

ELLIS REFERENDUM WILL BE REVISED

City Attorney Finds Defects in Effort to Obtain Paving Competition.

WOOD BLOCKS FIND FAVOR

Promises of Better Bid for East Morrison Street Defeats Effort of Grantoid Company—Front Street Compromised.

Councilman Ellis' proposed amendment to the charter, providing for competition in hard-surface pavements, is not valid as drawn, in the opinion of City Attorney Grant, given to the street committee of the City Council yesterday.

"I believe in this amendment, in that I feel we ought to have some competition in paving," said Councilman Lombard. "I would prefer to see this proposed amendment sent to the City Attorney, with instructions to return in time for submission to the voters through the Council a corrected measure, if there are defects in this."

"There are engineering problems connected in this proposed law that will not work out," remarked City Engineer Morris.

Councilman Meenfee moved that it be referred to the City Attorney and City Engineer, which was done.

New Amendment Ordered.

City Attorney Grant regards the amendment as having been improperly drawn, in that it seeks to amend several sections of the charter in one act. The action of the committee instructs him to prepare an amendment properly drawn, and to submit it next Wednesday. If the Council should order it on the ballot, it will be unnecessary for Mr. Ellis to proceed further with his legislative propositions.

The proposed amendment is designed to secure open and competitive bids in hard-surface paving jobs. Its main requirement is that in each street to be improved the Council shall order plans and specifications for not less than two kinds of pavement, and that the lowest responsible bidder shall receive the contract. Under the present charter the field is divided between the various companies and there is no actual competition.

Because of this condition, property owners in South Portland have filed suit in the Circuit Court against the city for ordering Hasseum laid on several streets, and it is patented article and is laid here by only one company. The street committee held up all pending ordinances for this pavement throughout the city, and will not order any more of it until the city determines its standing, as should the city lose, the general fund would have to defray all assessments levied and not paid by property owners.

Wood Blocks in Favor. Efforts of the Grantoid Company to get foothold in the city by securing the proposed improvement of East Morrison street, from East Water street to Union avenue failed because the majority of the members of the committee felt that the wood blocks should be laid there. A recent bid on these was so high that the street committee of the Executive Board recommended that it be some other pavement, but it is understood that another bid will be submitted that will be satisfactory.

Contractor James of the North Pacific Terminal Company and Chris Minsinger, a contractor, engaged in a verbal war before the committee as to the proposed paving of East Morrison street from Flinders to Quimby streets. Mr. Lyons wanted the street paved with granite and only from Flinders to Nicolai, whereas Mr. Minsinger wanted it paved with stone blocks to Quimby. A compromise was made and the committee ordered stone blocks to Sixteenth street.

The committee will proceed to collect from the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company its portion of the cost of paving East Morrison street, and from the bridge at Sullivan's gulch to Halsey.

The report of the subcommittee as to the adjustment of the venetian Broadway bridge problem, involving rights of way, was adopted without comment.

The committee recommended a proposed amendment to the charter providing for an increase in the salary for the City Engineer. It gives the Council power to fix the salary, but fixes \$2000 a year as the minimum.

PORTSMOUTH WANTS PAVING

Resolutions Condemn Litigation That Is Delaying Work.

Mayor Simon and the City Council have the endorsement of the Willamette Hall Association and the Portsmouth Improvement Association in their efforts to make intensive hard-surface improvements throughout the city. The organization last night took action at a special session to forestall litigation that has been started in the Circuit Court by the Terwilliger Land Company, which temporarily, at least, ties up all work on the laying of Hasseum pavements all over the city. A communication, bristling with indignant expressions, was directed sent to City Auditor Barber, and will be filed this morning. It expresses confidence in the administration's efforts to improve the city's streets.

A strong reason for this special action is that there have been under way on the Peninsula hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of Hasseum and other hard-surface improvements. The communication to the Mayor and Council said:

"We believe we are men of average intelligence and know what we would ask in the matter of seeking methods and means for the improvement and upbuilding of this part of the city, especially in view of the fact that we alone will be called upon to pay the bills. "We naturally resent the tactics of the Terwilliger Land Company, or one A. B. Clarke, or anyone else who seeks to delay further a work that we have been under way for several years. We cannot but criticize the motives of these people, as it is clearly not within their province to attempt in any manner to make null and void the achievements on our part after so much labor. If this is a scheme to embarrass any of the contractors doing work in this locality, we would ask as the matter of protection to our own interests that your honorable body unite with us in an effort to ferret it out and help us save from becoming the innocent victims of their motives for self-aggrandizement of pecuniary benefit."

County Lets \$12,680 Contract.

The County Court yesterday let the

contract for finishing the east wing of the new Courthouse to L. and E. Emanuel, the contract price being \$12,680. Three other bids were submitted. While the Emanuel bid was not the lowest, it came nearest to conforming with the plans and specifications prepared by Architect Lewis. The other bids were \$15,990 by Paveilus Manufacturing Company; \$13,770 by J. P. Hancock; and \$12,116 by the Oregon Planing Mills.

BILLS MAY BE REFERRED

Yamhill Residents Oppose Appropriations for State Schools.

"The people of Yamhill County are determined to invoke the referendum on several appropriation bills passed by the recent Legislature," said Representative Timothy Brownhill, who represented that county in the House during the last session. "Petitions are being circulated asking that the measures appropriating increased salaries to the University of Oregon, and the Oregon Agricultural College, and \$150,000 for an additional state building at Salem and \$50,000 for a dormitory for Oregon State at Corvallis, and \$100,000 for a dormitory at Monmouth, be referred to the people.

"This referendum movement did not originate among the Grangers of my county, as has been supposed, but it has the support of many members of the Grange. The action was decided at a mass meeting of Yamhill County citizens, representing all classes. The referendum as to the Oregon Agricultural College will apply only to the item of \$170,000 for additional buildings. It will not touch the item for the increased appropriation of \$70,000 annually for maintenance. The referendum on the University of Oregon appropriations will cover both categories, aggregating \$603,000 for the two-year period, for new buildings and increased maintenance.

"The men behind the referendum feel that the appropriation of \$150,000 for an additional building for state purposes at Salem is not necessary and argue that the annual assessments on the people last November for the support of the Monmouth school should be adequate without asking a further appropriation for a dormitory."

T. R. BANQUET TICKETS \$10

Accommodations to Be Made for 200 Persons by Committee.

Tickets to the Roosevelt banquet will be \$10, that price being fixed yesterday at a meeting of the general committee having in charge the local arrangements for the entertainment of Colonel Roosevelt in Portland on April 5. Already one-third of the tickets have been taken. The number is limited to 200. The sale of the tickets is not confined to members of the Commercial Club, as the affair is regarded as public. The first persons who apply will be admitted to the tickets.

Arrangements were made yesterday at the Portland Hotel for the entertainment of Mr. Roosevelt there from 5 P. M. to 4:30 P. M. on Friday, April 5. The committee will go to Eugene to meet Mr. Roosevelt. Governor West will join them at Salem.

Mr. Roosevelt Will Be Accompanied

by his secretary, Frank Harper, and they will take the Sasas Limited train out of Salem on April 4 for Portland.

They will cross the state line near Ashland at 2:10 A. M. April 5 and arrive here at 2:30 P. M. Mr. Roosevelt will leave Portland over the Northern Pacific for Tacoma at 11:15 P. M. April 5.

HENRY GEORGE DUE TODAY

Oregon City and Portland to Hear Noted Publicist.

Henry George, Jr., the New York Representative and single taxer, will arrive in Portland this afternoon at 3 o'clock from Seattle. Mr. George will be met at the depot by the representatives of the Young Men's Association and the Y. M. C. A., and it is probable some of the single tax sympathizers from here will accompany him to Oregon City, where the specifications and the principal address of Mr. George in Portland will be delivered in the Helling Theater, tomorrow afternoon, at 8 o'clock. The meeting to be held under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association, and Mr. George's subject will be "Tolstoi—An Intimate View." Mr. George was the guest of Count Tolstoi in Russia several years ago.

Mr. George while in Portland will be the guest of the Henry George Association, under the auspices of which he will speak in Women of Woodcraft Hall tomorrow night. Monday he will leave for San Francisco, and from there will go directly to Washington to attend the special session of Congress.

NEW CHURCH IS APPROVED

Westminster Presbyterians to Ask Bids on New Structure.

Plans for the proposed new stone church were approved officially at a well-attended meeting of the congregation of Westminster Presbyterians Thursday night and the architect was authorized to complete the specifications and invite bids. Before the letting of any of the contracts the specification and bids will be referred to the congregation and no contract will be let until they are approved. The new church will be located on East Seventh street, near the intersection of the street with the railroad tracks. The site is owned by the congregation and is being sold by the congregation.

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Ad Men Are Entertained.

Members of the Portland Ad Club gathered Thursday evening to enjoy a banquet and special entertainment given under the direction of A. A. Schell, in the Foster & Kleiser factory, East Seventh and Everett streets. The large plant was cleared and thus the members had plenty of room. Speeches were made by W. R. Emery, of Chicago, Ill.; Western manager of Everybody's Magazine; D. G. Lively, of the Peninsula Industrial Company; Fred W. Hill, manager of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company; J. E. Graike, of Astoria, and by others.

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Mr. Josselyn Outlines Plans That Will Involve Expenditure of \$7,000,000.

EXTENSIONS ARE PROVIDED

Energy Will Be So Low in Price That Factories Now Using Refuse for Fuel Cannot Be Competitors, Is Said.

Formal announcement was made yesterday by President Josselyn, of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, that in the next two years the company would expend \$4,000,000 in the development of electrical energy plants, so as to place the company by 1914 in a position to furnish electrical power in a large district in Oregon and Washington.

This amount includes the 15,000-horse-power plant at Oregon City, the 25,000 plant at Cazadero, 35,000-horse-power at Estacada, which will be completed in September this year, and 40,000 additional horse-power on the Upper Clackamas. With the project on the Upper Clackamas, which will be finished in 1914, the company will be able to utilize the fall of the water in this one stream at three different locations. With all these plants completed and with the necessary high-tension wire built, the company has expended \$7,000,000, the construction already completed representing an outlay of \$3,000,000.

Surplus Power in Prospect.

"We have never been able, before now, to get much ahead of the enormous, increasing demand of our street railway and lighting plants," said Mr. Josselyn yesterday. "This coming September we shall have a surplus of power from the construction of new plants at Estacada. We shall then be in a position to furnish extra power not only to all in Portland who may want it, but to Portland and as far south as Salem. We are now furnishing power for the Oregon Electric and United Railways, and as these lines are extended we shall, of course, be compelled to furnish additional power. By the extension of our Estacada high-tension line to Hood River we would be in a position to deliver power to the Pacific Power and Light Company, who are about to construct a high-tension line from The Dalles to Umatilla, a distance of 100 miles. There they connect with their Kennewick lines by way of Lusk.

"In the extension and development of these vast water-power plants, which we have on the Hood River, we shall be in a position to extend our power lines almost to Eugene on the south, to Tillamook on the west, Chehalis on the north and Hood River on the east. This territory within the circle of 100 miles surrounding Portland is the most wonderful territory in the world. It will possess, as the years go by, an enormous amount of electrical energy which will broaden until the circle is widened, and it is barely possible we shall live to see the power of this region extended up the valley for many miles.

The greatest feature in connection with this industry that we are seeing is that we shall be enabled, as we grow bigger, to furnish power cheaper, and I expect to see the day when electrical power will be furnished in Portland more cheaply than any place in the world. At the present time it is as cheap as any place to be found,

HATCHET TO BE BURIED

NAVAL MILITIA TO HAVE FIRST DRILL SINCE TROUBLE.

Cruiser Boston to Be Turned Over to Oregon Organization by May 15, Is Announced.

For the first time since the beginning of the factional strife in the Naval Militia that organization will hold a regular drill this evening at the Armory, and although there is still some feeling among the officers an effort is to be made tonight by all concerned to forget past differences and to work together for the success of the organization.

George S. Shepherd, captain of the organization, has received a letter from the Government, informing him that the cruiser Boston, now undergoing repairs at the Bremerton Navy-yard, will be ready for use of the Oregon Naval Militia by May 15.

It is expected that some members of the organization will go to Bremerton to receive the vessel and come on it to Portland. As the vessel will leave Bremerton May 15 she will be in Portland a few days later, and from that date on she will be the home of the Naval Militia.

It is realized that unless factional feeling is buried the Oregon Naval Militia must be disbanded or an entirely new set of men put in charge. The organization will be under the direction of the Adjutant-General of the State Militia and thus in the future there will be a way to settle all disputes of authority through proper channels.

The United States Government has promised to aid in promoting the welfare of the Naval Militia. After it was first suggested that the cruiser Boston be assigned to duty with the Oregon Naval Militia a suit was filed against the Government. In an effort to force the sale of the vessel, but this was recently decided in favor of the Government.

Considerable money has been spent by the Government in refitting the Boston, and when she is turned over to the Oregon Naval Militia she will be a rather formidable fighting vessel. She has a battery of 21 guns and a displacement of 3000 tons.

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