"CITY BEAUTIFUL" IS AIM OF MAYOR

City Executive and President Josselyn Discuss Projects to Improve Portland.

BLAZE OF LIGHTS IN VIEW

They Would Illumine Downtown District by Cluster System—Purchase of Two Company Sites Talked—To Remove Posts.

PROJECTS DISCUSSED BY MAYOR SIMON AND PRESIDENT B. S. JOSSELYN YESTERDAY.

New plan that will revolutionize present lighting system in the downtown districts, fashioned after most up-to-date schemes of great cities.

Purchase by the city of property owned by the railway company at Twenty-third and Washington streets, now covered with car barn, for entrance to City Park.

Purchase of tract owned by the railway company, adjoining Sellwood Park, to enlarge the city's holdings to complete its plans.

System of poles to be used by all companies, to eliminate hundreds now used by separate concerns in the city.

Immediate laying of tracks on Broadway, from East Nineteenth to East Twenty-fourth street, where pavement is being laid.

Mayor Simon and President Josselyn, of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, held a conference lasting from 11 o'clock until noon yesterday. They discussed projects which will probably result in a system of lighting for the business districts that will revolutionize the present plan and make Portland one of the most brilliantly illuminated municipalities in America. It is the Mayor's ambition to accomplish this, and figures will be submitted by Mr. Josselyn, showing the cost. During the consultation, executive and railway president also talked over other needed improvements, and each pledged himself to work for the best interests of the public, to the end that a city beautiful may crown their efforts.

Mayor Simon asked President Josselyn to submit figures on a new system for lighting the down-town streets, so that night in Portland will be almost as light as day on the business thoroughfares. Improved arc lamps and a scheme of cluster lights, similar to that in San Francisco and Seattle, is what the Mayor has in mind, and he is ambitious to install it, if it proves to be reasonable in cost. Data will be furnished him by Mr. Josselyn, showing the total expense of installation of such a system.

It is the opinion of Mayor Simon that the city is not sufficiently well-lighted, especially down-town, and that it would make a far more favorable impression and be much better if a new system, as outlined, is installed, and he will endeavor to accomplish this, unless the cost is shown to be too great. He was greatly pleased with the appearance of the business streets in Seattle, which he had occasion to observe last week on Portland day at the exposition.

President Josselyn inquired of the Mayor whether the city wishes to purchase the ground at the southwest corner of Twenty-third and Washington streets for an entrance to the City Park, calling attention to public discussion of such a plan some time ago in the press. The Mayor replied that, while it might be well to have this parcel of land for the purpose stated, the park fund is too depleted, or will be when improvements are made, and that it will be impossible to buy the site this year. Mr. Josselyn said he would gladly hold the property for a while to afford the Mayor time to take the matter up with the new Park Board, just appointed. No price was set for the land, which is now covered by a large barn, shutting off the view of the largest park in Portland.

Another subject discussed by the Mayor and President Josselyn was the purchase of a small tract of land adjoining the plot recently purchased for a park at Sellwood. The Mayor will accompany Mr. Josselyn to this location next Thursday afternoon, to view the ground to determine whether more ground is needed. Originally, the old Park Board intended taking over more property there, but Mayor Simon outlined a policy of economy and held up bond sales voted for additional ground for parks, hence it is not known whether he will sanction this purchase.

Mayor Simon asked President Josselyn to co-operate with city officials in an effort to reduce by a large number, the poles used throughout the corporate limits of the city by various companies. It is the wish of the Mayor that all of the corporations combine systems so that the veritable forest of poles may be diminished and the city beautified. President Josselyn promised to help to accomplish this result.

There has been considerable complaint of late about the delay of the streetcar company in laying its tracks on Broadway, from East Nineteenth to East Twenty-fourth street. A hard-surface pavement is about to be laid, and the company is holding up its portion of the work pending a decision of the Supreme Court on a legal point. The Mayor asked Mr. Josselyn to order the tracks laid at once, and this was promised.

President Josselyn promised Mayor Simon assistance in making Portland one of the most beautiful cities in America, and the Mayor pledged himself to show his appreciation for the help of every citizen and corporation by reducing taxation next year, while still maintaining the efficiency of every department and adding needed facilities.

SUBURB WILL SPRUCE UP

Montavilla Citizens Discuss Plans for Improvement.

That Montavilla shall be made the most beautiful suburb of Portland was the sentiment of the meeting of the Montavilla Rose Association, held Monday night in the Methodist gymnasium. W. L. Bartlett presided, and after a short business session turned the meeting over to Mrs. Grace Wassam, chairman of the committee on entertainment. Professor Wirtz rendered a mandolin solo and was recalled.

"How to Improve and Beautify Montavilla" was the subject of the talk by H. B. Dickinson, who had lived in that suburb for the past 15 years. Mr. Dickinson told of conditions in Montavilla in the early days and compared those days with the present. He suggested that uniform shade trees be set out on all the streets.

Dr. LeFevre urged that no yard in Montavilla be left without flowers. He contended that for their educational value flowers in the home yard cannot be overestimated. He urged that effort be made to promote flower culture, and that Montavilla be kept a residence suburb, and not made a factory district. Miss Janet Daniels rendered a recitation and then refreshments were served.

It was decided to hold meetings every two weeks, and in four weeks hold an open air meeting, to which Mayor Simon and other prominent men of the city will be invited.

ENDS WEST POINT COURSE

Robert Sears, Portland Boy, Will Serve at Vancouver.

Portland has been honored through the graduation at West Point of Robert Sears, a native of this city. He was a son of the late Judge Sears, was born in Portland November 20, 1884, went through the public schools of this city, was nominated to West Point by ex-Congressman Williamson and entered West Point in 1905. He graduated in June of this year, and is now a commissioned second lieutenant. He has been ordered to report to the First Infantry at Vancouver Barracks. Lieutenant Sears was sent with others of his class to Lake Champlain, on the staff of President Taft, for the recent celebration at that place, and is now in camp with the Rhode Island militia. The young lieutenant carries a gold medal won by his skill in fencing, when last year he won for his class, from a tie, in a contest with Yale. Two months' confinement in the hospital last Winter with typhoid fever gave him a hard struggle in the final examinations, but he won out. Lieutenant Sears has a number of Portland friends.

Robert Sears, of Portland, Commissioned Second Lieutenant.

Y. M. C. A. DELEGATES BACK

Next Employes' Conference Will Be Held in Portland.

H. W. Stone, general secretary of the Portland Y. M. C. A., returned yesterday, with seven other representatives of the local organization, from Tacoma, where they attended the Northwest Y. M. C. A. Employes' Conference, which convened last Friday, Saturday and Monday.

At the conference were 53 delegates from Idaho, Washington, Utah, Oregon and British Columbia. The representatives from Portland were: I. is. Rhodes, state secretary of Oregon; R. R. Perkins, in charge of religious work; A. M. Grilly, physical director; J. B. Guthrie, educational director; J. C. Clark, of the boys' department; Roy Schumaker, office secretary; Fred Witham, special secretary; H. W. Stone, general secretary.

The meetings were given over to discussions of technical problems of various phases of Y. M. C. A. work, and many plans were made for future improvement. Reports were made of the construction within the last year or two of large and commodious Y. M. C. A. buildings in Spokane, Seattle, Tacoma, Walla Walla and Portland. Remarkable progress in Y. M. C. A. work in general was reported from all sections represented.

It was voted to hold the next meeting in Portland. For the last three years the meetings have been held on the Sound, but for seven years previous they were held here.

CONSTABLE A DOG-KEEPER

Quarrel Between Bartender Puts Canine in Official's Care.

Constable Lou Wagner, who has acted in many strange capacities since his induction into office six years ago, on one occasion taking full charge of a bank on an attachment, says that never before has he been the official keeper of a dog kennel. He became such, however, yesterday, when L. C. Smith, a bartender, attached a bulldog belonging to J. L. Lombard, proprietor of the saloon at Sixth and Everett streets, where Smith worked, to satisfy an account against Lombard for $110.33. A rifle, together with a box of cartridges, was attached at the same time.

Smith asserts he kept the dog for Lombard, and seeks 50 cents a day for its care. The account was the subject of a quarrel between them yesterday morning, which turned into a fight and resulted in Lombard's arrest on a charge of assault and battery. He was locked up in the City Jail, and when Wagner attempted to serve the summons in the civil action Lombard refused service, but the paper was forced on him through the cell bars.

Constable Wagner, while taking the cartridges out of his pocket in his office, dropped one to the floor. It exploded, and, though no one was injured, the report caused considerable excitement in the Worcester building.

HORSE FLESH.

Buying and Selling Thoroughly Discussed.

Those who are interested in either buying or selling of a horse may get some valuable information regarding demands, prices, etc., by reading the Horses and Vehicles column in The Oregonian each morning. The few minutes spent may mean dollars in your pocket.

Moclips May Get New Mill.

MOCLIPS, Wash., July 27.—(Special.)—Michael Earles, E. F. Glerin and William Pigott, all of Seattle, have been in Moclips the past week looking over the local sawmill situation. They have made a careful cruise of a large part of the standing timber accessible to the Moclips River, estimated at something like 150,000,000 feet, which, if the contemplated deal goes through, it is said, will be floated down to this point and sawed for market.

HE SCENTS A RUSE

Mayor Suspicious of Repairs to North End Shacks.

STRICT POLICY ANNOUNCED

Simon Urges Razing of Structures Instead and Cautions Building Inspector to Watch Applications From Old Tenderloin.

"I would much prefer to see those old shacks razed or burned down and replaced by modern buildings that will be a credit to the city," said Mayor Simon yesterday afternoon, in directing Acting Building Inspector Plummer to investigate two applications for permits to repair frame buildings in the old North End district.

"I am very suspicious of these two applications," continued the Mayor, "and I do not want to sign them unless there is evidence at hand to prove that the places in question are to be used for legitimate purposes."

Mayor Simon's attention was called to the applications before he went to luncheon at noon, and later he made a trip to the district alone to view the premises. Upon his return to the City Hall he called in Inspector Plummer, who is in charge of the building department in the absence of Building Inspector Dobson, and held a conference with him. The Mayor frankly expressed the opinion that the places in question are to be repaired and rearranged for purposes of housing undesirable women, in an effort to rehabilitate the old red light district, and said he is not inclined to allow repairs to be made there.

"I want to see new, modern buildings replacing shacks everywhere," said the Mayor. "I don't like this idea of people asking the city for permits to dress up old frame buildings, and it ought to be discouraged. I am strongly opposed to it."

After consulting with Inspector Plummer, the Mayor directed that a careful investigation be made of the premises in each of the two cases, and a report made on them. The Mayor intimated that he wants the building department to be strict in signing permits, as it is not in line with his policy to allow repairs to frame structures in the fire limits unless it can be shown that it is absolutely necessary. The two permits came to him "O. K'd" by the Building Inspector, but as both were in the former restricted district, the Mayor became suspicious and started the investigation.

One of the places looked especially suspicious, in that the repair crew is arranging an alleyway in the rear of a row of old ramshackle buildings back of Couch street, between Third and Fourth streets. The other location is on Everett street, between Third and Fourth streets. It is a question whether the Mayor will molest women who may take up their abode in that locality, as he is inclined to toterate them, but he will not permit them to flock together in any particular district and become flagrant and defiant, as they once were when permitted to live in the locality under discussion. The probability is that the Mayor will not allow any repairs to be made to any of the shacks in the North End, but that he will not order women from the houses if they conduct themselves quietly and do not become troublesome to the residents near them.

EDITOR PRAISES PORTLAND

Will H. Mayes, National Association President, Is Club Guest.

Will H. Mayes, president of the National Editorial Association, is in Portland, with several delegates from the National editorial convention, just held in Seattle, and was entertained yesterday by Tom Richardson, of the Portland Commercial Club.

Mr. Mayes is editor of an afternoon paper of Brownwood, Tex. He reports the 24th annual convention at Seattle as the best ever held. In attendance at the convention were 375 delegates, who represented 47 state associations. The Editorial Association was organized at New Orleans, during the New Orleans Exposition, 25 years ago.

"The next convention," said Mr. Mayes yesterday, "will be held probably in Savannah or Chattanooga. It is desired to meet in the South, that the delegates may make a trip to the Panama Canal. We are planning to hold a meeting at San Francisco within the next three years and from there to take a trip to Honolulu.

"What do I think of Portland? You can say for me that I am delighted beyond measure and that I am unable to find adequate words to tell of the surprises that awaited me as we were conducted about the city.

"One of the best addresses of our convention was delivered by Professor Merle Thorpe, of the School of Journalism of the University of Washington. In speaking of the value of university training for newspaper men he said it is valuable in eliminating men who think they would like to enter the field of journalism, but are really incompetent."

DENTIST'S PLEA SIGNED

DR. G. B. WHITNEY FILES HABEAS CORPUS WRIT.

Gatens Allows It When Morrow Refuses—Hearing to Be Held Tomorrow.

Circuit Judge Gatens yesterday signed for Attorneys John A. Jeffrey and F. J. Richardson an order allowing them to file a habeas corpus petition for Dr. G. B. Whitney without paying the $11 filing fee. Acting Presiding Circuit Judge Morrow had refused only a few hours before to sign such an order.

The petition alleges that since the Supreme Court decided that the demurrer to the indictment on which Dr. Whitney was convicted of manslaughter should have been sustained in the lower court, there is nothing upon which to hold the dentist in jail, and that he should be released. He was alleged to have caused the death of Miss Mabel Wirtz by administering mercurial poison, and was arrested last September. When the Supreme Court decided the indictment faulty, District Attorney Cameron asked for a rehearing, which was denied. He intends to submit the case to the present grand jury, which will meet next week.

District Attorney Cameron said yesterday he would consent to the reduction of Whitney's bail from $2000 to $1500, but the defense is relying on the habeas corpus petition to secure the dentist's liberty. The hearing on the writ will be had before Judge Morrow tomorrow.

HURT BY CAR, ASKS $15,300

Dairyman Seeks Damages, Alleging Coach Had No Headlight.

Thomas Langford, a dairyman, who was run down by a streetcar October 1, has brought a damage suit in the Circuit Court through his attorneys, Giltner, Sewell & Seabrook. The accident occurred at Williams avenue and Fargo streets. Langford alleges that the car was running southward on the east track without a headlight, and at more than 25 miles an hour. When it struck his milkwagon he was thrown out and struck on the head and hip. On account of injuries to his head he says his eyesight and hearing have been affected and that he is subject to dizzy spells. He demands $15,300 damages.

Lyon Street Will Be Paved.

ALBANY, Or., July 27.—(Special.)—Lyon street, the thoroughfare which leads from the Union Depot to the business section of the city, will be paved this year. The City Council passed the ordinance providing for the paving of this street last night and that the work may be accomplished before the rainy season declared an emergency. The street is to be paved from the north line of First street to the south line of Tenth street, which adjoins the depot grounds.

Pioneer of 52 Passes.

ROSEBURG, Or., July 27.—(Special.)—Abraham Jones, an Oregon pioneer of 1852, died here Monday afternoon. Mr. Jones was born in Boone County, Indiana, in 1842. For a number of years he assisted his father in the milling business in this city. Afterward he engaged in mining in Jackson and Josephine counties, until about three years ago, when his health failed and he came to this city.

During the present year the entire railway system of Budapest will be electrified.