

P. S. RY. CO. WILL IMPROVE TRACKS

New Cars Will Also Be Added.

Line to Be Built Along Thurman Street as Soon as Weather Moderates.

The Portland Street Railway Co. is only waiting for reasonable assurance of good weather before beginning a work that will furnish employment to several hundred men and result in much street improvement to Portland as well as general betterment of the city's street railway service. There are at the present time 400 tons of steel rails en route to this city from Antwerp and these will be put down by the company during the early spring.

The rails now coming are graded as "65-pound steel rails" and are for use on the Thurman street line, to be constructed. There is a large quantity of the special 96-pound rails still on hand which will be placed in the Washington street with moderation of the weather. In addition to this there is much other work mapped out and a number of cars will be added to those already in commission on the road.

CARS ARE BUILDING.
F. I. Fuller, general manager for the Portland Street Railway Co., is pleased with the outlook so far as material goes, but deprecates the weather that prevents construction work being undertaken, he said:

"We have six open cars building at the present time and there are several closed cars which will be ready to go into service very early in the year. We are carrying forward work on our cars at all times and never let it drag. The road is constantly expanding, thus rendering additional cars a necessity, and other cars are always desirable for extra duty and to increase the frequency of the service.

"Just as soon as the weather dries up a little you will see our crews in the field and rails being put down as rapidly as possible. It is a direct impossibility to work with any degree of satisfaction now, as what is being done on Seventh street will prove to anyone. But we are getting very tired of waiting. The past few days have led to the belief that open weather is in sight, and as soon as it comes it will be taken advantage of.

WORK IN PROSPECT.
"We want to get the heavy rails down along Washington street as early in the year as can be done, for we realize street car travel in Portland is rapidly on the increase and preparations must be made to meet the demand. Some of the 400 tons of Belgian rails now on their way here will be used in improving tracks already down, but we are not content with what lines we have and intend reaching out for several more. Portland that is now without rapid transit facilities.

"The main extension of the present year will be along Thurman street. Fifty-six pound steel will be laid on this line and the car service will be sufficiently frequent to accommodate residents in that quarter of the city. I cannot as yet definitely announce the program that will be carried out on this road, but we will have at least eight new cars ready for use by the time the line is completed, and that will put us in a position to treat the people as they deserve—that is, give them the best there is going."

ASKS AID AGAINST PLAGUE

The health officer of Portland, Dr. Herman H. Biersdorf, has addressed a letter to Governor Geer, asking aid to the matter of taking every possible precaution to prevent the bubonic plague from entering Oregon. Since the state is without a state board of health, the department was handicapped in its efforts to establish and that will put us in a position to treat the people as they deserve—that is, give them the best there is going."

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CITY BRIEFS.

If city subscribers fail to secure their paper, they will confer a favor if they will call up Main 500 and enter their complaints.

WEATHER FORECAST.

The latest forecast from the weather bureau extending from Arizona north to Canada has advanced eastward and it is now central over New Mexico and extends northeastward to the Dakotas.

Light to moderately heavy snow has fallen in Utah, Western Colorado, Wyoming, Southeastern Idaho and Montana. The light snow falling yesterday morning in Northwestern Oregon, Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho, lasted but a short while and amounted to but little.

It is slightly cooler in Nevada and Northern California and heavy frosts occurred this morning in the Sacramento Valley.

The indications are for generally fair weather in this district Sunday, except in Southeastern Idaho where light snow will probably continue falling for another 24 hours.

Zero temperature is reported at Chicago this morning.

Oregon, Washington and Northern Idaho—Tonight and Sunday, probably fair; easterly wind; light snow Sunday; fair; light snow east portion.

EDWARD J. BEAS.
Forecast Official.

Hydrostatic treatment rooms have been opened at the Institute, No. 201 Fourth, corner Taylor, under management of Dr. Schirmer, formerly at 509 McKay Building.

T. E. Latimer, of the University of Washington, will speak tomorrow night in Eagles' Hall to Socialists and workingmen. His subject will be, "The Working Class Program."

The Dekum treatment rooms, 700 Dekum Building, X-ray examinations, all kinds of bath and electric treatment, massage, head shampoo and facial massage, inspection free.

William Castleman, the lineman who was injured by falling from a tree at the corner of Fourth and Salmon streets, is recovering from his injuries at the Good Samaritan hospital.

There were five additional patients placed in the pethouse yesterday. The present number of smallpox cases is 14. Fortunately for the sufferers, none of the cases are of a very malignant form.

Beginners dancing class the 1st and 15th of each month. Class Monday and Thursday evening to continue for three months. At Professor Eaton's, Arion Hall. Private lessons daily. Phone West 733.

Removal Notice.—We are now located in our new store, Park and Oak streets. Both phones Main 128. Store opens every day in the year from 8 a. m. to 11 p. m. Transcontinental Express Company. Coin-operating machines, novelties, etc.

Now that there has been some agitation in the matter of appointing an electric wire inspector, a number of persons are interested themselves in the matter of having a building inspector, which they argue is equally, if not more, important.

A large crowd of people have been watching the workmen who are cutting down the large tree at the corner of Fourth and Salmon streets today. The tree is one of the largest in the city, and has stood there for many years. It is so large that it will take several days to cut it down, bit by bit.

The reason which seems to have been made by the street railway companies on First street have been postponed for the time being. The residents along that thoroughfare are circulating a petition for signatures to secure new paving with wooden blocks, treated with preservative. After this is accomplished the street railway companies will undertake their portion of the improvement.

Announcement has been made by the Denver & Rio Grande Railway, making purchasing round-trip tickets from Portland to the East and those coming this way from Missouri River points, will be privileged to use the Oregon Short Line from Bozette, Idaho, making the trip by way of Spokane. This may be done only one way when the ticket is for the round trip, but the passenger is given his choice as to the time of the journey.

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FLESH WAS COOKED
Young Carl Klein Meets With a Shocking Accident.

Carl Klein, the young son of Albert Klein, of East Side meat man, was badly scalded Thursday evening by coming in contact with an overturned pot of boiling water.

Young Klein and a number of companions had built a fire in a vacant lot near his home, East Eleventh and East Couch streets, and the boys were having a splendid time, when the accident occurred. Klein was stirring up the fire, when another lad accidentally overturned the pot of boiling water, the former being completely drenched by the boiling liquid. He was taken to his home and on examination his hands, legs and nearly his entire body was found to have been horribly cooked by the spilling waters.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT.
David Campbell, in his annual report submitted to the Board of Fire Commissioners, recommends the installation of two engine companies, one truck company, one water tower, one fire boat, 3,000 feet of 2 1/2-inch cotton hose, 25 feet of 1 1/2-inch cotton hose, one fuel wagon, etc. The report shows that there were 47 more fire calls in 1902 than in any year preceding. The total number of alarms sent in was 437, of which 207 were bell, 67 stills, and 23 false alarms.

Chief Campbell also recommended that the water committee set all fire hydrants in charge of the fire department. He urged that the fire department be made a fully-paid one instead of adhering to the part-civil system.

HAS COLLECTED \$3500.
Secretary Walpole of the City Board of Charities, is making excellent progress in the matter of collecting the \$3,500 he had in view for the use of that organization. He already has secured \$3,500 of the amount, and the prospects are bright for an early collection of the remainder of the subscriptions.

Special six-course dinner at the Imperial Hotel Restaurant, 50 cents; second, 100; table elevator; 12 to 8 p. m.

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BROOKLYNITES MAKE PROTEST

Pass Strong Resolutions at Mass Meeting.

Decide That a 14-Room Schoolhouse Is Badly Needed Before Year's End.

Residents of Brooklyn were aroused to the highest pitch at the mass meeting last evening at Blank's Hall, on Powell street. A large number of prominent people were in attendance and many important questions came up for discussion.

The inability of the Brooklyn School to hold the pupils of the district was talked of at great length, and the following resolution was offered by ex-Municipal Judge George J. Cameron:

"Whereas, A larger number of pupils has become too small to accommodate the children living adjacent thereto, and inadequate for the purposes for which it was built; and

Whereas, By reason of the increased attendance at said school, one teacher has three classes and the room is overflowing; classes are being held in the cloak-room without seats; the hallways are being utilized for recitation purposes, and the general condition of said school building is such that a larger and more adequate building is necessary; and

Whereas, In order to care and provide for all the demands made upon said school, a large building of not less than 14 rooms should be built this year.

DEMAND MORE ROOMS.
Therefore, be it resolved, By the citizens of Brooklyn, and all parties named in the call for this meeting, that a committee be appointed by the honorable chairman of this meeting tonight to wait upon the Board of Education of the City of Portland, and present the demands of this people, and a copy of the resolutions heretofore adopted tonight; and be it further

Resolved, That said committee keep intact until said schoolhouse is built, and the requirements for the district provided for."

After the passage of the resolution, Justice Waldemar Seton, S. F. White, J. J. Stronach, Jr., P. Kelly and Dave Rafferty were appointed as the committee by the chair.

WANT A FIRE ENGINE.
During the evening, S. F. White introduced a resolution asking that the Fire Commissioners provide the vicinity of Brooklyn with a fire engine. At the present time the entire Southern section of the city is without any sort of fire protection. Mr. White's resolution was passed without a dissenting vote.

ANNUL MEETING
Sunnyside Congregational Church Selects Officers.

W. E. Brinard, S. C. Pier, E. Ostrander, S. H. Smith, E. C. Palmer, trustees; E. C. Munoz, F. A. Coleman, J. N. Voorhies, deacons; S. C. Pier, church clerk; Mrs. S. C. Pier, assistant clerk; B. O. Woods, treasurer.

At the annual meeting of the Sunnyside Congregational Church the election of officers resulted as above mentioned. During the day the reports of both the secretary and treasurer showed the church to be in a prosperous condition, both as to financial standing and membership.

Rev. J. J. Staub was again the unanimous choice of the meeting for its pastor for the coming term. At the close of the meeting, those present repaired to the auditorium, where a dainty repast had been spread.

WANT MORE ROOMS
Kenilworth Residents Preparing a Petition for School Enlargement.

Patrons of the Clinton-Kelley School are preparing a petition to send to the Board of Education asking that an addition be built to that schoolhouse.

Residents of the district say that the school is altogether too small to meet the needs of the neighborhood, and that the school, which is rapidly increasing in population.

The directors have been forced to rent a store building about three-quarters of a mile away from the school building for the accommodation of the overflow pupils. Pupils of the lower grades are forced to walk a long distance away from their homes to attend the school, and it is this fact that the people of the district are complaining about.

The petition which is being prepared will ask that at least a four-room addition be built to the school building.

BETTER SCHEDULE
Woodstock Is Clamoring for an Improved Car Service.

A better time schedule is wanted on the City & Suburban Company's Woodstock branch.

The company is supposed to be giving a 20-minute service at that line, but the residents of that vicinity say that it looks more like a 40-minute service to them.

"A few years ago," said a Kenilworth man yesterday, "our section of the city had a good 20-minute service and a person could always tell when to expect a car. Many people in my neighborhood formerly used to set their watches by the arrival of the cars, but now the cars are run so irregularly that it is a hard matter to tell when they will arrive."

"At the City & Suburban office, the information is given that the service will be improved as soon as the company can lay the double tracks on that branch of its system. The rails have already been distributed along the route."

TO PREVENT ALL ACCIDENTS

O. R. & N. Improving Air Brake Service on Its Lines.

J. D. Matheson, traveling engineer for the O. R. & N. Co., is visiting all important stations along the line of that road for the purpose of instructing the employees regarding the use of the air brake. Mr. Matheson has given his personal attention to the operation of the air brake and it is his purpose during the present tour to thoroughly acquaint each member of the operating department with the proper method of applying it. There are many severe grades along the line of the O. R. & N. and it is to render passage of these perfectly safe that Matheson is working.

Heating of coaches on passenger trains by steam from the locomotives is also a part of the lesson that Matheson will teach. The mechanics for doing this is very delicate and requires thorough knowledge to insure successful operation. The least variation from the principle laid down in the instructions causes annoyance to the traveling public and leaves employees on the train open to censure.

Mr. Matheson is an old employee of the O. R. & N., and was engineer on the first regular freight train that ran into Portland over its rails. He was elevated to his present position of traveling engineer about a year ago, after having served in the passenger department continuously since 1885.

PERSONALS.

J. W. McCulloch is in this city from Vale.

Gilbert Taylor is in this city from Seattle.

F. W. Jacobs is in this city from Bridal Veil.

E. W. Bartlett is visiting Portland from La Grande.

G. W. Phelps, a politician of Heppner, is at the Imperial.

L. M. Watrus, well known in Adams, Ore., is in this city.

E. Chamberlain is stopping at the Perkins from Hood River.

J. M. Keene, a resident of Medford, is stopping at the Portland.

William Roesch is a Portland visitor today. His home is in Pendleton.

R. A. Cowden, of Caldwell, Idaho, is in Portland transacting business.

Storck Buck, prominent Methodist Churchman of Spokane, is in this city today.

Dr. J. A. Gelsdorf, a prominent physician of The Dalles, is at the Perkins today.

P. Tull, E. B. Gubb and N. Colter, all Spokane residents, are at the Hotel Portland today.

Congressman-elect and State Senator J. N. Williamson is at the Imperial from Prineville.

F. Matlock, a prominent stockman of the Pendleton country, is stopping at the Hotel Perkins.

Will Wurzelwiler, a wealthy merchant and business man of Prineville, is visiting in this city.

J. H. Robbins, a prominent Sumpter banker, is in this city, accompanied by his wife. He will attend the Legislature, of which he is a member.

H. C. Wortman, of the firm of Olds, Wortman & King, left this morning for the East, where he will spend several weeks seeking pleasure and attending to business interests.

State Senator O. T. Cornwell, of Walla Walla, is in Portland today on his way to Olympia to attend the session of the Washington Legislature. He is accompanied by his wife and daughter.

E. H. Ostrander, of the Denison News Company, and his niece, Miss Flossie Chapman Hawley, left for the Southern Pacific train this morning for San Francisco, after several days spent in Portland, visiting with friends.

Abie S. Watt, tax and land agent of the O. R. & N. Railway System, is in Pendleton, from a visit to points east, on the line.

Mr. Watts is a familiar figure here, says the East Oregonian. He has been connected with the O. R. & N. in the right-of-way, land and tax departments since the line was constructed through Eastern Oregon.

STEAL PLUMBING

Complaint is made that a number of boys who congregate in the neighborhood of East Ninth and East Morrison streets are making away with the property of some of the residents in that vicinity.

It is said that the boys have made away with a large amount of plumbing from the houses there, and carried it to a raft, which they have moored in the slough below. It is also alleged that the boys are using the cash they have obtained from the sale of the goods to buy liquor and the gang, the police have been notified.

CHOKING CATARRH CURED.

Mr. Caswell Says "Hymel Cured Him."—Your Hymel Cured if it Does Not Cure You.

"The Hymel and be cured of catarrh," is what all who have tried it for that disease say to their friends. Mr. Caswell of North Middleboro, Mass., writes: "Hymel has relieved me from a choking catarrh and I am glad to recommend it to my friends."

It is the easiest thing in the world to stop a coughing fit, and the school building is beginning if you use Hymel. Just breathe the health-giving balsamic air for a few minutes and your catarrh will be cured. In the worst cases of this disease, chronic or acute, Hymel used four or five times a day is all that is needed to soon effect a cure.

In this city and neighboring towns, there are today hundreds who can testify to the remarkable powers of Hymel to cure catarrh. Many of the staunchest friends of this remedy today began to use it with little hope that they would be cured, but as their druggist offered to refund the money if it did not cure, they decided to try it on that plan, and were soon restored to health.

The fact that in this city druggists have refunded the money for Hymel goes out of the hundreds they have sold is the strongest proof that can be offered as to the value of the statement that Hymel cures catarrh and all troubles of the throat and lungs.

The Hettkemper clearance sale of jewelry is still going on, but it won't last much longer. G. Hettkemper Company, 256 Morrison st.

THE ENGINEERS CARRY PASSES

Go to the Convention at Expense of Mohler.

Looks Like a Case of Lion and Lamb and the Buried Hatchet.

It looks as though the local Marine Engineers' Association and the O. R. & N. Co. have kissed and made up. At least surface indications show that a kindly feeling exists between the association and the corporation. This conclusion is inferred from the fact that the local delegates to the Marine Engineers' National Convention, which will be held at Washington, D. C., on January 19, will travel on passes signed by President Mohler of the O. R. & N. Co.

F. F. Smith and M. Welsh are the delegates, and they leave for the East tonight. They are warm in their praise of Mr. Mohler for his forethought and kind consideration, and to all outward appearances any animosity which was previously entertained has been buried in the shadows of the past. They state, however, that they are just as strongly in favor as they ever were in insisting upon the big corporation recognizing the union and granting the terms asked for some months ago.

COURTESY APPRECIATED.

"While the favor is greatly appreciated," said one of the delegates, "don't you ever think for a minute that such a small matter as transportation is going to influence us in the least, one way or the other. We have been contending for a principle, and do not intend to deviate one particle from our past policy of engineering to rectify a wrong."

"How are you satisfied?" asked the reporter, "with the decision rendered by Supervising Inspector Birmingham at San Francisco in the case of the engineers who had their licenses revoked by the local Board of Inspectors some time ago?"

"We approve of Mr. Birmingham's decision most heartily," was the answer. "The verdict was about what we had expected. Two of the men will recover their licenses in a very short time now, as their suspension dates from October 11, when the examination was held in Portland."

THE CONVENTION.
"Do you think anything will be accomplished at the National Convention that will have any bearing upon the local situation?"

"That is impossible to answer at this early day. It is nothing more than an annual convention, and so far as we are concerned has no special significance. You may state, however, and our friends and enemies will bear me out in the assertion, that we have conducted one of the most peaceful strikes that has ever been known in the history of the country. Not one of our members has ever been drunk, and we have never attempted to interfere in any shape or form with the operation of the boats. We have attended strictly to our own business, and the public should give us credit for our acts."

IS ANCIENT LABOR NEWS

Carpenters Asked for More Wages Six Weeks Ago.

The morning edition of the newspaper trust has just been informed of the fact that the Carpenters' Union has revised its wage scale in which \$3.50 is placed as the minimum pay for a day's work. The paper went on to state that the carpenters followed the action of the painters, who prepared a similar agreement a few days ago.

The facts in the case are, the carpenters presented a new agreement six weeks ago, which the contractors were asked to sign. The Journal reporting the matter in full at the time, The union held an open meeting, at which the contractors were invited to be present, but the latter failed to materialize. A joint representative was in attendance. A committee was then appointed to meet and confer with the contractors, the latter having sent word that they would rather talk the matter over with a few representative members of the union. The request was complied with, but as yet no conference has been held.

The talk of a strike, however, is rather premature and ill-advised. The contractors have until April to sign the agreement, and the probabilities are that the matter will be amicably settled long before that date. The carpenters expect no trouble; neither do the contractors.

MAYOR'S MAIL EXTENSIVE.

Mayor Williams is constantly in receipt of letters from every part of the country asking for information on nearly all classes of subjects. There is a widespread interest in Portland, and inquirers are mostly looking after new locations. The Mayor refers all these communications to the Board of Trade, believing that body to be better posted on the points in question.

Attempt to Rob Residence.

An unsuccessful attempt was made to rob the residence of W. S. Love, East Seventh and East Burnside streets, Thursday evening. One of the neighbors returning home late in the evening saw a man making an effort to force the front door of the apartments. The would-be robber finally succeeded in getting in the house, but was scared away before anything could be stolen.

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OFF FOR THE CONVENTION

Portland Sends a Delegation of 25 to Kansas City.

The Portland delegation to the National Livestock Association convention left last night for Kansas City with the firm intention of bringing back the 1904 convention of that organization with headquarters in Portland. The delegation consists of 25 representative citizens under the leadership of F. E. Beach and C. J. Mills. They have a special car to themselves and will not doubt see to it that they will have a good time. The delegation consists of the following members: F. E. Beach, R. Scott, A. J. Johnson, A. D. Manley, R. D. Hammond, J. W. Bailey, George Chandler, H. C. Keifer, C. M. Cartwright, S. B. Barker, C. L. Hartshorn, Jasper Wilkins, Amos Wilkins, Douglas Belts, E. Edwards and C. J. Mills.