

JURY CONSIDERING VALUE OF BLOCK

Sealed Verdict to Be Given in Suit Involving West Half of Block S.

WITHDRAWAL IS OFFERED

Connect for Owner Says He Will Pay Costs if Government Will Select Another Site—Enhancement Predicted.

The Government's suit to condemn the west half of block S for a postoffice site went to the jury in Judge Bean's department of the Federal Court yesterday afternoon at 4:30. The entire afternoon had been consumed with the arguments of counsel and the instructions of the court. Judge Bean instructed the jurors to return a sealed verdict if they did not agree upon the value of the half block before 5 o'clock. If returned, it will be read in court at 10 o'clock this morning.

In his instructions, Judge Bean said jurors should take into consideration the amount assessed against the property for street improvements since the suit was started, but he told them they were not to take into consideration the amount which the Espey Estate Company, the owner of the property, has spent for taxes. He called attention to the fact also that the owners of the property would be obliged to sell it to the Government at the price fixed by the jury, while the Government would not be obliged to take it if it considered the price excessive. The Government wishes to pay \$100,000 for the half block, and the Espey Estate Company asks \$175,000.

Growth of City Discussed.

United States District Attorney McCourt, in his argument to the jury, referred to the growth of the city since 1892-3, and said property bought a few months before the panic at an inflated price lost its value, and that it had taken 17 years for it to reach that price again. He said conditions now were much the same as then—that the values were inflated.

Offer to Withdraw Made.

"I have such confidence in the growth of Portland that I am willing to pay the costs of this suit right now," added Mr. Wilson, "and the Government officials may select any other site they see fit, for a postoffice. Until this case is settled our property is tied up so that we can do nothing with it."

Witnesses for the defendants who testified yesterday afternoon on the half-block are as follows: E. L. Thompson, \$125,000 to \$175,000; Harvey O'Bryan, \$150,000; J. M. Toomey, proprietor of the Barr Hotel, \$175,000.

TOTS' PARENTS DISAPPEAR

Two Children Are Left in Care of Sympathetic Strangers.

"How does a fellow go about it to get rid of a couple of children that don't belong to him?" asked W. A. Sanborn, an experimenter, at the police station yesterday. From the story told by the inquirer, it appears that someone has been perfecting a system of having strangers care for two small boys, without expense. Sanborn had information of two other persons who had been for a time the custodians of the children.

HILLS EXPECTED TO VISIT

After Helena Meeting Railway Men to Continue Westward.

James J. Hill, Louis W. Hill, president of the Great Northern, and a party of business men and commercial representatives from the Middle West arrived in Helena, Mont., last night on a special train to assist in the opening of the Northwestern Development League

which is composed of representatives from ten states. The league has for its purpose the diverting of colonist travel to the Northwest. The "booster" train, as it is called, consists of twelve coaches. In the party aboard the train is Governor Eberhart of Montana and Governor Burke of North Dakota. Governor Norris of Montana and Governor Hay of Washington will be entertained on the train during the stay in Helena.

The plans of the party are not fully known here, but in a letter received from President Hill a few days ago, he stated that he was coming to the Coast as soon as the Helena meeting was over. It is a surprise that J. J. Hill is with the party, in view of the fact that the party will come to Portland as indicated upon President Hill's letter. It is believed here that the major portion of the party will be entertained at the Hotel Oregon, and that the Hills alone will come West. C. C. Chapman of the Portland Commercial Club will accompany the Hills on their trip westward as far as Spokane, where he will leave the train and precede his hosts to Portland.

BOARD SUBJECT TO SUIT

Street Repair Problem Ruling Made by Gantenbein.

Property Owners' Action in Case of Aspen Street Improvement Brings Climax to Question.

While the City Executive Board has the right to use its judgment in regard to how a street shall be repaired, its members are subject to legal action to compel them to make repairs in streets within 10 years after they have been paved, according to a ruling made yesterday by Judge Gantenbein in the case of R. H. Larson and others against a writ of mandamus to force the city to repair Aspen street, from Balgray avenue to Thurman street.

The city filed a demurrer to the complaint alleging that the repair of the street was a matter within the discretion of the members of the Executive Board. Arguments on this demurrer were made before Judge Gantenbein yesterday.

PRELATE PRAISES OREGON

Bishop Pearce Here to Preside at Free Methodist Conference.

Bishop William Pearce delivered his opening address yesterday at the Oregon Conference of the Free Methodist Church, which began its sessions in the First Church, East Hill and East Ninth streets, at 10 o'clock this morning.

Rev. Alexander Beers, president of the Seattle Seminary, the official school of the Oregon, Washington and Columbia River conferences, presided at the opening of the conference.

CARRIERS BADLY CRAMPED

Postmaster Plans to Get Additional Quarters Near Union Station.

Quarters near the Union Station suitable for the accommodation of the sorting tables of 15 letter-carriers will be rented within a short time. Postmaster Merrick said yesterday that the rooming houses in the immediate vicinity are absolutely necessary. It is thought that a suitable location for the carriers can be secured somewhere near the mailing station at Fifth and Hoyt streets. Mr. Merrick is secured from the department authority to rent the necessary quarters, and was looking over the ground with Post-office Inspector Clements yesterday.

Frank Huber's Funeral Held.

Many friends, many of whom were among the more prominent men of Portland, yesterday attended the funeral services of the late Frank Huber, a Portland liquor dealer, who died at Seaside Sunday. Services were held at Holman's chapel yesterday morning, following which the body was incinerated at the Portland Crematorium. Circuit Judge McGinn delivered an oration over the body. Rev. W. G. Elliot, pastor of the Unitarian Church, officiated. Many floral pieces were sent.

CHARGE AGAINST KUBIL RENEWED

In Councilman's Own Ward, Lombard Repeats That He Is "Undesirable."

CITY CHARTER DISCUSSED

Candidate for Mayor Says That if Elected He Will Submit Commission Plan of Government Direct to the People.

MR. LOMBARD'S SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS.

Gay Lombard will speak at 8 o'clock tonight in Logus Hall, Grand avenue and East Washington street. Mr. Lombard will conclude his campaign tomorrow night with an address in Freeman's Hall, Albina and Killingsworth avenues. After this meeting he will go to Woodlawn and make a short talk before the Woodlawn Improvement Association.

Gay Lombard, at Sunnyside, Councilman Kubil's home ward, last night renewed his charge that Kubil was an "undesirable" member of the City Council. This re-indictment of Kubil by Lombard was forced by Kubil at the close of the meeting when the Councilman demanded that his accuser inform the group of voters assembled why he classified him as an "undesirable."

Kubil Faces Issue.

Lombard sought to avoid expressing himself directly and acquiesced in the contention of Kubil that in all matters of important municipal legislation he had voted with Lombard. "Then why is it," persisted Kubil, "that you insist on referring to the people of this city that I am an 'undesirable' member of the Council?"

Commission Plan Urged.

Mr. Lombard argued that the city was not being honestly and efficiently governed, and that, if the commission plan was in a commission form of government which, he explained at considerable length, at the same time pointed out what he considered were the weak and censurable features of the charter under which the city was operating. He vigorously denounced the "third house" and its only representative, the present Council, which controlled not only matters of direct importance to the "interests" but measures of general legislation as well. He admonished the voters to exercise their influence in the selection of candidates to the Council by which the city must necessarily be governed until a commission government can be established.

Speaker Censures Rushlight.

Mr. Lombard severely censured his opponent, A. G. Rushlight, for "evading the real issues in the campaign and refusing to come before the people and take part in a public discussion." The speaker went further and denounced the practice of Rushlight, who, he said, instead of appearing publicly and telling the people what he stood for, was hiding behind the cloak of a high-salaried press agent whose productions in the public press consisted of an attack on his opponent. He presented a resolution on the subject of the acquisition of such a utility. He advocated the adoption by the people of the proposal for the issuance of \$150,000 of bonds for municipal garbage collection system and declared in favor of the creation of a sinking fund for all bond issues for improvements of a perishable nature.

Werlein's Course Criticized.

In concluding his address, Mr. Lombard said that his opponent Werlein, by defending the present charter, had invited the criticism he was receiving from the speaker and through the public press. Continuing, Mr. Lombard charged that Werlein had not recognized the commission form of government as an issue in this campaign until long after Lombard had made it an issue.

Schedule Delayed by Rain.

Wet grounds delayed a postponement of the afternoon High School-Yankee High School baseball game,

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yesterday's contest, scheduled for the Columbus Club Park, being cancelled for the time being. It is probable the game will be played in Vancouver next week. Weather conditions have greatly interfered with interscholastic contests this season, more than half the scheduled games being postponed. About 10 games remain to be played before the championship can be decided. At present Lincoln High School is leading.

Y. M. C. A. Swimming Classes. Interest in the Y. M. C. A. learn-to-swim campaign is growing, several hundred persons yesterday taking advantage of Instructor Coran's free lessons. Men alternated with boys yesterday in the tank, and many were given their first lesson in the art of taking care of one's self in the water. Mr. Coran demonstrates a method of "dry-land" swimming which he advocates the beginners using night and morning. He advises beginners to lie across a chair and go through the different swimming evolutions each night and morning. Already the Eastern man says he has taught several hundred Portland men and boys to swim. Lessons will continue after-noon and evening until Saturday night.

HOW HE CURED HIS SKIN DISEASE

About twenty years ago I began to break out with Eczema on my head, legs and arms, and commenced treatment with the local doctors, but did not get much relief. I continued to treat the disease under the direction of different physicians for two years, and at the end of that time they said the disease was chronic. I then quit them and tried various ointments, salves, lotions, etc., for another two years, but soon I was as bad as before, so I finally decided to let medicine alone, and for twelve or thirteen years I suffered intensely from the Eczema. During the time I lost about half of my hair. At last I began to S. S. S., doubtful of a cure, because the disease had run on so long, but I soon discovered that your medicine was doing me good, and continued to take it. After taking S. S. S. for awhile I was completely cured of the Eczema, not having a single spot left on my body, which before was almost completely covered with the eruption. I waited until the Spring to see if it would return, but have seen no signs of it, and am satisfied the cure is permanent. It has been several years now and I do not believe I will ever have any return of the trouble. 1017 Hackberry St., Ottumwa, Iowa. F. C. NORFOLK.

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All skin troubles are due to a humor or acid in the blood. Instead of supplying rich, nutritive properties to the cuticle, the circulation constantly deposits an acid impurity into the sensitive fibres and tissues. This causes inflammation of the under layer of the skin which splits or breaks the thin outer tissue and causes an ulceration of the glands, producing a discharge upon the surface, in the form of Eczema, Tetter, Salt Rheum, etc. There is likewise a dry form of skin disease such as Acne, Psoriasis, etc. In these varieties the humor in the blood protrude to the outer surface. Pimples, rashes, eruptions and like troubles are all due to impure blood, and only a blood purifier can cure them. Salves, washes, lotions, etc., will perhaps afford some temporary relief from the itching, and assist in keeping the skin clean, but such treatment can have no effect on the humors in the blood, and therefore never do any permanent good.

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