

ROAD ASKS RIGHT TO CROSS STREETS

Mount Hood Railway Officials Complete Plans for Call on Council.

RECOMMENDATION IS SURE

City Attorney Believes New Company Means Business and May Ask That Permit to Enter Portland Be Granted Soon.

Permission to cross Villa avenue with a temporary track to aid in its construction work, a franchise to operate a steam or electric road through some of the East Side streets, and a permanent grant to do business in Portland, with assurances of ample capital to inaugurate and carry on its business, are the successive steps by means of which the Mount Hood railway seeks to establish itself in the city.

Arrangements have practically been completed to ask the Council at its meeting next Wednesday for the right to cross Villa avenue and possibly one other street on the East Side, in reaching the trestle work that has been started across the gulch near Sandy Road. City Attorney Frank S. Grant, who has held several conferences with officials of the road, probably will recommend that the permit be granted with the restriction that the Council may have the right to withdraw it at any time its terms are violated.

Some Time Must Elapse.

In the meantime attorneys for the company are working on a draft of franchise which they will ask the Council to grant at the earliest possible opportunity. As the legal steps necessary to complete the passage of a franchise ordinance require from 60 to 75 days, the company cannot legally be authorized to enter the city until the new year has well advanced.

However, assurance has been given that should the right to cross Villa avenue be secured, construction work will proceed at once from the point that had been reached at the time the city authorities ordered it to stop a few weeks ago.

Although H. C. Gillis, of Los Angeles, chairman of the board of directors of the company, has been in the city for the past few days, he has not sought any of the city officials or others locally interested in the progress of the Mount Hood road. He has made it a point to keep the company's affairs in the hands of the Portland attorneys who are handling the matter.

The negotiations with the City Attorney have been carried on by Forest E. Fisher and C. B. Smith, respectively attorney and engineer for the company. They have in turn consulted with Mr. Gillis, however.

Who Is Furnishing Capital?

Who is furnishing the capital back of the Mount Hood project has been brought out yet. It has been variously rumored that the Harbinger interests eventually will absorb the road and that they are providing the funds also, that the line is to become a part of the Hill system, and that it will be used as a means for the Milwaukee to enter Portland.

The City Attorney says he is satisfied that the people who are building the road are responsible and that they mean business. He has examined a tentative draft of the franchise that they will seek from the city, but has excepted to some of the terms. The officers of the company have conceded their old franchise granted several years ago but under which they failed to act.

The company is building and equipping a mammoth electric power plant on the Sandy Road and expects to operate its entire system from that point. It may also decide to enter the commercial electric field, supplying current to private parties.

Mr. Gillis will remain in Portland for three or four days and through his local representatives has given assurances that the work will proceed rapidly if the city gives a legal right. They had been spending from \$200 to \$500 per day previous to the time that the city stopped them and say they will employ a force of men requiring a like expenditure as soon as the way is opened for them to proceed.

After January 1 permanent offices will be opened in the city and Mr. Gillis will remain in Portland personally to direct the enterprise.

INSURANCE MAN MISSING

Creditors Say He Leaves Behind Shortage of \$5000 to \$15,000.

EVERETT, Wash., Dec. 8.—(Special.)—B. Cecil Jack, a well-known insurance and real estate man of Everett, is missing, and it is asserted that a shortage of between \$5000 and \$15,000 exists in his accounts with insurance firms and property owners for whom he acted as agent.

Jack's wife today instituted a suit for divorce, alleging cruelty that extended over the whole period of their married life since November 16, 1908.

Jack disappeared three days ago, and since then his creditors have been investigating his affairs. F. W. Gaston, inspector of agencies of the Scottish Union and National Insurance Company, has taken charge of the local office, and is making an effort to straighten out the tangle.

IMPOSTOR IS IN TOILS

Harvey Currie, Pseudo "Nobleman," Will Now Be Tried in Oregon.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 8.—(Special.)—After completing a 30-day sentence in the County Jail for petty larceny, Harvey Currie, claiming to be a grandson of Mr. James Currie, of Scotland, was taken to Oregon City for trial on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses.

Currie borrowed from Scotsmen in this city, saying he had \$60,000 coming from his estate. He drew a check for \$2,000, which he gave to the Holy Father mission for work among soldiers.

LEAGUE BACKS PROPOSAL

Move to Divide City Into 15 Wards Indorsed by 7th Warders.

Division of the present 10 wards of the city into 15, making six for the

CABINET CONFERS OVER JUDGESHIPS

List Is Narrowed but President Will Not Make Decision This Week.

50 SENATORS CALLED IN

Insurgent Leaders, Except La Follette, Are Conspicuous Among White House Callers—Regulars Present, Too.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—President Taft called a special meeting of his Cabinet late today to go over the Supreme Court situation. The list of appointees is narrowing rapidly, but it was said tonight that Mr. Taft has not reached a conclusion, and probably will not until next Monday or Tuesday.

Mr. Taft has consulted with more than 50 Senators regarding the appointments. The insurgent leaders, with the exception of Senator La Follette, who has declined to go to the White House, have been quite conspicuous in the more recent conferences. Senator Cummins, of Iowa, and Borah, of Idaho, were at the President's office again tonight. The regular wing of the party was represented in late afternoon conferences by Senators Lodge, of Massachusetts, and Flint, of California.

Senator Nelson, of Minnesota, also saw the President. Representative Smith and Senator Young, of Iowa, called to urge the appointment of Chief Justice Deemer, of Iowa's Supreme Court.

Vice-President Sherman, Speaker Cannon and Representative McCall, of Massachusetts, saw the President today, but it is said their visits had nothing to do with patronage.

MITSUUNAGA IS GUILTY

DENVER JAPANESE CONVICTED OF MURDER IN FIRST DEGREE.

Sensation Created by Attorney for Defense, Who Declares Another, Whom He Names, Is Murderer.

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 8.—Genkio Mitsuunaga, a Japanese, was tonight found guilty of murder in the first degree and sentenced to life imprisonment.

Mitsuunaga was tried on the charge of murdering Mrs. Katherine Wilson, a white woman, by whom he had been hired to assist in housecleaning. The dead body of Mrs. Wilson was found in the cellar in a box of rubbish.

Mitsuunaga was a witness in his own defense, and on the stand declared that Mrs. Wilson had been murdered by a white man "with a crippled hand," and that he himself had been compelled to assist in hiding the crime by the murderer, who threatened to kill him if he refused. Mitsuunaga testified that it was fear of arrest and punishment that induced him to flee the state.

During the closing arguments of counsel today, O. N. Hilton, attorney for the defense, created a sensation by charging the crime directly to another, using the name in open court. He declared that the laws of Colorado made it impossible for him to introduce the evidence he had against this person, because he was not on trial.

32-MILE CANAL PLANNED

Huge \$249,278 Ditch Required in Lower Eureka Flat Project.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 8.—(Special.)—To irrigate 29,000 acres of the lower Eureka flat project, a canal 12 feet wide, 3 feet deep and 32 1/2 miles long will have to be dug, according to the engineers' estimate filed this morning with Frank Tierney, representative of the landowners back of the big reclamation scheme.

This ditch will cost \$249,278, or \$12.50 for each acre to be covered by the ditch. A meeting of the farmers owning land to be reclaimed by the canal will be held within a few days, when final steps will be taken to incorporate a company to carry on the undertaking.

In the estimate, \$114,048 is allowed for excavation. There will be a mile of rock work, which will cost about \$21,580. A half mile of siphons will cost \$15,810, according to the estimate. There will be nearly a mile of fluming, the cost of which is estimated at \$24,467. The big ditch will commence near Prescott.

NON-ROLLING PEA FOUND

Luther Burbank Outdone by Illinois Man's Invention.

NARZILLES, Ill., Dec. 8.—(Special.)—Luther Burbank went into the "also-ran" class here today with an announcement that a pea that is guaranteed not to roll off a knife blade has been invented by K. H. McFarland, of this city. The new vegetable is a variety of the common garden pea, save that it has been so developed as to have a gyroscopic principle.

Proprietors of tourist hotels received the news with delight and have already placed large orders. They will thus be able to abandon their stock of rimmed knives, which prevent the peas from rolling off when too hurried guests use the utensil as a souvenir.

SCHOOL TO COST \$55,000

Roseburg Board Decides to Erect Fine New Structure.

ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 8.—(Special.)—At an informal meeting of the Roseburg School Board, held today, it was agreed to decide to discontinue the Lamo School building, erected at a cost of \$20,000, 19 years ago, and erect in its stead a Central High School to cost in the neighborhood of \$55,000.

The voters of the district recently voted to issue bonds in the sum of \$75,000 for school purposes, and out of that amount about \$10,000 will be spent in erecting a graded school in North Roseburg. The schools are crowded to their capacity at the present time and the school board has found it necessary to provide additional accommodations.

Pointdexter Recommends Move.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 8.—Representative Pointdexter today called on the President and recommended the appointment of his law partner, O. C. Moore, of Spokane, as United States Judge for Eastern Washington. The President made no promise.

Idaho Building Bills In.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 8.—Senator Borah introduced bills appropriating \$200,000 for a public building at Twin Falls and \$200,000 for a site and building at Nampa.

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TURNER INDORSED IN SEATTLE

Trustees of Bar Association Present Name to President.

SEATTLE, Dec. 8.—The Board of Trustees of the Seattle Bar Association have indorsed the candidacy of ex-United States Senator Turner, of Spokane, for a place on the Supreme Bench, and President Taft has been informed by telegraph of the action taken.

INDIAN ESTIMATES REDUCED

House Committee Cuts \$5000 From Chemawa Appropriation.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 8.—The Indian appropriation bill being considered by the House of Representatives today carries the following items for Oregon:

For the support of 500 pupils at the Chemawa school and for the pay of the school officials, \$100,200; general repairs and improvements at the Chemawa school, \$5000; for the support of the Klamath agency, \$4000; Warm Springs agency, \$4000; Walla Walla Agency and Umatilla tribes, \$3000; Grand Ronde and Siletz agencies, \$4000. These are the amounts as estimated by the Indian Bureau, except that \$5000 has been cut from the estimates for repairs at Chemawa. The bureau recommended \$10,000.

The following appropriations for Washington Indians are provided in the bill:

For payment of last installment to Colville Indians for the north half of their reservation, \$200,000; extension of irrigation system on Yakima Reservation, \$15,000; purchase of agricultural implements for Joseph's band, \$1000; support of Spokane Indians, \$1000; Puyallup and Colville Agencies, \$12,000; Yakima Agency, \$2000; Makah Indians, \$2000; Duwamish tribe, \$2000; Qui-Nalts and Quil-Lah-Utes, \$1000.

For Idaho Indians the following provisions are made: Completion of Fort Hall irrigation system, \$5000; Coeur d'Alene Agency, \$2000; Shoshones and Sheepeaters on Fort Hall Reservation, \$20,000; Bannocks, \$5000.

POSTAL IMPROVEMENT ASKED

Pure Food Law, Tariff and Hawaiian Prohibition Up in Congress.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Two important measures intended to better the postal service and carrying the indorsement of Postmaster-General Hitchcock were taken up in the Senate today, but consideration of them was put over on the objections of Senators Heyburn and Bacon.

Senator Taylor, of Tennessee, introduced a bill to extend the provisions of the National pure food law to tobacco in whatever form it may be offered for sale. His bill is designed to prevent the mislabeling or misbranding of domestic tobacco, so that they cannot be offered as imported stocks; to prevent the adulteration

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