

FEE SUIT PROBABLE

Architect May Sue City for \$16,000, Is Report.

QUESTION IS PUZZLING ONE

J. H. Freedlander Claims Sum for Auditorium Plans—Officials Say Design Exceeded Cost of \$450,000 Building.

J. H. Freedlander, architect for the proposed public auditorium building, may be compelled to bring suit against the city to collect the \$16,000 due him in payment of his services in drawing the preliminary plans and the working out of other details of the auditorium as originally designed. It was reported yesterday. Inasmuch as it has been found the building he designed would cost \$745,000 to construct, and the rules of the competition in which the design was selected called for a building to cost no more than \$450,000, Commissioner Brewster says the city may not be obliged to pay the \$16,000 or accept the design.

Mr. Freedlander has now been paid only \$1000, which was the prize offered for the winner of the competition. It was the arrangement to pay, in addition to this \$1000, a total of 7 per cent of the cost of the building, of which total about \$16,000. Mr. Freedlander contends, is due at present. Although many claims have been made for the amount, it has been held up by Commissioner Brewster pending an investigation.

City Attorney LaRoche has been asked to prepare an opinion as to whether or not the city is obliged to pay the \$16,000. If he says there is a question about it, the city probably will let Mr. Freedlander bring suit to secure the amount he says is due. If the city is bound to pay, it is probable a warrant will be drawn at once, inasmuch as the money is available in the auditorium fund. It was secured from the sale recently of \$25,000 of the auditorium bonds.

The question centers about the acts of the old Auditorium Board and the old City Council and the committee which selected the Freedlander drawings in the competition. Inasmuch as the plans were selected according to the rules, and the action was ratified officially, the city may be bound, it is said, to stand behind the actions of its former officials and pay the bill. If it can be shown, however, beyond any question that a rule in the contest provided for a building to cost no more than \$450,000, and the plans selected are for a building which could not be erected for less than \$745,000, the city may be able to successfully defeat the payment of the \$16,000 fee to Mr. Freedlander.

DESCHUTES RAILROAD SUE

Eastern Oregon Land Company Wants Tracks Elevated.

Trial of the Eastern Oregon Land Company's suit to force the Deschutes Railroad to increase the height of a mile and a half of its tracks, above the Deschutes River canyon, from 60 to 105 feet was begun in the United States District Court yesterday before Judge Dean. The land company seeks as an alternative that the railroad company's title be abrogated or that heavy damages be assessed.

Ownership of options alleged by the land company on the property in which the canyon is located and through which both the Oregon Trunk and the Deschutes Railroad pass. The case has been pending more than four years. It is charged that the building of the railroad prevents the land company from building as high a dam as it could have otherwise. The Hill line, on the other side of the canyon, is only five feet higher than the Deschutes, but an arrangement has been made with that company.

FIRE PREVENTION DAY SET

Forest Destruction Considered Most Important of Subjects Listed.

No subject to be considered on "Fire Prevention Day," next Saturday, is of more importance than that of forest fire protection, says Arthur M. Churchill, chairman of the Oregon Civic League's committee on fire prevention. Every citizen of Oregon and every schoolboy and girl, can help to keep fire out of the timber, he says. It is estimated that over 4,000,000 acres of timber land in this state has been laid waste by forest fires, largely as a result of carelessness.

The Federal Government, state and private owners of timber, need the help of everyone who goes into the mountains, in order to make their efforts successful. A boy or girl can often do as much as a man or woman. Every large fire starts from a small one and could be prevented if someone were present to put it out.

JOGS IN STREETS TO GO

Several Sharp Turns Reported to Be Dangerous.

Work of eliminating dangerous jogs in streets in various parts of the city has been started by the city department of public works. The streets in many parts of the city have sharp turns or projecting curbs and sidewalks which have been the cause of accidents. It is proposed to remove these places everywhere possible. On Virginia street, near Nevada street in the Fulton district, one of the curb corners has been cut, as a menace to traffic for some time past. The sidewalk has been ordered. The sidewalk is to be cut off and the curb rounded.

VANCOUVER JAIL BROKEN

E. H. Van Hemert, Held for Portland Police, Escapes With Others.

E. H. Van Hemert, also known as B. Van Duzen and Barney Van, escaped from the jail at Vancouver, B. C., with three others two days ago, according to information received by Detective Captain Baty yesterday.

Van Hemert was being held there for the local police, who want him for alleged forgery of drafts and checks, amounting to several hundred dollars. The jailbreak was accomplished, according to the report, by means of a knife and drill smuggled into jail. Van Hemert achieved some prominence while in Portland by pretending to be sporting editor of a New York paper.

MEN PROMINENT IN WATERWAYS CONFERENCE NOW IN PROGRESS



RIVER WORK URGED

Waterways Body Wants Canalization of Upper Streams.

ENTHUSIASM RUNS HIGH

Columbia Navigable to Canadian Line and Snake to Lewiston, Is Idea Kept Before Convention.

Developing Power Seen.

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at night when Governor Lister, of Washington, was received as an earnest exponent of the waterways cause.

The morning was consumed with the annual meeting of the board of directors. A permanent committee on navigable rivers was recommended to the convention by the directors. It is probable that such a committee will be named at today's meeting.

Committees Are Named.

Members of committees appointed are: Resolutions—J. N. Teal, Portland; Scott Henderson, Professor W. D. Lyman, of Walla Walla; J. E. Gratie, of Astoria, and F. J. O'Brien, of the Richland, Wash., Commercial Club.

Credentials—C. C. Chapman, M. Monessohn, Portland; R. A. Foster, of Clarkston, Wash.; O. E. Freytag, of Oregon City, and D. E. Bownell, of Umatilla.

Members of a committee on nominations, appointed on the floor of the convention, are: Harry N. Dryer, Umatilla, chairman; Captain W. P. Gray, Pasco; O. S. Wiggleworth, Warrenton; A. H. Devers, Portland, and Mr. Rudkin.

The convention proper got under way at 2 o'clock in the afternoon with the assembly room well filled with delegates. Others kept coming in as the business proceeded.

President Makes Address.

George F. Richardson, of Kennewick, Wash., president of the association, delivered his annual address, which contained an earnest appeal for co-operation.

Achievement Is Told.

"I note that the announced slogan of this convention is to do 'Now let us get together and do something,'" said Mr. Richardson. "I can conceive of no more appropriate slogan should be the motto, not only of this, but of every convention. There is work to be done and we can never do it unless we do get together and stick together. The slogan by no means carries with it the inference that we haven't worked together or that we have done nothing. In fact, I believe the association is to be heartily congratulated upon its achievements to date."

"When the association was organized the one great need was an open river to its middle stretches. The obstruction at Celilo had to be overcome, the canal had to be completed and the locks installed. The appropriation was obtained and the canal is nearing completion."

"First Object Accomplished."

"The first great object has been accomplished, but it was accomplished

"POISON PEN" TRIAL ON

SOCIETY MAIDS AND MATRONS AT-TEND COURTHOUSE.

Long and Tedious Expert Testimony Expected to Draw Trial Out to Great Length.

NEW YORK, April 6.—Society maids and matrons with prominent church workers, including the Rev. E. P. Little, curate of Christ Episcopal Church, crowded the Courthouse in Elizabeth, N. J., when Mrs. Nelson L. Pollard, of 114 Madison avenue, was put on trial on charges of sending the notorious "poison pen" letters.

It was believed Mrs. Pollard would never be brought to trial in Elizabeth for the alleged sending of scandalous letters to Mrs. Charles F. Jones, her next door neighbor, as it was thought the case would be thrashed out in the Federal Court, Newark.

Samuel Shlesinger, counsel for Mrs. Pollard, tried in various ways to have the indictment dismissed, but without success. Mrs. Pollard, attired in green silk and the heavy veil which she has worn every time she has appeared in court, sat unmoved through the proceedings.

Mrs. Pollard wore a big carol coat, which she threw off after the trial began. But the veil she lifted only to be identified. Among her sympathizers, who sat by themselves, was the Rev. Mr. Little.

The trial opened with the prospect of long and tedious testimony on the part of typewriter experts. Prosecutor Stein said he would show that every typewriter has its peculiarities as a person has in writing with a pen.

Mrs. Jones identified two letters which she said she received through the mails. One came to her wrapped in a copy of an Elizabeth paper. The letters were not read in court.

The authorities have letters admittedly sent by Mrs. Pollard to various persons, and through establishing that they were written by the author of the "poison pen" letters they hope to prove their case.

SEA FLIGHT IS FORECAST

Inventor Bell Believes Transatlantic Air Route Is Near.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—Transatlantic flying machines are a possibility, in the opinion of Dr. Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the telephone.

"I think," he said, "we may safely say that we will see airplanes crossing the Atlantic at a height of two miles above the earth, driven by warm and comfortable aeroplanes."

Colfax Bank Becomes National.

COLFAX, Wash., April 13.—(Special.)—W. A. Anderson, cashier of the Farmers' State Bank, of Colfax, today received the following telegram from Washington: "The Farmers' State Bank, on April 13, will be converted into Farmers' National Bank. Capital \$100,000, surplus \$45,000. No change of officers."

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