

AUDITORIUM WORK TO START AT ONCE

Bids for Excavating to Be Opened Thursday and for Construction February 18.

DAY LABOR MAY BE TRIED

Council at Its Next Meeting Will Order Sale of Bonds Which May Be Taken in Single Block or in Small Amounts.

The City Council yesterday set Thursday as the date for opening bids for the excavations for the proposed public auditorium. Friday, February 18, was set as the date for the opening of bids for the general contract for the structure. Contractors will bid on the basis of ten months to complete the building.

The Council at yesterday's session formally accepted and approved the plans for the building as prepared by the architect, Frederick A. Sherman, of New York. It is planned to set the excavation bids in next week, so that the work can be started in time to finish in six months to one year.

If it is found the excavations can be handled by the city cheaper than by contract the work will be taken over by the city.

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F.E. REED IS ELECTED

ACTIVE MEMBER OF LAURELHURST CLUB CHOSEN PRESIDENT. Past Year Declared One of Social and Financial Success by Being Executive.

Frederick E. Reed, living at 171 Royal Court, was elected president of the Laurelhurst Club at its meeting of the board of directors, held at the clubhouse Wednesday night. Mr. Reed has been one of the most active members during the year.

The other officers elected are: Vice-president, S. R. Cook; secretary, Jack P. Holden; treasurer, A. D. Malms.

The Laurelhurst Club closed a year of activity with its New Year's dance at the Melrose Hotel, closing the events of 1915. This proved a success financially and socially. H. R. McCutchen, the retiring president, in his annual report, announced the total membership at 223, including life members.

WAGON VENDOR LAW IS UP

Proposed Ordinance Limits Operations of Merchandise Vehicles. In accordance with a plan decided upon Wednesday by the City Council to meet all present and future needs from the main business section between S. A. M. and S. P. M., an ordinance was presented to the Council yesterday by Commissioner Olin. It was voted upon for final passage in two weeks.

The measure would prohibit the sale of merchandise from vehicles in any part of the district bounded by First street on the east, Yamhill from First to Fifth and Morrison from Fifth to Tenth, on the south, Tenth street on the west and Oak street on the north. It is supposed also to reduce the license for peddlers. The amount of the reduction has not been decided upon.

BRIDGE PAVING COST FIXED

Car Line Estimates Depreciation and Interest on Right-of-Way Work. Interest and depreciation on the railroad right-of-way paving over the Interstate bridge, the cost of which would originally be paid by the streetcar com-

pany obtaining the franchise, would amount annually to 12 cents a car for a single track line laid by the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company. The figures to show the burden which the matter of paving places on the streetcar company obtaining the franchise were given at the request of Mr. Holman.

The paving cost for a single track system would be \$12,118, estimates Mr. Fuller. The interest and depreciation would cost \$12,728, or 12 cents a car, a year as a basis. A double-track system would cost \$19,322.16, it is figured, with yearly interest and depreciation \$19,992.94, or 23 cents a car.

FIRE WARNING IS GIVEN

EXPLOSION OF COILS MAY RESULT FROM FROZEN WATER TANK. Alarm Not Needed for Chimney Fires, but Telephone Call Will Bring Assistance Promptly.

Disaster awaits the person who builds a fire in a stove or furnace when the hot water tank and pipes are frozen, according to a warning issued yesterday by Fire Marshal Stevens. The fire in all probability will cause an explosion of the hot water coils or pipes in the stove.

Marshal Stevens says the only safe way to handle the problem of frozen hot water pipes and tanks is to thaw them out before building a fire in the stove.

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Beware of Icicles Falling From Buildings.

Source of Victims of Ice Spears Say There is No Poetry in This Warning. BEWARE of the avalanche! There is absolutely no poetry in this warning, say a score of victims of Portland's falling ice spears.

"There would be had things to go through your umbrella," commented one individual standing on Washington, between Fourth and Fifth streets, head thrown back to view a building bristling with loosening icicles. Each apparently weighed from one to ten pounds, were sharp and pointed and from a foot to three feet long.

"Umbrella, did you say? Look at this hair!" exclaimed a passerby, duffing a derby with a hole in the top of it.

All over the business section narrow passages from these falling ice spears were noted. The icicles formed during the night, generally about water-spouts or where gutters overflowed, and some reached lengths of four or five feet. The warmth of the building, caused them to drip with heavy icicles, when fired up yesterday morning.

RAID REVEALS BIG STOCK

Bessie Warner's Supply Includes 1 Gallons of Whisky and Beer Galore. Liquor was much in evidence when the police raided the place of Bessie Warner, at 44 West Park street, Thursday night, arresting Bessie Warner, Ada Wilson, Charles Williams, William Fraiberg and confiscating large quantities of liquor.

This included a four-gallon jug of whisky, a quart bottle of whisky and 111 bottles of beer. There was a trunk full of empties.

Fraiberg and Fraiberg were fined \$10 each in Municipal Court yesterday for the most part of the case of the two women were held over.

Out-of-Town Patrons! Expert Shoppers to Make Your Selections--Order by Mail Today!

On With Our Annual White Sale and Sale of Odds and Ends and Surplus Stock

Today--Offerings to Stir the Blood!

Cold Weather Needs FOR MEN!

\$2 Union Suits, \$1.15
—Men's wool mixed union suits—good medium weight—gray mixed—well made and perfect fitting.

\$2.50 Union Suits, \$1.98
—Heavy Winter weights—fine for these cold days—mixed gray colors.

\$2.25 Dent's Gloves, \$1.65
—Dent's famous extra quality Royal Buck gloves. Slate gray and tan, P. X. M. sewn. Regular and cadet sizes.

Warm Pajamas and Night Shirts
—Men's flannelette pajamas and night shirts. Made and finished in the best possible manner. Many trimmed with silk braid and fastenings.

\$1.00 Night Shirts 55c.
\$1.50 Night Shirts 75c.
\$1.25 Pajamas 79c.
\$1.50 Pajamas \$1.15.

\$2, \$2.50 and \$3.00 Hats \$1.50
—Broken lines. Latest blocks and smartest colorings. Sale-marked for quick clearance. You'll want several at \$1.50. See Morrison-street window display!

Balmacaan Hats, Special \$1.50
—Suitable for women's wear as well as men's.



Candies

Our 50c Society Choco-lates, pound.....**39c**
Our 40c Filled Cuban Sticks, lb.....**29c**
Our 25c Chewing Mints, pound.....**19c**
Our 25c Peanut Bar, today, the pound.....**19c**
—Ninth Floor and Basement Balcony.

Prepare Now for "Letter Writing Campaign"

—Details here or anywhere in the city. Everybody should know about it.

An Exhibition of Pictures

—Illustrating the scenery and industries of various Oregon counties, on display today, sixth floor. The public is cordially invited to inspect this showing. Ideas that will help toward the furtherance of "Letter-Writing Week" can be readily acquired in this way.

Kodak Specials

—3-A Special Filmplate Premo Camera, with Zeiss-Kodak Anastigmat lens and compound shutter. Regularly \$54, at \$44.
—3-A Folding Kodak, slightly used, but in perfect condition. Regularly priced \$25, for \$16.
—Main Floor, Sixth Street.

100 Girls' Coats at Big Reductions!

—Mothers! Do not let this wonderful opportunity pass!
—Corduroys, serges, broadcloths, chevots, serges and mixtures—some belted, others loose and flaring—all warm and smart!
Regularly \$8.95, \$10.50, \$12.50 to \$27.50.
Special at \$6, \$7.29, \$8.50 to \$18.50

Girls' Wool Dresses Reduced

—Practical little cold-weather dresses of serges, velvets, silks and combinations. Plaids, checks and solid colors. Sizes 6 to 16. Regularly \$8.95, \$10.50, \$12.50 to \$30.00.
Special at \$6.00, \$7.29, \$8.50 to \$20.

\$6.50 Rain Coats, \$4.95
—Girls' rubberized rain coats, some in Balmacaan styles, others with set-in sleeves. Belted backs. All with hats to match.
—\$1.79 for \$2.25 Rubberized Rain Capes.

Children's Dress Hats

—some of velvet, others of velours—flower and fur and ribbon trimmed.
—Regularly \$2.75, \$3.50 to \$12.95.
—Special at \$1.38, \$1.75 to \$6.50. —Second Floor, Sixth Street.



Manhattan Shirt Sale

\$1.50 Manhattans \$1.15. **\$3.50-\$4 Shirts \$2.85.**
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\$2.50-\$3 Shirts \$1.95. **\$7.50 Manhattans \$5.45.**
—Just Inside Morrison Entrance

"Bal-Mar" Overcoats \$13.50

Regularly \$18-\$20

—You can be sure in purchasing a "Bal-Mar" that you're right in style and appearance. The "Bal-Mar" is smart, it is serviceable, it is a thoroughly good overcoat—and it is yours at \$13.50, right in the heart of overcoat weather! Like illustration.

—Tweeds, cassimeres and all the newest fine overcoatings. Many of the garments made of famous Priestley cravenette cloth. Mixed shades of gray, blue and brown.

—Double and single-breasted styles—46-inch length. Some velvet collars, others with collars to match. Patch and regular pockets. Coats three-quarter lined, with satin-piped seams, and full-lined coats. Sizes 33 to 46.

\$18-\$22.50 SUITS \$13.50.

—Two big special purchases from Ivan Frank and "Harvard" Tailors.
—Regular and advanced styles, some with patch pockets. Tweeds, cassimeres, worsteds, chevots. Grays, greens, browns, tans.
—Excellent tailoring and workmanship. Serviceable everyday suits.

A Suit and Overcoat for the Price of One Garment.
—Third Floor, Fifth Street.



Girls' School Shoes \$1.95

\$2.50-\$3 Grades
—Sturdy shoes for school and everyday wear.
—Some with regulation and others with high tops.
—Patents with patent collar at top and gunmetal shoes in the lot.
\$1.95 for \$2.50 to \$3 Shoes, sizes 11 1/2 to 2.
\$1.65 for \$2.00 to \$2.50 Shoes, sizes 8 1/2 to 11.
—Third Floor, Fifth Street.

Umbrellas \$2.98

Men's and Women's \$3.00 Grades
—Fast black silk and linen waterproof covers, 36 and 28-inch frames. Splendid assortment of detachable handles, plain, crook or sterling silver trimmed.

Hair Bows! 15c

Made-Up 25c Lines
—Children's smart Hair Bows, made of plain colored and many novelty ribbons, 1 1/2 yards in each bow. Today 200 at 15c.

Handkerchiefs! 10c

Women's 20c Linen Lines
—Broken lines of Initial 'K'chiefs, many different kinds. Also wide and narrow-hemmed, plain white and colored effects.
—Main Floor, Fifth Street.

Fresh Hawaiian Pineapples, Each 12c

—Sizes ranging from 2 1/2 to 3 lbs. Usually 15c each.
EASTERN SUGAR-CURED HAMS, the pound 18c.
—Thoroughly cured and smoked, closely trimmed.
LARGE SUNKIST ORANGES, DZ. 29c
—Fancy tree ripened. 126-to-the-case size
Smoked Cottages, Bofled Ham, sliced to order, lb. 35c.
Victor Coffee, popular 35c blend, lb. 29c.
Royal Banquet Butter, fancy Oregon make, roll 73c
Norway Mackerel, No. 4 size, 3 for 25c.
Corn, Royal Banquet brand, dozen \$1.40, can 12 1/2c.
—Ninth Floor, Fifth Street.

Underwear and Hosiery

Sample Line Women's "Swan Brand" Underwear Reduced.

—Union Suits, Vests and Pants, each **\$1.48.**
—Medium-weight lisle and fine cotton \$2.25 garments.
—Wool and Silk Union Suits **\$1.65.**
—Also all wool. Broken lines \$3.50 and \$5 grades.
—Tights, Vests, Union Suits, each **\$1.15.**
—Silk and lisle vests, Swiss ribbed tights and union suits. Regularly \$1.50-\$2.
—Vests and Tights, 2 for **\$1.50, each 78c.**
—Wool, lisle, silk and lisle and mercerized. \$1.00 and \$1.50 styles.
—Swiss Ribbed Vests, 2 for **75c, each 38c.**
—Low neck, sleeveless, hand and tape yoked 65c grades.
—50c Black Wool "Burson" Hose, Pair **39c.**
—Gray heels and toes, ribbed tops, fashioned legs, seamless feet. All sizes.
—25c Black Cotton "Burson" Hose, Pair **19c.**
—Medium weight, seamless feet, fashioned legs, regular and outsize.
—Main Floor, Sixth Street.

Lace, Embroid'ry Remnants

25c for Pieces Worth 40c to 80c.
—Short lengths of handsome nets, chiffons, laces and embroideries, in dozens of colors and patterns. Lengths 3/4 to 1 1/2 yards.

Manufacturer's Lengths Embroidery Edgings

69c each for 75c to 90c Strips.
89c each for \$1.25 and \$1.50 Strips.

Swiss, nainsook and cambric handloom embroidery edgings, including durable convent edgings. Lengths 4 and 4 1/2 yards, widths 3 to 8 inches.

Drape Veils at 25c

50c to \$1 Kinds
—Cleanup sale of small lot, including blues, browns and taupe novelty meshes, large and small designs.

Veiling Remnants 7c

Worth 25c to 40c
—All-silk veiling, browns, blues, reds, Copen, and helio. Lengths 1 to 1 1/4 yards.
—Main Floor, Fifth Street.

159 Boys' Overcoats \$4.25

Regularly \$5 to \$6.50
—Let the boys go hobsledding and play in the snow all they want—when it comes so seldom.
—A cold-weather special that's wonderfully attractive, these boys' medium and heavy-weight overcoats, made with convertible notch collar.
—Balmacaan and Butterfly models, today at **\$4.25.**
—Third Floor, Fifth Street.



15 Big Drug Specials!

—75c Nordica Opera Cold Cream, **59c.**
—50c Nordica Opera Cold Cream, **39c.**
—25c Honeysuckle Cold Cream, **19c.**
—50c Madame Is'bel's Turkish Bath Oil, **39c.**
—Madame Is'bel's Liliac Hand Whitener, **19c.**
—\$1.50 Nordica Face Powder, **98c.**
—25c Bathasweet, **15c.**
—50c Sachets, assorted odors, ounce, **20c.**
—50c Perfumes, assorted odors, ounce, **20c.**
—5c wool Powder Pads, **4c.**
—15c Borax, 20-Mule Team brand, **11c.**
—10c size, 3-in-1 Oil, **7c.**
—25c size Glycothymoline, at **16c.**
—25c Odonoro, **21c.**
—50c Malvina Cream, **29c.**
—Main Floor, Sixth Street.

Women's, Misses' Suits \$12.95

Originally From \$19.50 to \$22.50
—One model exactly as illustrated—of brown broadcloth, trimmed with velvet collar and silk military braid.
—About 75 in the lot, all told—in many different styles.

Russian Blouses, Box, Norfolk, Semi-Fitted and Tailored Models

—Broadcloths, mixtures, serges, tweeds and whipcords.
—Sizes, misses' 16 to women's 44.
—Special Saturday at \$12.95.
—Fourth Floor, Fifth Street.



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