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BEGINS SPRAYING POTATOES.—Commissioner J. H. Field, of Milwaukee, will begin spraying potatoes on the farm of Charles R. Slayley at Oak Grove this afternoon. Spraying will also be done on the farm of Charles Cleveland at Gresham tomorrow and later on farms at Canby and New Era. This is in accordance with an experiment undertaken under the direction of Professor A. B. Cordley, of the Oregon Agricultural College. Ten-acre tracts will be sprayed in rows at these places to demonstrate what results may be obtained from spraying. Some of the rows in the same patch will be sprayed once, twice and three times, and some rows will be left unsprayed. The experiment will be thorough and complete. The object is to prevent potato blight and get a better crop. This will be the first experiment undertaken in this state on a large scale. Potatoes have been sprayed at Corbett's on the Columbia River and with good results.

WORK ON CITY HALL.—Contractor J. M. Snyder is preparing to start work on the new City Hall for Milwaukee, and lumber is being delivered on the ground. The building will be 30x30 feet and two stories. It will not be entirely finished, but will be completed as far as the money in hand will carry the work. About \$200 will be spent this week, and later the building will be completed. The city has an income of \$100 per year from licenses, and very little expense, so money will accumulate very soon and the entire building may be finished next year. There will be no debt. Mayor Shindler has steadily opposed contracting any debt and has insisted that the city wait until it has cash on hand. Since the Milwaukee Club house there has been nothing to interrupt the flow of revenue from that source into the city treasury, and all opposition to the club has ceased.

IS A PLUCKY WOMAN.—Mrs. McIvry, the blind woman, who lost everything she owned in the fire at the east end of Morrison bridge several months ago, with the assistance of friends and strangers has secured a home on the East Side and has almost enough furniture for it. Her sole object is to be able to support herself and independent, and through her misfortunes, which have been enough to dishearten and discourage anyone, she has been cheerful and full of hope. When her house is furnished Mrs. McIvry is confident that she will be able to make her own living. Her address is now 27 East 11th.

HIGHLAND HAS TWO LIBRARIANS.—J. E. Spier, who resigned the custody of the branch library at Highland, has started a general library of his own and has on hand about 150 books and magazines. He has provided a room and chairs for those who want to look over the books. Mr. Spier hopes to increase his supply of books and invites any who have books and magazines to contribute them to his room. C. A. Mathena has charge of the books given out from the Portland library, of which he has about 15. Both libraries are well patronized at Highland.

KILLS A MAD DOG.—A mad dog running along Tenth near Burnside street Saturday afternoon was shot and killed by a neighbor and the police were called in to kill the animal. Not wishing to fire his revolver, a policeman attempted to kill the dog with a club, but failed. The animal was stunned, and a trained nurse, taking pity on it, carried it to a basement and chloroformed it.

ARRESTED FOR LARCENY.—August Carlette, charged with robbing John Barrett of \$34 at Second and Burnside streets Saturday night, was arrested last night at Second and Burnside streets by Police-man Wanless. He was held without bail and will be tried in Police Court this morning.

WILL PRINT FIRST PROCEEDINGS.—The first proceedings of the Oregon State Grange are to be printed for the information of the members and to preserve the record in that form. This work is done on the subject by Mrs. Mary S. Howard, state secretary.

BELMONT STREET WORK.—Belmont street will be improved with crushed rock between Union street and East Eighth street. This street is being filled up between East Water street and Union avenue by private contract.

ALICE C. RAY (Contractor) with Mr. Robert Livingston) has commenced practice as a public accountant at 30 Concord building. Phone Main 6491.

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money on hand. Now the question is, will the Mayor today insist on a "full acquiescence to his demands, or will he pass up the whole matter and leave it as it now stands? Mayor Lane's attitude must determine itself on a pure question of principle. The committee has acceded as fully as could be expected to his main contention, that the bulk of the money should be forwarded to the stricken city at once, but at the same time it has completely ignored his other demand, that it disengage itself and turn over its accounts to I. N. Fiedlerman. From all that can be learned, Mr. Hope is as determined as ever to maintain his dignity by retaining the post of chairman to which he was elected by his fellow committeemen, while the Mayor has never yet admitted that he would withdraw from his chairmanship question in view of the committee's stand on the other points at issue.

LINGERS IN THE EIGHTIES COOLER, BUT SUNDAY CROWDS FAIL TO NOTICE IT. City Almost Deserted During Heat of the Day—Pleasure Resorts Are Crowded.

Yesterday was not as hot as Saturday, during the heat of the day, by 7 degrees. But the people did not know it and suffered as they have each day during the past two weeks. Still, the cool weather, which is sure to come, is one day nearer, but no one seems to know when it will arrive. Every one was out yesterday trying to have a good time. It is very one imagined that the day was one of the hottest of the season. It is always more difficult, you know, to have a good time than it is to stay in the shop and work and work until you forget about the heat. And one eats more—and drinks more—when having fun than he does when at his daily task. The city was practically deserted yesterday. Every one who had a friend in the country, and thousands who had no friends there, not even an acquaintance, sought the green hills and fragrant valleys to get away from the heat. Those who remained behind were working, had an ambition or were "broke." The pleasure resorts did a thriving business. "The Oaks" was crowded from morning until late last night. Other resorts did equally as well and there were no complaints from the management of any of the concerns. The City Park and other squares about town were well patronized.

The river, too, was crowded all day with people who owned their own yachts or launches, people in hired crafts and those who were fond of swimming. Thousands and thousands took advantage of the fact that it was Sunday when there was no work to be done and sought the river for a pleasure and to cool themselves for another week of labor.

The people began to return to the city during the evening and along about 8 o'clock the ice cream parlors had a rush that they could just about handle and that's all. The continued hot weather and the day of rest affecting the people a chance to leave the city was disastrous to the saloon man and many complaints about dull business were heard coming from the barkeepers in all parts of the town. It did more good than a hundred temperance lectures. As dark approached, however, trade increased.

The hourly temperatures yesterday, recorded at the Government Weather Bureau, were as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Time and Temperature. 8 A. M. 63, 9 A. M. 65, 10 A. M. 67, 11 A. M. 69, 12 M. 70, 1 P. M. 71, 2 P. M. 72, 3 P. M. 73, 4 P. M. 74, 5 P. M. 75, 6 P. M. 76, 7 P. M. 77, 8 P. M. 78, 9 P. M. 79, 10 P. M. 80, 11 P. M. 81, 12 A. M. 82.

STREET-CAR'S VICTIM DEAD William Matheson, Whose Skull Was Fractured, Passes Away.

William Matheson, who was knocked down by a Mount Tabor streetcar at East 11th and Hawthorne street Saturday night, died at Good Samaritan Hospital yesterday afternoon from concussion of the brain. While walking across the street in a precipitous manner Matheson was struck and knocked to the pavement. He was removed to the hospital, where Dr. Rockey performed an operation in an effort to save his life, but the case was beyond the powers of surgery. Matheson lived at 163 East Ninth street, and for a time had been employed as a switchman. Coroner Finley will make an investigation of the accident today.

WIFE OF HORACE G. M'KINLEY COMING TO BE STAR WITNESS IN LAND FRAUD CASES

MRS. MARIE WARE M'KINLEY, the wife of Horace G. McKinley, of land-fraud notoriety, will be one of the star witnesses for the Government at the trial of State Senator Pierce May and others scheduled to come up July 24. Mrs. McKinley—Marie L. Ware, as she is better known—reached Eugene yesterday afternoon en route to Portland from San Francisco, and stopped off at her old home to visit relatives for a few days. She comes in response to a subpoena sent her by Francis J. Heney, and as the May case will not be reached before next week, Mrs. McKinley will remain at Eugene until her services as a witness are required here.

Several years before her unfortunate marriage to Horace G. McKinley she was a United States Commissioner at Eugene, Or., and was alleged to have become involved with the Pater-McKinley crowd in connection with fraudulent land transactions in the famous township "11-7." Miss Ware was indicted with the others, but in that particular case Mr. Heney asked the court to instruct to acquit because he found that the Government did not possess sufficient evidence to convict, and Judge Bellinger so charged the jury, which returned a verdict of acquittal accordingly.

Several other cases are pending against Mrs. Ware, but it is not believed they will be pressed by the Government. It is much as she has manifested a disposition to tell everything concerning her connection with the land frauds, and besides is looked upon as a cat's paw of others in many respects. Mrs. Ware McKinley left here during last year, immediately after the land-fraud trial, and later created a sensation by marrying Horace G. McKinley, who had been convicted by the same jury that set Miss Ware free. The next chapter in the many dramatic

CITY MUST OPEN ITS POCKETBOOK

Will Soon Be Forced to Make Improvements Costing Millions.

NEW PIPE LINE, \$2,000,000

Another Water Tube From Bull Run to Be Built, and Madison-Street Bridge Replaced—Another Fireboat Is Needed.

Heavy demands for cash are to be made on the city within the next year or two, aggregating \$2,500,000 or more for a new water tube to Bull Run River and additional reservoir in Portland, \$2,000,000; a new bridge at Madison street, \$500,000, and a new fireboat, \$100,000. These improvements are among the urgent needs of the city; the present water pipe is inadequate to meet the consumption of water, and besides, is nearing the danger point of interrupted duration after 12 years of service; the Madison-street bridge is fast wearing out under the heavy trains of the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company traffic, which W. B. Chase, the City Engineer who rebuilt it in 1904, says it was not intended to sustain the heavy loads of the present day, and the one fireboat, put into service two years ago, is too slow and too frail to afford the river front the fire protection that the city needs. These three improvements probably will be submitted to the voters of the city at the municipal election next June, for sanction or rejection of bond issues. Under the charter enacted by the Legislature in 1903, and under an initiated law enacted by the people of the city last June, the people of Portland can legislate on these matters without going to the Legislature. Total Debt of \$8,226,500.

These three utilities, if approved, will add \$2,500,000 to the \$5,726,500 bonded debt of the city, making a total of \$8,226,500, on which the city will have to pay interest, increasing the annual interest charge to something like \$400,000.

Of the present bonded debt, \$3,150,000 is for the water system, and \$2,576,500, on which the city will have to pay interest, is paid out of the tax revenue of the city, but out of the revenue paid by water consumers. The water debt, therefore, is usually set off by itself from the total city debt, because, being that of a self-sustaining utility, it is of a different sort from the debt which is added on taxable property. The city debt proper, therefore, amounts to \$5,076,500.

Should the water debt be increased by the proposed addition of \$2,000,000, it would amount to \$7,076,500. Even this, it is thought, it would be self-sustaining—that is, that the water revenue could pay interest and carry on needed pipe extensions and make other necessary improvements for water consumers. The rapid growth of the city, it is believed by the new-debt advocates, will enable the Water Commission to keep up with the extra interest demands.

The pipeline from Bull Run brings to Portland 22,500,000 gallons daily, and the four reservoirs in this city have a capacity for 65,000,000 gallons—about three days' supply. At the present rate of consumption, this is inadequate, both in pipe and reservoir capacity, besides, the steel pipe, 12 years in service, is nearing a period when occasional necessary repairs will necessitate interruption of service, causing water scarcity.

Would Double Water Supply. For this reason, the Water Board is considering plans for another conduit from Bull Run, 23 miles distant. The new tube would bring, perhaps, twice as much water as the old one, thereby doubling the present supply. The cost of the pipe and reservoir additions, is estimated at \$2,000,000 by D. D. Clarke, engineer for the Water Board, should steel pipe be used, but should the pipe material be cast-iron the cost would be much higher, though cast-iron would last a great deal longer than steel.

The life of the Madison-street bridge, now six years old, has been manifestly shortened by the heavy motor cars and long trains of the Oregon Water Power Company and the high speed at which the cars have been driven over the structure. The bridge is of wood, designed in the '80s, when horseshoes were in use. When rebuilt, six years ago, by the contractor, the wooden portions were retained and only the steel portions were renewed. Over this bridge the Oregon Water Power holds a 30-year franchise, granted 15 years ago to the Mount Tabor Street Railway. The franchise still has 15 years to run—considerably longer than the present bridge will last. The company has exclusive use of the bridge, and runs as many cars over it as it pleases for \$100 a month, whereas the Portland Railway company is compelled to pay for the

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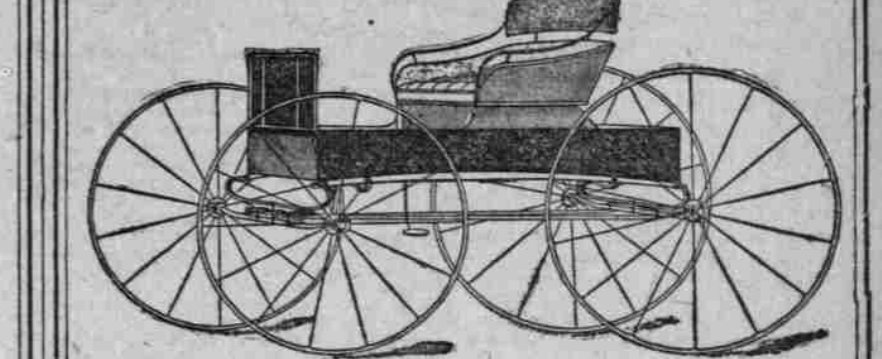
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