

UNSIGNED PAPERS DELAYING OPENING

Officials Find Hawthorne-Avenue Bridge Meets All Requirements.

OPERATORS PUT TO WORK

County Authorities Willing to Open Thoroughfare to Traffic, but Builders Insist on Acceptance

The County Commissioners are ready to throw the Hawthorne bridge open to general traffic. A. S. Eldredge, vice-president and general manager of the United Engineering & Construction Company, which built the superstructure, says that he will not permit traffic upon the bridge until after he has received an official acceptance in writing from Mayor Simon.

County Judge Cleaton and Commissioner Lightner yesterday visited the bridge and tested the operation of the lift span. They announced themselves as satisfied after running the lift up and down several times, giving each of the tenders to be employed on the bridge opportunity to exhibit his skill in handling the machinery.

Mayor is Satisfied, He Says. Commissioner Lightner said that he understood that the bridge had been accepted by the city officials. When informed of this Mayor Simon said that the bridge was satisfactory to him and all that remains is for the city officials to make an announcement of their satisfaction. The Mayor has been given verbal assurance by Engineer Allen that the bridge is satisfactory in every respect, but Mr. Allen has not yet filed a written statement to that effect.

Lift Span Works Well. Mr. Eldredge said that he would not care to consider the commencement of operation by the county as an acceptance of the bridge until such time as a written acceptance of the city officials is in hand. In watching the operation of the lift span yesterday, Judge Cleaton found no indication of the defects complained of by Harry Stutzman, the chief of the city department of city and county officials a few days ago. The span did not "bump" the piers hard, as was charged by Stutzman, and the machinery was found to be in good working condition.

ACADEMY HOLDS BANQUET

Problem of Taxation Discussed by Members After Dinner.

About 60 guests were present at the meeting and banquet of the Academy of Science which was held in the dining hall of the Young Women's Christian Association last night. After the banquet, Dr. C. H. Chapman talked on the "Problem of Taxation." His solution of the question was that land or its rental value be the basis of taxes. The lecture was followed by a discussion.

DAIRY OFFICER ON VISIT

B. H. Rawl Here From Washington on Trip of Inspection.

B. H. Rawl, chief of the dairy division, Bureau of Animal Industry of the Department of Agriculture, is in the city on a trip of inspection of dairies near Portland. He spent yesterday in conference with J. W. Bailey, State Dairy and Food Commissioner, and the two will make a trip today to various dairies near Portland.

BLOOD FLOWS IN DISPUTE

W. H. Benton Has W. A. Spanton Arrested on Battery Charge.

W. A. Spanton, a real estate dealer, appeared in Municipal Court yesterday morning to answer to a charge of assault on the person of W. H. Benton, an engineer. Hearing went over until tomorrow. The difficulty arose over a disputed bill, in a discussion of the matter in Benton's office in the Seward building, Friday evening, the men came to blows. Both men were bleeding at the end of the encounter. Benton declared his belief that Spanton had intended to kill him with intent to do him harm.

CONDUCTORS' AUXILIARY ELECTS.

At a recent meeting of the Oregon Lodge, No. 91, Ladies' Auxiliary to the Order of Railway Conductors, the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Martha Hughes; vice-president, Gertrude Baker; senior secretary, Grace Allen; junior secretary, Anna Crow; guards, Beula Nash; chairman of executive committee, Susie Brown; first member, C. McCumber; second member, Cora Broton; corresponding secretary, Beulah Nash; treasurer, Elizabeth Hogan; delegate, Susie Brown; substitute delegate, Martha Hughes.

FILM TELLS TRAGIC STORY

Arcade Theater Presents Beautiful Pictures, to Aid Red Cross.

To assist the Red Cross Society in its campaign for the prevention of

tuberculosis and sale of Christmas seal stamps, the Edison Film Company in New York has produced a beautiful picture-story, taken from the congested tenement-house district of the East side in New York. The pictures were released Friday in all parts of the United States and in London, Berlin and Paris.

The pictures tell the story of a country girl with artistic talent, who went to New York and made her abode in a small apartment in a tenement-house. Her next-door neighbor is a widow with a son perhaps 16 years old, and several small children. The scene in the widow's one room shows the unsanitary and unhealthy conditions under which they live, and the son a victim of tuberculosis.

The country girl is ambitious to take a course in painting but when she finds the cost of the initial cost for lessons is \$100. She returns home discouraged. She later reads an advertisement in which the Red Cross Society offers a premium of \$100 for the best design of a Christmas seal. The girl makes a design and wins a prize. Just as she is about to impart the money to her mother, she hears the doctor tell the widow that the son must be sent away or he will die. The girl goes back to her room, ponders over the situation and decides to sacrifice her ambition and give the widow her \$100. She places the bill in an envelope marked "From a Friend" and slips it under the widow's door.

Now that James J. Hill, the railroad builder, has come and gone, the attention of local officials of his system of roads will be centered in carrying on the development work that he outlined during the few days that he was in the city. One result of Mr. Hill's visit, and one that likely is to make its effects felt with the passing of each year in the development history of the state, will be the increase of responsibilities and power that will be vested in John P. Stevens, president of all the Hill enterprises in the Northwest, with the exception of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific.

TRUNK STOCK INCREASED

Company Prepares to Issue Bonds for Further Extensions Into Central Oregon—Mr. Hill Much Pleased With His Visit.

The Oregon Trunk and United Railway extension already have been announced by Mr. Hill and also will be in charge of Mr. Stevens. Recently the capital stock of the Oregon Trunk Railway was increased from \$3,000,000 to \$20,000,000. The road is owned jointly by the Great Northern and Northern Pacific. This increased stock issue will permit an issue of bonds. It is said, further to extend the line into Central and Southern Oregon.

Local Harriman Officials Will Take Over Tier of Blocks in City's Terminal District.

Real estate valued at \$2,000,000, and including the tier of blocks in the North End warehouse and railroad terminal district, bounded by Twelfth, Hoyt, Thirteenth and Quimby streets, as well as three blocks opposite the main entrance of the Union depot, will be transferred in a few days to the Portland Terminal Investment Company, a corporation formed here a few days ago with J. P. O'Brien, James G. Wilson and R. H. Bradford, local Harriman officials as the directors.

The local men are to be the nominal heads of the company, which will act merely as a holding concern for the blocks. It was acquired about two years ago by J. P. O'Brien and others, through the agency of C. K. Henry. The Harriman interest will be the real owners.

Since the first transfer, which was made to John W. Craig and associates, of Los Angeles, the property has been held in the names of individuals. Fearful of condemnation from this source, the new concern was organized.

No immediate development of the blocks is likely to be undertaken. The object is in retaining so valuable a strategic point as not been disclosed, although conjectures of various sorts have been frequent and varied.

At the time the first purchase was made, it was rumored that both the M'Waukes and Hill interests were endeavoring to secure possession of the same property. That the real motive of the Harriman interest in the blocks is generally conceded, but that they have good reasons for holding it other than to open out opposition also is a general conclusion.

It is believed that the property opposite the depot eventually will be converted to the use of the Northern Pacific Terminal Company.

The strip on Thirteenth street, it is admitted, can be used to good advantage for terminal facilities.

The new company is capitalized at \$5000. The transfer of the real estate has not yet taken place, but will be made in a few days.

W. K. NEWELL TELLS HOW TO GROW STRONG TREES.

Horticulturist Advises Seeking Wood Growth for First Few Years, Then Fruit Growth.

In setting out an orchard, one of the most essential features is having the trees properly pruned. Pruning for wood growth should be regulated and the trees made capable of producing the best results, according to the principal theme of an address given at the Y. M. C. A. last night by W. K. Newell, president of the State Board of Horticulture. By giving demonstrations, Mr. Newell showed what methods to follow in the treatment of trees after selecting them from the nurseryman's stock. He said that the roots should first be thinned, the dry or dead roots cut off, and the long roots cut towards the surface. The cutting should be done, he said, by under strokes, so that the roots will have a tendency to grow into the ground instead of growing towards the surface. He demonstrated the method of treating the tree after being planted and starting to grow. In the culture of a young orchard, he said, the chief importance was to work for a wood growth for the first two years and in the third year to start pruning to produce fruit growth. Pruning for wood growth must be done during the winter months and for fruit growth in the summer months.

To force a tree to grow so that it will be vigorous and a good producer after the fourth or fifth year, he said, with a system of strong limbs emerging from the fork of the tree, was the result of proper pruning. The limbs can be started and encouraged to grow so that the tree will be symmetrical and be kept in that condition by the process of pruning and heading the tree back.

In planting an orchard, Mr. Newell advised the selection of strong trees one year ago, as they can be treated successfully and be made to bear as soon as a two or three-year-old tree.

SOCCKER SMOKER ENJOYED

Football Players Hear Songs and See Boxing Bout.

Good fellowship, an excellently rendered musical programme and two clever boxing bouts marked the football smoker and entertainment of the Portland Cricket Club last night at Drew

DEPOT PROJECT LEFT ON STEELS

Head of Hill Systems in Oregon Will Work Out Many Problems.

WARRANTS ARE ISSUED

GRAND JURY RETURNS DOZEN INDICTMENTS FOR CRIME.

Five Names Withheld From Public and Secret is Closely Kept, Pending Arrests.

Twelve indictments, five of which were secret and said to be against resort-keepers in the North End, were returned by the county grand jury yesterday. The names of the indicted persons are being closely guarded, since it became rumored that bench-warrants were issued for their arrest.

At a late hour last night no arrests had been made. Among those indicted were: Pearl Simpson, proprietress of a rooming house in the North End. The woman is accused of assault and battery. After beating Joseph Van Coolen, a messenger-boy, she urged a coolie to injure him.

W. Kevler, for wantonly wounding an animal owned by another. John Hardigan, for burglary, the charge being that he burglarized the home on the East side recently.

Carl Grimm, assault upon Johanna Brandenburg, an 11-year-old child. Dan O'Connor, alias James Gleason, for committing highway robbery, armed with a dangerous weapon. He was one of the four men who is alleged, held up and robbed Dr. J. A. Merriman Friday last.

Jeff Stanley, for larceny in a dwelling. Anton Reibich, for assault upon Merrill Young, a young man.

The indictments were turned over to Circuit Judge Cleaton by District Attorney Cameron soon after the jury returned.

Issuance of the bench-warrants was deferred until late in the afternoon. It is probable no arrests will be made until today.

MISBEHAVIOR IS DENIED

Captain Shepherd, of Naval Reserve, Upholds Men.

Angered by the action of the Board of Education, which Friday instructed Clerk Thomas to write a letter to Commander McNulty of the Oregon Naval Reserve, the committee, composed of the Lincoln High School building for weekly drills will no longer be allowed unless his men behave better, George S. Shepherd, instructor in the new school building, addressed an open letter to the Board, in which he declared that the charges preferred by G. W. Henderson, Jr. charge of the Lincoln High School building, are false. "I have made a full investigation of the statements of Mr. Henderson and find them to be untrue," he said. "A number of the enlisted men in the Naval Reserve are university and high school graduates and many of them are holding responsible positions in the professions and the skilled trades. There have been no drills in the school building and so far as noise is concerned, there has been no more noise than is common in any of the night classes. I have not attended these lectures and classes in person, but I have reports from the officers in charge of the building. The all-around men, and I find no evidence of unbecomely conduct. There is no truth in the statement that the members of the Reserve are 'rough' and 'drunken' and that they have never used tobacco in the building."

Commander McNulty, nautical expert in charge of the Hydrographic Office of the Navy Department, obtained permission from your Board to use a room in the Lincoln High School building where he might teach the young men the elements of seamanship, and the first night was met at the door by the janitor, who demanded \$2 a night before he could enter the room. It seems he appealed to the school clerk, who acted as arbitrator and fixed the compensation at 50 cents a night.

Lieutenant Bomberg, in command of the Third division, says he was always on the scene at the assembling of the men outside the building, but none of them used tobacco inside the building. Lieutenant Humphrey reports that the men were "rough" and "drunken" and that the men were guilty of any unbecomingly conduct toward any of the young women attending night classes. In fact, these officers would have reported for punishment the night classes, had it not been for the good conduct.

J. A. Beckwith, an attorney at law, is one of the enlisted men, and, being detailed to report on this subject, makes a report in writing that he has attended all the meetings at the high school and that there has never been any evidence of ungentlemanly conduct on the part of any member of the Reserve and that any smoking by the men was outside the building before the lecture.

"It will be necessary to send any warning to the Reserve, as we do not care to use the building any further."

NINE TO BE STATE WARDS

County Poorfarm Sends Tubercular Patients to Salem.

Nine patients of the tuberculosis ward of the County Poor Farm will leave tomorrow for Salem to be cared for by the State Sanitarium authorities. It is a noticeable fact that of the nine patients only one was born in the United States. The one of birth under the American flag, Alex. O. Moore, the others are Mike Hermanson, Albert W. O'Brien, John Chipilaski, William Janasky, Mike Berry, Charles Sakoo, Peter Munson and William Burke.

Flora Herndon, the only woman patient of the Poor Farm afflicted with tuberculosis trouble, was rejected by the state authorities because of her residence in the state dating only from February 19.

Hill, Second and Morrison streets. A large crowd of football men were present and made merry with their songs and capries until midnight.

There were musical numbers, both vocal and instrumental, of unusual merit for talent gathered among the various football clubs of the city. Their efforts were responded to with genuine applause. An orchestra of three pieces aided. A four-round boxing bout between Jack Coxon and Frank Barham was the feature of the evening. It being a clever battle between two heavyweights. The entertainment was voted the most successful of the soccer entertainments held this year. To the arrangements committee, composed of J. J. Churchley, George Gray, Frank White and John Mallet, the audience sang "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

In an exhibition game the Cricketers and Nationals will play this afternoon at Recreation Park, twenty-fourth and Women streets. The Cricketers being shy several men, they have borrowed the Matthew Brothers from the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club. The men's ambition of the re-enforced Cricketers is to defeat the Nationals, who have not tasted defeat this year.

Several players, new to the Portland, will be introduced this afternoon by the Nationals.

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NEW LAW PROPOSED Republicans Would Prohibit Faking in Primaries. COMMITTEE NOW AT WORK Recommendation Made to Place Bust of Late George H. Williams in Statuary Hall, Washington, as Choice of Oregon.

Another Congressman Wanted. Representative apportionment has also been considered by the special committee and the following congressional districts, based on the Federal census returns, which will give Oregon three Representatives in Congress, will be recommended: First district—Benton, 19,923; Lane, 33,7