

LAYING OF MAINS TO BE CURTAILED

Water Board Is to Limit New Lines to Streets Which Are to Be Paved.

CAUSE IS PRICES QUOTED

Bids Held to Be Excessive—New Bridge in Clackamas County to Be Investigated—Gresham May Get Bull Run Water.

Mayor Simon and the members of the Water Board decided yesterday afternoon to lay no more water mains than are absolutely necessary during the paving season...

Pavements to Determine Mains. Mayor Simon said he felt the same way, and so did Commissioner Mackay. Therefore, no more bids will be asked for except where pavements are to be laid.

Application of the Northwest Bridge Works, on behalf of the Shaw-Batcher Company, for permission to purchase lockbar iron for the Bull Run pipeline to be built this summer...

Bridge Question Laid Aside. In regard to a recommendation of Engineer Clarke that the Board bear half of the expense of constructing a new steel bridge on the Clackamas County road...

Mr. Wilcox recommended that Bull Run water be furnished to Gresham, that meter rates be charged and that the town, in addition, pay \$600 a year into the Water Board's interest account...

A petition from Rose City Park and contiguous sections for an estimate on the probable cost of water mains for all of that territory was referred to Chief Engineer Clarke for completion.

Employees Want Increase. An appeal for an increase of 15 per cent in the wages of 88 employees of the Board was referred to Commissioners Wilcox and Mackay...

Application for water from Melinda Heights and Kings Heights will probably be granted under an arrangement whereby the Water Board will pump the supply to a reservoir and the property holders will pay 8 per cent interest on the cost of this installation...

Bids were received from three firms for castiron specials, and a letter was read from the Independent Foundry Company, signed by H. S. Hoskins, saying he refused to bid because the Board could give no preference to local concerns over Eastern bidders...

The Board adopted a report from Superintendent Dodge, granting a man for two days—the 4th and 5th of each month—to taxicab drivers on Sunnyside. No place has as yet been designated, however.

MILWAUKEE NEEDS CITY Railroad Will Build Here to Secure Tonnage, Is Announced.

That the Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound Railway will eventually enter Portland is the belief of R. M. Calkins, traffic manager, expressed yesterday. Mr. Calkins, who is here from Seattle on a business trip, expressed his views more as a prediction than as a definite announcement.

of it to support it. If you will look at the map of the territory east of the Missouri River served by the Milwaukee you will see that wherever there is business offered the railroad has built to that point.

Concerning through transcontinental service between Puget Sound and Chicago, Mr. Calkins said that it was hoped to begin the service July 1. Three different manufacturers, however, are building the equipment for the two through passenger trains that will operate daily each way...

When it is taken into consideration that the other railroads have been in the field 25 years building up to their present standard and that we have been at work only three years, I think we are accomplishing a good deal, said Mr. Calkins.

"I don't see that we are justified in paying these rates," said Mr. Wilcox, one of the Commissioners. "It seems to me that they are excessive. Our engineers' figures are exceeded between 7 and 8 per cent in these bids, and I believe his figures are even higher than these mains could be laid by the Water Board. We may be justified in laying mains at these figures ahead of pavements, but not, in my opinion, otherwise. We should, I believe, hold back all of the work we can until the people have an opportunity to say how they wish mains laid; if they decide in favor of the present system, then we could order the mains in at these high figures if we had to, but until such time I favor limiting our operations to streets that will be paved with hard-surface materials."

ENGLISH SETTER WHICH WON PRESIDENT'S CUP FOR BEST DOG IN PORTLAND KENNEL CLUB EXHIBITION LAST WEEK



QUEEN RACKET II, OWNED BY MRS. JAMES E. HUBBART, OF SEATTLE. Queen Racket II is the handsome English setter bitch, owned by Mrs. James E. Hubbard, of Seattle, which Benjamin F. Lewis, of Philadelphia, judged the best dog in the Portland Kennel Club exhibition last week...

and will be added to as fast as conditions warrant." FAST TRACK PROMISED \$50,000 MOTODROME WILL BE ERECTED HERE.

F. E. Moscovics, Promoter, Closes Negotiations With Portland's Automobile Club.

Positive assurance was given last night by officials of the Automobile Club and F. E. Moscovics, of New York, that Portland is to have a motodrome to cost approximately \$50,000. The track will be completed, in all probability, by the first of July.

After a conference which lasted all yesterday afternoon and late into the night, a decision was reached which assures for this city the construction of the race-track this summer. F. E. Moscovics, builder of the motodrome in Los Angeles on which all racing records were smashed recently, returned from Seattle yesterday morning and immediately entered into negotiations with the Automobile Club.

With W. J. Clemens, president, at a meeting of the directors of the club, it was decided that, while no guarantee could be made, enough money for construction of the speedway could easily be raised, and the automobile enthusiasts immediately began looking for a suitable site. Another meeting was held during the late afternoon.

The Portland motodrome will probably be built on a tract of land on the base line of the city track after the circular track, which will be constructed of Oregon pine. It is interesting to note that 1,800,000 feet of lumber will be used.

F. E. Moscovics yesterday said he would absolutely guarantee that the mile would be covered in an automobile in 35 seconds, smashing the world's record, on the opening day of the first meet. There were a few defects discovered in the Los Angeles track after it was constructed, and these will be remedied when the Portland track is built.

With Mr. Moscovics in Portland now are Walter Hempel and Arthur C. Platt, the latter being the actual builder of the Los Angeles speedway. He will remain in Portland to arrange details for the construction of the motodrome here, while Moscovics leaves for New York this morning to arrange for crack Eastern racing teams to be sent to the Pacific Coast.

MR. SMITH CAN'T BE FOUND Man Who Came Here With Money Suddenly Disappears.

Where is W. A. Smith? Coming to Portland two weeks ago from Bellair, Mich., he suddenly disappeared last Friday and his partner in business and only friend in this city, M. H. Wellman, fears he has met with foul play. Positive in this belief, Mr. Wellman has appealed to the police. "He is a man who seldom, if ever, drinks. Is steady of habits and thoroughly reliable. I left him with the understanding that we were to meet two hours later and have not seen him since," said Mr. Wellman. Smith and Wellman are brick and stone contractors and came here to embark in that business. His partner, he said, had considerable money on his person at the time of his disappearance, and this is the cause of suspicion.

PROFIT IS \$1500

Marks Sells Corner Bought Three Weeks Ago.

REALIZATION IS PROMPT

Tenants at Fourth and Ash Streets Ordered to Move to Make Way for Six-Story Hotel to Be Erected There Soon.

Quick profits were taken by Morris Marks on a property at the southeast

EMPLOYERS WILL FIGHT Campaign to Be Conducted Against Proposed Liability Law.

By the appointment of a campaign committee yesterday, the fight of the Oregon Employers' Association on the employers' liability law, proposed through the initiative by the State Federation of Labor, was formally launched.

HUNDREDS HEAR DR. HART Tabernacle Services Prepare Way for Coming Revival.

Rev. Herbert C. Hart held the close attention of a large audience last night in the Hawthorne Park Tabernacle, where the union meetings have been started, in his address based on the text, "Prepare Ye" and "Tarry Ye." He urged that preparation was the essential thing in all undertakings, in commercial, business and politics, and he declared that a great revival there must be preparation.

Mr. Hart enlivened his sermon with timely, well-turned illustrations, all appealing to the reason of the audience. There has so far been nothing sensational in Rev. Mr. Hart's addresses. The meetings are in preparation for the revival yet to come. In the services the interest centers in the splendid music. Under the leadership of Rev. Mr. Magann, a great choir is being organized. Last night the number of singers was more than doubled over what came the first day.

More Time to Plead Is Asked. Presiding Judge Morrow will probably grant extensions of time to plead in three of the Hindu riot cases this afternoon. A. E. Clark, appearing for G. W. Dunbar, night policeman at St. Johns, G. W. Ethridge and Dan Herold will ask for more time, as he will be busy with the Morris trial. Demurrers to the indictments on the ground that several allegations of crime are improperly combined are expected.

Vancouver to Oil Streets. VANCOUVER, Wash., May 2.—(Special.)—Acting on the report of John Sechrist, Chief of Police, who found property owners opposed to circulation of subscription lists to pay for operation of street-sprinklers, the Council tonight

voted to place oil on the dusty thoroughfares. Three thousand dollars was appropriated for this work. O'Neill Elected Governor. MONTGOMERY, Ala., May 2.—The Montgomery Advertiser at 8 o'clock claims the election of O'Neill as Governor by about 2000 majority.

Both Sides Contented. CORT TELLS WHY HE DESERTED THEATRICAL SYNDICATE. He and Russell & Drew Say Their Houses Will Offer Best Shubert Attractions Next Season.

What division of the independent theatrical attractions will be made between the John Cort circuit and the Russell & Drew theaters in Portland and Seattle is still a matter of speculation with local students of the drama, Calvin Hellig, local theater manager and president of the Northwestern Association, not having returned yet from the East.

Russell & Drew say they have received assurances that they will be sent the best independent attractions by the Shuberts and, for the Northwestern Association's circuit, John Cort, the general manager, has issued the following statement from New York: "Yes, Klaw & Erlanger dropped our houses from their bookings. Of course, this was after I had signed a contract with the Shuberts."

The reason I made the switch was because the best thing Klaw & Erlanger could me for the coming season was a total of 14 shows. In the list there was not a star, but merely a lot of attractions that have played in the Northwest before. "The Thin Green," "Traveling Salesman" and "Frederic Waide" for example.

My contracts with the Shuberts are for 30, including stars and attractions of the first magnitude, each season for five years. I have approved the names of these stars and attractions, and I am guaranteed, certified check, deposited in my bank here, that the Shuberts will not give up any asset to take any chances without a money commitment.

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