

EXECUTIVE BOARD REJECTS BRIDGE

Alleges East 28th-Street Span Has Too Many Defects in Construction.

UNANIMOUS ACTION TAKEN

Board is Actuated by Long Report of H. M. Esterly—Bridge Company Says Report is Unfair and Test Is Not Allowed.

Rejection of the reinforced concrete bridge across Sullivan's Gulch, on East Twenty-eighth street, because of numerous serious defects, was one of the chief features of the session of the City Executive Board yesterday afternoon.

The report of the committee indirectly criticized City Engineer Taylor, under whose general supervision the span was built, because of certain changes said to have been made in the bridge without the authority of the Executive Board.

Board's Authority Usurped. The contract between the city and company, it was explained, gives the Executive Board absolute and exclusive authority to sanction any changes in the design or in the plans, but the report says that the authority was usurped in several instances by the City Engineer.

Bridge Too Light. The main criticism is that the bridge is designed too lightly for the traffic to which it will be subjected, if it is ever accepted and opened to public use.

The report goes on to state that the concrete was not properly put in, as it was allowed to drop low, especially in the main supporting columns, that it should have been "puddled" instead of being dropped from the top to the bottom of the columns.

WHAT THE CONTRACTORS SAY

Report is Unfair Throughout—Covers Only Small Defects.

PORTLAND, Feb. 15.—(To the Editor)—A considerable portion of the report of the bridge committee to the Executive Board on the East Twenty-eighth-street bridge will undoubtedly be published in your columns tomorrow.

Last February the city advertised for bids, offering each bidder a profile showing the ground, grades and slopes, and a plan submitted by us, designed by the Trussed Concrete Steel Company, was accepted, and a contract entered into, which provided for changes authorized by the Executive Board, and another provision that payment should be made upon acceptance by the City Engineer.

CENTRAL OREGON ROAD AUTHORIZED

Harriman System Adopts Deschutes Route and Will Build at Once.

COST WILL BE \$4,773,000

Line Will Extend 130 Miles Into Irrigation District and Construction May Require Year and Half.

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SURVEY TO BE FOLLOWED BY HARRIMAN INTO CENTRAL OREGON.



MAP OF DESCHUTES RAILROAD SOUTH FROM JUNCTION WITH O. R. & N.

tion projects under the reclamation act. In order for a railroad company to acquire rights-of-way there, it is necessary that maps be filed with the Secretary of the Interior and be approved by him.

The Deschutes Railroad Company was organized on February 1, 1908. Surveyors for the company were put in the field on February 12, 1908. Announcement was made to the public of the proposed construction of this line on February 16, 1908.

FRANCHISES TO BE PROBED

Committee to Resume Work Upon Senator Kellaher's Return.

When the Legislature closes there is likely to be some franchise-probing in Portland, as Senator Dan Kellaher will then be able to resume his duties as chairman of the Senate committee on the winding of the official probe. The other members are Councilmen Ruslight and Vaughn.

PERSONAL MENTION.

H. A. Jackson, general freight and passenger agent for the Great Northern at Helena, Mont., was in the city yesterday on business for his road.

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ED. PINAUD'S HAIR TONIC

Use it faithfully for one month—you will see your hair improve wonderfully. It will gradually become heavier and more beautiful. DANDRUFF WILL DISAPPEAR—dandruff, you know, is the hair's worst enemy.

HUNTER BALTIMORE RYE advertisement featuring a bottle image and text: 'FOR A PURE TONICAL STIMULANT, FOR CHEER OR COMFORT, STRENGTH AND HEALTH, FOR RECUPERATION AND RESTORATION'.

and H. M. Esterly, a member of the Board, moved that the matter be referred back to the Council for action. The vote was heavy against him, however, and the contract was awarded.

S.S.S. BEST TREATMENT FOR CATARRH

S. S. S. is the best treatment for Catarrh because it is a perfect blood purifier. It is the only medicine that is able to get down into the circulation and entirely remove the catarrhal matter and impurities which are kept inflamed and irritated by this impure and infected condition of the blood.

We Give Away Absolutely Free of Cost

The People's Common Sense Medical Adviser, in Plain English, or Medicine Simplified, by R. V. Pierce, M. D., Chief Consulting Physician to the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute at Buffalo, a book of 1008 large pages and over 700 illustrations, in strong paper covers, to any one sending 21 one-cent stamps to cover cost of mailing only.

DR. PIERCE'S FAVORITE PRESCRIPTION THE ONE REMEDY for woman's peculiar ailments good enough that its makers are not afraid to print on its outside wrapper its every ingredient. No Secrets—No Deception.

THE POTTER AMERICAN PLAN

THE POTTER AMERICAN PLAN advertisement with a table of winter rates: 'Remember that our Single \$5.00 and Double \$7.50 rates get you a room with bath. For families or parties, the rate per person is as low as \$3.00 per day. These are the lowest first-class rates on the Coast, and we affirm that THE POTTER gives more for the money than any other first-class hotel on the Coast does for ANY money.'