

STREET CAR TRACKS WILL BE REPAIRED Extensive Improvements Are Projected for Summer. PLANS BEING DEVELOPED City Council and Traction Folk Confer With View to Reaching Decision as to Details.

Extensive repairs to streetcar tracks in various parts of the city will be made this summer by the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, according to decision reached at a conference of city and city officials yesterday in the office of City Commissioner Barbur.

It was practically decided that the track area in Hawthorne avenue from East Water to East Twelfth streets will be the first to receive attention.

Another street that is certain to have attention is Second street from Burnside to Gisan street. This street and Hawthorne avenue are conceded to be in worse condition than any streets affected by railway tracks.

Company Engineers Report. After the conference was opened Franklin T. Griffith, president of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, explained that he had assigned engineers to study the street situation and had reports that the streetcar track areas in the city were, on the whole, better than in many other cities.

Assurance was given city officials that the company was doing its utmost to place all its tracks in good shape, but with the many street improvements that have been projected, much money that might go into reconstruction has been called for on new improvements.

As an example, Mr. Griffith pointed out that the Foster road improvement, which he conceded was necessary, would cost his company at least \$200,000. In addition, the company will be required to relinquish hold of a private right of way owned in this street, install new double trackage in the middle of the street, and accept a new franchise from the city.

Line Brings No Profits. "The irony of it all is," said Mr. Griffith, "that the development of the city forces us to expend \$200,000 on this line which never has paid us any profits and probably never will."

The 32 lines that he operate in Portland, 25 give us no profits. This is true in all street railway systems, but we are hit harder because Portland is a city that is spread over a large area."

F. I. Fuller, vice-president of the company, told the city officials that last year the company expended \$21,000 on street repair work, while the 5-cent carfare order required an expenditure of only \$490,000 on this work.

In outlining the attitude of the city, Commissioner Barbur explained that he desired a definite program which could be checked at the end of the year. He urged that streets leading to bridges should receive first attention, for the reason that traffic on such was exceptionally heavy and these should always be in good repair.

Old Logs to Be Removed. During the discussion developed that when Morrison street, west of the bridge to 19th street, is repaired, it is probable that the logs in the track between Fourth and Second streets will be removed. These turnings were installed by the old City & Suburban railway and have remained made to the tracks in Washington street. It was decided, but indentures in the track area will be filled with paving to make a smooth surface. The delay in permanent improvement was determined in order that the future policy for the development of this street might be formulated and any improvements might fall in with such policy. One-way traffic was suggested for Washington street, and the latest proposal calls for the widening of this street by arceding the buildings.

Fifth street, from Jefferson to Gilliam streets, Holiday avenue from Larabee to Grand avenues, with a number of other streets in the downtown section probably will be repaired this summer.

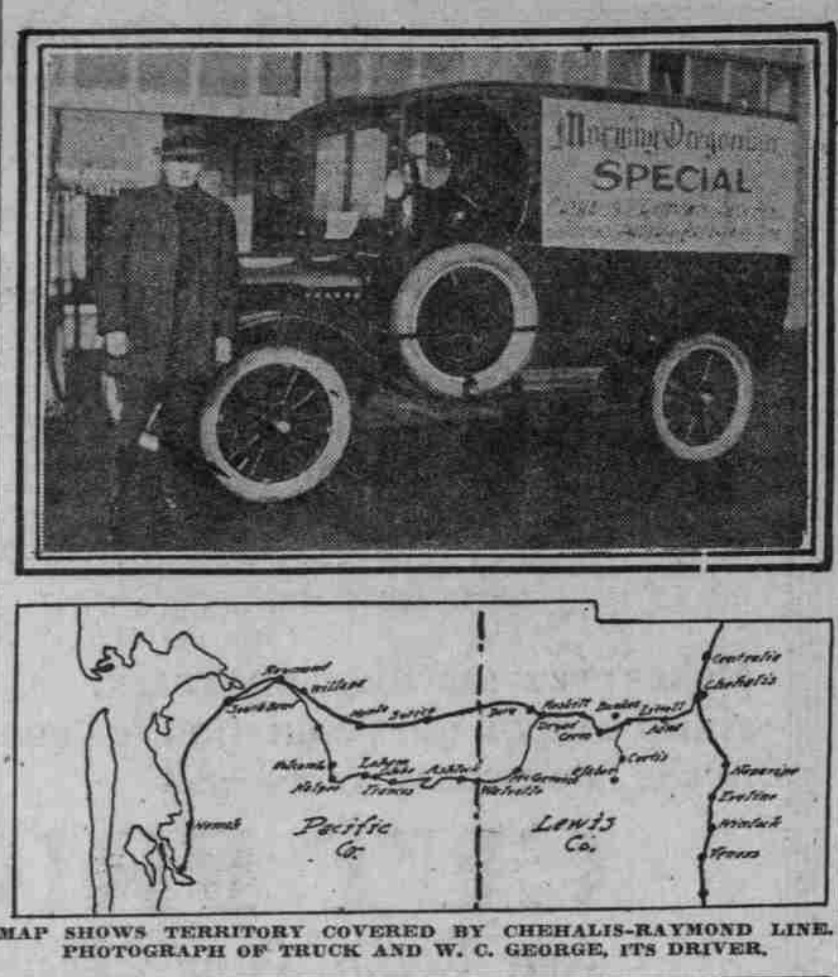
In addition to its repair and reconstruction programme, the railway company must participate in the costs of the improvement of Foster and East Twenty-eighth and Sixty-second avenue Southeast.

PAIR NEAR STARVATION Vagrants, One 74 and Other 20, Found Underneath Bridge. With a rough wooden bridge approach for their roof and nearby garbage can for their food supply, two men, charged with vagrancy in police court yesterday, were almost at the point of starvation through their inability to find work, they told Judge Roseman.

The men were Louis Desrie, 74, and Walter Swenson, 20. They were found beneath the board plank bridge approach at the Guild lake gravel pit by Pat Keegan, police patrolman.

Power Company to Build. CORVALLIS, Or., March 20.—(Special.)—The Mountain States Power company is to build a new business office and substation on its Second street property this spring. The company has just completed improvements here at a cost of \$23,000 with the idea of keeping pace with the growth of the city. The new office and substation will be of brick and modern in every particular and will cost in the neighborhood of \$15,000.

TOWNS ON THE OREGONIAN'S LATEST AUTO-TRUCK ROUTE.



MAP SHOWS TERRITORY COVERED BY CHEHALIS-RAYMOND LINE. PHOTOGRAPH OF TRUCK AND W. C. GEORGE, ITS DRIVER.

MANY GET PAPERS EARLY THE OREGONIAN MAKES RAYMOND, WASH., BY 6 A. M.

All Towns Between There and Chehalis Included in New Service Given by Auto Truck.

Arrangements just completed by its circulation department have made it possible to put The Oregonian on the breakfast tables of a large number of additional subscribers in the section of southwest Washington between Chehalis and Raymond and South Bend. Heretofore these cities and towns have received their papers in the afternoon, owing to imperfect trailer connections.

A delivery automobile truck has been purchased and placed on a run starting at Chehalis, where it meets the 2:30 A. M. train, and thence following along the approximate route of the Northern Pacific branch line through the towns of Dora, Ervad, Willapa, McCormick, Waiville, Globe, Frances, Pe Ell, Leham, Holcomb and Menlo to Raymond, leaving packages of papers at all of those towns and arriving at Raymond by 5 A. M., so that subscribers in that city can have their papers before leaving their homes for the day's work.

Connection also is made by the truck at Raymond with the 12:35 P. M. train on the Milwaukee railroad branch line, and towns on that line between Raymond and Dora are thus served earlier than ever before. Arrangements for the morning news, which gives them on an equal basis with residents of other cities and towns in that general territory.

LIEN ON AUTO RELEASED Mortgage Must Be Filled Within 30 Days After Machine Is Sold.

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 20.—(Special.)—Removal by sale from one county to another of an automobile mortgaged or recorded in the first county cancels the lien against the automobile if the mortgage is not placed of record within 30 days in the county to which the car is sold, according to a supreme court ruling today, reversing the superior court of Island county in the case of Joe Muller and others versus E. A. Bardshar and others.

L. A. Morse bought the car in Seattle and signed a contract providing that he would keep the machine in Whatcom county, where he resided. The mortgage was recorded in Whatcom county. Four days later he sold the car to Joe Muller in Island county and the sheriff of Island county sought to recover the car after four months, when Bardshar discovered the second sale. The court holds that Muller, since the mortgage was of record in Island county, did not have constructive notice of the lien and bought the car in good faith.

MOONSHINER FINED \$250 Judge Considers Making Violator Drink All He Makes.

Punishment that might be termed cruel and unusual was hinted at by Federal Judge Bean in the case of Frank Swenson, fisherman of Olney, Clatsop county, who was before the court on a moonshining charge.

Found with a 40-gallon still in his cabin, Swenson was fined \$250. The judge expressed the opinion it might be a good idea that persons arrested for making moonshine only for their own use be compelled to

Bayer Aspirin advertisement featuring an illustration of a child and text: 'Genuine Bayer Aspirin', 'WARNING! Say "Bayer" when you buy Aspirin.', 'Unless you see the name "Bayer" on tablets, you are not getting genuine Aspirin prescribed by physicians over 22 years and proved safe by millions for', 'Colds, Headache, Rheumatism, Toothache, Neuralgia, Neuritis, Earache, Lumbago, Pain, Pain'.

NEW GOLD BRICK SOLD

LABORING MEN VICTIMS OF SWINDLING SCHEME. Many Hired to Go to California Give Cash Bonds to Guarantee Good Faith and Lose Money.

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 20.—The latest in "gold-brick schemes" is revealed by H. P. Everest, assistant supervisor of industrial relations at Seattle, in his report to Director Clifford of the department of labor and industries. This time the laboring man is the victim instead of the traditional small-town newcomer.

Just recently rooms were rented in a Seattle hotel by two confidence men who set up an employment agency for the purpose of recruiting laborers to work on some California project. "No fee charged and training for the states is also the inviting proposal extended to the man out of work."

After the man had deposited his money he was held in Seattle to await the enlisting of other recruits, so that the expense attached to the trip would be considerably lessened. This continued for some time until the required number had given the bonds and the employment and detective agencies disappeared in thin air, leaving their workers holding the sack.

Through the efforts of Mr. Everest one prosecution has resulted and others are expected to follow. Another clever game practiced in the northern part of the state is also exposed by Mr. Everest. A man having several acres of stump land for pleasure, this land was given to an entirely "disinterested party," which proved to be a detective agency established in another building.

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Several ambitious fellows tried out the scheme after three or three weeks the employers promised to show each of them his land on the following Sunday. On Sunday he induced them to wait until the next Sunday, and so on until, quite out of patience, the men demanded to see the land.

They were then shown five acres of rocky land almost in the heart of the Olympics and of absolutely no value. They discovered that the land was for only room and board. In some cases this land had been sold three times over by these methods. Mr. Everest stated.

KIDNAP PROBE BROADENS STATE INQUIRES INTO AUTO LAW VIOLATION.

Ku Klux Klan Denies Part in Whisking Away Citizen of Medford.

MEDFORD, Or., March 20.—(Special.)—A new angle of the probe being made by District Attorney Moore and Sheriff Terrill into the kidnaping and bludgeoning of the well-known Medford citizen, last Friday night by a band of masked men, is that the state motor traffic department has also engaged in the investigation.

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Mr. Hale came from his home this morning to breakfast at a local restaurant in the business district. He carried a Winchester rifle, the same as he did Sunday, and was accompanied by a bodyguard. Chief of Police Timothy says that this bodyguard is Mr. Hale's brother-in-law from Eugene.

Following a public denial that their organization had anything to do with the kidnaping of Mr. Hale, two delegates of the Ku Klux Klan in full regalia visited the Methodist church Sunday yesterday during the service and presented the pastor, W. J. Penicton, with an envelope containing principles of the order and a sum of money, to be used as the recipient saw fit. Penicton, in reply, said he was grateful at the gesture and welcomed Ku Klux members at any time.

LEPERS TO HAVE COLONY Man in Isolation for 15 Years Will Be Sent to New Orleans.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., March 20.—Special.—The state health department has received orders from the United States public health service at Washington removing all lepers on the Pacific coast now under the care of

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that department to the leper colony at Carville, La. James Govan, a leper, who has been in isolation at Diamond Point quarantine station for 15 years, has been taken to Seattle, from where he will be placed on a steamer sailing for New Orleans. Lepers at other places are being taken to seaport, where a steamer will call, and when all lepers are rounded up they will be taken to their new home in Louisiana.

Govan was a fisherman in Alaska, having been placed in isolation at Diamond Point. It is said there are hundreds of cases of leprosy among the Alaska Indians who inhabit the interior and that the disease is being spread among the coast Indians as a result of the interior Indians coming to the coast on trading expeditions, and that if some means are not taken to isolate the affected Indians leprosy soon will prevail in the north to an alarming extent.

Stage Permit Is Denied Right to Regulate Interstate Traffic Assumed.

Washington Department of Public Works Holds Seattle-Vancouver, B. C., Service Unnecessary.

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 20.—(Special.)—The Washington department of public works today assumed jurisdiction to regulate interstate traffic which passes over the highways of the state, when it denied the application of F. Barnes to operate a passenger automobile stage line between Seattle and Vancouver, B. C.

The department found that Barnes was not a good faith operator and that because of the good train and boat service already existing, together with stage and interurban lines, the proposed Barnes route, was unnecessary. Barnes claimed, however, that, because his operations would be interstate, the department could not take jurisdiction.

The certificate of necessity law was enacted to promote public safety on the highways and the convenience and welfare of the traveling public.

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Snow on Dam 20 Inches. ABERDEEN, Wash., March 20.—(Special.)—Twenty inches of snow fell at the site of the Aberdeen water works dam on the upper Washkwa river between Saturday night and this morning, according to reports received here. The snowfall Saturday afternoon was so heavy that objects could not be seen more than 50 feet away. Four inches of snow is reported to have fallen in the district north of Humptuls.

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