

WORK ON RESERVOIR IS BEING DELAYED

Engineer Says Force of Workmen Is Reduced; Contractor Blames City.

15 PER CENT IS WITHHELD

Undertaking Not Being Pushed as Energetically as It Should Be, Mr. Clarke Declares in Report to Water Board.

Completion of the reservoir being built on Mount Tabor by Robert Wakefield & Co. and which is usually designated as Reservoir No. 6, will go over into next year, according to a report made to the Water Board yesterday afternoon by Engineer Clarke. The contractor, however, is concentrating his efforts on the completion of Reservoir No. 5, which is auxiliary to No. 6.

In his report to the Board Mr. Clarke says that he has urged the contractor to hurry their work, but they have reduced their force instead of increased it. As the city is withholding 15 per cent of the contract price, he is withholding the contractors for their work, the Board simply filed the report.

While the new reservoir will not be needed by the city until next year, the new supply of its original contract from Bull Run, members of the Water Board have intimated that they will penalize the company for its failure to perform its part of the contract on time.

Force of Workmen Reduced.

"The progress of the work on the new reservoir at Mount Tabor," says Engineer Clarke in his report, "has not been as rapid as it was anticipated that it would be, owing in part to the rains which have occurred at intervals during the past month. The contractors' forces have been considerably reduced, and at the present there is not one-half of the force engaged that was employed one month ago."

"In general it may be said that the work is not being pushed as energetically as it should be if the contractors intend an early completion of the work. They explain that it appears as if the completion of Reservoir No. 6 must go over until another season, and therefore they are now concentrating their forces at Reservoir No. 5, so as to complete that work as early as possible, and they will then move their entire force to the work on No. 6."

"They are being urged to put on additional men instead of laying off part of their original force as they have done. It is desirable that they should at least complete the underdrains at No. 6, and protect the slopes before the winter storms begin."

Contractor Blames City.

Robert Wakefield, after the meeting yesterday afternoon, said that probably would be until some time in the Spring before No. 6 was completed, and said that the delay was largely the fault of the city, which he said had caused the contractors to wait a long time for things the city should furnish.

Mr. Wakefield said also that the contractors could not justly be bound by the limitations of the original contract for No. 6, as the terms had been greatly changed since it was first adopted.

"At present we cannot do much work on No. 6," said Mr. Wakefield, "owing to the weather. We have an embankment to build which in order to be safe must be made of dry dirt and the recent rains have made it impossible to work on this."

Banker Throngs Due

The city cannot have suffered anything from the delay in the completion of the reservoir, which has had water put into them. Both will be completed by the time the city has use for them."

By the terms of the contract, Reservoir No. 6 should have been completed by July 1 and No. 4 by October 31.

PURITY WORKERS COMING

Conference to Begin This Afternoon in Universalist Church.

The American Purity Federation workers will open their conference this afternoon at 2:30 in the Universalist Church of Good Tidings, Broadway and East Twenty-fourth streets. The 20 experienced leaders in the party will present the results of years of experiment in law enforcement and the methods that have secured the prevention and cure of vice and the elimination of dives.

The conference is regarded by members of the Federation as timely, in view of recent events in San Francisco and Seattle, and the possibility that some of the underworld habits may come to Portland. The session at 2:30 will give local workers an opportunity to confer with experts in different branches of reforms.

Mrs. Lutes, of New York, editor of American Motherhood, will conduct a mothers' meeting at 4 P. M. She will instruct mothers how to answer the questions of childhood on matters of sex.

An evening session will be held beginning at 7:30 opening with a song service. Then will follow addresses by some of the most successful and eloquent workers of the Federation. The meetings are public.

GAMING CHARGE PRESSED

Prosecutor Not Satisfied by Rumored Settlement Out of Court.

Bench warrants were issued yesterday by Judge Tawell for Hilda Dickinson and her husband, to force them to tell what they knew about a charge of gambling made against Ed Donovan, proprietor of a North End saloon.

Donovan was arrested several days ago upon the complaint of Mrs. Dickinson that he had won \$50 from her husband in a game in the saloon. The woman said that she appealed to Donovan to return part of the money, but that he paid neglected bills, and that she received an insolent answer.

The City Attorney is informed that after his arrest Donovan paid \$10 to the Dickinsons and that apparently satisfied upon the return of the money, they failed to appear in court yesterday, when the case was called. Deputy City Attorney Sullivan insisted upon a trial and asked for the bench warrants. The reluctant witnesses are expected to appear in court today.

TAX ESTIMATE DELAYED

City Must Await Decision on Water Mains and Bridge Bonds.

Final estimates for the city tax levy for Portland will probably have to be

delayed until it is determined whether the proposed new water main amendment to the charter is to be adopted by the people at the election to be held November 8, and also to determine if the courts are going to admit the sale of bonds for the construction of the Broadway bridge.

An important feature of the tax levy will be the fund to be obtained for paying interest on bonds. If the people fail to adopt the proposed water amendment, it will mean that at least \$115,000 must be collected next year by taxation that would otherwise be paid from the receipts of the water department. In the same way, the action of the courts in determining the validity of the Broadway bridge bonds will be a material factor in determining the amount of money the city must raise by taxation for the interest fund.

According to the Tax Law, the city must have its tax levy completed by January 1, and to accomplish this the various estimates must be completed and filed nearly two months in advance. With but a few exceptions, the estimates for the various funds for next year have been filed with the City Auditor, and if it were not for the delay in the completion of the estimate for the interest fund, the work of remodeling the estimates to make them conform to limits of taxation provided by the charter, or be modified to meet the desires of the Council, could soon be under way.

SUNDAY MAIL EXPEDITED

MEASURES ADOPTED PROMISE TO SAVE LONG WAITS.

Business Men Can Aid System by Learning Name of Carrier Who Serves District.

Portland has seen the last of the picturesque gatherings on Sunday mornings on the Sixth-street side of the Postoffice building, where patrons were required to stand on the sidewalks to receive their mail. The antiquated system under which Sunday mails have been delivered in years past was a relic of the days when Portland was the north end of a steamboat line connecting with the coast. At present the mail that the person inquiring for mail should write the name on a slip of paper and deposit it in a cigar box placed on the ground. At convenient intervals the clerks gathered up the slips and after retiring to the inner recesses of the building, would appear at one of two doors and yell "John Smith, black blank street; go to Station E."

Business men, women and children stood in the rain and waited for the newspapers, which were frequently delayed from three to ten minutes.

Patrons of the Postoffice will be admitted to the building next Sunday from the Sixth-street side. As people in line enter they will be met by the superintendent of carriers to whom the inquirers will be required to tell their addresses. The superintendent will then direct each person down some one of the aisles in the building, where carriers are to be stationed. The business man is expected to learn the number of his carrier with a few trials of the plan, and the carrier will be in the same place each Sunday morning from 10 until 11 o'clock.

As mail is secured patrons at the office will be directed to an exit which opens on the main corridor of the building and will be directed to the street.

In carrying out its plans, Postmaster Merrick will have the entire supervisory force of the Postoffice present Sunday morning to handle the crowds inside the building. The scheme can be greatly aided if patrons will ascertain the number of their carrier prior to calling for mail on Sunday morning. The plan has been generally adopted in all the larger cities and by its operation it is estimated that any person can secure his mail within three minutes.

BANKER THRONGS DUE

KANSAS AND NEBRASKA FINANCIERS STOP IN PASSING.

Pennsylvania Money Men, Numbering 175, to Arrive Today—New Yorkers Coming Tomorrow.

This is bankers' week for Portland. Financiers from many of the Eastern states en route home from the annual National Bankers' Association convention just held at Los Angeles are including this city in their itineraries.

A train load of bankers passed through the city last night on their way home to Kansas and Nebraska. On account of the train schedule, the party remained but a few minutes and Portland people were not given an opportunity to fraternize with the bankers.

A party of Pennsylvania bankers, numbering about 175, will arrive in Portland at 9 o'clock this morning and will spend the day and evening here. They will be entertained by the Portland Chamber of Commerce Association. Immediately after their arrival the visitors will be taken for automobile rides about the city and in the afternoon by the Portland Commercial Club, when a buffet lunch and reception will be given in their honor. The visitors will leave at 11:30 o'clock for Puget Sound points.

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DIPHTHERIA FRIGHT FELT

Six Cases Reported in Mount Scott District—Cause Unknown.

There is considerable alarm in the Mount Scott district, adjacent to the Arieta schoolhouse, over the fact that several cases of diphtheria have appeared in the neighborhood within the last few days.

In all as far as reported, there are only six cases of mild form in the vicinity. There is some talk of closing the school, but as the cases are not serious, this is not considered necessary.

The source of the trouble is not known, but some are attributing it to the water. W. E. Spicer, resident at Anaba, where most of the cases are located, said yesterday that the water is not to blame, as the people west of Gray's Crossing have been getting Bull Run water for the past three weeks and that not a drop has been taken from the wells of the Woodmere Water Company. Mr. Spicer said that George W. Brown, owner of the plant, is repairing the wells and cut off the well water at Gray's Crossing.

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DEMENTED MAN SHOOT

WOULD-BE SAMARITAN TWICE WOUNDED IN STREET.

Carpenter Stuns Maniac With Steel Bar After He Has Fired Four Shots at Rescuers.

Drawing a revolver upon two men who rushed to his assistance when he fell to the pavement in front of 44 Front street yesterday morning, Arthur Vail, a demented man, fired four shots, wounding John Lynch twice. He was prevented from firing more shots by William Wolkan, a carpenter of 30 North Sixty-seventh street, who, seeing that the man was dangerous, rushed upon him and struck him over the head with a steel pinbar.

Vail was not noticed by anyone until he suddenly fell to the pavement and began uttering loud cries. John Lynch, an employe of the Carstens Packing Company, and George Weiss, who has a stand in the public market, rushed to his assistance and started to raise him. Without warning, Vail fired four shots. One of the neck and another lodged in his shoulder. Wolkan, who is a carpenter, leaped upon the insane man with the pinbar and struck him over the head, breaking his scalp and stunning him.

Policeman West arrived soon afterward, followed by Captain Batty and Policemen Lelley, Sims, Harms and Gruber, with the patrol wagon. Vail fought with maniacal strength until handcuffed and placed in the wagon. All the way to the station he continued yelling at the top of his voice that he wanted to be taken back to his mother at Colfax, Ind. He was placed in a cell, but did not cease his ravings, and was soon transferred to the County Jail, where a hurried inquiry was held and he was pronounced insane.

Lynch was taken in an ambulance to St. Vincent's Hospital. His wounds are not dangerous.

SALOON INTRUDER FLEES

Ted Murphy and Patrolman Give Pursuit, but Man Escapes.

Bullets flew thick at Third and Davis streets yesterday, when two policemen gave chase to an armed man whom Ted Murphy, a bartender, found in his saloon at 45 North Third street. Murphy went at 5 o'clock to open the place for business, and found a man inside. The intruder dashed out, and the bartender chased him, until he turned, and placed a revolver against Murphy's chest. The pursuer then gave up the chase.

At Second and Davis streets the armed man turned and fired two shots at Patrolman Bewley, who replied with three shots. None of the bullets did damage. The pursued disappeared in the terminal yards.

An examination of the saloon failed to disclose any theft.

TOLEDO, OR., VOTES WATER SYSTEM.

NEWPORT, Or., Oct. 11.—At a special election held at Toledo yesterday for voting on the amendment to the city charter authorizing the bonding of the city to provide a water system, the vote was practically unanimous, only one being cast against the movement.

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