

STREET RAILWAY IS TO BE SOLD

Eastern Men Will Purchase Portland Consolidated for Six Million Dollars.

DEAL ABOUT CONSUMMATED

Announcement of the Transfer to Be Made Within Few Days—Interested Parties Are in the City.

| IMMIGRANT ARRIVALS FOR TEN ADJUTED REPRESENTS. | |
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| Miles of track | 230 |
| Cars | 120 |
| Capitalization | 1,000,000 |
| Issued stock | \$4,000,000 |
| Treasury stock | 1,000,000-\$5,000,000 |
| Dividends paid, 5 per cent on \$4,000,000 | \$200,000 |
| Cost of shares | \$150 |
| Selling price asked | \$6,000,000 |

The Portland Consolidated Street Railway Company will be sold inside the next week for the approximate sum of \$6,000,000. If the negotiations now under way are completed as it is expected they will be, if the deal is carried through it will mean a new era in electric railway development in the vicinity of Portland according to report, and there is good ground for believing that the sale of the property is now as good as consummated.

Yesterday afternoon a party of Eastern bankers reached the city, accompanied by Frank L. Brown, of San Francisco, one of the stockholders of the Portland Consolidated Street Railway Company and the originator of the recent deal which resulted in the merging of the Portland Railway and the City & Suburban Street Railway Companies. The party consisted of Frank L. Brown, Jr., of San Francisco; C. A. Pearson, James S. Clarke, Percy H. Clarke and Herbert L. Clarke, of Philadelphia. Mr. Sullivan is the representative of the banking firm of Seligman & Co., of New York, while the other gentlemen are here in the interests of the banking-house of Clarke & Co., of Philadelphia.

It was rumored some time ago that there was probability of the Portland Consolidated being sold at an early date, but as time passed and nothing more came of the rumor it passed out of mind. The arrivals yesterday, however, confirm the story and places it on a sound footing as to fact.

Frank L. Brown, under whose direction it may be said the visitors from the East are being brought to Portland, is a man well known in the city. He was formerly a resident here and was one of the prominent directors and stockholders in the old Portland Railway Company when it was the cable system, and afterwards, he is at the head of the firm of Brown, Spear & Co., of San Francisco, is prominently identified with three large steel corporations of the country, one in San Francisco, one in New Haven, Conn., and one in De Kalb, Ill., is the representative of the D. O. Mills and the Crocker interests in the Portland Consolidated Company, besides being heavily interested in the company itself.

It was Mr. Brown who conceived the idea of effecting the consolidation of the Portland Railway Company and the City & Suburban, and it was he who engineered the merger. Since that change was made Mr. Brown has been in the position that the company could be put on a broader basis and could be extended perhaps, and has therefore laid the matter before the banking firms of Seligman & Co. and Clarke & Co. with the result that their representatives are now in Portland to buy the property.

After conference with the officials of the Portland company, so it is said, Mr. Brown offered the Portland Consolidated property to the two Eastern banking-houses for \$6,000,000. This consideration of the offer was brief but satisfactory and representatives were at once sent to Portland to look over the entire plant, check on the different departments and, if everything was represented, to close the investigations by the purchase of the system.

Capitalized at \$5,000,000. The Portland Consolidated Company is capitalized at \$5,000,000, of which sum \$1,000,000 is in issued stock while the remaining \$4,000,000 is represented by treasury stock, being held in deposit in the bank. The company has approximately 120 miles of track, has 200 cars now on hand and is constructing many more. Several large barns which either have been or will soon be enlarged and improved, besides having other property in different parts of the city.

The shares of the company are valued at \$100 each, and the corporation is now paying a dividend of 5 per cent on a working capitalization of \$5,000,000.

It is understood that a pretty definite understanding has already been reached between the management of the Portland Company and the prospective investors and that it is but a matter of a few days until the sale is announced. The sale will be negotiated through the Anglo-American Bank, of San Francisco, of which institution Mr. Brown is the representative. The visitors will remain in Portland for a week or perhaps longer and have made arrangements to that effect. They will occupy the time in investigating the street railway property and visiting the various interesting things to be found in Portland and vicinity.

"We have come to see the Lewis and Clark Fair and to visit Portland," said Mr. Brown last night, when asked to tell something of the plans of himself and his party. "I would rather make no statement at this time other than that we simply know that Portland is a beautiful city, that the Lewis and Clark Fair is to be a very interesting Exposition, and we have come to stay for a week. Further than that Mr. Brown would tell no tales but he had a quiet smile that suggested there was more behind the visit than he desired to explain."

Growth of North Yakima. NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., May 20.—(Special).—The population of North Yakima is 872. The work of enumerating the people has just been completed by G. S. Vance, reported by the City Council for the place. The population, according to the census of 1900, was 342. This makes an increase of 121 per cent in five years, the greatest gain that has been made by any city of the Northwest.

The figures show that there are 306 males and 266 females, or 669 more males

than females. There are 50 Japanese, 30 Chinese and 70 negroes. The increase in population in the territory immediately surrounding the city limits is greater than in the city.

NEW RAILROAD BUILDINGS

Roundhouse, Machine and Paint Shops Under Construction.

The reconstructed roundhouse in Lower Albina on the terminal grounds is nearing completion. The roof is being put on. Twenty-two new stalls, 55 feet deep, are being added to the original structure on the old foundation which was left when the half was built some 15 years ago.

On the old stone foundation northeast of the present machine shops, a fine brick paint shop 540x50 feet is being built. Here the brickwork has been finished and the heavy timber trusses for the roof are lifted into position. This building will contain 13 pits.

Work has been started on the modern machine shops northwest of the present shops. Here a traveler is being used to erect the steel frames for this structure. The south half of the steel cobweb frame has been lifted, and last week work started on the north half. It will be 162x225 feet, and will be built of brick and steel. It will contain two traveling cranes. One will have power to lift 125 tons and will be able to lift part or all of a big locomotive. The second crane will be able to handle 15 tons. It will be provided with modern machinery and will be the most complete machine shop in the Northwest. When the new buildings are completed, which will be in about two months, the present machine shop will become a boiler-house and the present paint-shop building will be used as a store building.

SMALL CROWD AT THE FAIR

Bad Weather Keeps Visitors Away From the Exposition.

There were two reasons why only a small crowd went out to the Fair grounds yesterday. In the first place the weather man spent the day dumping all his bad prognostications to have a clear record for June 1 and thereafter, and people remained indoors, but there was a deeper reason than that. Portland people wish to feel just a little unfamiliar with the grounds when they pay their first full admission and the big show is on.

Mr. Wakefield and Mr. Davidson and the rest who will keep their eyes on the shelds which roll in at the ticket window do not fancy this prospect, but they have to admit it. It was well enough to see the buildings grow and the whole place take shape, but to see the final touches put on which make the thing a whole is to spoil the effect. At least so many think.

The Fair as a whole is still a thing of the future. The various parts which go to make it up are ready, but the clearing away of the freight cars and railroad tracks, the installation of brass-buttoned ticket men at the gates, the drawing of the covers from the hills, and down on the Trail the Oriental music piping up through the night air—when these things are all combined, the President touches the button which sends up the curtain from the stage, then the city will turn out as a whole. But meanwhile it is not eating its dough to have the fuller enjoyment of the cake.

WANTS THE BONDS ISSUED

Mayor King, of St. Johns, Says They Are Necessary for the City.

Mayor W. H. King, of St. Johns, is anxious that the voters of that place authorize at the special election today the issuing of \$10,000 in municipal bonds. He sets forth his reasons for a favorable vote, as follows:

"The city can purchase a site for building a city hall cheaper now than at any time in the future, and secure a better location, as property will increase in value rapidly and more than offset the interest on the bonds issued. The present city hall is inadequate for our needs and is a disgrace to any city. It is imperative that we have a public dock and fire apparatus; also that an outstanding note be paid.

"We understand that there is a report being circulated to the effect that a portion of the amount realized by the issuance of bonds will be used to pay salaries, and we wish to state that the city charter forbids the use of money so raised for any other purpose than the one named in the call for said bond election."

A mass meeting was held last evening in the United Evangelical Church in the interest of St. Johns being made a dry town. Addresses were delivered by Rev. G. L. Puffin, of the Anti-Saloon League, Rev. E. E. McVickers and others.

FIRE BURNS ALL DAY LONG

Wilkesbarre Loses a Handsome Structure With Great Loss.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., May 21.—One of the most disastrous fires that has occurred in this city in years started early today, and not until afternoon were the firemen able to control the flames. The loss will reach \$200,000.

The fire originated in the millinery department of the Isaac Long dry goods house in the Wells building, on the west side of the public square, one of the handsomest and costliest structures in Wilkesbarre. When first discovered the flames were promptly controlled by the firemen in less than one hour. A second fire broke out in the basement of the building an hour after the first one had been subdued.

Those who wish to practice economy should buy Carter's Little Liver Pills. They fill in a vital; only one pill a dose.

The Meier & Frank Store

Portland's Greatest Store

Fireproof Burlap for Exposition work, red and green in any quantity, third floor. Principal Portland agents for the Butterick Patterns and Publications. Subscriptions taken for the Delineator at \$1.00 per year. Custom Shade and Drapery Work our specialty—Lowest prices guaranteed.

200 Handsome Silk Waists Values Up to \$11 for \$3.98



Great Monday special in silk waists—200 of them—Taffetas and crepe de chins in fancy and tailor-made effects—Light and dark colorings—Plaids, plain colors, blacks—Lace and tucks trimming—Waists for street, dress and evening wear—Values up to \$11 each on sale today at the phenomenally low price of \$3.98

Come early if you want the best.

Special lot of 500 cotton Shirtwaists in Lawn, Swiss, Organadies, Cotton Etamines and Linen, trimmed in lace and embroidery; made with surplus front; entire front of embroidery or lace and tucked yoke; exceptional values at \$2.92

35c, 45c Ribbons 21c Yd.

20,000 yards of all pure Silk Ribbons comprise a great ribbon carnival we have planned for a few days. Beautiful Ribbons three and one half to five inches wide, suitable for belts, girdles, neckwear and millinery purposes—Black, white and immense varieties of styles and colors—Taffeta Ribbon, Mousseline Ribbons, fancy silk-waist Broaden Ribbons—Ribbons that would be cheap at 25c, 40c and 50c a yard, your choice from the entire lot at the extremely low price of (while they last) per yard

21c

14c

Women's \$5 Shoes \$3.65 Pr.



Women's patent leather and vici kid Shoes, French heel, turn soles, Shoes of the highest grade in all sizes; regular \$5.00 values, on sale at, pair, \$3.65

Women's vici kid Lace Shoes, French and Cuban heel, welt soles, all sizes, best \$5 values, pr. \$3.65

Women's Oxfords \$2.35

Broken lines of Women's Low Shoes in patent leather and vici kid, French heels, \$3.00, \$3.50 and \$4 values, at, pair, \$2.35

500 pairs of Children's fancy Shoes, many styles and colors; sizes 2 to 8, lace and button; regular \$1.25 and \$1.50 values, on sale at the very low price of, pair, 92c

500 pairs of Children's Shoes, in kid, patent and box calf, sizes 8 1/2 to 11, \$1.50 and \$2 values, for, pair, \$1.12

500 pairs of Misses' Shoes, kid and box calf, regular \$2.00 and \$2.50 values, in all sizes at, pair, \$1.32

Matchless Hosiery Bargains



The new hosiery buyer is stirring things up in an unusual way—The newest and best in women's hosiery at prices with all profit cut off—That's his way of making friends

1000 pairs of Women's medium-weight 1-and-1 ribbed black cotton Hose, guaranteed fast color, sizes 8 1/2 to 11; the best 35c values we ever offered at, pair, 23c

Women's plain black Lisle Hose, medium and gauze-weight, garter splicing and double soles; best 40c value, on sale at this low price, pair, 26c

800 pairs of Misses' black cotton Hose, made with linen knees, double sole and full fashioned feet, sizes 6 to 10; best 25c value, on sale at this low price, pair, 17c

Boys' extra heavy ribbed black cotton Hose, double sole and knee, sizes 6 to 10; value extraordinary at, pair, 15c

\$10 Silk Petticoats \$6.45 Ea.



Another great three days' sale of high-grade silk petticoats starts here today—200 of them made of superior quality taffeta silk—Deep pleating, ruffles, tucked or three bias pieces—All the leading colors, blacks and plaids—Perfect fitting, well made petticoats of splendid style and quality—Every skirt in the lot regular \$10.00 value—choice Monday, Tuesday, \$6.45 Wednesday

Mail orders will receive our prompt and careful attention

The Meier & Frank Store

Portland's Greatest Store

60 New Covert Coats \$6.25 Ea.



Promptly at 8 o'clock this morning we will place on sale a special lot of 60 handsome new covert jackets at \$6.25 each—Every garment in the lot of attractive style and desirable material—We've sold hundreds of them at \$10.00 each—They are tight-fitting, collarless, satin-lined, English fly front, bishop sleeves with tucks—Finished at hand with cuff—Strictly tailor-made coats in all sizes—We don't expect them to last through the day, so if you want one of them you had better arrange the household duties so you can come down early this morning—Your choice \$6.25

Accordion Pleated Skirts \$7.50

200 of the popular "Dixie", accordion pleated walking skirts—Made of black, navy, brown, red, tan and white cashmere—Full accordion pleating—Deep shirred yoke—Well made throughout—The best skirt value we have offered this season—Careful investigation will prove them far superior in every way to any similar style skirts being offered around town—Mail orders will be promptly filled

8000 Yds. of Silk Suitings

\$1.00 Values 79c \$1.25 Values 89c

The greatest bargains in Silk Shirtwaist Suitings; thousands of yards of this season's best styles in two qualities to be sold at less than manufacturing cost. We relieved a large wholesale house of a large share of their surplus stock at prices that should create the liveliest selling of the year. Every woman to town wants to share in these grand values:

Lot 1—2000 yards of fancy Silk Shirtwaist Suit Silks in a big assortment of styles; stripes, figures and checks in all the best color combinations; Silks we've sold thousands of yards of at \$1.00 yard; your choice at the extraordinary low special price of yard, \$79c

Lot 2—2000 yards of high-grade Shirtwaist Suit Silks, of fine quality; checks, figures and stripes in a great assortment; best colorings; worth up to \$1.25 a yard, on sale for, yard, 89c

2500 yards plain colored Voiles, immense line of colors to select from, \$1.25 qual., 97c

All-wool checked Voiles, very pretty, serviceable material for Summer dresses, -waists, skirts, etc.; large variety to select from; best \$1.00 values, at, yard, 79c

Bargains in Boys' Clothing



Washable clothing for boys at special sale prices—This season's very best styles are marked at most economical figures—Wise parents will supply the little fellows' needs this week and effect a considerable saving—Second floor—Take elevators

Boys' Washable Sailor Suits, Crash and blue-striped Ducks, ages 5 to 10 years; the greatest Wash Suit value ever offered at, suit, 98c

Boys' Washable Suits in Russian Blouses, blue, pink and tans, ages 2 1/2 to 6 year; you can afford to buy a half-dozen suits at, suit, 98c

Boys' Washable Russian Blouse Suits in plain blue and pink-striped effects, also pink Chambrays, ages 2 1/2 to 6 years; marvelous values at this low price, \$1.19

Boys' Washable Knee Pants, Crash, plain and striped Ducks, ages 3 to 15 years; great values at this low price, pair, 25c

Boys' Washable Knee Pants in Linens and heavy Crashes, also white Duck, ages 3 to 15 years, at the low price of, pair, 50c

Boys' Khaki Suits, long trousers, plain military style, 3 to 14 yrs. \$1.25

Same as above in Norfolk styles, suit, \$1.50

Young Men's white Duck Trousers at very low prices. Second Floor.

Boys' Washable Suits, sailor blouse styles, striped Chambrays, combination collar and shield, ages 4 to 10 years; special value, \$1.89

Boys' Washable Kilts, Crash with red and blue trimming, 2 to 4 years, \$1.25 values, at the low price of, 89c

75c EMBROIDERIES 39c THE YARD

3000 yards of Swiss and Nainsook Embroideries, 5 to 10 inches wide; daintiest designs; big variety; values up to 75c a yard, on sale for, yard, 39c

Valenciennes Laces and Insertions, 1/2 to 1 1/2 inches wide; best patterns; values up to 80c dozen yards; your choice during this sale at, dozen yards, 49c

DOTTED AND FIGURED NETS LOW PRICED

45-inch dotted and figured Nets in white, cream and ecru; beautiful styles in great variety; wonderful values at—75c values for 49c yard 85c values for 59c yard \$1.50 vals. for \$1.12 yard \$2.50 vals. for \$1.79 yard

GREAT SPECIALS IN THE BASEMENT

Mrs. Tuttle's famous Nainsook Bed Irons, value, at, each, \$1.15

1500 Window Screens, 24x32 inches, at low price of, each, 25c

Robbin's famous Cherry Saws for law price of, each, 90c

Porcelain Salt Boxes, 24c

Best Wire Meat Sifter, large size, good value, at, each, \$1.15

Wooden Chopping Bowls, 14c

Double Mincing Knives, 11c

Garden Trowels, each, 25c

1-burner Oil Stoves, 90c

Fruit Press, each, 10c

Cut-Glass Bowls, fancy cut, best \$5 value, each, \$1.98

\$2.50 Napkins, 8-inch, for, \$1.50

5-in. handled Nappies, \$2.50 value, on sale for, \$1.50

10-in. Cut-Glass Vases, regular \$1 value, for, \$1.50

Beautiful Cut-Glass Home Bowls, large size, \$3 value, \$1.25

When in the basement, don't fail to see

our immense line of Solid Silver Souvenir Spoons, in many styles and sizes

4-piece Silver-plated Tea Sets, regular \$12.50 value, \$7.50

Silver-plated Castles for only, \$1.47

4-piece Silver-plated Coffee Sets, regular \$12 value, \$7.50

Silver-plated Breadtrays, \$1.50

Rogers' 1847 Best Forks, 40c

Gold Bowl Berry Spoons for only, \$1.27

CUT GLASS AND SILVERWARE

Notions and Small Wares Sale

Fancy frilled-edge Garter Elastic for, yard, 10c

Flat Darning, each, 7c

Laundry Wax, 3 pieces, 10c

Hook-on Silk Elastic Hose Supporters for, pair, 10c

Robert's Gold-Eyed Needle, best, sale price, 10c

50c Combination Needle Book for sale price, 25c

50c Accordion Platters, etc., 25c

Gilson Adjustable Shirts, Nos. 2, 3, 4, 50c, 90c, 70c pair.

Double-covered Silk Shields, Nos. 2 and 4, 10c and 20c pair.

Pearl-head Shawl Pins, 25c

Asbestos Iron-Holder, each, 10c

66-in. Tape Measures, each, 10c

Globe Pin Books, each, 2c

Black and White Toilet Belt Pins, great value, 25c

Good, strong Pin, sheet, 10c

Tracing Wheel, each, 10c

Card assorted Safety Pins, 25c

Package assorted Wire Hairpins, great value, 25c

Cube Toilet Pins, all colors, 25c

2c package Needles, each, 25c

No. 4 Stockinet Shields, pair, 25c

\$46 Tailored Suits \$34.25



100 of our highest grade tailored suits for women to be sold today, Tuesday and Wednesday at a ridiculously low price—Serges, Panama cloths, voiles, shepherd worsteds and broadcloths in blouse, eton and jacket styles—Flounce or pleated skirts in navy, red, green, brown, tan, black and checks—Beautifully made and trimmed—Fancy and plain tailored creations—The richest garments we have offered this season—Regular \$44.00 and \$46.00 values to be sold for \$34.25 three days at

Women wanting a high-class dress or traveling suit should not miss this unusual opportunity—Our showing of silk shirtwaist suits is the largest in the city

1000 copies of Von Tiler's popular dance folio, "Teasing," etc., 75c value, on sale Monday at, each, 12 1/2c