishes not washed. These guests are coming to look the place over. They will come from some of the finest and best-ordered municipal households in the world. If they like the place a lot of them are going to stay but if Portland looks slatternly and out at the knees they will go home and talk. There will be enough to talk the city to death, so it is up to us to begin sprucing up.

Washington street, being the main thoroughfare and the high road to the Exposition grounds, will come in for the most minute and careful inspection. Washington street is not ready for inspection. It needs fixing.

To begin with it has still in its midst the disreputable Kamm hovels. Possibly no other city in the United States, barring Seattle, would tolerate those ancient ruins in the heart of its business section. Every few months the city administration announces that they are to be condemned and torn down regardless of their owners' action in the premises, but they are standing at this moment and will be much in evidence next Summer unless something is speedily done.

Other Bad Corners.

There are other bad corners on Washington street well within the business district. As they are earning an enormous income on the investment, however, there is very little hope of their ever being replaced unless the Lord should send fire and brimstone from Heaven. The pity of their existence is the greater when it is remembered that they are all owned by very rich people. The shacks referred to lie at intervals from Front to Fourteenth, not alone on Washington street but on Alder, Morrison, Yamhill and others in the center of the city.

To go farther out on the way to the Fair, the visitors are likely to "talk" about miserable conditions of the block on Sixteenth, between Washington and Alder. They will certainly say uncomplimentary things about the cave-in which lies invitingly along the car track between Sixteenth and Seventeenth, and the hovels which cluster about it. When the cars reach King street the tumble-down dog-kennel at the corner of Washington and King will no doubt entrance the vision of visitors from such cities as Denver, Detroit and Washington. Between St. Clair and Twenty-third streets is an unsightly clay bank that could be terraced with small expense, greatly to the benefit of the city as a whole and the surrounding property in particular.

In the King's Heights district, one of the finest residence sections of the city, there is much that should be done in the way of cleaning up the vacant lots, especially between Wayne and Park avenue.

Streets Need Attention.

Many of the streets are sadly in need of attention, among them Taylor and Seventh, beyond the pavement limit. At Seventh and Taylor, within one block of the Portland Hotel, the intersection of those streets is a positive menace to automobiles and light vehicles.

Seventh street is, during most of its length, lined by good concrete sidewalks, but in the vicinity of Clay there is a hiatus of a block where the walk is of rotten planks, with a crossing close by which long since lost any degree of usefulness as a means of keeping pedestrians out of the mud. The missing pavement between Fifth and Sixth on Yamhill should be laid, if the contractors of the Government building can be induced to remove the debris and the aesthetic display of high-art billboards at Seventh and Morrison should be removed to idyllic surroundings. Almost half the frame buildings in town are crying for paint, and a few carloads of kindling should be made of the antiquated board fences which still surround many residences and vacant lots.

City Engineer Wanzer says that he and the Mayor will see that the telephone and light companies paint their poles, as they were directed to do by ordinance some months ago, and it is to be hoped that the officials named will poke up those corporations before the Fair days of June.

There is a lot of housecleaning which Portland ought to do right away, and from now until Summer she should be as busy as a housekeeper with a large family of dirty children and no hired girl.

Disclaims All Credit.

PORTLAND, Feb. 28.—(To the Editor.)—I am receiving considerable free advertising in connection with the Civic Improvement revival now in progress. As a matter of fact, the Civic Improvement Association has been dormant for about one year, and the awakening is through the efforts of the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Wheelwright, president of that organization, is a very active and aggressive man, and is chairman also of the Civic Improvement branch of that body, and all work will be done under his supervision, and the credit for same should go to him, and not to me, as I have been and am now too busy to give the necessary attention to this work, consequently am not entitled to any credit. I make this statement for the reason that some are under the impression that the present work is being done by the old organization. I trust that all who were members of the Civic Improvement Association will join with the Chamber of Commerce and lend them every assistance possible in their work. THOMAS M'CUSKER.

QUARREL OVER GRAND AVENUE

Councilman Sharkey and ex-Councilman Hall Exchange Compliments.

Some excited talk is made over the condition of Grand avenue, between Councilman John Sharkey and ex-Councilman W. B. Hall.

"I see that Mr. Sharkey says this morning," remarked Mr. Hall yesterday, "that the streets of East Portland have been generally improved out of the revenues derived from a North-End saloon. That is rich news for the good people of East Portland, who imagined they were paying for their own improvement. Mr. Sharkey also takes a fling at the hardware stores and says that they all pay less revenue to the city than one saloon in the North End. He forgets that it takes nine policemen to 'protect' that one saloon while the hardware stores hire private watchmen to look after their places of business. I am glad I did succeed in stirring up the Councilman. He has been around, and is now ready and willing to help us out on Grand avenue."

At Mr. Hall's place of business a petition is being signed asking the Council to repair the elevated roadway on Grand avenue between East Stark and Pine streets. It is set forth in this petition that a great injustice is being done the business men on Grand avenue by closing the street when a little repair would permit it to be opened to the public. It is also said in the petition that the business men have just gone through a long siege of dullness by reason of the closing of the Morrison bridge. A strong committee of business men will take charge of the petition and see that it receives attention.

FESTIVAL OF ST. DAVID.

It Will Be Celebrated With Special Services at Church.

This is the anniversary of the festival of St. David, and at St. David's Church, East Twelfth and Belmont, special services will be held this evening, at which the largest choir that ever sang in a Portland church will chant the anthems in celebration of the festival.

The surpliced choirs of Trinity and St. David's Churches will be combined and a number of prominent vocalists from other churches will take part in the singing, under the direction of Frederick W. Goodrich, organist of St. David's.

In the chancel will be gathered all of the Episcopal ministers of Portland, a number of whom will assist in the services. The sermon will be delivered by Rev. G. B. Van Waters, the rector of St. David's.

The services will begin at 7:30 o'clock. The programme follows:

Organ prelude, "Andantino" (Chauvet); processional hymn, "The Son of God Goes Forth to War" (Whitney); confession and responses (Elvuse and Tallis); Proper Psalms 96 and 100 (Chant by Sir J. Goss); Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in D (J. T. Field); anthem, "What Are These?" (Sir John Stainer); hymn, "For All the Saints" (Sir Joseph Barnby); organ offertory, "Pomp and Circumstance" (Sir Edward Elgar); Thanksgiving Te Deum in D (H. H. Woodward); recessional hymn, "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" (Messiter); organ postlude, "Grand March in B Flat" (Stiles).

Chinook Run Increasing.

ASTORIA, Or., Feb. 28.—(Special.)—The run of chinook salmon in the Columbia has shown quite an increase during the past few days, and the fishermen who are working are doing quite well, as the price still remains at 9 cents per pound. Steelheads are not very plentiful at present.

SYSTEM MAY FAIL

Merit Plan for Teachers Under Fire.

BOARD MAY RECONSIDER IT

Wittenberg as the Lone Champion of the Project a Possibility at the Next Session of Directors.

That the Board of Education will reconsider the resolution recently passed inaugurating the merit system in teachers' salaries is among the strong probabilities.

Herman Wittenberg stands alone as the supporter of the system as at present applied. A majority of the directors favor a merit system of some kind, but they are opposed to the plan which delegates to an examining commission the authority to raise the salaries of the grade teachers. Mrs. L. W. Sitton, president of the board, is against the resolution; J. V. Beach did not vote for it, Richard Williams did so, disliking the commission feature, and R. K. Warren said yesterday that at the meeting Monday evening he was tempted to move that the action of the board be reconsidered. The teachers have so many friends and so many taxpayers were interested in the raise of salary for the teachers that complaint against the merit system has been too general to ignore. Had the board been unanimous and prepared to present a solid front to its critics the merit system might have stuck, but this is not the case. Mr. Wittenberg, however, shows no signs of surrender.

It is very probable, therefore, that if a motion to reconsider the merit system resolution is made at the next meeting or if the directors are called in special session, that Mr. Wittenberg will find himself the lone champion of the much-criticised system.

TO DISCUSS STREET PAVEMENTS

Council Will Hear the Representations of the Various Companies.

"Asphalt vs. bitulithic pavements et al." might as well be the name of the case which will be informally heard before the meeting of the Council this afternoon. It is war to the knife between the allied asphalt companies and the Warren Construction Company handling the patented bitulithic pavement. The Bentley ordinance allowing pavement bids to be made for "Warren's bitulithic pavement or as good" brings the pavement contest into the Council Chamber.

The asphalt companies want a chance to bid on bituminous macadam paving when bitulithic pavement is called for. They cannot call their pavement "bitulithic" as that is a patented name. The bitulithic promoters naturally want to keep a good thing now that they have succeeded in convincing the city officials that their paving is superior to anything else at the same price. This is the opinion generally held. Mayor Williams, formerly partial to treated wood blocks, now believes bitulithic pavement is the best for Portland.

The building inspector ordinance will also come up for passage, carrying with it the increased salary of $150 a month, the amendment of the ways and means committee.

Automatic telephones will probably take up considerable attention, as the Sumner franchise ordinance will appear after consideration by the street committee. The ordinance has a fair chance of passage.

A new measure will be an ordinance which gives the Mayor the right to pardon or commute the sentences of those found guilty and sentenced by the Municipal Judge. The Municipal Judge, City Attorney and Chief of Police may be called upon to furnish additional facts concerning the crime alleged, and the Mayor shall file with the Council a statement of those pardoned or given commuted sentences, together with a summary of the crime.

A building permit now costs $1, no matter how expensive a structure. By an ordinance, which will also be introduced tomorrow, an additional $1 is to be charged for every $1000 to be expended upon the building.

Want Cement Sidewalks Laid.

Property-owners in the district bounded by East Stark, Twentieth, Sixteenth and Multnomah streets will soon ask the Council for an extension of the cement sidewalk limits so that their neighbors may be forced to lay good walks instead of the old wooden boards which in a few places still remain. The boundary of the cement district now runs down East Stark from East Twentieth to East Sixteenth, and continues out East Sixteenth to Multnomah. The plan is to take out the jog in the line, and run it along East Twentieth to Multnomah.

PLATE-GLASS EXPLOSION.

Black Paint Causes It to Become Overheated.

Business men and pedestrians passing in front of the Logus building, northeast corner of East Washington street and Grand avenue, were startled yesterday by the remarkable explosion of the large plate-glass window on the south side of the front facing East Washington street. There was a loud report attending the explosion, but to every one it appeared to be a great mystery, and no one seemed able to explain why the glass had exploded until a painter gave the cause.

The broken section of the thick plate window is confined to the lower half, which had been painted a solid black color on the inside, being one-fourth of an inch in thickness, so that the gilt letters of the sign would set out in better relief. The black paint arrested the passage of the rays of the sun and held them in the glass, resulting in the glass becoming overheated, which produced the explosion by expansion. Nearly one-half of the lower section of the plate-glass was forced out in a thousand pieces on the concrete sidewalk. A hand placed on the portion painted black shows it to be constantly warm, while the unpainted portion, which allows the rays of the sun to pass through it unobstructed, is always cool. The loss by the explosion will be about $75.

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SHAKE UP IS BIG

Chief Hunt Makes Changes on Police Force.

JAILER LILLIS SUPERSEDED

Some of the Results of the Recent Jail Break, in Which Four Prisoners Escaped Through the Bathroom.

A general order issued yesterday morning by Chief of Police Hunt, caused a big shake-up at headquarters. The most important change is the appointment of Patrolman Baty to the position of jailer on the first relief, commanded by Captain Moore. Rockpile guards were assigned from the mounted squad. They are Patrolmen Maloney and Smart.

The order is the latest to follow the jailbreak of last Friday night, when four long-term prisoners escaped from the bathroom. Jailer Lillis, then on duty with the first relief, is now assigned to the position with the second relief, Captain Bailey commanding. Lillis stated last night that he intended tendering his resignation today, but because of recent developments, he will remain with the department. It was stated by Chief Hunt that Lillis denied authorizing the interview published in The Oregonian Sunday morning, but Lillis says he plainly told Chief Hunt that the interview was authorized.

Patrolmen Maloney and Smart, who were assigned to guard the city prisoners at the rockpile, have been members of the mounted squad many months. To fill their places on horseback, former Jailer Robson and Patrolman Carlson, until now attached to the second relief, have been designated.

Jailer Baty was until last night the partner of Patrolman Burke. On the first relief, they traveled the North End beats. Patrolman Baty to the position of jailer has been in plain clothes with Patrolman Jones, is now Burke's partner. Jones, it is said, will soon be detached from duty in plain clothes and placed back with Patrolman Courtney on the North End beats with the second relief.

Since the jailbreak exceptionally close watch is being kept on the city prisoners, the jailer being required to inspect the cells every half hour. There are still two of the escapes to be captured.

SENATOR TUTTLE ON VETOES

He Discusses Bills Which Governor Would Not Sanction.

ASTORIA, Or., Feb. 24.—(To the Editor.)—May I ask space to say a few words with reference to Senate Bill No. 13, recently vetoed by the Governor as published in your paper of today? It might be inferred from the fact that the Governor has seen fit to veto three bills relating to the fishing industry in Oregon that the legislation had not been well considered, and I wish to correct that idea. Months of careful deliberation and several conferences with different interests involved were given the different bills in order to perfect them and to harmonize their provisions to the satisfaction of all, or as nearly all as possible; and with so much success that only one man finally expressed himself as dissatisfied; even an agreement was reached with the State of Washington on all concurrent legislation relating to fisheries—something that had never before been accomplished though constantly tried at every session of the Legislatures of the two states.

I have said that all interests were satisfied except of one man, but in that I have erred, for the Governor is another and his veto has fallen upon three of these bills; first upon one providing for an increase of the expense allowance for the Master Fish Warden, made necessary by the vastly increased amount of work to be done, more than when the present amount was set aside for the purpose; and next upon the bill providing for a patrol boat to enable the Master Fish Warden to enforce the laws regarding close season and licenses; this veto leaves the Warden with 170 miles of river to patrol for at least eight months of the year, and no boat with which to do the work; it is absurd to talk of hiring a boat occasionally for this purpose, and no intelligent man with full knowledge of the conditions would suggest it. If it is meant to charter a suitable boat to do the work for the time necessary, it would cost far in excess of the interest on the investment proposed in the bill.

If the Master Fish Warden is to be held strictly accountable for the enforcement of the laws, he must certainly be provided with the means to do so. As it now stands, one might as well require a man to fell a tree with an ax and refuse to allow him the ax with which to do it.

Senate Bill No. 13 is second only in importance to the bill providing for close seasons, etc., and I regret exceedingly that the Governor found it necessary to veto it. The provisions in it to which he objects are the same as in the laws of many states, notably New Jersey and New York, and practically the same as in California. As to the right, justice and constitutionality of the provision referred to in the Governor's veto, it may be said that the United States Supreme Court has decided favorably upon this very point in a case coming up from the State of New York, which may be found in United States Supreme Court Reports 152, page 133, Lawton et al. vs. Steele; Senate Bill No. 13 was drawn with special reference to this decision, and the particular provision objected to by the Governor was in the language of the New York law.

As I have said above, the measures pertaining to the fishing industries were prepared with great care, and were left in committees nearly the whole session of the Legislature that all persons might be heard, were amended in several minor particulars, and finally passed both houses, and I very much regret that the Governor has found it necessary to veto any of them.

I disclaim any desire or intention of entering into any controversy with anyone, or to criticise the Governor, but to set myself right with those who are interested in the fishing industry of Oregon, and to try to show that as sponsor for the bills referred to I was not altogether an ass. Very respectfully yours,

JAY TUTTLE.

Rural Line Out of Centralia.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Feb. 28.—(Special.)—The rural telephone line from Centralia to Elma is now an assured fact. The poles have been set as far as Oakville and will soon be set on to Elma. The line will connect at both ends with the Sunset Telephone & Telegraph Company's lines. A crew of men will commence to string the wires in a day or two. Subscribers on the line will not have to pay tolls but all transients will.

The scheme has been engineered by several Centralia men, Theodore Hoss, of Centralia, being president of the company and several other prominent men being connected with the directorate.

Philippine Veteran Goes Insane.

EUGENE, Or., Feb. 28.—(Special.)—Arthur Hanna, a tailor who has a shop in this city, was examined today before the County Court and adjudged insane. He was taken to the asylum this afternoon. The first that he gave evidence of his dementia was last night, when he became violent and jumped from a second-story window, under the illusion that he was pursued by a man with a knife.

Hanna was a man of quiet disposition and is about 35 years old. He served in the Spanish War and Philippine insurrection.

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