

WEAK POINT FOUND IN CITY'S DEFENSE

Rights of Trolley Company to Abandon Streets Argued Before Solons.

GENERAL FUND MAY BE HIT

Should City Lose in Court Attempt to Collect Assessment for Street Work, Further Drain on City Funds Follows.

Rights of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company to abandon portions of its franchises at will without first having gained the permission of the Council and the change from a double to a single track without permission to avoid a certain expense in the payment of streets, were argued at a meeting yesterday afternoon of a committee of the Council and representatives of the company.

Mr. J. J. Josselyn, president of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, had been duly notified when the company prepared to remove its tracks previous to a street improvement, and that Mr. Morris had prepared his specifications for the improvements in a way to omit the street tracks.

Attorney Questions Authority. City Attorney Grant maintained that the interested parties—owners and the city—could not be held by the action of the City Engineer in such ways, as the latter has no legal authority to grant the company permission to object to the franchise to the Council.

During the controversy the representatives of the railroad company discussed a weak point in the city's defense, and thereafter used it to the best advantage. They made the City Attorney acknowledge that should the city sue the company for improvements where tracks are removed, and the company should win the city would be compelled to pay the money assessed to the property-owners from the general fund.

Holman Raises Point. "Is it not a fact that the property owners have no standing in court in this matter, and that the Council has the right to leave the company out of any assessment list?" asked Frederick V. Holman, attorney for the street car company, of City Attorney Grant. Mr. Grant replied that he believed Mr. Holman was right, and thereby another point was scored by the company.

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CANAL WORK PROGRESSES

Requisition Made for Material for Emergency Dams.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Indicating the progress of the Panama Canal, the Commission's office today received from the War Department a requisition for material to be used in the building of emergency dams. The installation of these will constitute the final large work in connection with the locks.

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MISS ALICE LLOYD, WHO IS ACTIVE IN ASSISTING LOCAL CHARITIES.

ALICE LLOYD BUSY

Star of Orpheum Theater Bill Has Been "On the Go."

SHE SELLS SEALS TODAY

Pretty Comedienne Has Had Long Round of Strenuous Activity Since She Came to City, and More Is in Prospect.

Alice Lloyd has been leading a most strenuous existence since she arrived in Portland last Monday morning. "My, I've been 'on the go,'" said the little English comedienne in a chat last evening at her hotel.

"Then I rehearsed with the orchestra at the Orpheum and since all but two of my songs are new, we spent considerable time getting acquainted, the musicians and me. After that I gobbled a quick lunch, took it on the run, I haven't yet tried the cafeteria system, but if I have been these few days, Alice Lloyd is going to carry her own tray and select her doughnuts with the other third business folk.

"Some Busy," Is Actress. "Oh, yes, I'm busy, all right. After the matinee performance I went over to the Helbig and rehearsed with the orchestra my songs in which I appeared at the Helbig's show on Monday evening. Then I absorbed some dinner; really, I almost led it by proxy. Then I changed my dress with each of my six songs, followed by a hurried jump into a waiting taxi and a dash for the Helbig. Poor songs for each, then back to the theater to hang up my clothes and get into civilian's garb.

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INSANITY IS SHAM, RECLAMES EXPERT

W. D. Howells Says Paddy Holland Is Feigning to Escape Gallows.

OTHER DOCTORS DISAGREE

Evidence at Variance Regarding State of Mind of Man Accused of Murder of Pretty School Teacher at Ritzville.

RITZVILLE, Wash., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Sham is the type of insanity that Dr. W. D. Howells, of Spokane, believes affects Paddy Holland, on trial in the Superior Court for murder of Josephine Pettum, pretty school teacher, and this testimony of the expert is the only testimony of alienists offered by the state in support of its contention to testify as to insanity.

Private Opinion Not Given. Dr. Burroughs said that he was convinced in his own mind concerning the condition of the prisoner, but the state did not ask him to express that opinion and it was not brought out on cross-examination.

Insane Condition Tested. Dr. Edwin L. Kimball testified that the defendant was absolutely insane, and in contrast to the method of Dr. McDowell, of yesterday, he traced the condition of insanity from the present time backward just as Dr. McDowell had traced it from prenatal influence.

FEDERAL AID NOT ASKED

San Francisco Will Finance Exposition Alone. Bill in Congress Is Withdrawn—City and State Have Raised Total of \$17,500,000.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—San Francisco today made a point in its fight against New Orleans to be declared the official city for the World's Panama Exposition, through the withdrawal of its bill on the subject. The original plan was to ask for an appropriation from the Government. Withdrawal of the bill means that the people of California are willing to finance the exposition themselves without aid or guarantee from the United States.

SHOPLIFTER IS CAPTURED

Woman Arrested in Meier & Frank Department Store.

Mrs. Mary Robinson, 56 years of age, the wife of a seaman, was detected in the act of shoplifting at the Meier & Frank department store yesterday. She was subsequently turned over to the police and is held on a charge of larceny. A quantity of articles, ranging from several cans of talcum powder to silk waists, were found on her person. She had stolen, it is alleged, in the aggregate \$109 worth of valuables from department stores last night. Detectives Hellyer and Maloney, in a search of her home, afterward found a veritable notion shop in a room.

MORMON EMIGRANTS HELD

15, Including Eight Women, Not Allowed to Enter Country.

PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 20.—Immigration officers here are exercising more than ordinary care in the examination of a party of Mormons who arrived Monday morning from the British Empire Dominion. Of the 63 in the party, 23 missionaries and 10 converts were passed immediately.

TETRAZZINI IS TRIUMPH

Prima Donna Enthusiastically Received in San Francisco.

Such a sensational triumph has never before been known on the Pacific coast. Tetrazzini, in San Francisco a week ago. Not only were thousands present to welcome in a passion of joy the return of the California singer to her home city after her extraordinary European debut, but thousands also waited breathless outside the great Dreamland Pavilion in the hope of catching a passing glance at the fair singer. The entire city of San Francisco seemed ready to do her homage.

MISSING BARBER WANTED

Explanation of Forged Checks Paid at Grays Harbor Is Desired.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Police of this city and Aberdeen are seeking J. C. Morrow, a barber, well known in both cities, who disappeared from Grays Harbor last Saturday. They want him to explain several checks which have turned up at banks in both cities, and which are pronounced forged.

Do Your Meals Fit?

Do You Feel Snug and Comfortable Around Your Waist Line After a Hearty Meal?

Did your last meal taste deliciously good to you, and did you eat all you wanted? Could you have patied your rotundity in glee and felt proud of your appetite and of your good strong stomach? Do you feel rosy now because your last meal gave you no inconvenience whatever? If not, you have dyspepsia in some form, and probably never realized it.

Make Christmas Last All Winter! You can spend more money, but it won't buy a better gift for Christmas than a

Columbia Graphophone advertisement featuring an image of a gramophone and text about the 'New Leader' outfit.

It Is the Night Before Xmas

and he has forgotten some friend? Go to any of the best druggists in Portland and get Societe Chocolat.

IMPERIAL CANDY CO. advertisement with an image of a woman's face and text about holiday gifts.

MYTHS AND LEGENDS OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

SOME of the most interesting folk lore in America clusters around the magnificent mountains, valleys, and plains of the Pacific Northwest.

The Famous Rayo

Is the Lamp of Real Beauty because it gives the best light of all lamps. The Rayo gives a white, soft, mellow, diffused light—easy on the eye because it cannot flicker.

Standard Oil Company advertisement featuring an image of a lamp and text about the Rayo lamp.