NEW STEEL FOR WEST SIDE LINE

Southern Pacific Will Lay Heavier Rails Between Beaverton and McCoy.

START WORK IN SPRING

Steel Weighing 75 Pounds to the Yard Will Take Place of 56-Pound Metal—Total Cost Estimated to Be $276,423.

Authority has been given for relaying 50 miles of the West Side division of the Southern Pacific with 75-pound steel. This means the expenditure of $276,423 on improvements to the track from Beaverton to McCoy during the next few months.

Orders for the necessary rails have been placed and the steel is expected here within a few weeks. The actual work of laying the new rails will be begun during the Spring and before the Summer opens, work of putting down the new and heavy iron will be well under way.

The new rails will replace 56-pound steel already in service on the West Side division and will mean the laying of new and heavier iron on the section of track where the recent wreck of the Sheridan passenger train occurred last week. The rail that broke, causing the wreck, was of the 56-pound type. The new iron will be 75-pound steel, equal in weight to the rail on the Southern Pacific main line between Portland and Ashland.

Switches, frogs, tie plates and other fittings are on hand now. The steel itself is due and the latest advices from the Eastern factories are that the new iron will be here within a few weeks. The rails themselves will cost the Southern Pacific $185,488, while the fittings will cost $89,935 additional. These figures include the labor of laying the new steel but do not include the cost of new ties that will be laid when the new steel is put down.

The change in the weight of the railroad iron on the West Side division of the Southern Pacific is made necessary on account of the increased tonnage carried over that line and the gradually increased weight of the equipment on that portion of the Southern Pacific lines in this state. Heavier locomotives and longer and heavier trains require more substantial roadbed and heavier rails. This need has been foreseen by the Southern Pacific officials and General Superintendent Buckley and Division Engineer Bollons have concurred in the recommendations that the West Side division be relaid with new and heavier steel rails.

During the last few months the main line of the Southern Pacific in this state has been provided with tie plates, so that the Southern Pacific main line now has been tieplated 100 per cent; that is every tie has been furnished with a tie plate, which is said to be something that few railroad lines in the whole United States can boast.

NEW RAILROAD MAPS ARRIVE

Grasp of Harriman Tentacles on State of Oregon Shown.

The new maps of the Pacific Northwest, issued by the Harriman system, arrived in Portland yesterday and show in a graphic way the railroads of the states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho. Harriman lines are printed on the map in red and, since the purchase of the Corvallis & Eastern by the Harriman interests, almost the entire railroad map of this state is in red lines.

An edition of 5000 maps has been issued, under the direction of General Passenger Agent Murray and under the direct supervision of C. A. Jackson, advertising man for the allied lines in this territory. These maps have been delayed in the Eastern printing establishments and were due here some time ago, but, owing to a press of business, delivery has only just commenced.

The map shows all the Harriman railroads in the three states, which are indicated by red lines, and also the projected roads throughout the territory are indicated. The California Northern, from Weed, Cal., to Klamath Falls, which is almost completed, is shown on the new maps, as well as that portion of the Oregon Eastern from Klamath Falls to Natron, on the Southern Pacific main line. The other sections of the Oregon Eastern, projected from Natron across the state to Vale, on the eastern border, are not even indicated on the map as projected.

One railroad controversy that has raged in this state for some time as to the ownership of the line under construction from Hillsboro to Tillamook, sometimes called the Lytle road, is settled once and for all by this new issue, for this project bears the red Harriman color and is admittedly a Harriman project, as has been suspected for a long time.

The new maps show the line from Pendleton to Pilot Rock, lately completed; the Riparia-Lewiston line, now almost finished; the road from Elgin into the Wallowa country, and the Oregon & Washington, the Union Pacific extension to Puget Sound, construction of the Oregon end of which will be commenced within the next few weeks. A branch from the Oregon & Washington to the sawmill country on Grays Harbor is indicated as well.

The map just issued is brought out each year by the Harriman interests and has come to be regarded as the most accurate map showing the Pacific Northwest that is obtainable by the general public.

PAY-CAR VISITS PORTLAND

Southern Pacific Employes Will Receive Checks Today.

The Southern Pacific paycar arrived in Portland last night from San Francisco and will be in the terminal yards and at the East Side shops today, while the employes of the company at Portland are being paid off. Once in every nine months the paycar comes to Portland, bringing checks for the employes of the company from the auditor's office in San Francisco. During the rest of the year checks are forwarded from San Francisco for employes of the company and distributed from the local offices of the Southern Pacific.

The plan usually followed is for the paycar to go over each division of the Pacific system of the Southern Pacific during the year. There are nine divisions and each one is visited in turn, each trip taking about one month. The paycar will probably leave the city tonight or tomorrow for the South.

On the way from San Francisco stops were made by the paycar all along the line to give out checks for employes of the company stationed between Ashland and Portland. The number of employes of the company in this state who will be made happy by the visit of the paycar is about 2000. Half of them have their headquarters in Portland.

The car runs special and stops wherever necessary. It is in charge of F. S. Dewey, who is in charge of the check department of the auditor's office, San Francisco. The purpose of sending the paycar here occasionally is to see that the checks are distributed to the employes entitled to them and to make certain that there is no padding of the payrolls.

STOP ON NEAR SIDE ONLY

Cars Will Not Take Passengers on Farther Side of Intersections.

Motormen on the city trolley carlines have been instructed to stop on the near side of street crossings within the city where there are steam or electric railway intersections. Heretofore, motormen have had instructions to stop on both sides of such streets, but this is considered unnecessary and at the same time retards traffic.

"The blocks in Portland are only 200 feet long," said President Josselyn of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Co., "and the stops of the city cars are twice as frequent as those in most of the other cities where the blocks are twice as long. In San Francisco and Los Angeles the cars stop at all street intersections on the near side but to put this into effect here until the streets are better paved than they are now would cause passengers to get off the cars in the mud in many places. Therefore the order for cars to stop on the near side of the street will affect only those streets where there are other railway crossings and where now two stops are made when one will answer just as well.

"Motormen have been instructed not to enforce this rule too rigidly for a few days until the people become educated to the new plan of operation.

"Now that all the new cars are in service and all are provided with longitudinal seats instead of cross seats, orders have been given that as far as practicable cross seat cars will be put on the long runs to provide for the comfort of the public and the cars with longitudinal seats will be placed on the shorter runs. An effort will also be made to equip the Twenty-third and the Sixteenth-street lines with cars having longitudinal seats and air brakes, so that the crowded condition of these cars during the rush hours will be relieved by the broader aisles and larger platforms. A constant study is being made of the street railway situation by all concerned and every expedient that can be discovered that will expedite the movement of traffic and result in the comfort of passengers will be adopted."

Power Sent to Salem.

The longest electric transmission line in the state has just been put into use by the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company from Oregon City to Salem, a distance of almost 50 miles. Power from the electric plant at Oregon City is carried on a high tension line to Salem, where it is used to operate the lighting and streetcar system of the Capital City. Formerly the Salem electric systems were operated by expensive steam power plants at Salem and Silverton. The completion of the transmission line of the Oregon Electric Company and the furnishing of power to that corporation by the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company has made possible the sending of electric power to Salem from Oregon City. The loss of electricity in transmission over this long distance wire is from 20 to 25 per cent.

New York—Miss Bessie Abott, the prima donna, has returned to the Metropolitan Opera-House, having settled her dispute with the manager.

HONOR ST. PATRICK

Sons and Daughters of Ireland Plan Celebration.

ELABORATE IN CHARACTER

Entire Proceeds of Fine Entertainment at Armory Will Go to Building Fund of the Christian Brothers College.

If present plans of the committees in charge of the preparations are carried out in detail, St. Patrick's day will be celebrated in Portland this year on a more elaborate scale than ever before in the city's history. The feature of the celebration will be an entertainment at the Armory, at which a splendid literary and musical programme will be rendered. Rev. Peter C. Yorke, of San Francisco, will be the orator of the day and other prominent speakers will be heard. Archbishop Christie will deliver the introductory address.

The fact that the entire proceeds of the entertainment are to go to the building fund of the Christian Brothers College in itself is enough to assure the success of the committee's plans, the project of the Christian Brothers, who have been engaged in educational work in Portland for 20 years, to build and equip a modern institution of learning having the indorsement and support of every loyal son and daughter of the Emerald Isle in the city. The Ancient Order of Hibernians, also, has espoused the cause of the Brothers and will exert all its energies to make the entertainment a social and financial success.

The musical and literary programme, it is announced, will be one of the most elaborate ever given in the city. The "Meister Singers" quartet, composed of Mrs. Walter Reed, Miss Kathleen Lawler, Dom J. Zan and Frank D. Hennessy, will sing several numbers. The following are the committees from different Catholic societies: Ladies' Auxiliary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Miss Marie Chamber, Miss May Majors, Mesdames P. J. Smith, Enveres, L. McMahon and Carlson; Ladies' Auxiliary of the Catholic Order of Foresters, Mesdames Walls, Ward, Keating, Campbell, Muldoon, O'Farrell, Douglass, Ducett, E. McMahon, Sharkey, Dohi and Zeller, and the Misses Slevin, Rice, Chambers and Weiser; Ladies of St. Anne's Society, Misses M. Madigan, S. Madigan, E. Driscoll, C. Foley, J. Gately and Rodgers and Mesdames M. J. Driscall, W. A. Furnier, L. Hodler, P. Douglass, Laten and J. Collier; Districts, Nos. 5, 6, 7 and 8, of the St. Anne Society, Mesdames W. Elvers, Jessup, Caples, W. J. Smith, Herschler, T. McNamee and Genshaw, and Misses Elvers, Douglass, J. Murphy, A. Twiss, Woltring, Barrette, C. Curran, Kavanaugh, Bruce, M. McNamee, M. Burke, L. Hahn, Foely, Muessig and Urquhart.

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HELD ON FRAUD CHARGE

Four Federal Prisoners Will Have Hearing Tuesday.

On the application of R. H. Wells, J. N. Saylor, Frank Caviness and M. J. Dorsey, charged with using the mails for fraudulent purposes, their examination before United States Commissioner McKee has been postponed until next Tuesday. The four defendants have retained McMahon & McDevitt, who will defend them before the magistrate. They are accused of having received through the mail several thousand dollars of worthless bills, several of which were passed on local lodging-housekeepers. Saylor and Caviness were yesterday found guilty in the police court of having opium in their possession and were fined $55 each.

"Frank Connors" was the name used by the four men in corresponding with Stevens & Co., of Chicago, of whom the counterfeit bills were obtained. United States Attorney Bristol appears for the Government in the pending prosecution and in the information which has been filed the defendants are charged with devising a scheme "to defraud divers persons," using the United States mails for the purpose.

Gaiety at Hood River.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—Hood River's most brilliant social event of the season took place last evening when Dr. and Mrs. H. L. Dumble, Hon. and Mrs. A. A. Jayne and Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Early entertained 100 guests at cards and dancing at Oddfellows Hall.

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Set of Wallace's 1835 plain satin Knives and Forks—regular $3.75 value—special, set **$2.75**

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Gravy Ladle—gold bowl—regular $3.50 value—special **$2.90**

Set of 6 Tablespoons—vintage pattern—16-pwt. silver—regular $3.50 value—special, set **$2.90**

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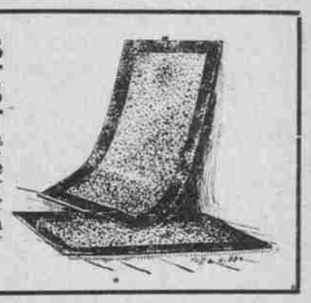

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MRS. J. W. GITTINGS AND CHILDREN.

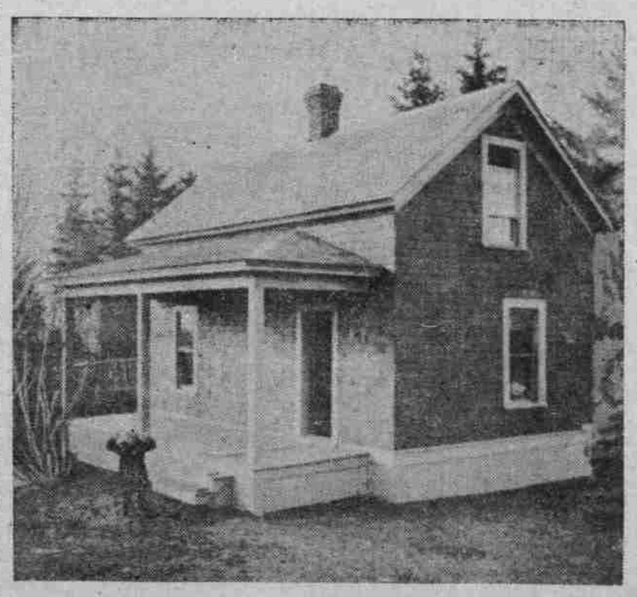
A HAPPY homecoming and reunion took place at 75 Humboldt street, North Albina, yesterday afternoon, when Mrs. J. W. Gittings, the widow of the policeman who was shot and killed by Melville Bradley last December, and her children were comfortably installed in their little home, which is now completed and entirely free from debt.

A committee from the Officers' Wives Association was on hand to welcome the widow and her children to the little house, which now belongs to them in its entirety. Previous to the homecoming the women, assisted by Patrol Sergeant Ernest Johnson, had placed the house in order, and when the family arrived they found everything in readiness for the occupancy.

With a few appropriate remarks Sergeant Johnson turned over the keys of the house to the widow and escorted her through the house. The officers' wives present and Mrs. Lola G. Baldwin, who has assisted in the efforts to relieve the bereaved family, occupied themselves with attending to the children.

Donations of groceries, provisions, wood, furnishings and all articles that are included in any household have been contributed by various firms.

The members of the Officers' Wives Association who assisted in reclaiming the Gittings' home are as follows: Mrs. Frank Patten, Mrs. Edward Brothers, Mrs. T. J. Casey, Mrs. R. Craddock, Mrs. J. J. Mackey, Mrs. Lou Hirsch, Mrs. Glenn Howell, Mrs. W. E. West, Mrs. Harry Circle, Mrs. Croxford and Mrs. Hanna.



THE GITTINGS HOME IN NORTH ALBINA, WHICH HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND IS ENTIRELY FREE FROM DEBT.

STATE Y. M. C. A. CONFERENCE

BOY DELEGATES TO MEET AT CORVALLIS FRIDAY.

Gathering Will Be Second of Kind in Oregon—Session Ends Sunday Night.

The state committee of the Y. M. C. A. is planning a conference to be held at Corvallis next Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Youthful delegates are going from all parts of Oregon. Annual conferences are held by the Y. M. C. A. in most states of the Union and it is thought that the one planned for this week will be the third largest yet held, although it is but the second held in Oregon.

Delegates are invited from all recognized boys' clubs in Oregon up to 25 per cent of the membership, and all delegates will be entertained absolutely free of cost at Corvallis. The Portland delegates will leave here on the 4:15 train Friday afternoon, a special car being attached for the purpose, which will be reserved for delegates and the return trip will be made Monday morning. The boys are all invited to take their gymnasium suits, as the athletic side of the conference will not be overlooked.

Friday night will be devoted to "stunts" of various kinds and the conference will be formally opened Saturday morning, when Dr. James Withycombe of the Oregon Agricultural College will deliver the address of welcome, to which Alfred Lewis of Portland will respond. Reports of officers, debates, sports, etc., will follow.

David R. Porter, of New York, international boys' secretary, will take a prominent part in the conference. Mr. Porter has traveled over Canada and the United States in the pursuit of his vocation and his remarks will be worthy of careful attention.

Probably the most enticing feature of the programme is the banquet, which is to be held Saturday night, when various toasts will be given. J. C. Clark of the Portland Y. M. C. A. will officiate as toastmaster.

Mass meetings will be the order Sunday, David R. Porter being in charge. Larry Laramore of the Portland Y. M. C. A. boys' department will speak on "Our Duty to the Other Fellow." A farewell service will complete the programme.

It is expected that there will be more than 200 delegates, of which it is expected Portland will contribute at least 40.

TALKS BEFORE CREDIT MEN

John F. Logan Says Oregon Has No Real Constitution.

Questions that come up for settlement before the credit men of the city were discussed at the regular monthly meeting last night of the Portland Association of Credit Men at the Commercial Club. There was a good attendance. President E. B. Rutherford presided. During the meeting provision was made for the entertainment of Charles E. Meek, of New York, secretary and treasurer of the National Association of Credit Men, who will visit Portland March 4, when a large meeting will be held here and business men generally will attend.

John F. Logan was the principal speaker at last night's dinner. "Oregon has no constitution as such," said Mr. Logan. "Our constitution, so-called, might as well be incorporated in the justice of the peace code or any other part of the ordinary practice statutes. This is rendered so by reason of the fact that it requires no greater effort to amend the constitution than it does to enact or amend any ordinary law on the statutes. The Oregon constitution, such as it is, contains such ridiculous provisions as the clause against negroes living in the state or owning property therein, a provision against Chinese living in the state, owning property therein or working in certain capacities.

"The constitution absolutely prevents the issuance of such remedial currency in times of financial stress as clearing-house certificates and contains none of the up-to-date provisions with reference to railroad, banking or insurance provisions."

North Bank Road Ready March 15.

Formal notice that the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway will be ready for business March 15 has been filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission. On that date the new North Bank road will be completed for the handling of passengers, mail and freight traffic. However, passengers, mail and express will be handled by the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company's line between Portland and Vancouver until some time next June, when it is expected the bridges will be in and trains will be operated into this city.

SANDBAGGED AND ROBBED

George Sebecki, Saloonkeeper, Attacked by Two Desperate Thugs.

Knocked unconscious in the street by a blow on the head from a sandbag by two desperate thugs and robbed of $130 in cash and three checks aggregating $24.02, was the rough experience encountered by George Sebecki, who lives at Nineteenth and Overton streets, at 1:30 o'clock yesterday morning. Sebecki conducts a saloon at 95 North Third street, and the money and checks which were stolen represented the proceeds of his day's business, which he was taking home with him for safekeeping, as it has been his habit never to leave any money over night in his saloon for fear of burglars.

He had boarded the last Fulton car and alighted at Fourteenth and Overton streets, from which point he had to walk to his house. Between Sixteenth and Seventeenth streets he passed two rough-looking men who were loitering in the shadows. He had not walked more than a few yards when they rushed at him from the rear and felled him with a heavy blow on the head. He lost consciousness for a few seconds, and when he came to himself his pockets had been turned inside out. He could see the two men running swiftly down the street.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Arthur L. Shand, of Dublin, Ireland, is registered at the Portland.

A. Fleischhner, County Clerk of Skamania County, Wash., and a well-known policeman of Stevenson, is a guest at the Imperial.

P. A. McPherson, a timber dealer, will leave this morning on a business trip to Omaha, Kansas City, Chicago, New York City and Washington, D. C.

Dr. M. G. McCorkle, of the East Side, is still at Carson's Hot Springs, where he went a month ago on account of ill health. He is suffering from rheumatism.

Bishop Doyle, of Australia, was a guest at the Portland yesterday. Bishop Doyle is on a year's vacation and after a trip through California he will go East. Later he will sail for Rome and will pay his respects to the Pope.

J. K. Toole, who because of ill health resigned as Governor of Montana, the first of this month, was a guest at the Portland yesterday. Governor Toole is on his way to Southern California.

FIRST BANQUET SATURDAY

Alumni of Christian Brothers College Will Hold Reunion.

The Alumni Association of the Christian Brothers' College, which organization was formed several weeks ago, will give its first annual banquet at the Sargent Hotel Saturday night, February 22. At least half of the enrolled members, numbering more than 200, are expected to attend. It is probable that at the banquet former scholars of St. Michael's College will have the pleasure of renewing their acquaintance with Brother Michael, who was principal of the institution at Fifth and Mill streets for several years during the early '90s.

Brother Michael has written Brother Andrews, the present principal of the Blanchet Institute, as the college is now called, that he will endeavor to be in Portland next Saturday, and the Alumni Association hopes to have him as a guest at its first banquet.

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