

BETTER STREETS ARE HARD TO GET

WHENEVER THE COUNCIL VOTES TO IMPROVE ANY OF THE CITY'S THROUGHFARES, OBJECTIONS ARE HURDED INTO THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE.

The way of street improvement in Portland is hard. The city engineer and many progressive property-owners believe that the true love has a rocky path, and the way to the stars is an incline beside the course a street improvement has to travel before reaching a safe maturity and before the city secures from the interested property-owners the price of this improvement.

Of the many improvements voted by the council on the request of property-owners, a very considerable per cent never get beyond the advertising stage. Week after week closes with the council-box in the auditor's office filled with complaints, remonstrances, counter-petitions and ordinary kicks against every form of betterment. Not all of these are unjustified. Many of the complaints come from property-owners who have been taxed heavily to aid distant neighbors and who receive no benefit directly from the improvements proposed; but in many other cases betterments that would be of real value and that are greatly needed are killed.

At the close of last week there were in the "kick-box" at the auditor's office four complaints against important improvements. In addition to these, the street committee of the council at its meeting Friday considered several, and at least three more are on hand that have not yet received sufficient signatures to insure their success.

One petition that has already defeated improvements is that against the improvement of Broadway from Union avenue to East Nineteenth. The cause of complaint is that less than six months ago practically the same betterment was defeated on the petition of the majority of property-owners concerned, and until six months passed no further consideration can be given this particular improvement.

The improvement of East Twelfth street between Multnomah and Tillamook is objected to by nine petitioners on the ground that this improvement is not expedient nor especially beneficial to the petitioners. There are nine signatures attached to this petition, and considerable property is involved.

The improvement of East Stark street from Union avenue to East Twelfth street is also objected to by a number of property-holders. There are 49 names signed to the remonstrance, and no special reason is given for the complaint except that the undersigned do not care for this improvement at this particular time.

Pippin street's betterment from Burr-street to Wabash avenue is not desired by several property-owners on the street. One object to the assessment on the ground that one-third of the property in the assessed district is made to bear two-thirds of the cost, and this rate does not appeal to him as being just, especially as he owns the third that is highly taxed.

Among these petitions, as is often the case, the names of real estate companies appear frequently. In the city officials charge that two of the corporations owning large blocks of land defeat improvements because they desire to dispose of their property before the improvements are taxed to their debit, or on the general idea of cutting expense and as long as possible. So far no means of relief from this excessive liability to defeat has been discovered, and the way of better pavements and cement sidewalks is liable to remain as thorny as it has been for years.

DR. J. W. BROUGHER WILL GO ABROAD
Rev. J. Whitcomb Brougher will preach his last sermon, before his departure abroad, this evening at the First Baptist church. Dr. Brougher will leave Tuesday evening for St. Louis, where he will spend a few days at the exposition. From there he will go to Nashville, Tenn., to attend the Southern Baptist convention. May 15, he will preach at the First Baptist church in Chattanooga, Tenn., where he was pastor before he came to this city. He will spend a short time in Cleveland, O., and then will go direct to New York to sail May 25, on the steamer Majestic, for Liverpool.

Dr. Brougher will preach Sundays during the month of June at Dr. Barnard's People's church, in London. During the week he will visit different places in Ireland, Scotland and Wales, and will probably go to Paris.

Rev. Ray Palmer, the evangelist, who has recently come to Portland to reside, will preach at the First Baptist church in Dr. Brougher's absence. This afternoon at 3:30 a mass meeting for women will be held at the church. Dr. Brougher and Miss McElroy, secretary of the Y. W. C. A., will speak on "The Young Women of Portland." Both are of many years of experience, and it is expected their talks will be filled with wholesome advice.

Traveling Men's Meeting.
The Traveling Men's Tom Word club will meet at 323 Sherlock building, Sunday at 10:30 a. m. All traveling men are requested to meet with us. Future meetings will be on Saturday nights at 8 o'clock. By order of committee.

May Sale of Towels

18x36-inch heavy Huck Towels, hemmed, excellent quality. Special value at...**12 1/2¢**
20x40-inch extra heavy Hemstitched Fancy Huck Towels. Special value at...**25¢**
20x43-inch heavy Bleached Turkish Towels. Very Special value at...**15¢**
Swiss Applique Pillow Shams, beautiful patterns; \$1.50 regular. Special, pair...**\$1.15**

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Full size Honeycomb Bedspreads, handsome Marcellais patterns. Special...**\$1.15**
Full size Crochet Bedspreads, extra heavy Marcellais patterns. Special...**\$1.63**
Full size, extra quality, Marcellais Bedspreads. Very special at...**\$2.55**
Full size, very heavy quality, Marcellais Bedspreads. Special at...**\$3.19**

Great May White Sale

Our Annual "May Sale of White"—finished garments and goods in the piece—is so thoroughly well known and its saving advantages are so firmly established that this announcement will come as welcome bargain news to all who have been waiting for this annual occasion. We call especial attention to our Muslin Underwear—all of it "Sanitary" brand—best materials, dainty trimmings, correct sizes—all of it made under absolute sanitary conditions; hence the trade mark "Sanitary."

Corset Covers

25¢ FOR OUR "30c SPECIAL" CORSET COVERS, French and fitted style, circular neck, finished with hemstitching, embroidery and lace insertions and edgings.

29¢ FOR 35c AND 40c CORSET COVERS, made of fine cambric, French and fitted styles, circular neck, finish of embroidery and lace edges, inserts, beadings and ribbons.

39¢ FOR 50c CORSET COVERS, made of fine cambric, French or fitted styles, circular or "V" neck, trimmed with fine lace and embroidery edges, inserts and beadings.

49¢ FOR 75c AND 85c CORSET COVERS, French or fitted styles, circular neck, fine lace and embroidery edges, inserts, beadings used as trimmings.

79¢ FOR \$1.00 CORSET COVERS, of fine cambrics, French style, dainty and elaborately trimmed, with fine embroidered edges, insertions and laces.

98¢ FOR \$1.25 CORSET COVERS, of fine cambrics and Nainsooks, daintily and very prettily trimmed with lace and embroidery insertions.

Drawers

22¢ FOR OUR "25c SPECIAL" DRAWERS, made of cambric, finish of deep ruffle, trimmed with tucks and hemstitched hem, or plain hem and tucks—equal to the best 35c values elsewhere.

29¢ FOR OUR "35c SPECIAL" DRAWERS, made of cambric, finish of deep ruffle, trimmed with lace and embroidery—equal to the best 40c values elsewhere.

39¢ FOR 50c DRAWERS, made of cambric, finish of deep ruffle, trimmed with tucks and lace or embroidery edges.

49¢ FOR 85c DRAWERS, of cambric and muslin, trimmed with lace edges and insertions and deep embroideries.

79¢ FOR \$1.00 DRAWERS, of muslin and cambric, trimmed with fine lace edges and insertions and Swiss and Nainsook embroidery.

Equally strong values in Cambric and Nainsook Drawers, prettily trimmed with fine laces and embroidery, at **\$1.19, \$1.29, \$1.59** and up to **\$5.50**.

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SHORT CHEMISES: Made of excellent materials, cut full width, perfect in workmanship. Special values at **42¢, 49¢, 59¢, 79¢,** up to **\$1.98**.

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SHORT SKIRTS: For the women who like short skirts we've a splendid bargain collection, beginning at **29¢** and going up to **\$1.59**.

65c Gowns at 49c

A Great Special in Gowns—three handsome styles to choose from: Square yoke of hemstitched tuck and embroidered insertion, square neck, square yoke of tucks and embroidered insertion and narrow tucks, square yoke of hemstitched tucks and embroidered insertion, neck and sleeves of all finished with hemstitched ruffle.

Gowns

59¢ FOR 75c GOWNS, made of cambric, high neck, square yoke, trimmed with embroidery or lace insertion and hemstitched ruffle.

79¢ FOR \$1.00 GOWNS, made of high grade muslins and cambrics, square and circular neck, long and short sleeves, beautifully trimmed with embroideries and laces and hemstitching.

98¢ FOR \$1.25 and \$1.35 GOWNS, made of cambrics, muslins and Nainsooks, "V" square, high and circular necks, also some slip effects, long and short sleeves, fine lace and embroideries used as trimmings.

\$1.29 FOR \$1.65 and \$1.75 GOWNS, made of fine cambrics and Nainsooks, "V" circular and slip effects, daintily trimmed with fine laces and embroidered edges, insertions and beadings.

A superb assortment of more expensive Gowns, of Nainsook and cambric, beautifully trimmed with fine laces, embroideries and ribbon, at **\$1.59, \$1.85, \$1.98, \$2.59** to **\$10.00**.

Skirts

79¢ FOR \$1.00 SKIRTS, of fine cambric, finished with deep tucked ruffle, trimmed with tucks, hemstitching and laces—others with embroidery.

98¢ FOR \$1.25 SKIRTS, made of fine cambric, finished with deep ruffle, hemstitched tucks, lace insertion or embroidery—excellent values.

\$1.39 FOR \$1.75 SKIRTS, made of fine cambrics, several styles, deep flounce, trimmed with fine embroidery, Point de Paris and Cluny lace edgings and insertions.

\$1.98 FOR \$2.50 SKIRTS, made of fine cambric, deep flare flounce, trimmed with fine laces and embroidered edgings and insertions.

\$2.39 FOR \$3.00 SKIRTS, made of fine cambrics, deep flare flounce of lawn, ornately trimmed with fine laces and embroideries.

Also exceptional values at higher prices—trimmed with Point de Paris and Cluny lace edgings and insertions, and fine embroideries, in blind and open designs, at **\$2.59, \$3.19, \$3.98** to **\$12**.

Our Windows If down town today take a look at our windows—they contain the grandest, most magnificent display of "White Sale" bargains ever offered in Portland.

May Sale: White Gloves

Our 75c, 12-button length, White Silk Gloves and Mitts. Special at...**59¢**
Women's 2-clasp, double finger tip, White Silk Gloves; regular 80c, at...**39¢**
Our 2-clasp, white "Dena" Kid Gloves, overseas; regular \$1.25. Special...**98¢**
Our 2-clasp, white "Liwo" Kid and Suede Gloves, overseas; reg. \$1.50. **\$1.33**
Our white 2-clasp, London Suede and 3-clasp "Consuelo" Kid Gloves; sold regularly at \$1.75. Special at...**\$1.49**
Our 3-clasp, white Trefousse overseas and 2-clasp, pique sewed and 2-button over seam Gloves; sold regularly at \$2.00. Special at...**\$1.69**

All Trimmed Hats at Half Price

Pleasant news for prospective hat purchasers. All our fine Novelty Hats, in light shades, all our Black Dress Hats, all our Bonnets and Toques—altogether the finest collection of Women's Headwear ever shown in Portland—on sale beginning tomorrow at half price. We hold none back—every one marked at half.

All our \$10 Trimmed Hats..... **\$ 5.00**
All our \$15 Trimmed Hats..... **7.50**
All our \$20 Trimmed Hats..... **10.00**
All our \$25 Trimmed Hats..... **12.50**

May Sale: Lace Curtains

\$1.50 Scotch Lace Curtains, ass'd patterns **98¢**
\$2 Scotch Lace Curtains, ass'd patterns **\$1.40**
\$3 Scotch Lace Curtains, ass'd patterns **\$2.15**
18c Figured Swiss Curtainings, at... **12¢**
Brass Extension Curtain Rods. Special... **7¢**

May Sale: Sheets—Cases

72x90-inch Sheets; regular 57c, at... **50¢**
72x90-inch Sheets; regular 75c, at... **62¢**
81x90-inch Sheets; regular 80c, at... **68¢**
42x36-inch Pillow Cases; regular 12 1/2¢, at... **10¢**
45x36-inch Pillow Cases; regular 12 1/2¢, at... **10¢**

May Sale: Handkerchiefs

One hundred dozen women's all pure linen, plain white hemstitched Handkerchiefs, sheer and cambric weight; regular 20c. **9¢**
Fifty dozen women's all pure linen, laundered and unlaundered, hand-embroidered, initial Handkerchiefs; reg. 35c. **23¢**
One hundred dozen women's white embroidered Handkerchiefs, hemstitched and embroidered edges, some lace trimmed; regular 25c. Special at... **18¢**
One hundred dozen children's all pure linen, hemstitched Handkerchiefs. **7¢**
One hundred dozen boys' all pure linen, white hemstitched Handkerchiefs. **11¢**

FRAUD CHARGED IN MILLIGAN CASE

LOU KASTER FILES CHARGES IN THE CIRCUIT COURT AGAINST W. J. MCCOMMON ALLEGING THAT LATTER ENDEAVORED TO DEFRAUD HEIRS OF AN ESTATE.

In a complaint filed in the circuit court Friday afternoon Lou Kaster, administrator of the estate of Walter J. McCommon as administrator of the estate of William Milligan and charges him with fraud. He alleges that McCommon made misrepresentations to County Judge Webster in order to defraud the complainant out of money which was his due.

This sensational allegation follows the failure of Kaster to secure in the circuit court a writ of review of the proceedings in the county court. Judge Webster is charged with making errors and exceeding his authority. Kaster asks that the judgment of the county court be set aside and he be declared the owner of money now in the possession of McCommon.

Claim Is Settled.
Milligan was killed on the line of the

O. R. & N. railway January 25, 1902. The only estate he left was a claim against the railway company for \$1,500, which was afterward settled through McCommon as administrator. The heirs were Mabel E. Milligan, the widow, and Florence and Oscar Milligan, minor children. McCommon was appointed administrator of the estate by Judge Webster, March 13, 1903.

It is alleged in the complaint that at various times McCommon paid the widow for the support of herself and the children amounts aggregating \$260, leaving \$1,240 as a residue. The distributive share of the widow, according to his computation, would be \$620. This amount, he says, was assigned to him for a consideration in last December.

Final Account Filed.
The final account of McCommon as administrator was filed December 12. At this time, it is alleged, nothing was said about an attorney's fee being due Robert W. Galloway, and no objections being made to the account, it was allowed by the court and ordered entered on the records February 23, 1904.

Kaster sets up the claim that "defendant herein, for the purpose of defrauding this plaintiff out of the distributive share of defendant Mabel E. Milligan as said widow of deceased falsely represented to said county court that Galloway had performed services as attorney for said defendant (McCommon) as administrator." He further charges that McCommon falsely represented that the \$260 had been paid Mabel E. Milligan on account as an advance on her distributive share, and

that the remainder for various reasons should not be paid Kaster. He declares that by allowing the claims of the administrator Judge Webster exceeded his jurisdiction. The residue of the widow's distributive share, according to the order of the county court, would be only \$477.50, and this amount is held by the administrator, pending the further order of court.

Kaster asserts that James Wilson was the only lawyer that had anything to do with the case and that Galloway is not entitled to a fee. He also says that the \$260 was paid to the widow for herself and the children, and should not be deemed an advance on her own account.

A Working Theory.
From the Chicago Tribune. "What causes the ocean tides?" asked the teacher. Tommy Tucker, who had not studied the lesson, was at a loss for a reply, whereupon the boy sitting next to him whispered the answer in his ear. "The moon," said Tommy. "How does it cause them?" was the next question.

The boy did not appear to know, and Tommy, who was thrown upon his own resources, worked his intellect with all his might. "Well," he said, "the moon and the earth is attracted toward each other, and the high places 'tracts each other more in the low places. When the mountains on the moon an' the mountains on the earth is opposite each other it don't

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Not Taking Chances.

From the Boston Herald.
Mayor McClellan refuses to authorize a mass meeting and procession protesting against the advance of rents on the east side in New York, lest they may lead to rioting. It shows the perturbed state of feeling on the subject among the poor tenants.

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