

LEPPER POSITIVE ON CROSS-TOWN LINE

Chairman of Club Committee Promoting New Project Says Track Assured.

DETERMINED MOVE ON WAY

East Side Welcomes Conference With Traction Company Head—Evidence Out Showing Russell-Shaver Line Loser at First.

The cross-town carline on the East Side will be built whether it will pay or not by the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, or it will be a municipally-owned line, said L. M. Lepper yesterday, chairman of the transportation committee of the East Side Business Men's Club and the Greater East Side Club.

Mr. Lepper has gone into the legal side of the case extensively, and insists that the cross-town line on East Thirty-ninth or some nearby street should be built.

C. M. Clark, chairman of the executive committee controlling the property, in his talk Thursday to representatives of these organizations, raised the question whether such a line would pay interest on the money on the investment, and expressed a doubt whether the people would use the line when it was built. These points Mr. Lepper answered yesterday in speaking of the matter.

Adequate Service Necessary. "It has been the rule of the courts that a street railway public service corporation must give adequate service," said Mr. Lepper. "That is the first consideration above the dividends, according to the rulings of the courts. We have the decisions of the Supreme Court of New York, Wisconsin, Illinois and other states bearing directly on this point, as well as the reports of public service commissions all bearing out this idea that a street railway corporation must give adequate service and can be required to do so. These reports of decisions show where cross-town carlines have been ordered built by public service commissions and upheld by the courts in nearly every case.

"It is the paramount duty, reads all these decisions of the courts of all public service corporations to give adequate service, even if it does not pay at the start. All these cases are parallel to the cross-town line we are talking of on the East Side. Mr. Clark does not think it would pay interest on the investment at the start. It might not. The Russell-Shaver line on Grand avenue did not pay at the start or for several months, but now it carries more passengers than almost any other line on the East Side, as the company admits it does. This street railway corporation owes it to the public to make extensions as some compensation for the valuable franchises it may hold.

Taking up the decision of the City Attorney that an ordinance could not be prepared until the city had investigated the need of the cross-town line, Mr. Lepper said:

Ruling Not New. "The ruling of Mr. Grant is not new to us. We understood that situation. We want the City Council to investigate the cross-town car line, and we will be prepared to make it showing to the members of the council. "We were extremely glad to meet with and talk with Mr. Clark. We found him a fine gentleman in every way, and ally of the interests of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company. He came into contact with the representatives of some of the most active clubs in the city, and he had opportunity of gauging the temperament of these men. On the whole I think our conference with Mr. Clark was highly fruitful and beneficial on both sides. Mr. Clark said he wanted to get the viewpoint of these representatives, and he succeeded."

Sherman W. Walker, of the Sunnyside Improvement Club, calls attention to another matter which was not considered at the conference, and that is the advantage the company would derive from the cross-town car line.

Street Trippers Taken Off. "The street railway company operates many trippers morning and evening on most of its lines. When these trippers are taken off they are sent to the car barns at East Ankeny street in the present long, circuitous routes by running down town and then back to the car barns on East Ankeny street. They travel many miles to reach the car barns and run at a high rate of speed. A child in Sunnyside was killed by one of these trippers running at high speed. All this would be changed if the company had a line about East Thirty-ninth street and could send their cars and trippers direct to their car barns."

There are a considerable number who favor East Twenty-eighth street, as the present car lines already built on that street. At least a mile of car track has been built on East Twenty-eighth street which could be made a part of a cross-town line. Mr. Clark favored this route for the reason that it reaches into Irvington and could be extended to Reed College.

President Foster, of Reed College, favors a line on East Twenty-eighth street, as it could be extended direct to the college grounds. Mr. Foster is anxious to get streetcar facilities direct to the college grounds, as he desires to make the college buildings and the grounds a center, which cannot be done until streetcar is extended to the grounds.

He calls attention to the fact that an athletic field is being built on the college grounds where athletic meets will be held. Conventions, too, are to be held at the buildings.

HUSBAND SENT TO JAIL

Failure to Pay \$20 Temporary Alimony Brings Court Censure.

Adjudged guilty of contempt of court for failing to obey a court order requiring him to pay his wife \$20 temporary alimony pending the determination of a suit for divorce, Otto H. Lehman, a clerk, was sent to the County Jail for 28 days by Circuit Judge Morrow yesterday morning.

Evidence was presented that Lehman had been able to pay for pool games though he contended he was unable to tender his wife financial assistance. He pleaded in court yesterday that he had been ill and declared that he had sold personal property to pay for his amusements. Judge Morrow remarked that he looked strong enough to get out and earn something and suggested that a taste of jail life might sharpen his ambition.

COMMITTEE THAT WILL HANDLE FINANCIAL END OF COMMERCIAL CLUB'S PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN.



PLAYGROUND PLEA MADE

V. V. JONES SPEAKS BEFORE COLLEGIATE ALUMNAE.

Emphasis Laid on Necessity of Common Meeting Place for Adults as Well as for Children.

"In these playgrounds lies the real beginning of the social redemption of the people in large cities," declared V. V. Jones, of the parks and playgrounds committee of the Greater Portland Plans Association, quoting from a Chicago authority on recreation centers, in an address before the Collegiate Alumnae at the Art Museum yesterday, to urge the support of the proposed bond issue for playground and park extension in Portland.

"The greatest need of American life today is some common meeting ground for the people, where business may be forgotten, friendships formed and cooperation established. The playground seems to have great possibilities in that direction."

Continuing his talk Mr. Jones emphasized the need of bringing recreation centers into existence for adults as well as for children.

"A field house in itself," he said, "is a good beginning in the way of bringing playgrounds to the adults. The play festival is another feature which brings in the parents more and more, and amusements for the older people are coming to be added in most places."

"In many sections this year entertainments and fairs of one kind or another have been held in the playgrounds and there is an increasing tendency, for mothers especially, to bring their small children and to visit one another."

"A great deterrent to the use of playgrounds for adults is the name, which suggests that it is for children, and the other is the lack of recreation for older people and the general lack of benches for the parents. It seems to me the general public scarcely has come to a true conception of the financial need of playground systems and the size of the checks that should be made out to sustain them."

EMPLOYEES DANCE ON STRAW-COVERED FLOOR IN BIG STORE

The Lipman-Wolfe Employees Association gave its regular monthly entertainment on Friday night, March 25. It was called a ragtime dance, and appropriate costumes were worn by the dancers.

The floor is the recreation room on the seventh floor of the Lipman-Wolfe building was straw-covered.

GOOD GOVERNMENT CLUB MEETS

The Women's Good Government Club, Alice R. Nugent, president, holds its public meetings Thursday afternoons at 2:30 in the auditorium of the Medical building. Its objects are to educate women in all matters pertaining to the cause of good government. Any woman voter or citizen who believes in what the club stands for may join.

CONTEST RULES ARE OUT

FLORAL SOCIETY ENTRY LIST IS MADE UP.

One Thousand Dollars Subscribed as Prizes—Exhibit Open to Amateur Growers.

The entry lists and rules governing the first amateur floral contest of the Portland Floral Society are ready for distribution at the florists' shops and seed stores.

The contest was planned in the hope of stimulating interest in floriculture and landscape gardening in Portland. The entries cover a wide variety of subjects and are open to all amateur growers and will be inspected during the season early in the summer and again in the early fall.

Members of the Floral Society have subscribed \$1000 for prizes. The purchase of the contest will be open to all who wish to enter. Prizes will be awarded in the following classes, based on a schedule of points that will give equal opportunity to all who compete:

1. Most effective flower garden on lot 100x100 or over, first, second, third.
2. Most effective flower garden on lot 50x100 or less, first, second, third.
3. Most effective group hardy perennials, any size, first, second, third.
4. Most effective bed or border of annuals, any size, first, second, third.
5. Most effective bed or border of new or rare flowers, first, second, third.
6. Most effective rock or wall garden, first, second, third.
7. Most effective group or bed of hardy lilies or gladioli, first, second, third.
8. Most effective flower decorated balcony or porch (growing plants), first, second, third.
9. Most unique flower decorated balcony or porch (growing plants), first, second, third.
10. Most effective pair of window or porch boxes, first, second, third.
11. Most effective pair of hanging baskets with flowers, first, second, third.
12. Most effective pair of hanging baskets with green plants, first, second, third.
13. Most effective pair of garden tubs, any size, first, second, third.
14. Most effective decorated business or apartment building (either flowering or foliage plants), first, second, third.
15. Best kept lawn on 50x100 with best stand of grass, first, second, third.
16. Best kept lawn on lot 100x100 or over with best stand of grass, first, second, third.
17. Most effective group, border or hedge of dahlias, first, second, third.
18. Most ornamental hedge of any size, one first prize.
19. Grand prize—Best planted city yard, arrangement of flower beds, quality of lawn and harmonious grouping of colors to be considered.

IMMIGRATION FUND COMMITTEE NAMED

Commercial Club to Start New Campaign for Promotion of Entire State.

\$150,000 AMOUNT NEEDED

Settlement on Oregon Lands of Desirable Farmers From Eastern Part of America and North Part of Europe Is Aim.

Theodore B. Wilcox, chairman; H. L. Pittock, William M. Ladd, A. L. Mills and E. S. Josselyn were named yesterday by G. F. Johnson, chairman of the executive committee of the Portland Commercial Club, as members of the special finance committee of five which will have charge of raising and administering the funds for the three years' promotion and immigration campaign which the executive committee has decided to carry on, and for which \$150,000 is to be used.

Wide as has been the promotion work of the club in the nine years in which this line of activity has been carried on, the new campaign, which is to cover the coming three years, probably is to be more comprehensive still and will be directed chiefly toward the upbuilding of the state at large, by settlement of people upon the land.

European Farmers Wanted. One of the important new phases of this movement for settlement of the soil is the extended activity that will be taken up to attract to Oregon immigrants from the Eastern states and desirable agricultural people of Northern Europe. This work has already been considered by the State Immigration Board, and its value was emphasized by Mr. Wilcox in his discussion of the plans of the Commercial Club at the executive committee meeting Friday.

The promotion department of the Portland Commercial Club will co-operate to the fullest possible extent with the State Immigration Bureau in the work of extending the advertisement of Oregon's resources and opportunities to the Northern Europeans and attracting hither desirable foreign immigration.

Members of the executive committee were unanimous in their opinion that the meeting Friday, that important as has been the promotion work of the club in the past nine years, the very nature of the situation in which the Pacific coast stands today, the approaching opening of the Panama Canal with its certainty of increased foreign immigration and the necessity of keeping the rural population in a proper balance with the urban population of the state, makes the demands and the possibilities of the coming three years, if anything, greater than they have ever been before.

Following is the personnel of the executive committee of the Commercial Club, which has just mapped this three years' development movement: G. F. Johnson, chairman; Theodore B. Wilcox, William M. Ladd, J. C. Ainsworth, E. L. Tibbitts, Walter F. Birchell, E. Coman, Tom Richardson, Julius L. Meier, C. S. Jackson, W. B. Ayer, A. L. Mills, C. C. Coit, J. H. Young, J. D. Farrell, Guy W. Talbot and Edgar B. Piper.

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EUROPE AND BOSTON ARE WON BY JULIA CULP

One of Most Famous German Critics Refers to Artiste Who Comes to Heilig April 19 as "Princess Among Lieder Singers."



JULIA CULP, who will sing at the Heilig April 19.

JULIA CULP, who will sing in recital at the Heilig Theater Saturday night, April 19, under the direction of the Portland Musical Association, has been called by Ferdinand Pfohl, one of Germany's most famous critics, the "Princess among Lieder singers."

Her Boston waxing enthusiastic over her. One Boston critic said, "Madame Culp won a success that has not been duplicated in personal recollection." The Boston Globe said: "Singing such as hers reveals a combination of rich vocal gifts, mentality, artistic insight and imagination that is so rare as almost to become incomparable." Chief among the qualities that are mentioned by critics everywhere are: Warmth of tone, intensity of sentiment, poetic conception, remarkable sustaining power and clean-cut text utterance.

Assisting Madame Culp will be Conrad V. Bos, whose accompaniments for Dr. Wagner were so wonderful and whom Portland will be glad to welcome again.

The local management does not hesitate to promise that Madame Culp's recital on April 19 will be not only a delightful evening of song, but a truly notable musical event.

W. C. PAGE IS EXONERATED

Driver of Auto Which Killed Cecil Courtney Freed of Blame.

Exoneration of responsibility for the death of Cecil Courtney was given W. C. Page, driver of the automobile which ran the young man down, by a Coroner's jury which heard the evidence in the case yesterday. It was shown that the youth, who was the only child of Patrolman W. P. Courtney, swung off the wrong side of a streetcar directly under the wheels of the automobile.

Mrs. Ida Durling, one of two women injured by the automobile of Franklin T. Griffith at Fourth and Salmon streets, Thursday night, is still in a serious condition at Good Samaritan Hospital, but probably will recover. Mrs. Sadie Leatherman, the other victim is not so badly injured.

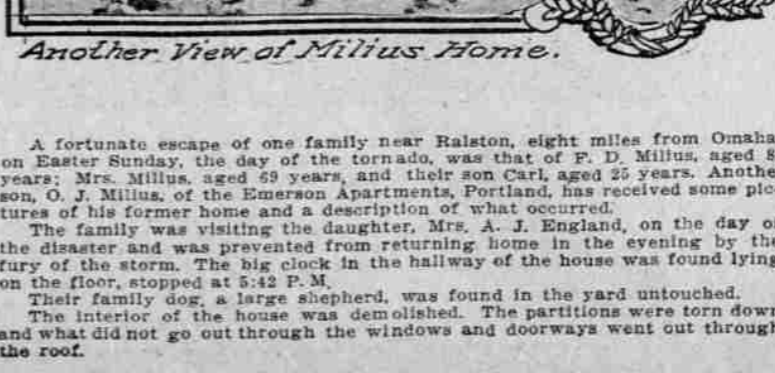
Dr. Moore Addresses Osteopaths.

Dr. F. E. Moore, Osteopathic member of the State Board of Medical Examiners of Oregon, was in Tacoma yesterday attending the annual meeting of the Washington Osteopathic Association. At the afternoon session Dr. Moore addressed the association, his subject being "The Osteopathic Physician in European Hospitals."

Woman Gets \$50 Alimony.

On the ground of infidelity, Marie Heine was allowed a divorce by Circuit Judge McGinn yesterday from Rudolph E. Heine, of 742 Northrup street. She was given alimony of \$50 a month. Heine is an architect with offices in the Teon building.

PORTLAND MAN'S FORMER HOME, EIGHT MILES FROM OMAHA, DESTROYED IN TORNADO.



Another View of Milius Home.

A fortunate escape of one family near Ralston, eight miles from Omaha, on Easter Sunday, the day of the tornado, was that of F. D. Milius, aged 89 years; Mrs. Milius, aged 83 years, and their son Carl, aged 25 years. Another son, O. J. Milius, of the Emerson Apartments, Portland, has received some pictures of his former home and a description of what occurred.

LOMBARD HOLDS ORATORY RECORD

Republican Mayorality Candidate Leads in Number of Speeches Made.

WRIGHT DIRECTS CAMPAIGN

Aspirant Among Other Things Urges Garbage Bond Issue, Civil Service and Election of Proper Men if Commission Form Wins.

Thus far Gay Lombard, Republican candidate for Mayor, holds the record for speech-making in the present campaign.

Mr. Lombard early in the campaign adopted the policy of making speeches wherever he was invited and since that time has addressed a number of clubs in various sections of the city, also some of the women's organizations.

While he has dwelt much upon commission government, he has laid more emphasis upon the selection of the proper officials for the various offices than what form of charter is governing the business of the city. It cannot be productive of very good results without the proper officials to look after it.

Mr. Lombard opened headquarters on the sixth floor of the Board of Trade building several weeks ago and E. W. Wright has been in charge, directing the work of the campaign for him. Mr. Wright conducted the three campaigns for Robert L. Stevens for Sheriff of Multnomah County, each time being successful.

In his speeches Mr. Lombard has declared himself in favor of civil service in all city departments, promotion of faithful employees, and has pledged himself to eliminate the police department from politics and to appoint a chief who will not be hampered in the direction of the department by any outside influences.

He has also urged the public to vote for a bond issue of sufficient to enable the city to construct another garbage crematory, as he declares the present one is being overworked and is in need of repairs even now.

He has also pledged himself to make no appointments, if elected Mayor, for political effect or for political services rendered, saying that he will first consider efficiency and ability of all applicants.

2-YEAR-OLD GIVES TROUBLE

Runaway Teddy Moran Simply Refuses to Stay at Home.

What method to pursue with Teddy Moran, aged two years, is a question which the police and the boy's mother, who lives at 330 Taylor street, are endeavoring to thresh out, with negative results so far. Teddy, who is as big as the ordinary four-year-old, but in other respects a boy of his years, just simply won't stay at home unless he is tied up. Several days ago he was booked at the police station as a lost child, and remained in custody ten hours before his anxious mother traced him down.

Yesterday morning Patrolman Portwood pulled the youngster out of the station at Third and Morrison streets and conducted him to the station, where he was received with acclaim as a well-known "trouble maker."

Mother Moran was not at a loss where to inquire, and the youngster had been in the station but a few minutes when the desk man was heard to say through the telephone: "Yes, he's here again; come right down."

"I just don't know what to do with him," said the mother, rather proudly. "He's so fat he can't keep him anywhere for a minute."

Playground Streets Planned.

Park Superintendent Mische has begun the work of selecting streets in various parts of the residence district to be roped off during the summer months for the use of the Spring and Summer for playgrounds for children. The plan is to have the streets closed to team and automobile traffic for two afternoons a week and to give the children full charge for the playing of games. The street playgrounds will be created in districts where there are no playgrounds at present.

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