

# COST HALTS PLAN TO WIDEN VISTA

## Portland Heights Abandons Project to Alter Fine Boulevard.

### HARD SURFACE TO BE USED

#### Street Committee of Council Decides to Work With Property Owners to Make Roadway 45 Feet Wide.

Vista avenue, on Portland Heights, will not be widened to 60 feet, as proposed some months ago by enthusiastic persons who felt that the boulevard thus to be made would be one of the most beautiful in the United States. It would cost too much to do the work. That is, in brief, the reason why the project is abandoned.

However, every one concerned favors a hard-surfaced 45-foot street, and assessment of the cost of putting property, instead of the former plan and a district assessment.

A committee of property-owners, named by the Portland Heights Improvement Association, appeared before the street committee of the Council yesterday and made known the wishes of their members. They asked that the committee recommend to the main body the rescinding of the proceedings to widen the avenue to 60 feet, which was granted after some debate. The property-owners will now cooperate with the city in an effort to hard-surface the avenue and make it 45 feet wide. Some ground will have to be vacated to do this and the Council will be asked by the people there to do so.

#### Citizens Willing to Pay for Work.

The citizens' committee appearing before the Council committee showed that 236 people living on Portland Heights wish the plan adopted as requested by the committee and that 135 abutting property-owners are willing to pay for the paving and improvement of the boulevard. It is believed this plan will succeed, as it appears that all parties concerned are favorable to it, whereas, on the former plan, there were many remonstrators.

Councilman Lombard stated to the Council committee, of which he is a member, that he had learned that granite pavement is not successful on a hillside street, and moved that the proceedings for this kind of material be rescinded. He said that the committee of architects, having in charge the new building code, also opposed it. The ordinance was laid on the table and the next meeting, to give Mr. Cordey an opportunity to arrange a new one, if he desires.

Councilman Lombard's proposed ordinance to prohibit the use of granite by merchants was discussed informally by himself and Councilmen Watkins, Condon and Driscoll. Mr. Lombard believes that the city should force merchants to provide checking space within their own stores, and that they should not be permitted to store goods on the streets. Mr. Condon favors this plan, but Councilmen Driscoll and Watkins were inclined to believe, there being no alleys in Portland, that it would work a great hardship. However, Mr. Lombard will introduce the measure next Wednesday.

Councilman Belding's proposed ordinance, authorizing the City Engineer to prepare plans and specifications for plain concrete, to take the place of "fancy patented names," has met with at least temporary defeat. City Engineer Morris yesterday submitted a report declining to approve the concrete as a pavement, which effectually blocks the movement unless developments should cause a change.

City Engineer Morris was supported by all of the members of the committee on streets save Mr. Belding, who declared he will put in a minority report. He is backed by a large number of the property-owners on Corbett and other streets, the district concerned, who have petitioned for plain concrete, instead of the other kinds of hard-surface pavements, such as Hassam, asphalt or bitulithic. There are steep grades in the district named, and Hassam is the only one of the three materials named that can be used, unless concrete is authorized.

#### Why Are People Not Considered?

"Why is it that this committee will not give the people what they want instead of foisting off some other kind of a fancy patented name on them?" asked Mr. Belding, when the committee was debating the proposition, after hearing the report of the City Engineer. "Why force the people to pay thousands of dollars more for a name? I propose to put in a minority report and see if we cannot get this concrete pavement."

Mr. Belding's attention was called to the fact that the charter gives the City Engineer power to approve or disapprove of pavements, and the Council is not authorized to override his

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### BROWN WILL LECTURE

#### CHARITY WORKER TO ADDRESS WOMAN'S CLUB.

#### Denver Man Insists Arguments Advanced by Thomas N. Strong Are Close to His Own.

Arrangements were completed yesterday whereby Edwin A. Brown, the advocate of municipal lodging-houses in the large cities of the country, will address the Woman's Club on Wednesday afternoon of next week. A suitable occasion for the delivery of an address before the Central Labor Council is also being sought by Delegate H. J. Parkison and Mr. Brown.

The Denver humanitarian last night expressed the greatest admiration for the Portland Police Department, and particularly the actions of Captain Slover, who has recently recommended a number of young prisoners to the care of W. G. McLaren at the Portland Commons. Instead of sending the boys to the Police Court and thence to the rock heap at Kelly Butte, the plan is to endeavor to secure employment for the prisoners who are arrested while sleeping in alleys, delivery wagons and barns.

"I am not here to stir up contention," said Mr. Brown. "My idea is that there should be some place where every honest man may have a place to sleep and a meal and a bath while temporarily short of money—or without money, would best express it. I want the places to be able to supply work enough for the men to perform in payment for their keeping and I would not have arrangements made which encourage the shiftless in their shiftlessness. The idle in idleness, or tramps in tramping.

"Among all the idle, the alleged shiftless, and the tramps, there is a large percentage who would work if they had a chance, and whom I believe to be more sinned against than sinning. It is my experience that there is no trouble in getting out the criminals and the unworthy. I want the unfortunates assisted so that they will not be made criminals.

"My attention has just been called to letters sent to The Oregonian by Thomas N. Strong and Captain Bradley, appearing in the paper of yesterday morning.

"Mr. Strong and myself are not far apart. He asserts that he could not get men to work, and when he did secure them the men would perform only a small amount of labor for a day's pay. I do not understand how that argument applies against the idea I advocate—a municipal lodging-house. But I will answer him further at a later date, and only request that Mr. Strong go up to the public employment agency as I did and count the men looking for work, who have not the means to pay a fee at any commercial agency.

"Captain Bradley undoubtedly thinks he is telling the exact conditions at the Salvation Army Industrial Home. I can only say again that when I called at the Home the lower floors were locked up and after mounting the stairs I was refused a bed or a meal. I was not told that I could secure the favors by working, or I should have sawed wood or performed any other task for the privilege of becoming an inmate. I wanted to know what they are doing for men."

#### Auto Registration Active.

SALEM, Or., March 18.—(Special.)—Activity in automobile circles is shown by the 63 machines that have been registered at the Secretary of State's office this week. Today broke all records, with 28 applications received and 20 machines registered. The other six were held up for more complete data.

#### Venue Drawn for Gohl Case.

MONTESSANO, Wash., March 18.—(Special.)—A special venire of jurors has been drawn for service in the William Gohl case, which comes up next week. This list contains 106 names.

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PHOTOGRAPH OF SCENE IN COURT WHERE WALTER H. MOORE, EX-PRESIDENT OF OREGON TRUST & SAVINGS BANK, IS ON TRIAL BEFORE JUDGE BRONAUGH



This picture was taken before the jury was completed. G. C. Roberts, who is seated on the right end of the front row of jurors, and Dan Rushlight, brother of Councilman Rushlight, who is seated next to Roberts on the front row, were replaced by N. A. Barrett and F. Antich. The Moore party is seated in the center of the picture, facing the jury. Moore is the tall man in the center of this group. Sheriff Stevens is seen on the extreme left of the picture. The figure in the immediate foreground is that of a reporter. Reading from left to right, the Moore party consists of Walter H. Moore, Attorney H. F. Fouts, and Attorney Langhugh. At the table on the extreme right is seated the attorneys for the prosecution. Reading in order from left to right they are: Deputy District Attorney Page, whose neck and back of head are seen, and Deputy District Attorney Cameron, Deputy District Attorney Fitzgerald, whose head only is seen, and Deputy District Attorney Page, whose neck and back of head are seen. The jurors, beginning at top row, reading left to right, are: John Beitz, J. T. Glover, B. L. Vost, Charles Jennings, E. L. Pettie. The first four from left to right on the front row are: R. F. Gough, E. L. Melton, B. E. VanVoorhis and A. E. Rossiter.

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