

TO RECONSIDER CLOSING BRIDGE

Meeting This Afternoon to Take Up the Matter— Street Car Company Proposes to Charge Passengers Two Cents Apiece.

A meeting of persons affected by the closing of the Morrison street bridge will be held this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the mayor's office.

Whitney Boise, member of the executive board, stated this afternoon that the action taken yesterday by the board did not appear to be satisfactory to a majority of the east side residents and the mayor and executive board wished to confer with those interested.

At a meeting of the bridge committee of the executive board yesterday it was decided to close the bridge to foot passengers next Monday. The City & Suburban Street Railway company proposed to run cars over the bridge, charging 2 cents a ticket in lots of five.

This the board approved. The street car company intends to transfer passengers to the bridge cars at the St. Charles hotel and at East Water street.

However, pending an investigation of the circumstances, and particularly of the terms of the contract for reconstruction, no order will be issued by County Judge Webster suspending foot traffic on the Morrison-street bridge. The board of county commissioners grappled with the problem at the meeting held this morning, but reached no definite conclusion as regards action, though the members were of the opinion that such an order will soon have to be issued.

It was the intention of the Pacific Construction company, which has the contract for building the new bridge, to begin work on the structure Monday. The foot walks are to be interfered with at this time. People may cross the bridge on cars to be operated while the work is going on. The traction company has decided on a fare of 2 cents.

"We cannot regulate the price to be paid for taking people across the bridge

on this dummy," said Commissioner Showers. "It is beyond our jurisdiction or that of the county court, in fact, to say whether a charge shall be made or not. Our work will cease when this order goes into effect."

Judge Webster did not decide to have the order held off until after the board adjourned. Then a question arose in his mind as to certain provisions in the contract, particularly with regard to the subsidy to be drawn by the traction company during the work on the bridge. He decided that it would be best to exercise caution regarding the issuing of such an order until he had looked into the subject in its various phases.

"It seemed to us to be the only successful way of accommodating the people," explained Mayor Williams today. "It is said to be necessary to stop traffic, for the people would be in constant danger of accident and it will be necessary to tear away the sidewalks to start work on the foundations. The company, I understand, does not want to make any money through the inconvenience to the public; they simply desire to pay the expense of the special car."

"When once the contractors take charge of the bridge they have full and complete control of the structure, in my opinion," said City Auditor Devlin. "While they are conducting building operations they take absolute charge and it is entirely optional with them as to what manner of traffic is permitted. Of course they will not assume too many risks and deem it a danger to allow foot traffic. Therefore they want it stopped. It is something which they city has nothing to say about. I presume if they want to arrange with the streetcar company for a dummy service it is a personal matter that is entirely out of our jurisdiction."

PORTLAND ACTOR IN SUICIDE'S ROLE

A well-known Portland actor, Bennett Southard, now playing with the Baker theatre stock company, has been signed permanently to fill the character role of Signor D'Orella in "The Case of the Mummy and the Humming Bird."

He will leave tomorrow to join the company at Seattle, where it is now playing, and is expected to continue throughout the season.

The part of Signor D'Orella had been filled by G. Paul Yildor, who committed suicide last week in such a sensational manner at Spokane. His unexpected departure left the company in the lurch, and Manager Baker loaned William Insole temporarily. After casting around in several locations, Mr. Paul Gilmore, one of the stars, tendered the engagement to Mr.

Southard. Mr. Insole will return and take part in the production of "The Case of the Mummy and the Humming Bird," billed for next week.

This is Mr. Southard's first venture as a leading man. Hitherto he has played what are known in stage parlance as character parts— for instance, Clyde, the "butcher," in "Jane," Jim, the Chinaman, in "The Senator," Lige Monroe, in "Weans of Tennessee," Jim Starbuck, in "The Starbuck," and Rob Dow, in "The Little Minister."

Mr. Southard is a graduate of Leland Stanford university, and played with James Neill until the organizing of the Baker stock company, of which he is one of the original members. He expects to return to his theatrical company at the close of his road season.

DITCHBURN IS AFTER R. NIXON

IN HIS \$50,000 DAMAGE SUIT DITCHBURN WILL TRAIN HIS BIG GUNS ON NIXON AND WILL NOT SERVE SUMMONS ON FORBUSH-NIXON OUT OF TOWN.

Two facts came to light this morning in the suit to recover damages in the amount of \$50,000 instituted by Attorney John Ditchburn against Attorney Richard Nixon and John M. A. Forbush. One is that Ditchburn will serve no summons on Forbush, training all his legal guns on Nixon; the other that Nixon will probably not endeavor to compromise but will fight the suit.

"I do not regard Forbush as to blame," said Attorney Ditchburn. "His counsel, Nixon, virtually tried to blast my reputation, I hold, because I thrashed him in the office of District Attorney Manning—he is the man I am after."

Attorney Nixon is out of the city and not expected back for a day or two. A member of the firm of Dolph, Mallory & Simon, who was associated with him in the proceedings before the grievance committee of the bar association, asserted that Nixon acted in good faith and believed the charges justified and will endeavor to prove them true in court.

WILL IMPROVE YAMHILL STREET

OWNERS OF PROPERTY ON THAT THOROUGHFARE FROM FOURTH TO CHAPMAN STREETS FAVOR SUBSTANTIAL PAVING—MEET TO EXCHANGE VIEWS.

A large number of property-owners on Yamhill street, between Fourth and Chapman, met yesterday afternoon at Leland Tilton's bank for the purpose of discussing the proposed improvement of the street. The first question considered was whether the street should be improved. Residents on Yamhill, between Sixth and Chapman, are in excellent condition, and this was corroborated by others who had visited and inspected it. A resolution in favor of improving the remainder of Yamhill street was then adopted by a large majority.

There was a prolonged discussion as to the character of improvement that should be made. Some of those present were in favor of merely dressing the street up, but the majority were in favor of a substantial improvement. The views of the property-owners as to the kind of improvement needed varied greatly, and it was finally agreed that the street committee of the city council should be asked to advertise for bids for the improvement of the street, also for bids for the maintenance of the street after it has been improved. By this plan there will be opportunity for contractors to bid upon each kind of improvement, and the property-owners will have the advantage of both competition as to cost of construction and maintenance, and of a full exposition of the merits of the several kinds of improvement. Under the provisions of the new charter the street committee can call for bids for the improvement of the street.

It is no question that Yamhill street will be improved, and the matter will be considered by the street committee of the city council at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon, in the city hall. Property-owners who desire to be heard by the committee will be present at the meeting.

FLOOD HAS ARRIVED.

The crest of the flood has reached Portland, but it failed to produce the rise that was at first believed would come. At the foot of Morrison street the river is 12 feet in depth above the low-water mark, while at the Ash-street dock there is a depth of 12.7 feet. This lacks a foot of reaching the lower dock, and falls short several feet of being up to the river levels of any of the others. The river is falling at all points up above.

A SNOW-STORM is always the fore-runner of colds, grippe and pneumonia. When the snow is followed by severe cold the conditions are still worse. We can say confidently that no other remedy so strengthens and fortifies the body against these attacks as Scott's Emulsion. Thirty years prove it.

NEW BRIDGE FOR THURMAN STREET

Bids for the proposed Thurman street steel bridge were opened by the executive board at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The bridge is to extend on Thurman street from Twenty-ninth to Thirty-first, including the approaches, and will cost about \$22,500, that being the estimate submitted by City Engineer Elliott. It is 400 feet in length, over all, and requires 200 cubic yards of cement, the same amount of excavation and all the parts will be of wrought steel, except the flooring, floor and sidewalk joists, and fillers under the sidewalk joists. The foundations and foundations will be of concrete and grout.

In the plans drawn by the city engineer the structure appears plain, but strongly arranged to withstand a tremendous amount of wear and tear. There are 200 feet span, three at each end, for a center span of 150 feet and one of 50 feet in width. The bridge is given at 6.58 percent. There will be a plain lattice work handrail system on both sides.

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CHURCH WORKERS TO UNITE IN CONVENTION

ANNUAL MEETING OF STATE ENDORSEMENT BEGINS AT PENDELTON TONIGHT, WITH 300 DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE—THREE DAYS' SESSION.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Pendleton, Or., Feb. 19.—The sixteenth annual convention of the Oregon Christian Endeavor union open in the Baptist church at 7 o'clock this evening. About 50 delegates arrived this morning and fully 100 are expected to arrive from the western part of the state at 5:30 this evening.

Secretary Miss Martha Case of Portland is ill and cannot attend. Dr. John O. Rust of Seattle cannot be present to preach the sermon this evening, and his place will be filled by Rev. Muckley of Portland. At the evening session an address of welcome will be delivered by Rev. R. J. Diven, and Attorney T. G. Halley, both of Pendleton. Rev. A. A. Winter of The Dalles, vice-president of the union, will respond.

The Baptist church has been beautifully decorated and arrangements have been made for the entertainment of 150 delegates and speakers. A mass meeting will be held at the opera-house Monday evening. Reception will be given the guests tomorrow evening.

Close Fire Trap. At a meeting of the school board last evening instructions were given the fire chief to close the public school on Webb street immediately, if better fire protection was not made. The building is an old frame one, and a perfect fire trap.

HYDE ARRESTED FOR LAND FRAUDS

(San Francisco Bureau of The Journal.) San Francisco, Feb. 19.—The attorneys for F. A. Hyde, one of the prominent men indicted for connection with gigantic land frauds which have been determined to keep their client from being taken to Washington, D. C. Hyde is now at liberty, having furnished \$10,000 bail last night. H. F. Dimond, also indicted, furnished the same amount. The men will be given a hearing Wednesday before United States commissioners. The attorneys will attempt to show that if there were any fraudulent or conspiracy acts there were formed in Washington and Hyde knew nothing about the matter.

BEHEADED HUSBAND OF HIS SWEETHEART

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Tehachapl, Cal., Feb. 19.—The evidence of an atrocious murder was discovered here this morning when the head of Santiago Araujo was found under a warehouse near the railroad track and the trunk was shortly afterward unearthed under an adjoining line warehouse.

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OLD THEATRE SITE SELLS FOR \$40,000

Former Mayor Van B. DeLashmuth has sold to Dr. C. W. Cornelius the lot and building on the southeast corner of First and Madison streets for \$40,000. The building is of brick, three stories in height, and was formerly the site of the old Standard theatre.

CHINA PROPERTY SAFE.

Japan Says She Will Not Impair Chinese Sovereignty.

(Journal Special Service.) Tokyo, Feb. 19.—The Official Gazette today prints the Hay circular note and also prints the note by Japan to China, assuring that country that the imperial palaces at Mukden, Shin King and the Chinese public buildings everywhere will be protected unless Chinese aid is extended to Russia. Foreign Minister Kuribayashi declares the war is being waged by Japan, not for conquest, but in defense of her just rights and interests. He asserts Japan has no intention of acquiring territory at the expense of China and says any action taken on Chinese territory by Japan will be through military necessity and not with any desire to impair Chinese sovereignty. The Japan magnanimity will be received by the people.

EXCEPTIONS FILED IN ICKES CASE

The proposed bill of exceptions on appeal in the case of W. Ickes, convicted of assaulting Emma Oster, was given into the hands of Judge Sears this morning by Edward Mendenhall, attorney for the prisoner. The document has not yet been signed by the court.

The most important item is an affidavit by W. E. Jackson, the constable who made the arrest, in which he swears that in a conversation with Mrs. Ickes since the arrest, she stated he was not guilty of the charge.

According to Jackson, Mrs. Ickes told him the "case was a put-up job to separate her from the defendant, and that I never made this known nor related this conversation to anyone until since the defendant was convicted."

MAY INVADE KOREA.

London, Feb. 19.—A dispatch from Harbin, Manchuria, this evening says the Russians are concentrating in the lower Yalu valley, evidently preparatory to an advance on Korea. There has been a heavy exodus of Russian families from Harbin, as the supplies are exhausted. The railways are unable to meet the demands of traffic with the result that crowds of women and children are camping about the stations, exposed to most bitter cold. There is no immediate prospect of relief.

IRREGULAR TRAIL OVER.

Chicago, Feb. 19.—The Iroquois investigation will probably close with the examination of the witnesses tonight. The day was principally devoted to expert building testimony.

TO UNITE WESTERN CONVENTION

California Democratic Leaders at Work for Single Action by the Delegates to the Democratic Presidential Convention Next Fall.

A movement is on foot which may exert a powerful influence upon the presidential nomination by the next Democratic national convention, and which, if successful, will make the Pacific coast states a far more important factor in national affairs than they have been hitherto.

It is proposed to effect a combination of all of the coast states and territories, so that their delegations may vote as a unit in the Democratic national convention. The delegates from the extreme western states will command recognition which has been denied them in the past, and they will have an influential voice in the selection of the party nominees. Lasting benefits are also expected to result from the proposed alliance, as it may be the means of obtaining from congress legislation desired by the Pacific coast.

California Meet Governor. Hon. B. D. Murphy and Louis M. Mooser, respectively chairman and treasurer of the Democratic state central committee of California, are here in Portland for the purpose of interesting Democratic delegates to the proposed combination, and they are in conference this afternoon with Governor Chamberlain. During the past three days they have conferred with a number of other prominent Democrats and the plan which they are advocating has met with strong approval.

California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Nevada, Arizona, Utah, New Mexico and Colorado are to be included in the combination, and it has been suggested that it would be eminently fitting that Governor Chamberlain, the only Democratic governor of the coast, since the formation of the consolidated delegations.

While Senator Murphy is himself strongly in favor of the nomination of William R. Hearst as the Democratic candidate for president, both he and Mr. Mooser say emphatically that the proposed combination is not in the interest of Hearst or of any other candidate.

"California is very desirous that there should be unity of action between the Pacific Coast states," said Senator Murphy, "so that their influence may be felt in the national convention and in order to aid in obtaining legislation for this coast. In the past the votes of these states have been scattered and their influence has been very slight. If they act together, adopting the unit rule, they will be a strong factor in the convention and can also exert an influence upon congress."

"The primary object of our trip," supplemented Mr. Mooser, "is to effect this combination of the Pacific Coast states and territories. We are not here as the emissaries of any individual candidate. We want the delegations to come to the meeting and to vote as a unit for themselves whom they will support. If our plan is successful the delegations will adopt the unit rule and the majority will control."

"We shall probably go from Oregon to the other coast, and then to Idaho. All the delegates from the states and territories will be visited, either by us or by some

KELLY RELEASED BY CHIEF HUNT

MAN ARRESTED FOR COMPLICITY IN SILVERFIELD FUR THEFT LEFT GO—DISTRICT ATTORNEY SAYS HE DID NOT AUTHORIZE KELLY'S RELEASE.

George Kelly, arrested by Detectives Day and Weiner and Sergeant Carpenter for complicity in the theft of a large amount of furs from Silverfield's factory recently, was released today by Chief of Police Hunt, without authority from District Attorney Manning, according to the statement of the latter official. Kelly was bound over to the grand jury and placed under \$2,000 bonds, which he never gave. He was let go today.

When a commitment to the county jail was issued by Municipal Court Clerk Olson yesterday for Matt Cullen, the other alleged thief, some were asked for Kelly, and it developed this morning that he had been released.

Judge Hogue stated this afternoon that the detectives had asked him to let the man go, but he told them he could not do so. They then went to Deputy District Attorney Adams, who telephoned to Manning, and the release was made. Manning today denied that he agreed to the release.

"The police had no business to let Kelly out," said Manning today, "and if any criminal tells where goods are located he will be released."

"Kelly was released because he told where things were, and nothing could have been proved against him, anyway," said Manager E. Jacobs of the Silverfield Fur manufactory.

There is a reward of \$300 for the return of the stolen furs, and Kelly told the detectives where the plunder was located. As published yesterday, the furs were recovered. No part of the reward has yet been paid.

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FEAR RUSSIANS MAY GAIN JAPAN

Y. M. C. A. WORKERS OF THE WORLD BAGERLY WATCH RUSSIAN CAMPAIGN—FEAR LEST ASSOCIATION IN JAPAN MAY SUFFER FROM INVASION.

The Young Men's Christian association of North America have interests in Japan which make them deeply concerned in watching the progress of the war, and the possible later invasion of Japan. There are now six American secretaries in Japan. Galen M. Fisher of California is national general secretary and V. W. Helm of Indiana national secretary for the city work. G. S. Phelps of Michigan is secretary at Kyoto, George Gleason of Massachusetts is secretary at Osaka. C. V. Hubbard of Wisconsin is student secretary at Kyoto. There are also 18 instructors in the government schools in Japan who were selected and secured at the request of the Japanese government. Many of the college association leaders of North America by Mr. Fisher. These men, while in the employment of the government as teachers are conducting Bible classes in their own homes and are volunteer leaders in the many universities and city secretaries in America.

Five buildings have been effected with the help of Americans at Tokyo, Kyoto, Osaka and Kumamoto, worth \$58,000.

Many of the officers of the association have been educated in America and are among the national leaders of Japan. The late Hon. K. Kataoka, president of the lower house of parliament, was president of the association at Tokyo. He always opened parliament in silent prayer, and held at his residence a Bible class for some of his closest friends in the house. In the board of directors of the Kyoto association are included a major of the army, a professor in the government college, a member of the city council, an owner of electric railway and merchants and prominent Japanese citizens.

The hero of the naval battle at Chempulpo, Rear Admiral Urabe, was trained at the naval academy at Annapolis and during two years was president of the Young Men's Christian association. The Japanese associations are planning to undertake an army work similar to that done by the American associations during the Spanish war.

There is being enlisted in the associations a large number of its eminent leaders who take time to attend conferences, to study and direct the national association movement. At a recent meeting of six associations were three college presidents, two judges, an attorney, city official, a member of legislature, a member of parliament, an officer of Japan's largest steamship company and three teachers.

Baron Mitsu Maeljima, ex-postmaster-general of Japan, recently said: "The religion of Christ is the one most full of strength and promise for the nation and individual. I can congratulate the Young Men's Christian association upon the good work it is doing for the welfare of our young men."

There are now in Japan 87 associations, 2,500 members. Over 1,000 Japanese young men in Bible classes, a large force of native secretaries have been enlisted. There are 15 hotels or boarding houses conducted for Japanese young men students by the Christian associations.

FEAR RUSSIANS WILL FIRE WILL HURT SELWOOD

DESTRUCTION OF PORTLAND WOOL-LEN MILLS WITH LOSS OF \$100,000.—TRENDS OUT OF EMPLOYMENT 150 PERSONS, MOST OF WHOM LIVED NEAR SELWOOD.

The loss at the burning of the Portland woolen mills at Selwood, late yesterday afternoon, is estimated at \$100,000, with an insurance of \$100,000. The fire originated in one of the machines, where shoddy, wool and cotton are mixed. It spread rapidly. The hand fire extinguishers and the small hose which comprised the fire protection of the factory made no showing against the mass of flames. The only thing left standing is the woolhouse.

The mill employed on an average of 150 persons, and had a payroll of about \$5,000 per month. Many of the employees were building homes at Selwood, and that suburb will be a great sufferer from the fire. The output of the plant was about \$30,000 worth of goods a month. All of the machinery is ruined. The company has been operating for two years, was making money and had formulated plans for expanding in the future.

It has not been decided whether the plant will be rebuilt, or whether it will be sold. The stockholders and officers will hold a meeting and decide this matter. They consist of W. P. Olds, president; E. L. Thompson, secretary and manager; Charles Carter, superintendent; W. F. Burrell, W. M. Addis, C. Cooney, G. Voorhies, R. D. Larabee, J. H. Mills, Nellie G. Mills, R. W. Wilbur, H. W. Hogue, F. A. Nitchy, M. C. Banfield, Dr. A. N. Fisher, Dr. W. L. Wood and W. G. Thompson.

COWBOY MURDERERS ARRESTED IN A BUNCH

(Journal Special Service.) Norton, Feb. 19.—A Winship, a cowboy, and six others were arrested here today charged with the murder of the Berry family. They are all members of the Dewey faction. The defense claims it made the arrests for the purpose of preventing these men from combining on the testimony. The state's attorney says that the evidence in his possession justifies the arrests.

The prisoners are to be taken to Cheney county for a preliminary hearing. Dewey's counsel today stated that Dewey and his employes frequently threatened the Berrys, and that a member of the Berry family fired the first shot, whereupon the Dewey party fired in self-defense.

The court this afternoon issued a restraining order preventing the removal from Norton county of the men arrested today until their testimony is taken.

GAME POACHERS IN EASTERN OREGON

A. E. Gebhardt, secretary of the Oregon Fish and Game association, says he is in receipt of information from State Game Warden J. W. Baker in which he says:

"I am advised by my eastern Oregon deputy that he has caused the arrest of Homer J. Mims, an associate poacher of the game laws, 15 of whom were convicted. Thirteen deer skins were recovered from these parties."

"The last legislature limited the total allowance for salary and all expenses to a sum not exceeding \$250, and I consider this a remarkable showing."

"A. W. Nye, the deputy who caused these arrests, lives at Pendleton, and after going to Heppner had to make a long stage ride. With more liberal appropriations there would be fewer violations of the law, for we could then have officers devoting their whole time to its enforcement."

READ HER LETTER.

WHISKY SNOW BOUND; SEATTLE BOOZELESS

Beer cocktails, China gin and highballs yesterday the high are the lot of Seattleites today, for there is no whisky in the town. At least that is the story brought to Portland by Paul B. Thompson.

Snowbound somewhere in the east on the line of the Illinois Central, of which Mr. Thompson is the Seattle freight agent, a passenger train, in the carload of whisky—3,400 pounds of a famous Canadian mash.

"If that car doesn't arrive today," remarked Mr. Thompson, "I'm afraid there will be a run on the Jamaica ginger and cologne shops. Like Washington, which contains a full-page write-up of Portland by M. Moesevich, assistant secretary of the chamber of commerce."

DRYDOCK PONTON EASILY LAUNCHED

After working nearly all afternoon yesterday Contractor Wakefield succeeded in launching one of the two remaining pontoons in Vancouver for the drydock. It was 6:30 o'clock when the big wooden structure slid off the ways into the water. The launching was an entire success in every particular.

In launching the pontoon it had to slide down a 20-foot incline. It seemed to be a poor grade, not melting readily. After losing some valuable time a supply of fish oil was secured. This worked better, and the pontoon began to move slowly. As first the speed was about an inch a minute, but gradually a greater momentum was gathered. It moved slowly, however, all the way down.