

NEW CREMATORY NIX-P GROWING

Plans Missing, Acceptance or Rejection of Plant May Be Up to Court.

CONTRACTORS UPHOLD ACT

Representative of Builders Says Specifications Authorize Changes. Burner Idle Pending Settle- ment—Dump Is Menace.

The question of acceptance or rejection of the new garbage crematory at Guilds Lake may ultimately be a subject for City Attorney Grant and the courts to settle. City officials say the deeper they go into the subject the more complicated does it become. Not only was the contract let on a different set of plans from those filed with the bids, say City Auditor Barbur and Health Officer Wheeler, but the specifications were departed from by the company in numerous instances while the plant was under construction.

Fred P. Smith, representative of the company, says it has a right to depart from the specifications as it saw fit, and in support of this contention points to a clause which reads: "It is not the intent of these instructions that they should be taken as a contract by the contractor, or to eliminate his furnishing any material or work herein provided for and necessary for the proper completion of the plant or of its purposes."

Changes Beneficial, Is Plea.

City Health Officer Wheeler says Superintendent Napier drew the original specifications, but he does not know whether this clause was drawn up by Napier or by someone else. Wheeler also asserts that the minutes of the Health Board do not show that consent was ever given to make changes in the work under contract. He says that both the city and the company must consent to any changes made, and these are said to have been made under the direction of ex-City Engineer Morris. It is the contention of the company that all changes were made for the better.

While Mayor Hushlight and other city officials are investigating the condition of the plant, and searching for the missing plans upon which the bid was let, the crematory is being installed, while garbage is allowed to accumulate on the dump. The old crematory is in operation, but it cannot handle all the refuse.

Dump Disease-Breeding.

Dr. Calvin S. White, state health officer, declares that the dump swarms with disease-breeding flies, and that the stench is almost unbearable. "The worst of the garbage ought to be burned in the incinerator," he said, "and the 35 tons daily of stable manure taken outside the city limits and used for fertilizing purposes. Dry material such as paper and rags ought to be taken outside the city limits and burned. The incinerator and dump are just below Willamette Heights, and the stench is blown toward the residence section when the wind is in that direction."

City Auditor Barbur lays the blame for the loss of the plans on ex-City Engineer Morris. He said yesterday the plans were taken to the City Engineer's office to be checked and were never returned.

Mr. Smith, of the company, says the plans were here three months ago, said Mr. Barbur. "I know better, for if they had been here then they would be here now. The only way they could have come through this office in the regular way."

ELLISON'S PLACE IS TOPIC

Railroad Row Talks of Probable Successor of Passenger Agent.

Considerable speculation is going the rounds of railroad men now regarding the probable successor to S. J. Ellison, general passenger agent of the Great Northern Railway, who has resigned his place to be vacant August 1. W. A. Ross, of Seattle, assistant general passenger agent, is mentioned as a probability.

Mr. Ellison's leaving the Great Northern will not result in a discontinuance of his visits to Portland.

He is to be general manager of the Luss Land & Development Company, which has extensive interests at Multnomah and in other parts of Oregon and it is probable that he will be required to come here more frequently than before.

Mr. Ellison has been general passenger agent for the Great Northern for about two years and is one of best known railroad officials in the Northwest. Until five years ago he was general agent for the Great Northern in New York, covering a large Eastern territory. For nearly three years he was assistant general passenger agent at St. Paul. He started his railroad career in the immigration department of the Great Northern 13 years ago. Most of his work has had to do with the colonization of the North and the Northwest.

COOL WEATHER PREVAILS

73 Degrees Highest Temperature Recorded in Below-Normal Day.

After the record-breaking hot spell a variety of below-normal weather has appeared. Taken as a whole yesterday was a little below the normal for this time of the year. The outlook for the future is continued cool weather.

The highest temperature yesterday was at 3 o'clock when the mercury went to 73 degrees. Until 2 o'clock in the afternoon the temperature was below 60 degrees. From 2 o'clock until 5 o'clock it lingered in the 70s and then fell back into the 60s, registering 65 at 8 P. M. The hourly temperatures yesterday were:

BRIDE TO BE WON IN WALK

Salesman to Foot It From Here to New York in Odd Wager.

If R. G. Gage, a novelty salesman of Portland, finds a woman of his choice

and she marries him before he reaches New York on an around-the-world walk, which he will start at 8 o'clock this morning, he will fulfill the first condition of his agreement with E. R. Coyne, also of Portland, whereby he hopes to win a four-year scholarship through the Harvard law school.

Mr. Gage, who has somewhat of a reputation as a walker, once having made the journey from New York to Chicago on foot in 47 days, furthermore agrees to complete the journey in 30 months or forfeit \$1000. He is to earn his expenses by selling novelties and souvenirs postcards bearing his own picture. He has a book in which he is required to obtain the signatures of the Mayor of each of a specified list of cities through which he will pass, as well as the state seals and signatures of the Governors of the several states between the two oceans. The great seal of the Government as well as the President's signature also must be procured as he flits through Washington.

The terms allow him to travel by steamer across rivers, lakes and oceans and by rail through impassable portions of the route. "The hardest part of my contract is that which requires me to get married on or before I reach New York," said Mr. Gage. "Just now I have no prospect in sight, and it surely will keep me busy finding a wife if I am to finish my trip in time." "I hope to get to New York by the end of the year, and may tarry until the first of 1912 in the hope of receiving a leap year proposal."

Expressed in a khaki uniform and carrying a small pack containing a few provisions and supplies, Gage will start in front of the Postoffice building this morning. He must end his journey there, too. He will travel under the pseudonym Professor Pen Sill.

POTLATCH TRAIN IS FAST

PORTLAND SPECIAL WILL RUSH THROUGH TO SEATTLE.

Railroad Officials Plan to Beat Shasta Limited's Schedule in Run to Sound—All Coaches Filled.

While no effort will be made to break the time record between Portland and Seattle on the run of the Commercial Club's Potlatch special this morning, officials of the O.-W. R. & N. Co. declare that they are departing Portland excursionists over the road in quicker time than any of the regular trains are able to make.

The schedule of the Shasta Limited, the fastest train operating between the two cities, is six hours. The Potlatch train will beat that record by at least 25 minutes, the railroad men say. "When the special leaves the Union Depot at 7 o'clock this morning it will be filled. Every seat will be taken, and some will be lucky if they don't have to stand a part of the way. However, the O.-W. R. & N. Co. promises to have plenty of cars that all may be comfortable. Tickets were yesterday indicated that each of the three cars already provided will be taken, and that an additional coach may have to be attached this morning. While officials of the Commercial Club predicted early in the week that at least 150 passengers would be carried, it appeared yesterday that nearly twice that number will go. Many busy Portland men were unable to arrange for their departure until late yesterday, and consequently there are numerous unexpected orders for tickets at both the Commercial Club and the railroad office.

That the total number of Portland folk at the celebration will exceed the 5000 mark before the week ends is assured by railroad officials who have been keeping trace of the movement since the sale started. This is not counting the delegation from the Automobile Club and the 25 or more motorcyclists who made the trip over the public highways. Members of the Rotary Club who were in Seattle for the reception tendered their brethren from all parts of the Northwest by the Seattle Rotary Club Wednesday, returned to Portland yesterday. Others remained and will join in the welcome to the Commercial Club special at noon today.

The Press Club's main strength will move on the special train. Several members have been in Seattle since the first of the week.

Saturday has been designated as Elks' day at the Potlatch, and a large number of Portland Elks will travel to the Sound for that occasion. Arrangements have been made to accommodate a large delegation of Elks on the Great Northern Railway.

Members of the Portland A. C. Club will occupy an entire coach on the trip this morning. They promise original and characteristic entertainment to break the monotony of the trip.

The Portland Press Club is to be conspicuous in the parade through Seattle streets tonight. Four illuminated automobiles will carry the Portland writers and their friends. They will distribute thousands of envelopes through the crowds, each envelope bearing the instruction: "Tear me wide open—Don't throw me away. I may be a live one. The Portland Press Club says."

One of these envelopes will contain an order for free transportation from Seattle to Gearhart Beach and return, with arrangements for all expenses while on the journey. The lucky recipient will visit Portland and will be the guest of the Press Club for a day.

BAY CITY PLANT MODERN

Electric Lighting Machinery to Be Installed at Once.

RAY CITY, Or., July 20.—(Special.)—J. H. West, superintendent, accompanied by Scott Bozorth, of Portland, vice-president of the Tillamook Public Service Corporation, went to Wheeler Sunday and brought down the engine, boiler, pumps, heater and other machinery for the electric light plant. The machinery was taken to Wheeler on the large Nehalem. Superintendent West says no time will be lost in putting the machinery in place. When it is installed, Bay City can boast of one of the most complete electric plants of any town of its size on the Coast. The city has just contracted with the company for 25 arc lights, seven of which are to be placed along the county road leading into town. These will be a help to Portland autoists, for whom this stretch of road has been a place of trial at night.

MOUNT SCOTT WANTS PARK

Committee to Ask Board to Buy Corvallis Tract for Purpose.

Mount Scott residents have asked the Board to purchase all or a part of the 40-acre tract known as the Corvallis tract, on East Seventy-second street, as a park for that district. A committee was appointed at the last meeting of the Mount Scott Citizens' League to renew the effort to obtain a park. F. W. Johnson was made chairman of the committee, and E. J. Rosen secretary. Other members are H. E. Cummins, W. E. Chambers and J. Hall. This committee will be supplemented by other citizens, and will appear at the next meeting of the Park Board, in behalf of the Park.

Free Individual Drinking Cup Service Now in the Store—Expert Optical Service at Lowest Prices Orchestra Music Daily in Seventh Floor Restaurant—Enlarged Book Department on Fifth Floor

Ten Big New Books

- Golden Silence—Williamson, \$1.35.
- Claybanger—Arnold Bennett, \$1.35.
- On the Branch—De Coulevan, \$1.25.
- Miss Gibbie Gault—Bisher, \$1.20.
- The High Hand—Puffelle, \$1.15.
- The Claw—Stockley, \$1.35.
- The Long Roll—Johnson, \$1.40.
- The Cable—White, \$1.50.
- The Brown Mask—Brenner, \$1.15.
- The Tennessee Shad—Johnston, \$1.20.



Restaurant Specials

- MEIER & FRANK'S, SEVENTH FLOOR
- Coney Island Clam Chowder, 15c.
- Boston Baked Beans and Brown Bread, 25c.
- Macedoine Vegetable Salad, 25c.
- Poached Eggs a la Canada, 30c.
- Pineapple Cream Puffs, 10c.

Great Midsummer Clearance Sale and the 1120th Friday Surprise!

THE FIRST four days of our First Great Midsummer Clearance Sale have seen record-breaking crowds from store-opening till closing time! So of double importance today is the 1120th Friday Surprise, which begins at 8 o'clock with the most sensational bargains for today only. Be here early—shop in the cool of the morning! The most phenomenal event of the clearance is this tremendous reduction today—

Our Entire Stock of the Loveliest Afternoon and Evening Gowns 1/2 Price

Nothing restricted from this stupendous reduction! Every exquisite Afternoon and Evening Gown, in the beautiful models that you've admired so much, goes at exactly one-half the marked price!

Lovely Silk Foulards, Messalines, Crepe Meteors, Silk Marquises, Taffetas, Eoliennes, Peau de Cygnes, Chiffons-over-silk, Panamas, Broadcloths, Voiles, in black, grays, browns, blues, greens—in fact every possible shade for daytime and evening wear. Trimmings of the fashionable beads, colored hand-embroideries, real lace, etc. Models from America's most high class makers, as well as our elegant Paris creations from Paquin, Drecol, Poiret and others.

\$15 Dresses \$7.50	Positively Nothing Withheld.	\$40 Dresses at \$20	No Gowns Sent On Approval.	\$75 Gowns \$37.50
\$20 Dresses at \$10	From \$15 Dresses \$7.50, To \$2.50 Dresses \$1.25.	\$45 Dresses \$22.50	On Mail Orders State Style, Size, Color, Etc.	\$100 Dresses at \$50
\$25 Dresses \$12.50		\$50 Dresses at \$25		\$150 Dresses at \$75
\$30 Dresses at \$15		\$60 Gowns for \$30		\$200 Dresses \$100
\$35 Dresses \$17.50		\$70 Gowns for \$35		\$250 Dresses \$125

A Bulletin of Other Astonishing Friday Surprise Features in Addition to the Many Hundreds of Clearance Prices That Are Already Advertised

Men's \$2.50 to \$4 French Flannel and Fine Outing Shirts at \$1.39
 800 Women's \$2.50 to \$6 Trimmed and Untrimmed Hats, \$1.00
 \$10 Semi-Made Batiste Embroidered Robes \$4.98--\$18 Robes \$6.49
 1000 Yards \$1 All-Silk Foulards, Many Designs, the Yard, at 49c
 \$1.50 and \$1.75 Nottingham and Cable Net Lace Curtains, 95c
 15c American Dress Gingham--Plaids Only--at the Yard, 6 1/4c
 Entire Stock of Women's and Children's Parasols at Half-Price

Boys' \$3 Knicker and Blouse Suits \$1.57
 Bohemian Creamery Butter, 2 lb. Roll 57c
 Women's \$4.50 to \$6 Sweater Coats \$2.98
 Surprise 1/4 Off on All Picture Framing
 Women's 35c Gauze Lisle Hosiery 26c
 \$1 Pennants, High Schools, Elks, etc., 49c
 \$1 Mercerized Table Cloths 63x63 in. 69c
 Fine 30c and 35c Drapery Cretonnes 19c
 \$5.00 Handbags, all the new shapes, \$2.98
 Any Couch Hammock, up to \$10, \$5.49
 Men's \$15.00 and \$18.00 Suits, only \$9.95

Women's 65c-\$1.50 Sample Kerchiefs 43c
 Great Lot 50c to 75c Neckwear Only 43c
 50c-65c Short Silk Gloves, Cols. Only, 37c
 35c, 50c and 65c All-Silk Ribbons at 29c
 Women's 35c Swiss-Rib'd Union Suits 21c
 Women's 50c, 65c Lisle Vests & Pants 39c
 \$1 Chiffon Auto Veils, Satin Borders, 43c
 50c Mohairs, 27-in, Cream Color, Yd. 39c
 \$10 Large Collapsible Go-Carts at \$5.95
 Basem't Bargain Square 35c Neckw'r 10c
 Young Men's \$5 Crash Suits, Basem't, \$1

1000 Pounds Royal Anne Cherries, Today in Grocery, Pound, 8c

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FRANCHISE PRICE IS FIXED

O.-W. R. & N. Must Pay for Crossing Rights on Troutdale Line.

The street committee of the Executive Board decided at its meeting yesterday to recommend to the City Council that the O.-W. R. & N. Company be required to pay \$100 for a franchise covering 13 street crossings on the line of its St. Johns to Troutdale extension on the East Side. These streets are Calvert, Trenton, Burrage, Tyndale, Richmond, East Tenth, East Eleventh, East Thirteenth, East Fifteenth, Lombard, Vancouver avenue and East Thirtieth.

A large number of street grading and paving contracts were passed upon, one being for the paving of Fourteenth, Hoyt, Irving, Johnson, Lovejoy and Kearney streets with stone blocks. The committee decided the contract ought to be awarded. The improvement will cost \$108,000, and is to be completed in one year. It was decided that in order to protect the city against suit for infringement of patent a bond be required of the Consolidated Contracting Company when the contract is awarded for the paving of Union avenue from Hawthorne to Harrison. This section is to be paved with Hassam pavement.

SEWER COSTS PROTESTED

Residents of Riverside District Say Expense Is Excessive.

Another meeting of residents of the Riverside sewer district to protest against the alleged excessive sewer costs has been called by Chairman Met-

cafe at the enginehouse on Albina and Killingsworth avenues tonight at 8 o'clock. Riverside residents are objecting to the assessments, alleging that they are too high. The district when laid out comprised 2000 lots, and the estimate of costs of sewer pipes was based on that figure. The number of lots has been reduced to 1200, and a comparative reduction of the sewer costs has not been made, it is said. Lots are being assessed at present from \$104 to \$120, it is alleged. Other protest meetings were held at which tentative plans were made for a general protest.

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