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NO ROCK TO PAVE

East Side Property-Owners Angry at Council.

MILES OF PAVING DELAYED

Multnomah Addition, Sellwood, Kenilworth and Other Suburbs Can Get No Crushed Rock Street Improvement Done.

The crushed-rock question will not sleep. Miles of streets on the East Side are waiting for paving material, which cannot now be had. In Multnomah Addition alone eight miles of paved streets are wanted, but are held up for want of paving material. More than a year ago it was decided to cover all unpaved streets in this addition with crushed rock, but not a foot has yet been paved under that movement. The property-owners were ready to spend more than \$100,000 for improved streets, but cannot go ahead because contractors say they can not get crushed rock, and the property-owners do not want ordinary gravel.

In Sellwood the property-owners are agitating for the paving of all streets either with crushed rock or gravel. In Kenilworth a movement has been started to improve and pave all the streets, but the property-owners are hesitating about taking action owing to the experience of other localities in their effort to get paving material.

Mayor told Mr. Nolte that he favored the city's owning several portable crushers. Mr. Nolte, especially favors taking rock from the bottom of the Willamette River and crushing it. This proposition is considered a good one if the rock can be obtained in sufficient quantities at reasonable expense.

The proposition to get in crushed rock from Kelly Butte by rail is being discussed. This would necessitate laying a mile and a quarter of track to connect with the Mount Scott branch of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, the spur either to be built by the railway company or by the city and county jointly. However, Mayor Lane is not in favor of the material obtained from Kelly Butte, which he thinks not hard enough, although the Government test of the material gives it a high grade for road-building. The general committee from the civil clubs on the East Side has been given instructions to press the importance of the situation on the Council with a view to getting some definite action.

Americanize Philippine Church.
MANILA, Dec. 17.—The first Provincial Council of the Catholic Church in the history of the Philippines is now in session in this city. The bishops and clergy are considering matters important to the

church of which the most important event in the placing of the church upon American basis throughout. The Spanish and other clergy conform, it is understood, with this action, which is the result of direct instructions given by Pope Pius X to his delegate here. A magnificent torchlight procession of 25,000 men, women and children took place in honor of the event, which is considered a complete victory for the American bishops, who control church affairs here. The opposition to the measure has come principally from foreign priests in outlying districts.

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Swans Swoop Down on Japanese Farmer

Strange Fight Between Oriental and Flocks of Big Birds That Are Finally Put to Flight.

A JAPANESE farmer, one of the many who have leased much land around Russellville, on the Base Line road, had a most thrilling adventure with a flock of white swans last week. He was out plowing in his field, so E. N. Emery says, when suddenly several hundred swans made their appearance. At first he paid no attention, but they soon began circling close down on him. Then they made a sudden sweep and nearly knocked him down. The swans renewed their attack on the Japanese with more vigor than ever. They dashed at him and struck him in passing from all directions. He sought to drive them off by swinging his hat, but this had no effect. He then ran to the nearest fence, followed by part of the flock, and, seizing a rail, defended himself, but still

the swans attacked him until he had knocked down several. The horse, which the Japanese had left hitched to the plow, was also attacked by more than a score of the angry birds. The animal did the best he could to defend himself with his heels and teeth, while his owner was wielding his rail at his assailants. Suddenly the whole flock by an impulse took flight, leaving the Japanese master of the battlefield. "It was the most remarkable and comical fight I ever witnessed," remarked Mr. Emery. "The Japanese certainly had his hands full. Part of the time he was half covered by the swans. He fought with the same determination that his comrades fought the Russians. The ground around where the fight took place was strewn with feathers."

PRESBYTERY IN SESSION

Methods of Soliciting Committee Come In for Consideration.

A resolution that persons canvassing for funds for building churches, buying lots for church purposes, or for the help of home mission enterprises, whether in or out of the Presbytery, must first obtain the consent of the Presbytery, was the chief matter discussed at the quarterly meeting of the Portland Presbytery in the First Presbyterian Church yesterday afternoon. The news of the destruction of the Forbes-avenue Church by fire at noon yesterday was read at the meeting and a resolution was approved expressing the Presbytery's sympathy for that congregation. The call of the Piedmont Church for the pastoral services of the Rev. N. S. Reeves, was found in order and placed in the hands of Mr. Reeves. Mr. Reeves accepted the call and a committee was appointed to arrange for the installation and the date was set for December 20, at 3 o'clock. Dr. W. H. Foulks will preach the sermon. The charge to the pastor will be given by Dr. W. S. Holt and the

charge to the people by Rev. L. Myron Baoser, former pastor of the church. Rev. J. R. Landsborough will preside and propound the constitutional questions. The ministers present at yesterday's meeting were: Rev. B. E. S. Ely, Jr., Dr. W. H. Foulks, Rev. Charles W. Hays, Rev. L. Myron Baoser, Rev. Henry Mar-

cotte, Rev. H. H. Pratt, Rev. A. W. Wilson, Rev. N. S. Reeves. The next meeting of the Presbytery will be held in Astoria, on the third Tuesday in April.

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ALBANY HIGH SCHOOL DEBATING TEAM



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ALBANY, Or., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—The debating team which will represent the Albany High School in the coming series of debates for the high school championship of the state is composed entirely of girls. It is understood to be the only team in the league which does not have at least one boy member. This forms a singular coincidence in the fact that the team of the Salem High School against which it is pitted in the preliminary debate, is composed entirely of boys. This preliminary debate will be held in this city next Friday evening, Salem taking the affirmative of the question, "Resolved, That the Appropriation of the Last Legislature for the University of Oregon should become a law." The three girls were chosen on the Albany team in a try-out in which four girls and four boys participated. Miss Lucille Hart is leader and Misses Melissa Martin and Ina Dow assistants. All three of the debaters are members of the senior class of the High School and are prominent, popular students. All have been leaders in the literary work of the school and Miss Dow and Miss Martin were members of last year's debating team. Miss Martin is also a leading player on the girl's basketball team of the High School.

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