

LOOKING AT ROCKS FOR STREET PAVING

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEN AS
GUESTS OF THE O. W. F. & R.
CO., VISIT BASALT QUARRIES AT
CASADERO AND INSPECT THE
LINE.

Mayor George H. Williams, City Engineer William C. Elliott, Councilman A. K. Bentley, City Auditor T. C. Devlin and members of the executive board and of the city council after a visit to the Casadero basalt stone quarries at the end of the Springfield extension of the Oregon Water Power & Railway, yesterday returned home all expressing themselves satisfied as regards the quality of the rock. Cost is a feature that is yet to be considered.

Said George I. Brown, chief engineer of the Oregon Water Power & Railway: "The company expects to be able to furnish the rock, crushed and delivered at the city's bunkers at from \$1 to \$1.10 a yard."

The present price paid by Portland for its macadam is from \$1.75 to \$2 a yard placed on the streets.

As the guests of the Oregon Water Power & Railway company the city officials made the trip to Casadero yesterday in a special car in charge of Chief Engineer George I. Brown. At the terminus the party was met by Fred S. Morris, treasurer of the company who makes his headquarters at Casadero. Mr. Morris was arrayed in alder and gun boots like one of his workmen. He immediately took the visitors to his lodge where luncheon awaited them.

The visit to the stone quarry was made in the afternoon and at 3:30 o'clock the party started on its journey back to Portland.

Those who made up the party are: Mayor George H. Williams, City Auditor T. C. Devlin, City Engineer William C. Elliott, George I. Brown, Councilman A. K. Bentley, H. R. Albree, C. E. Rumsen, City Treasurer, E. Werlein, H. C. Wortman, E. C. Goddard, Whitney Boise, Rodney Gilson, members of the executive board and H. Alger.

To Examine Rock.

The trip was made principally to show the basalt rock available and to give the city officials an opportunity of viewing the new railroad which taps one of the prettiest sections of the state and places a country heretofore almost inaccessible within hailing distance of the metropolis of the Northwest. The special car left the Oregon Water Power & Railway company's station at First and Alder streets at 10:05 o'clock yesterday morning and returned to Portland at 6:30 o'clock in the evening. The run to Casadero, which is 40 miles from this city, included stops at Gresham and Boring, occupied two hours and 55 minutes. The car was propelled by electricity as far as Gresham, 14 miles from Portland. Where it was connected with a locomotive. It is the first car to run to this point by its own motors, with the exception of that used in stringing the wires.

During 10 minutes wait at this place for the arrival of an engine the party was shown through the power station which furnishes electricity for the eastern part of the line. The main east side power plant of 700 horse power is at Boring on the summit of the mountains, 21 miles from Portland. The completion of the new plant at Casadero next summer will give the company 10,000 horse power. Superintendent Tiffany of the road expects to complete the electric-

tying of the line as far as Boring within the next two weeks, but steam will be used on the other side of the summit until the new station is in working order.

Foreman an Inventor.

The foreman in charge of the stringing crew has hit upon a novel method in hanging his wires. The company was unable to spare him an engine so he took a trolley car and by fastening his spool of wire on a windlass at the starting point and connecting it with the main line he started ahead propelling the car along the wire just strung. A half mile in 30 minutes is the speed with which the crew works but they have to work with care for to touch the big spool would mean instant death. The putting up of the cones and brackets is accomplished after the wire is strung.

From Lents on to the end of the line the country is mountainous and thickly wooded, although in some places forest fires of a year ago destroyed thousands of feet of timber. Dozens of new houses and cabins are to be seen through the trees and at Boring and Gresham the improvement is marked. Gresham is comparatively old but the summit village is hardly a year old. At Boring is situated the Boring Junction Lumber company's mill with a capacity of 40,000 feet of lumber daily. Sawdust and slash wood is the fuel used by the railway at its power plant and from the time the fuel leaves the saw until it is fed into the furnaces it is never touched by hand.

A Six-Mile Tangent.

Several sharp curves are on the extension but with the exception of that at the summit no grade exceeds one per cent. From the Eagle creek trestle to within a mile of Casadero, a distance of six miles the road runs in an absolutely straight line. Three high bridges cross Deep creek, the Clackamas river and Eagle creek. The one over the last named is 110 feet above the water and the piling used are 150 feet in length. Fir is used.

"This bridge is interesting from an engineering point of view," remarked Mr. Brown, "for in no other place than Oregon would it be possible to secure piling for such a structure."

Small Land Slide.

On the return trip just as the special neared the bridge a stop of a minute was occasioned by a small land slide. A quantity of the roadbed fill had slipped away because of the rain but the place was passed in safety.

Casadero takes its name from a place in California which is the terminus of a road something like the Oregon Water Power & Railway. The only residents of the settlement are Mr. Morris and his half hundred employees, who are beginning the preliminary work for the dam that is to block the Clackamas and furnish water for a power plant. Mr. Morris has erected a substantial nine room lodge on a plateau overlooking the river and near the site of the proposed power house. The bunk house, blacksmith shop and machine rooms, including a small electric lighting plant are a quarter of a mile above this point. The buildings were put up a little over a year ago.

Influence of a Woman.

During luncheon Mr. Morris related one of the trying experiences during the big forest fire. Engineer Brown and his wife were at Casadero. Mrs. Brown being the only woman there. At one time the lodge caught fire in 20 places and it was only by ceaseless vigilance that the property was saved.

"A dozen times the men were on the point of deserting us," said Mr. Morris, "and it was only by appealing to them not to leave a woman that they remained."

The stone croppings were examined by the councilmen and the mayor. The ledge of the basalt appear to constitute

a greater portion of the hillside and are just above the tracks so that getting material to the crushers was an easy matter. The rock is pronounced by Engineer Elliott to be of excellent quality and because it breaks in irregular shapes much to be desired for macadamizing. Half a mile above this point Mr. Morris and Engineer Brown said that the basalt was of such a formation as to be good for Belgian blocks.

GOVERNOR HESITATES

(Continued from Page One.)

Chamber of Commerce building today receiving callers and disposing of the accumulation of business that has piled up during nearly a month's absence.

Officially Ignorant.

"While some indebtedness would be created were there no special session, said the governor, "I am not informed by the state officials with whom I conferred that there would be a serious jar in the operation of government. The state affairs would be handled with comparative little difficulty, although I am disposed to turn towards the question of county, municipal and school district finances with the idea that, if there be reason for an extraordinary convening of the legislature, the senators and representatives elected from the counties that would be adversely affected should make it known officially. They have not communicated with me in any manner, and, therefore, officially, I am ignorant of the conditions existing in the several counties, cities and school districts."

"It is a serious question with me this convening of the legislature in special session, giving, as it does, the law-making body the power to make or repeal laws of all kinds or to repeal others, at their pleasure."

"The chief executive is empowered to convene the legislature, but he cannot restrict it to any particular action. Once in session the legislators have free rein to engage in indiscriminate enactment and repeal and amendment."

"Conditions Would Be Disturbed."

"Prominent members of the legislature and citizens of standing throughout the state have expressed themselves in the public prints to the effect that they realize the danger if the legislature be convened, and there should be a general engagement in legislation of all kinds. Conditions would be disturbed and the commonwealth would be thrown into exactly the same state of uncertainty that always accompanies a regular session of the lawmaking body, and which, according to the constitution, was intended to transpire only once in two years."

"The theory of the state government is that a biennial convening of the legislature is best for the people. We are bound to respect the obvious intent of the makers of our organic law. And, in the adjustment of unusual disturbances that arise from time to time, we are bound to adjust them in the manner and according to the principles laid down in the constitution."

"I lay down this principle as corollary and indicated plainly by the constitution—that a special session should be called only in an emergency, and that, when convened, the legislature should treat only those subjects that impel the calling of the session."

Schemes Have Been Hatched.

"Even during the few days that I have been at home, since returning from the East, I have heard from authentic sources all sorts of plans and schemes for the repeal of this amendment of that, or the enactment of another statute, and these schemes have sprung up like mushrooms in a night, with promise that, if permitted to grow

unchecked, they would attain some proportions."

"I have been informed that there has been a proposal to repeal the portage railway bill that appropriated \$165,000 for the construction of a portage around the dikes at Celilo."

"I have learned that there is a proposal to repeal the corporation tax law and to enact a new one."

"Somebody even suggested that he might urge the repeal of the Lewis and Clark fair appropriation bill."

"And so, although the special session has been broached directly into the decision a few days ago, throughout the entire state men in and out of the legislature have hatched their pet schemes, and have prepared to descend upon Salem and throw the state into a condition that would be worse, in my opinion, than to go without regular income for expenses."

His Plain Position.

"I will say this much without qualification—that if I thought the legislature would indulge in a course of general legislation, I would refuse to call the special session. If I thought that the members would not take the rational and eminently correct view—that a special session should handle only the emergency that caused it—I would refuse to call it."

"These general matters of legislation should be dealt with at the regular sessions, and when the constitutional right to convene an extraordinary assembly is resorted to, it should be with the distinct understanding that the theory of the organic law will be respected."

"I will decide this matter in a few days, probably within three or four."

The Special Elections.

"Regarding the calling of special elections, to fill vacancies, if I were to convene the legislature, I would call for special elections in the Nineteenth senatorial district to fill the vacancy caused by Senator Fulton's election to the United States senate and his resignation from the state senate; in the Tenth senatorial district, to fill the vacancy caused by the appointment and acceptance and qualifying of Senator Day of the federal office of surveyor-general of Oregon; in the Ninth senatorial district, to fill the vacancy caused by Senator Williamson's election to congress."

"I should pay no heed to the status of Senator Mulkey of Polk county who declares that he is a legal resident of Polk county, although he is living in Ashland and serving as president of the state normal school. The law is plain—legal residence is a matter of intent, and which, according to the constitution, only by voting in a local election or otherwise, declaring that he has changed his legal residence, can it be changed. A man, as every one knows, could retain his legal residence in one hundred years and live elsewhere, if only he declares his intention of so retaining it."

"Nor would I pay heed to the status of Frank Davey, representative from Marion county, who is living in Portland."

Living Under a Hat.

"I will say, however, were it a general election, I would not hesitate to show disapproval of legislators 'living under a hat,' as the expression goes, or, in other words, living in a county to represent which they were not elected, while all the time insisting upon appearing in the legislature as members."

"But for the fact that the law requires the governor to call special elections to fill vacancies, I would not call them for the special session."

The resolutions passed at the session of the city council on Wednesday, calling upon Governor Chamberlain to convene an extra session of the state legislature, in order to remedy the defect in the tax law, was transmitted to the governor today by City Auditor Derin. A copy of the resolutions was published on Wednesday and is in effect that a failure to take the desired action would work untold hardship on the city of Portland and the entire state at large. It is possible that the governor will announce the extra session tomorrow.

CORONER BLAMES BIG FOUR.

(Journal Special Service.) Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 6.—The coroner at noon after hearing more evidence in the fatal Purdue wreck forecast his verdict by criticising the Big Four officials. He said the engineer is not altogether to blame, as the superintendent allowed only five minutes in which to run two miles in the heart of the city, where the law only allows four miles speed an hour.

THREE YEARS FOR FRAUD.

St. Louis, Nov. 6.—Charles Weisman this morning was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary for complicity in the naturalization frauds.

UNROBED DETAR CHASES BURGLARS

(Journal Special Service.)

Los Angeles, Cal., Nov. 6.—The young wife of S. L. Detar discovered burglars at the door of their bookstore last night and called the attention of her husband, who picked up a revolver and started to drive the men away. Chasing them through the store the burglars plunged through a plate glass window. Detar plunged after them and kept up a hot fire along the street attired only in his nightshirt. One desperado dropped his hat when the police joined the chase and caught one in a doorway, hatless. He was badly cut by glass. The others escaped.

SANG IN CHOIR AND STOLE GOODS

(Journal Special Service.)

Pendleton, Or., Nov. 6.—D. Gordon Graham was arrested for embezzlement this morning from Lee Tentack, a merchant of this city. Graham held out money from sales amounting to \$3 a day for two weeks and also took goods from the store. The clerk was caught by marked money prepared by Sheriff Taylor. Graham has confessed. He was released from Walla Walla penitentiary in September, after doing a two-year term for embezzlement at Everett, Wash. He lived with a Methodist preacher here, sang in a choir and was prominent in church work.

CHICAGO CAR MEN VOTE FOR A STRIKE

(Journal Special Service.)

Chicago, Nov. 6.—Street car employees today, 8 to 1, voted to strike. The officers of the International Association of Street Car Workers immediately prepared to hold a conference with the street railway officials. The latter say they will arbitrate all legal demands but inasmuch as they have repeatedly refused to increase the wages and recognize the union, the impression is growing that the strike cannot be averted.

A NEW LOW RECORD FOR STEEL STOCKS

(Journal Special Service.)

New York, Nov. 6.—The announcement that steel billets were lowered \$4 a ton caused a new low record for steel stocks today. Common went to 10 1/8, preferred, 53 1/4. Preferred stocks poured out in thousand-share lots, and more than 100,000 shares changed hands during the day.

MORE MONEY FROM CHINESE GAMBLERS

More coin of the realm rolled into the city coffers this morning, when three Chinese gamblers failed to answer to their names in the municipal court, and their bail was declared forfeited. The contributors were Wing Hing, Dy Sing and Joy Lee, each of whom deposited \$50 bail.

ACCUSED OF MURDER.

Samuel Bauman, accused of the murder of Adolph Burkhardt last Saturday night, was arraigned before Judge Cleland in the circuit court today, on a charge of murder in the first degree. He asked until Monday to enter a plea. Bauman is accused of shooting Burkhardt, while the latter was passing along the street in front of Bauman's home, near Bertha. Burkhardt fired several revolver shots in front of the house, when Bauman, appeared with a rifle and is alleged to have fired the shot which caused Burkhardt's death.

MILL CLOSES DOWN.

(Journal Special Service.) Troy, N. Y., Nov. 6.—The Harmony mills at Cohoes has shut down on account of the lack of material, and 10,000 men are idle.

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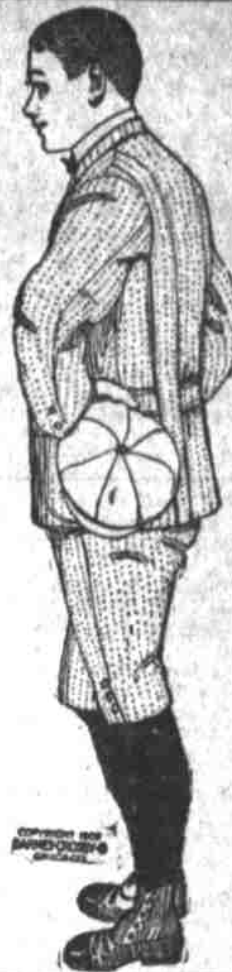
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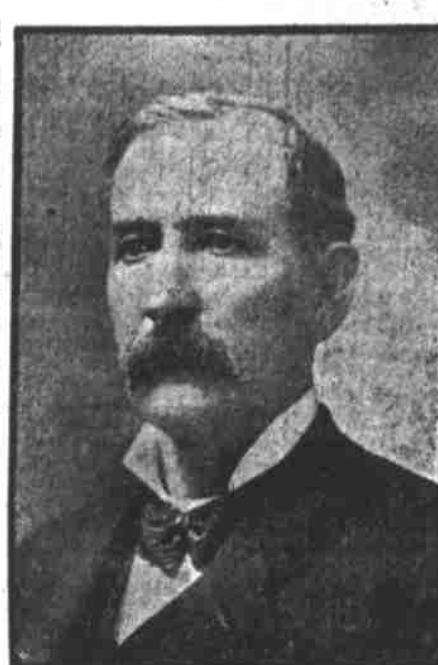
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