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FIRST-STREET FILL

City Engineer, Chase Discusses Its Practicability.

COST WOULD REACH \$15,000

South Portland Improvement Association Is Urged to Make It, as It Would Be Permanent and Raise Property Values.

The members of the South Portland Improvement Association met in Hobbs' Hall last night and listened to an address by City Engineer Chase on the improvement of streets. Before Mr. Chase was introduced, Councilman Bronaugh made a few remarks as a report from the committee of which he is chairman. The committee, he said, had investigated the

MARQUAM GULCH, SHOWING PROPOSED FIRST-STREET FILL.



FOR WHICH SOUTH PORTLAND IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION IS RAISING FUNDS.

matter of the filling of Marquam Gulch at the First-street bridge, and had interviewed the officers of the railway companies. Further than that, it would report nothing until answers from the companies were received.

Committees Are Announced. J. W. Sherwood, of the executive committee, announced the selection of the following committees: Committee on Program—Judge J. F. Caples, D. J. Povey, J. E. Werlein, F. Hacheny, W. M. Gregory. Committee on Parks and Public Grounds—E. A. Prince, Mr. Trumbull, H. Lowitz, E. A. Seaton, T. M. Abbott, D. M. Dean, H. H. Steinhilber, W. H. Churchill. Committee on Sanitation and Drainage—J. N. Maitchek, J. E. Courtney, N. H. Bird, E. Ryan, P. W. Gillette. Committee on Routes and Driveways—Dr. W. H. Saylor, Mr. Zimmerman, A. C. Lohmire, T. Schneider, C. W. Letek. Committee on Transportation and Bridges—J. M. Underwood, H. K. Jones, J. L. Montag, J. H. Middleton, A. J. Vantine. Committee on Manufactures—Mr. Colwell, C. E. Smith, I. Powers, Mr. LaSalle, R. J. Jones. Committee on Police and Fire Protection—William Feldner, B. J. Jones, C. T. Belcher, Mr. Worrick, E. C. Hronaugh. Committee on Lewis and Clark Park—J. E. Werlein, H. Terwilliger, J. Weber, J. W. Shepard. Committee on Public Utilities, Water, Lights and Telephones—F. Hacheny, D. H. Povey, D. W. Hoebling, H. A. Belding, W. R. Walpole. Committee on Public Schools—A. A. Courtney, A. F. Sears, D. H. Povey, J. Jacobberger, V. K. Strode. Committee on Commerce, Landings and Bridges—D. S. Stearns, R. Foulkes, F. Tillman, S. C. Priestley, C. J. Schnabel. Committee on Membership—W. Bodman, W. T. Bursey, J. D. M. Abbott, D. M. Dean, H. H. Steinhilber, W. H. Churchill. The executive committee also recommended a committee on statistics, to consist of three, as follows: J. W. Sherwood, J. E. Werlein, S. A. La France. The committee also recommended that the committee on transportation be instructed to include in its work the question of securing railroad connection with the Union Depot.

City Engineer's Address. City Engineer Chase was introduced to the audience by Chairman Caples, and spoke at length on South Portland thoroughfares. Speaking of the First-street fill, he said it would be in the nature of permanent improvement. A culvert could be built under it. The cost of the two would be about \$15,000. He favored the fill because it would add to the property values and also because it would be a permanent improvement. There were too many temporary improvements in Portland, he said, and it would be better to have something in the line of permanency. He spoke about steel aqueducts, and in answer to questions gave information about their strength and durability. A fill by a Bowers dredge was impracticable, and street sweepings unsatisfactory. As an instance of the failure of a filling by street sweepings he cited the Alder-street bridge. That structure, he said, had been practically ruined. The cheapest filling was the sand which the ships arriving in port carried in ballast. Mr. Chase was asked and consented to ascertain the cost of filling the First-street gulch, and then a vote of thanks was tendered him for his address.

Water Question Discussed. A question about the low pressure of water, which leaves many persons without the fluid at different hours of the day, was brought up by Mr. Licht, and was referred by the committee on public utilities for investigation.

Smooth Nickels Good for Fare. ST. LOUIS, Feb. 1.—"Smooth" nickels must be accepted at their face value, according to a decision rendered by Judge Ryan in the Circuit Court in the case of John F. Ruth, who was awarded \$200 against the St. Louis Transit Company for being ejected from a car, arrested and locked up over night because he tendered worn coin. Judge Ryan said: "There is no such thing, as assumed by defendant, as a nickel of less than full face value. A gold coin may be worth less than its face value, because of abrasion or

loss of weight, but this is not true of a nickel. I think the carrier should be held to the rule that if it ejects a passenger who tenders a good payment it does so at its peril."

GREAT COLONIZATION PLAN

Harriman Lines to Fill Up Unoccupied Land in Southwest.

CHICAGO, Feb. 1.—Officials of the traffic departments of the Southern Pacific, Union Pacific and their allied lines are meeting here with a view of perfecting the largest colonization plan ever attempted by Western roads. It is the purpose of the men controlling the Harriman lines to provide occupants for millions of acres of fertile and unoccupied lands in Southern California, Texas and Western Louisiana. The general plan will be to send into the Middle and Eastern States and possibly into some of the Northwestern States fully 1000 immigrant or colonization agents, whose duty it shall be to induce immigration to the territories mentioned. The officials who are arranging the details of the plan are J. C. Stubbs, traffic director for the Harriman lines; General Passenger Agent Lomax, of the Union Pacific; S. F. B. Morse, assistant traffic manager of the Texas lines of the Southern Pacific, and B. Campbell, traffic manager of the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company. "In the Southwest," said Mr. Morse, "we

BIDDLES ARE DEAD

Pittsburg Jail Sensation Is Brought to a Close.

MRS. SOFFEL WILL RECOVER

Finding of a Love Letter Clears Up All Mystery About the Escape—She Was to Go to Canada.

BUTLER, Pa., Feb. 1.—At the close of a day of intense excitement and many conflicting stories, concerning the chances for life of the wounded Biddle brothers and Mrs. Kate Soffel, the unexpected has happened. John Biddle, who until late this afternoon was considered the more likely of the brothers to escape present death, succumbed first and died at 7:25

A CHICAGO MURDER.

Wealthy Cabowner Killed By One of His Drivers.

CHICAGO, Feb. 1.—C. O. Harz, a wealthy liveryman, was shot and instantly killed by Edward Coughlin, one of his drivers, in the barn at 500-502 Dearborn avenue, today. Mr. Harz is said to have been the largest cabowner in Chicago. Coughlin was great and kind to the shooting. The driver, it is alleged, was sent out on a telephone order last night. Later he returned to the barn and said that his customers, on the pretext of calling at a house, had escaped without paying their fare. This morning he came again to the stable and asked Mr. Harz for money due him. Mr. Harz ridiculed Coughlin's story, and it is said told the driver the money would be taken from the latter's salary. Angry words followed, and Coughlin drew his revolver. Two other employes rushed to restrain him, but were not quick enough. The bullet hit the liveryman square in the forehead, and death was instantaneous. The amount of money involved was only \$1. Harz's estate is said to be worth \$300,000.

A Bookkeeper in Disgrace.

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—James D. Corr was arraigned in court today and held for trial, charged with the larceny of \$7000 from LeBoutillier Bros., where he was employed as a bookkeeper. Corr came to New York three years ago from Beverly, N. J. About a year ago he commenced to pay attention to Ida Wall. She had a sister, Edith, who became deeply infatuated with Corr. About a month ago Edith, believing her love for Corr was hopeless, on account of his infatuation for her sister, committed suicide by drinking carbolic acid. This circumstance came to the knowledge of Corr's employers, and they had him shadowed for two weeks. Last Wednesday the firm received an anonymous letter saying their bookkeeper was juggling with the funds. An investigation was begun and it is alleged developed a shortage. Corr learned of this fact, and booked passage on a trans-Atlantic steamer, but he was arrested before he could sail.

Same Man Six Years in Asylum.

NILES, Mich., Feb. 1.—Aged and bearing marks of violence which he said were the result of brutal treatment received during six years' confinement in an insane asylum, at the instigation of his son, Michael Kennedy sat in court and heard a verdict awarding him \$1500 damages from his alleged persecutors. He had sued the son, Richard Kennedy, for \$10,000. On the witness stand the father had told a distressing story of hardship and deprivation, said to have been suffered while he, a sane man, was kept a prisoner in the asylum. He was the owner of a large amount of property, and he charged that the object of the son was to secure possession of this.

Forged His Stepmother's Name.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 1.—Rollins Bingham has surrendered to the police at Dallas, Tex., and asked to be returned here to stand trial on a charge of forging deeds to property in Kansas City 12 years ago. Bingham has been a fugitive from justice since November, 1890. He was prominent in politics, and was a leader in society in this city. He is the son of General G. C. Bingham, at the instigation of his son, Michael Kennedy sat in court and heard a verdict awarding him \$1500 damages from his alleged persecutors. He had sued the son, Richard Kennedy, for \$10,000. On the witness stand the father had told a distressing story of hardship and deprivation, said to have been suffered while he, a sane man, was kept a prisoner in the asylum. He was the owner of a large amount of property, and he charged that the object of the son was to secure possession of this.

Stolen Silverware Recovered.

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—Detectives recovered today a wagon-load of silverware stolen yesterday from the Meriden Britannia Company. It was found in a hotel. The thieves were not caught.

Burglars Killed a Policeman.

ST. PAUL, Feb. 1.—Policeman Charles Mayer was shot and killed early today by two burglars, whom he discovered trying to break into a University-avenue butcher shop. The burglars escaped.

TEA MEN DIVIDED.

Some Want Tax Repeal to Take Place at Once.

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—There is a wide difference of opinion among local tea merchants and importers as to the time when the proposed repeal of the war tax on tea should take effect. Some members of the trade seem to be quite surprised by the announcement from Washington that the war tax on tea is to be repealed January 1, 1902, as the date when the appeals would take effect.

As yet no concerted action has been taken by local tea interests and grocers on the matter of date. It is receiving careful consideration, however, and is the subject of conferences of members of the executive committee of the National Tea Duty Repeal Association. No definite stand on the question has been taken by the committee. It has been decided to secure the sentiment of prominent interests in various parts of the country before taking final action, either in favor of January 1, 1902, as the date for the repeal act to take effect, or an earlier date. Inquiries are to be sent at once by the committee in order to learn what other sections think about it. That the trade is divided on the subject is shown by the fact that some favor January 1, 1902; others would prefer July next, and still others argue that the repeal should take effect immediately upon its passage.

Ogden-Lucin Cut-Off.

SALT LAKE, Feb. 1.—The Commercial Club of Salt Lake today received a telegram from General Manager Kruttschnitt, of the Southern Pacific Company, stating that he would arrange for a conference with the business men of Salt Lake before letting contracts for the Ogden-Lucin cut-off. The telegram was in answer to a message sent yesterday to President Harriman requesting that the Commercial Club, representing business interests of the city and state, be heard by a committee of Southern Pacific officials before the contracts are awarded. At the conference the members of the club will endeavor to show the superiority of the route around the south shore of the lake over the Lucin cut-off. Should the south-shore route be decided upon, Salt Lake would become the eastern terminus of the Southern Pacific instead of Ogden, as at present.

New Kind of Duel.

TRINIDAD, Colo., Feb. 1.—Two Austrians met under the West Main-Street Bridge in a wrestling match to see which could put the other under the ice. They disbanded an Charles Penosa was forced under by his opponent. He was unable to get out and froze fast. He was discovered later by two men who thought he was dead. Restoratives brought him to life, however, and it is thought he will live.

Graded Transcontinental Rates.

ST. PAUL, Feb. 1.—A movement is on foot which may result in important modifications to the "postage stamp" transcontinental rates, which were the subject of a decided protest from jobbers of the Middle West several years ago. Several Western lines have agreed jointly to request the substitution of graded articles for these rates at the coming session of the transcontinental freight bureau. Under the present schedules many classes of articles are carried from New York to Chicago and common points and the Missouri River at rates precisely the same. The deal in which the Missouri River is to be carried to San Francisco and Pacific Coast points. Rates to interior points in Pacific territory, on the other hand, are higher than the rates from New York through the opposite coast. It was indicated today that one of the most important of the Northern Coast lines will support any movement to substitute a graded basis.

Gates' Big Profits.

CHICAGO, Feb. 1.—The sale of certain "link" railroads in the Mississippi and Missouri Valleys to the Burlington is said to have brought John W. Gates a profit of \$1,000,000 or more, according to the deal in which the Morgan Hill pool is the purchaser, is said to involve not less than \$10,000,000 and the Kansas City, Peoria & Chicago Railway is thereby absorbed into the Northern Securities Company. The lines Mr. Gates sells were incorporated into a minor railroad system only a few weeks ago, but it became important to the Burlington to obtain that system to fill up a through line from Kansas City to the Atlantic Coast.

A Great Northern Cutoff.

BUTTE, Mont., Feb. 1.—A special of the Miner from Great Falls says the Great Northern Railway Company this morning abandoned the old line of the Montana Central between Great Falls and Florence, a distance of 25 miles, and all trains will hereafter be run over the new portage cutoff.

Securities Company's Dividend.

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—It is stated that a dividend of 1 per cent has been declared by the directors of the Northern Securities Company and that the checks have already been mailed. It is understood to be payable to holders of record January 21, and is the first dividend paid by the new company.

Rio Grande Appointments.

DENVER, Feb. 1.—An official circular from headquarters of the Denver & Rio Grande Railway announces that M. H. Rogers, heretofore chief engineer of the Denver & Rio Grande, will become consulting engineer, and E. J. Yard, ex-chief engineer of the Rio Grande Western, will become chief engineer of the entire system.

Automobiles in Yellowstone Park.

ST. PAUL, Feb. 1.—Automobiles for the Yellowstone Park, to replace the stage coaches, are a novelty promised next season by the Union Pacific Railroad, which controls the western entrance to the park.

Wholesale Lumbermen to Meet.

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—The National Wholesale Lumber-Dealers' Association will meet at the Waldorf-Astoria on March 5-8. Telegraphic announcement of this fact has just been received by J. E. Deffenbaugh, editor of the American Lumberman.

The Plan of Escape.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 1.—Late this afternoon, when John Biddle realized that his hours of life were few, he told a detective that he and his brother had begun to saw the bars of their cell before Christmas and had completed the work before Governor Stone respite them, January 11. He said they intended to leave the jail Sunday, January 12, or early Monday, just as they did last Thursday morning. When they were notified of the respite until the