

CAPTAIN BRUIN'S STAFF CUT DOWN

Police Chief Reduces Acting Detectives Mallett and Hill to the Ranks.

BEGINNING OF SHAKE-UP

Decapitation of Head of Secret Service Branch Likely to Be Climax—Enemies Working Toward That End.

The first open move toward a complete reorganization of the bureau of criminal investigation of the Portland Police Department came yesterday when Chief Gritzmacher issued a brief order, transferring Detectives Fred Mallett and Charles Hill from plain-clothes duty to patrol duty in uniform. They are assigned to the first relief. The order created a sensation at headquarters when read off to the patrol under command of Captain Slover, not because it was unexpected, but because the two officers first to be affected stand high with Captain Bruin, and nominally in charge of the secret service branch.

Chief Gritzmacher's order transferring Mallett and Hill is a direct slap in the face of Captain Bruin, whose influence they were taken off patrol duty a year ago and put in plain clothes. Although the transfer, according to the head of the Police Department, is "for the good of the service," nevertheless, it is known to those familiar with affairs in police circles that it is but the beginning of a series of big changes in the detective bureau, the most sensational of which is expected to be the removal of Captain Bruin himself.

Promoted by Captain Bruin.

The fact that Detectives Mallett and Hill were assigned to the first relief by Captain Bruin at his special request, and have since been attached to his staff, but were transferred yesterday without any consultation with Bruin, is but another outcropping of the bitter enmity that has existed for a long time between the chief and the captain.

Hill and Mallett received several capacities while under Captain Bruin's command, being for several months in charge of Chinatown. Their work there did not suit Bruin at all, and they were transferred. At that point, Captain Bruin, wishing to switch Acting Detective Tom Kay and Joe Kienlen from "moral squad" duty, sent them into the Asiatic quarter, where they are still on duty.

The utter inefficiency of the detective staff, as conducted by Captain Bruin, has become so apparent at headquarters that immediate reorganization of that branch of the department has been decided upon. Wholesale changes have been predicted, but the members of the police committee of the Executive Board deplore anything that savors of the sensational in the handling of police affairs, and it now appears that they have decided to make transfers more quietly and with less fuss than is usual in big "shake-ups."

Chief Will Say Nothing.

"There is no special reason for the transfer of Officers Hill and Mallett," said Chief Gritzmacher, when asked as to the significance of his brief order. "It is for the good of the service."

"Will other changes follow?" the Chief was asked. "Yes, there will be some changing around, all right," he replied. "Probably when we get the new men, who have just passed the examinations, changes will be made."

A most significant remark was made by Chief Gritzmacher, when he was asked as to who would be assigned to take the places left vacant on the detective staff by the transfer of Hill and Mallett. "I don't know," replied the Chief, "I think nobody will take their places; I think there are enough plain-clothes men now."

From this it would appear that the

Chief has no intention of maintaining so many acting detectives, who are simply patrolmen detached for plain-clothes duty. He evidently believes it is useless to have so large a staff under Captain Bruin's supervision.

The plain-clothes staff now consists of Captain Patrick Bruin, Sergeants C. E. Baty and William Jones; Acting Detectives Price, Inskip, Kay, Kienlen, Smith, Tichener, Smith and Heilger. Hill and Mallett were before the police committee of the executive board last week on charges of leaving the city without permission of their superior officers and were yesterday fined \$25 each.

Eight to Become Policemen.

Eight new names were added yesterday to the eligible list for appointment to the police department, as a result of the detection examination. There were 41 applicants and the number that successfully met the tests corresponds closely to the number passing previous examinations. Those successful were: George L. Gardfield, S. R. Vessey, Lynton A. Newell, Albert Biglow, John Wellbrook, John Culloch, Robert E. Burks and James M. Hunter.

AUTO ROAD IS ASSURED

MANY PLEDGE MONEY FOR TILLAMOOK PROJECT.

Chamber of Commerce Receives Assurances of Financial Aid From the Coast City.

The proposition to build and maintain an automobile road between Portland and Tillamook, which the Chamber of Commerce has been promoting during the past few weeks, is likely to be undertaken in the near future. The Portland Automobile Club is working toward that end and three individual owners of automobiles have agreed to subscribe \$100 each, providing the present plans are carried out.

The people of Tillamook are also deeply interested in the undertaking and it is understood a considerable amount of money is available there for the purpose of improving the highways which will form a part of the road.

Two routes are proposed, one by way of the Wilson River and the other by way of Dolph and Sheridan. In a letter received by the Chamber of Commerce from Rollie Watson, editor of the Tillamook Herald, he recites the advantages of the two routes at length. Mr. Watson writes: "I have been over the routes numerous times and am quite familiar with them. As for the southern route, via Sheridan and Dolph the distance from Portland to Tillamook is exactly 112 miles, but the greater distance over this road can be easily overcome by the excellent condition of the roads on the Sheridan route and the poor state of repair of the Wilson River. Again, the Wilson River route runs for 40 miles through green timber where the sun rarely penetrates, while on the Sheridan road the roads dry out quickly, the country being open and cleared, there being very little timber along the road."

BARGAIN HUNTERS OBSERVE

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BITULITHIC WINS IRVINGTON FIGHT

Executive Board Lets Contracts for Paving Six Streets.

OVERRIDES CITY COUNCIL

Investigates Responsibility of Man Who Laid Front-Street Pavement.

With only one opposing voice, the Executive Board, at its meeting yesterday afternoon, launched the improvement of six streets in Irvington with bitulithic pavement, riding rough-shod over the resolution of the Council, which asked that no such action be taken until the matter could be given further consideration by the Council. The step was in direct opposition to the expressed wish of the city fathers and will probably not be accepted in the best of feeling, as the entire Irvington controversy has been referred back to the Council street committee for further consideration.

The action of the board settles in part the war that has been waged by rival paving interests for the improvement of Irvington. More than 20 streets in this district are to be paved and the latest move in the Council was to make this entirely an asphalt district. This will now be impossible, as the bitulithic improvements have progressed beyond the call, and the fight will now be over the remaining streets. Those who wished the improvement made with asphalt have lost an important point as the chief reason advanced was the desire to have only one kind of pavement on all the streets.

Provided for Both Brands.

When resolutions for the Irvington improvements were first introduced in the Council, it was stipulated that some of the streets should be bitulithic and others bituminous macadam. More than the required two-thirds of the property-owners had signed the petitions. In this form some of the proceedings were sent up to the Executive Board and there was no way they could be completely rescinded.

At this juncture, last week, Ellis G. Hughes appeared before the street committee and asked that the plans be changed and the district paved with asphalt. He declared that much of the property had been sold since the first petitions were filed and that more than two-thirds of the owners now desired the asphalt. In accordance with this request the street committee recommended that the former action be rescinded and that the asphalt improvement be made. There was another controversy when this report was presented to the Council Wednesday and that body refused to adopt it. Through the efforts of Vaughn, who desired the bitulithic and bituminous macadam improvements to go ahead, the entire matter was referred back to the street committee.

The matter came up at the meeting of the Board yesterday on the improvement of East Twentieth, East Nineteenth, East Twenty-third and Thompson streets with bitulithic. All of these are in Irvington and it was at once apparent that the members were not inclined to delay action just because the Council had asked it. Cogswell, however, believed that the work should be delayed until the Council should have time to go forward and moved to refer back to the street committee. His motion failed to get a second.

Urges Immediate Action.
George W. Simmons, of the Pacific Bridge Company, was present and asked that the improvements be carried forward at once. He said that his firm had contracted to use some of the dirt from these streets to fill in Vancouver avenue and that it would be a loss to the company if the contractors were held up.

Warren Construction Company also asked that the contracts be awarded at once. On Thompson street, he said, more than two-thirds of the owners wanted bitulithic and all the proceedings had been regular and he did not see why his company should not have the contract. Mr. Hughes, he said, owned only 200 feet on Thompson street. "These bids were regular and were passed upon," said Chairman Sablin, of the street committee, "and as the Council has given us no good reason for delay, I think we should go ahead. If the contracts are held up at this time it is probable the work will not be done this year."

Sablin moved that the contracts be awarded and the motion was carried, meeting Cogswell's vote in the negative. The remaining improvements will come up before the Council street committee at its next meeting.

CITY MAY SUE CONTRACTOR

Investigates Responsibility of Man Who Laid Front-Street Pavement.
Steps were taken by the Executive Board yesterday afternoon to ascertain whether the city can collect damages from Harry Howard, the contractor who laid the pavement on Front street which is now alleged to be defective. Acting on a report from the street committee, in which it was asserted that the Front-street pavement is far short of the specifications, the board ordered the City Attorney to investigate and report as to whether the city is indemnified by bond from the contractor.

Only 5 to 10 per cent of cement was used in making the cushion for the Belgian blocks that were laid by Howard on Front street, according to the report of the committee. This was far below the quality of concrete called for in the specifications and the material is so poor that it easily can be crushed in the hand. The three blocks south of Madison street are included in the improvement.

Favors Water-Tower Purchase.

The Executive Board at its meeting yesterday passed a resolution asking the Council to appropriate \$100 for the purchase of a water tower and four life-nets. For several years Chief Campbell has been requesting the purchase of a water tower and the equipment of the department as it has been badly needed on several occasions. This year there is ample appropriation for the purchase of the tower and it is considered that the expenditure is advisable.

"Mercury" Stock Buled in Weather Market

Quicksilver Shares Soar to 80 Under Manipulation—"Humidity" Opening at 80, Hammered Down to 40 Before the Close.

THE weather market opened at 4 A. M. yesterday in a typical Wall-street gloom, with "Mercury" at 67. It was a strictly bear market, with the stock in the tube heavy and sluggish, but by 5 o'clock a slight bull movement set in and "Mercury" rose one point to 68. In "Humidity" also the bulls had it large in their own way, for the weather market opened with them in the saddle and the dampness at 8. Two hours' active bidding by the bulls raised "Mercury" to 69 an hour later, but the bears took revenge by crowding down "Humidity" a point or two. Then, pound as they would, "Mercury" continued to rise slowly and was chalked up one more point at 7 in the morning.

Eight o'clock showed the flowing metal up to 70 and it climbed steadily to 75 at 9. Ten o'clock saw it at 76, with the ice man happy and the coal trust calling for the doctor. Quick Three more points, 72, squatted up the heaviest liquid known to man and at noon things began to look serious, with things doing in the fan line at 77 degrees. Luncheon raised the town's temperature five whole points to 82, more to come. But the bears stamped on the weather bulls so that 2 P. M. showed only one point more. Three o'clock showed still another 84, and 4 P. M. raised the ante two more to 86 degrees. Then the bulls took profits and the flowing silver remained steady for an hour, but "Humidity" fell rapidly. Five o'clock saw "Humidity" down to 49, with "Mercury" still at 88. When the weather gong sounded "Mercury" had fallen back a point to 85 and "Humidity" steadily throughout the later hours. It was a hot day in the weather market.

RATES TO ADVANCE

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LIMITED IN APPLICATION

Fifty Per Cent Increase to Affect Only Mills and Other Extra Hazardous Risks in the Pacific Northwest.

An advance amounting to 50 per cent in the rates for liability and casualty insurance in lumber mills and other similar risks is planned, to become effective August 1. This proposed increase in rates is under consideration by the various companies carrying this class of insurable risks. A number of informal conferences have been held, but an agreement has not yet been reached as to what the contemplated advance shall be. Other meetings will be held during the month when it is probable an agreement will be reached and a revised schedule of rates will be made. It is possible that no change will be made in the present schedule, although insurance men declare they are carrying these risks at a loss to their companies.

It is generally understood that the question of increasing the rates depends entirely on concurrent action by the different agencies in the Pacific Northwest, and it is learned that the companies are unable to agree as to just what the revised rates should be. Until an agreement has been reached it is highly probable that there will be nothing doing for the companies figure that there must be a uniformity of action if the scheme is to be made effective.

During the week, Joseph Seeler, of Tacoma, representing the insurance interests of the State of Washington, has been in Portland conferring with local insurance men in an effort to prevent a possible failure of a proposed combination between the liability and casualty companies in a united effort to advance the cost of their business. Mr. Seeler said that the local insurance companies are losing money. No definite conclusion has yet been reached as to what the new rates shall be, but they will not be more than 50 per cent greater than those now in effect. In fact the increased rates that are contemplated will not apply to more than two-thirds of the mills. If an agreement can be reached increased rates will be asked only for such risks as are now considered extra hazardous and which under the existing schedule of charges are being carried only at a loss to the companies.

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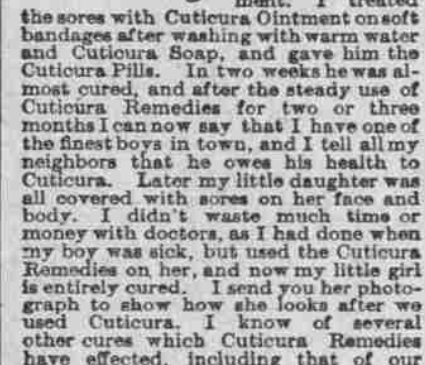


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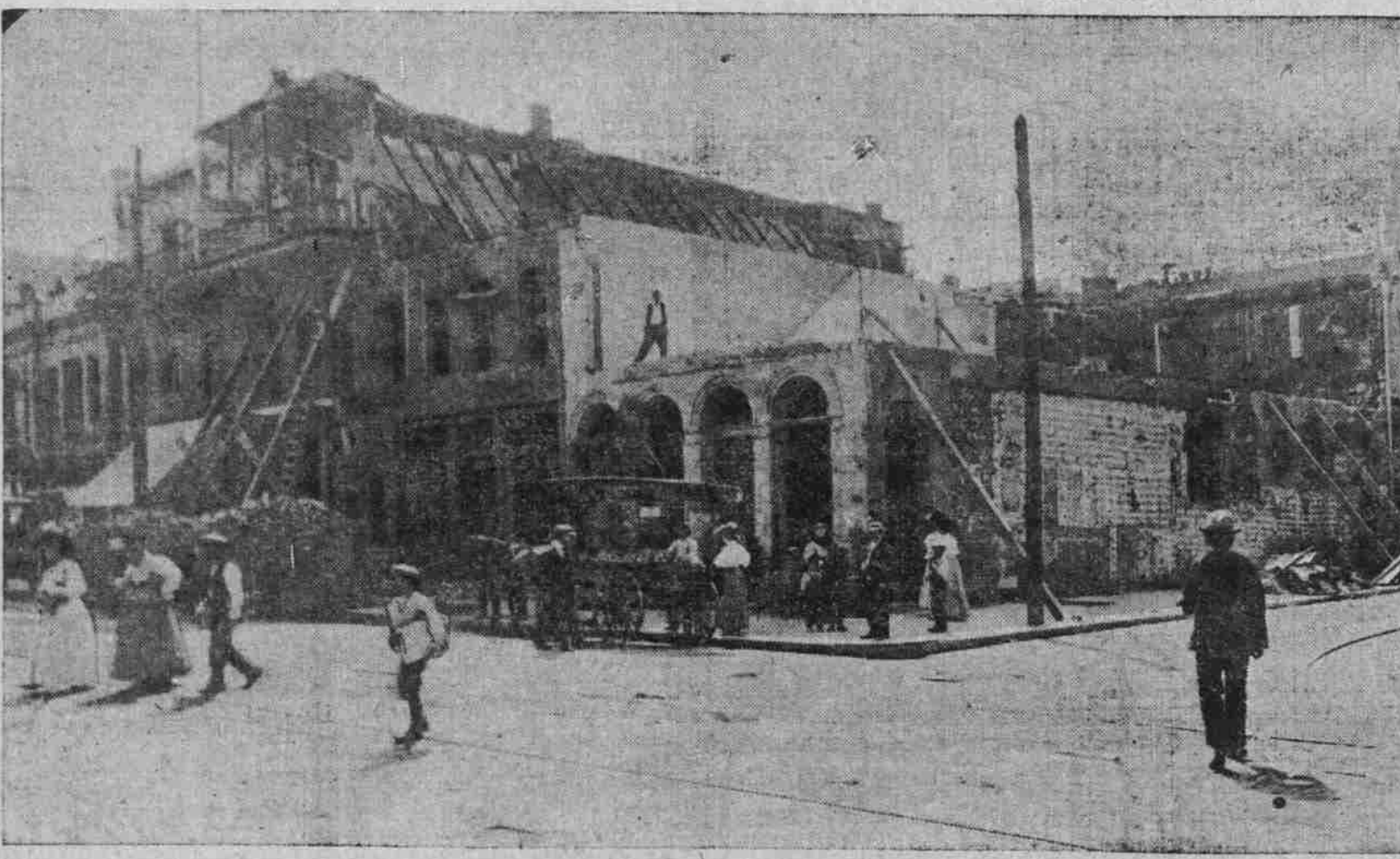
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PICTURES OF PROGRESS IN THE MAKING OF A GREATER PORTLAND—No. 6



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Chinese tenants have vacated the low brick buildings at the southeast corner of Second and Alder streets, and workmen are now tearing down the walls and clearing the site for the erection of a modern store and office building. It is a step in the removal of the Chinese from quarters near the center of the city, which they have held for many years. The property along this part of Second street has become too valuable to be leased to Chinese, and the Orientals are being forced south and north of the central business district. The property shown in the picture is owned by Louis Gerlinger and the present buildings are demolished. The new building will be three stories and basement and will cover 20,500 sq. ft. It is expected to have it complete and ready for occupancy by December 1.