

WANT MOUNT HOOD ROAD COMPLETED

East Side Business Men's Club Anxious That Projects Be Rushed.

RIGHT-OF-WAY TROUBLES

Manager C. W. Miller Says Company Has Been Held Up at Gresham. Declares Work of Construction Will Be Resumed in Spring.

What the plans of the Mount Hood Railway & Power Company are in regard to the completion of the projected trolley line to Bull Run and the erection of the proposed big power plant at that point is the subject with the East Side Business Men's Club.

As a representative of the company called at the offices of the company in the Sweetland building yesterday and a committee from the same organization is expected to meet at a formal call within the next few days and will then report back to the Business Men's Club.

It has been intimated to the Mount Hood Company that the East Side Business Men will aid in raising money to carry the trolley project forward if it is desired.

Manager C. W. Miller declares that there is ample money behind the Mount Hood proposition, and that work will go forward as soon as conditions are favorable and right of way suits are adjudicated.

"If we had not been held up by property-owners at Gresham, the line would now be complete," declared Manager Miller yesterday. "I wanted to cut out Gresham and run around it, but the others did not agree with me. We have been delayed because of difficulty in getting right of way and the weather now is not suitable for construction anyway. These right-of-way troubles should be ended by Spring, and then we expect to resume construction and finish the line."

Very little work has been done on the Mount Hood road during the past year. In the summer, when the weather was good the delay in the work was attributed to lightning difficulties and in the winter the weather was held responsible. Both these causes are now said to be delaying the work. The office force of the company has been scattered, and the headquarters show the suspended animation that is the present status of the project.

The Mason Construction Company, in which E. P. Clark, president of the Mount Hood road, is interested, has the contract to construct the railroad to Bull Run, but it is now engaged in other construction projects.

COLUMBIA RIVER POLICY

Argument of Man Who Begins to Build His House From the Top.

PORTLAND, Nov. 23.—(To the Editor.)—Your editorial, "Rail and River Policy," November 21, contains a number of errors from every student of the resources and economy of the Columbia Valley and the question of the Columbia Canal while the taxpayers of Portland are paying the cost of dredging in and below that harbor deserve an answer.

That any addition to or economy in the facilities of commerce between Portland and the mouth of the Columbia is desirable, and that the Inland Empire and Portland is inestimable, yet the opening of the Columbia to the mouth of the Powder River and the Inland Empire is paramount in importance to the development of the Columbia valley.

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Seventh, because it will enable the producer of lead to reach the market at a cost of 50 per cent of the present cost. Eighth, because it will enable the producer of zinc to reach the market at a cost of 50 per cent of the present cost.

RAISES NEW POINT

Mayor Doubts City's Right to License Peddlers.

HE VETOS ORDINANCE

Measure Increasing License Fee Returned to Council With Message, in Which Executive Questions Its Validity.

Mayor Lane yesterday vetoed an ordinance, passed at the last regular session of the City Council, increasing the license for street peddlers, and in so doing he raises the question as to whether the city has authority to permit any one to use the public streets for private business. It is a matter that will probably be referred to the City Attorney when the Council meets tomorrow.

The Mayor's veto message follows: To the Honorable City Council—Gentlemen: I return herewith ordinance No. 18892, not approved.

This is an ordinance which by simply refraining from naming them will, if it becomes a law, operate to debar peddlers and hawkers of fruit and vegetables from the use of the public streets of the city.

Another section of the ordinance increases the sum which the city collects from vendors of peanuts and popcorn for a license to sell the same upon the public streets from \$200 to \$400 a year, and also provides a schedule of prices for licenses for vendors of various other articles.

Without entering into a discussion of the merits of the ordinance, either for or against, the hawkers or selling of fruits and other articles from wagons upon the public streets of the city, I have to say that it is a question as to whether or not the city has the right to grant licenses to make private use of the streets which have been dedicated to the general public and for their use alone.

Grants of many sorts to the use of the streets for private purposes have been made in the past without compensation to the city, and I appreciate the fact that in many instances it would have been no more than fair for such grants to have been made for limited periods of time only or for a nominal sum, if not for any other hand, for the city to have insisted upon receiving the full market value for such waiver of its rights, yet it has been decided that the city has no authority to make such disposition of its rights in this respect.

It is the contention that the city can neither lease nor sell its rights to the streets of the city for private use, but it is pertinent to require, if it has the right to sell a license, to make use of them for the sole purpose of barter and trade.

I would respectfully suggest that if there is any question of the legal right of the city to collect money for such grants and privileges that it had best be investigated before any further action is taken in this matter, and I return the ordinance to you for your consideration. Respectfully, HARRY LANE, Mayor.

CEMETERY BLOCKS STREET

Lone Fir Obstacle to Improvement of East Twentieth.

The improvement of East Stark street beyond Twentieth street is held up by Lone Fir Cemetery, which adjoins the south side of the street to East Twenty-seventh street. Although bids have been asked for the work, contractors fight shy of this improvement, as they fear they cannot collect from the Lone Fir Association. Present owners of the cemetery refuse to pay, and I return the ordinance to you for your consideration. Respectfully, HARRY LANE, Mayor.

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ing Riverview Cemetery, but when the decision may be rendered nobody can guess, and in the meantime East Stark street remains in bad condition beyond East Twentieth street.

Councilman Kellacher thinks the improvement is of an great importance that be favors making an appropriation from the general fund covering the assessment of the Lone Fir Association, as there seems no other solution to the question. He says the other property-owners are ready to pay their assessments, and are anxious that the im-

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