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CITY GAINED MILES OF WALKS

RECORDS BROKEN LAST YEAR FOR CEMENT WALK WORK—REPORT OF CITY ENGINEER SHOWS GREAT INCREASE IN ALL STREET AND SEWER IMPROVEMENTS.

According to City Engineer Elliott's annual report, which was completed today, 1903 was a record-breaker in many ways. The only other year which equals it for street improvements was 1893, and this is accounted for by the general good times which prevailed then. As was expected the record for cement sidewalks was astonishingly large, the total length put in place aggregating 60.30 miles, while only 16.52 miles of wooden walks were laid.

In a separate itemized slip the record for sidewalk improvements is given as follows:

Laid with artificial stone, 72,907.8 lineal feet; with wood, 70,541.8 feet.

Curb—Artificial stone, 19,266.8 feet; wood, 23,710.4 feet.

Comparative figures are used to show the growth of the sewer system since 1875. During that year 381 feet were put in place, while in 1877 no work was done at all in that line. In 1892 a tremendous activity occurred, 79,648 feet being laid and that figure is only approached by the total for 1903, aggregating 71,615 feet. There is now a total length of sewer, aggregating 113.7 miles. The excavation required for this work last year amounted to 85,491 cubic yards and the contractors used 20,318 feet of eight-inch pipe, the ordinary size.

Under the head of street surfacing, the total laid during the year in square yards is segregated as follows:

Concrete, 39,595.2; vitrified brick, 3,444.8; asphalt, 47,401.9; wooden blocks, 14,063.4; stone blocks, 9,233.5; bituminous pavement, 24,286.

Wooden crosswalks, 25,596.7 feet.

Elevated sidewalks put in place, 850 lineal feet.

Vitrified pipe gutter, 200 feet; feet of lumber used by the department, 47,140.

One section is devoted to the length and material of roadways, sidewalks and crosswalks in place January 1, 1904, laid during that year and in place on January 1, 1904. There were 3.13 miles of asphalt in place at the beginning of the year and during the 12 months this was increased by 1.49 miles of new work. The repaired asphalt streets aggregated 2.92 miles. There was only a slight increase in stone and wood block pavement, .32 miles of the former and .19 miles of the latter being laid during the year. There is now 4.52 miles of the stone block and 1.89 miles of wooden block pavement in place. The repaired wooden block pavement aggregated .47 of a mile. Bituminous macadam was tried as an experiment and the .24 of a mile laid during the year will be watched carefully.

Macadam and gravel were the two largest styles of street improvement, 5.98 miles of the former and 6.19 miles of the latter being the record. This brings the total length of macadam streets to 47.89 miles and gravelled streets to 59.76 miles. There was .50 of a mile of plank roadway laid and .42 of a mile of elevated roadway. The graded streets ungraded at the beginning of the year aggregated 78.46 miles and 11.32 miles were added to that figure, making a total of 89.78 miles. The only brick pavement in place, except the three blocks of Madison street, which are not figured in the report, aggregated .52 of a mile. There is now 16.86 miles of plank roadway to take care of and 7.71 miles of elevated roadway.

The department of sidewalks shows a remarkable record of 16.52 miles of wooden and 60.30 miles of artificial stone walk being placed during 1903. There is in place \$11.11 miles of wood and 101.33 miles of stone sidewalk in Portland.

AUCTION SALES.

A collection of contraband goods was disposed of yesterday afternoon at the custom house. The outfit mainly consisted of merchandise of various kinds on which no duty had been paid, and for this reason had been seized by government officials.

In the lot was an opium smuggler's paraphernalia, comprising a big brass kettle and the product of the poppy. There were also rolls of mitting, kegs of cement, books and small articles. Chinese merchants were the principal buyers. Among them were Seld Back, Huey Sing and Chink Wing.

OREGON'S SORROW TOUCHES CHICAGO

In reply to a telegram from Governor Chamberlain expressing the sympathy of the people of Oregon for the sorrowing people of Chicago on the occasion of the Iroquois theatre disaster, Mayor Carter Harrison sent the following reply, which reached the governor today: "Mayor's office, Chicago, Jan. 2.—To

His Excellency, George E. Chamberlain, Governor of Oregon, Portland, Or.—Dear Sir: Your telegram of sympathy to our people in this hour of great sorrow has been received, and I thank you most sincerely for your kindness. "Very truly yours, "CARTER H. HARRISON, Mayor."

OSTEOPATHS ARE NOT PLEASED

WISK STATE EXAMINERS WOULD KITCHEN EXAMINE OR FINE THEM—ALLEGES STATE LAW MAY BE NECESSARY TO SECURE THEIR RIGHTS.

"We want the board to fine us or to do something," said an officer of the Osteopathic society this morning speaking of the probable action of the state board of medical examiners.

At the meeting of the state board yesterday morning some action in regard to the osteopaths was taken, but just what it is the board refuses to divulge "until the proper time for the matter to come up," which the board will decide later.

"The osteopaths are united in wishing some action on the matter," said one of the society, "for we are all sure of our standing. We are positive that if the board fines us that action will compel the legislature to pass a law giving us the same right to pass the same examinations as the other doctors in all subjects save medicine."

MURDER ATTEMPTED IN LEWISTON, MONT.

Helena, Mont., Jan. 8.—Last night was decidedly sanguinary for Montana, no less than three apparent attempts at murder being reported at Lewistown.

William Oppitz, a well-known resident of Anaconda, is in the county jail as the result of having shot Ted Perry through the leg. Besides securing the revolver used by Oppitz, the authorities are in possession of a small tin mechanical bug, which is said to have been the original cause of the fracas.

Perry stated that he met Oppitz after the latter came from work, and that Oppitz told him he was going to shoot a streetcar man who had taken his bug away from him.

"I tried to take the revolver away from him," said Perry, "and he turned on me." Oppitz refused to make any statement.

At Lewistown, Jack Flynn, a barber, shot and seriously if not fatally injured James L. Skinner, proprietor of the Eagle restaurant. The shooting took place in the Mint saloon. Flynn had loaned some money to a negro gambler some time ago and last night the negro made a winning. Flynn attempted to collect his loan from the negro, and was refused.

Skinner, being acquainted with the facts of Flynn having trouble with the negro, tried to quell the disturbance, whereupon Flynn, who was somewhat under the influence of liquor, became quarrelsome and later the two men had a fight, Flynn getting somewhat the worst of the drubbing.

Flynn made a demonstration as if to draw a gun, and Skinner, who was not angry, called him a coward, and told him he was afraid to shoot. Flynn then fired a bullet through Skinner's liver and, passing through his kidneys, emerged just to the right of the spine. Skinner will probably die.

Jealousy Causes Murder. The Helena redlight district was the scene at midnight of the third bloody affray, when Private Andrew Robinson, company A, 24th infantry, stabbed Corporal Scott of company C. Scott was fatally injured, the wound being in the left side, near the spleen. The wounded man was removed to Fort Harrison. Robinson escaped and has not been captured. The cutting, which eyewitnesses declare was unprovoked and without warning, was the result of jealousy over a woman.

Preferred Hard Cash. From the Chicago News. "Never," said the third-term to the newly elected member of the legislature, "accept a pass from a railway corporation."

"Why not," asked the embryo statesman.

"Because it's beneath the dignity of a lawmaker," explained the other. "If a man's services are not worth cash recognition they are not worth anything."

DECREPID BRIDGE NEEDS ATTENTION

FIRST STREET STRUCTURE ENDANGERS LIFE AND LIMB OF THE PUBLIC—VALUABLE HORSE NARROW ESCAPE—POLICE SAY BRIDGE IS UNSAFE.

The dangerous condition of the First street bridge below Caruthers street, was forcibly illustrated this morning when a valuable horse narrowly escaped death.

While a vehicle of the United Carriage company was crossing the structure about 4 a. m., one of the horses stopped on a thin board, which gave way under its weight. The hind legs of the animal went through and were securely pinned between the flooring and a cross beam underneath. The driver worked in vain for a time and finally called the police.

Captain Bailey despatched the patrol wagon under the command of Sergeant Slover and equipped with ropes the police went to the rescue. It was necessary to saw off several of the boards and then by means of a rope fastened about the body three or four policemen and citizens extricated the horse. It took the police an hour to get the animal out. The horse was uninjured aside from a few scratches and bruises.

Although in a dangerous position the horse seemed to realize it and instead of vainly struggling to get out he patiently waited until the officers released him. It is said that the bridge is a menace to travel and the police say that it needs immediate attention.

FIRE ENGINEERS BEING EXAMINED

The fire department engineers are taking their civil service commission examination today, deputies Lillis and Stowell acting as an examination board. There are 19 applicants on the list and nine were examined today. N. J. Maples declined to continue the examination because he expressed himself dissatisfied with the proposed pay, \$90 per month. Those who answered the questions this morning were Clarence D. Kellogg, E. C. Smith, I. McCarty, C. L. Winters, C. Feldman, W. H. Turplia, W. H. McMullen, E. L. Thompson and E. Fanning. The men actively on duty at the engine headquarters were let off in shifts, so that their absence would not interfere with the department's work in case of fire. The results of the examination will not be known for some days.

WILD WEST SHOW FOR EXPOSITION

A wild west show for the Lewis and Clark exposition, is the proposal made by J. L. Miller, a rancher of Drewsey, Or. In a letter to the secretary of the corporation he says that he and the men in his employ will give an exhibition of cow-punching and rough-riding such as has never before been seen by the tenderfoot visitors to the fair. He has a standing offer of \$100 to be paid to any one who will bring him a horse, he cannot ride. In the letter Mr. Miller also requests the Lewis and Clark people to send an agent there and he will show him revolver shooting and riding such as he never before saw.

Country Club Mocha and Java Coffee will be served at the Scottish Rite Masonic banquet. The nature of the blend gives it that satisfying flavor.

PRUNE PRICES CHIEF OBJECT

NORTHWEST FRUIT GROWERS NOT CONTENT WITH MARKET AND WILL SEEK CAUSES OF LOW PRICES AT THEIR ANNUAL MEETING NEXT WEEK.

Prunes will be the principal subject of discussion at the eleventh annual meeting of the Northwest Fruit Growers' association in Portland, January 11, 12 and 13, inclusive, in the Selling-Hirsch building.

The growers find the price of prunes this year unsatisfactory, and want to know why. This year the prune crop is larger than it has been for several years, and Europe must send to this country for her supply, owing to the failure of the crop in France. Therefore the prune growers are anxious to know why the prices do not go up. They will take some action in the matter at the meeting.

Miss Juanita Rosendorf of the Oregon Agricultural college, will read a paper on "Floral Culture." The afternoon of January 12 will be the flower session, growing will be admitted. Prof. S. F. Henderson of the University of Idaho, will read a paper on "The Food and Growth of Trees."

Accommodations have been found for between 400 and 500 members and their families, all those expected to attend.

THEATRE BUSINESS POOR IN SPOKANE

(Journal Special Service.)

Spokane, Jan. 8.—A large number of plays that have been announced to come to Spokane during the theatre season have been canceled by Manager John Cort of Seattle, president of the Northwest Theatrical association. In "Flowers of Nell and Morocco, who are featuring Lillian Kimball. This company was expected to spend several nights at the Auditorium. It is a Los Angeles company, and has gone back to its own climate to finish the season.

"The Polarde," the juvenile opera company that made such a decided hit in Spokane a couple of years ago, has also canceled its date. The company is going to Australia and will not be seen at the Auditorium this year. It is rumored that some of the children were taken sick and the management decided to go back home.

Others on the list. "When We Were Twenty-one," "The Billionaire," Marie Wainwright's engagement and Robinson's engagement also appear in the list.

"The Billionaire" has been canceled on account of the recent death of the star of the company, Mr. Sykes. It is possible that the company may yet reach Spokane, as arrangements are on which may result in Mr. Powers taking the leading role.

The number of cancellations is expected to result directly from the period of bad business in the East and Middle-Western states, made worse by the awful Iroquois theatre fire. The theatrical failures this season, it is said, have eclipsed everything in the history of the business, and although the business in the West has been good, many companies have gone to the wall.

Manager Dan Weaver stated this morning:

"It is natural to have a number of cancellations during the season, and undoubtedly the dates left open by the failure of these plays to keep their contracts will be filled with other productions by Mr. Cort."

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