

PORTLAND WITH INLAND EMPIRE

After Two Years' Hard Work, Contracts Have Been Let That Insure the Construction and Completion of the Celilo Portage Road Before Middle of May.

HISTORY OF UNDERTAKING TO BUILD UP OREGON

Heavy Penalty Will Be Exacted From Contractors If They Fail to Perform Work on Time, But They Are Confident Task Will Be Finished Within Limit.

After two years of preliminary work, in which there were many obstacles and discouragements, contracts were finally closed yesterday and bonds approved by the state, for construction and equipment of the Celilo portage road. The road must be turned over to the state complete and ready for operation on the 15th of next May, and heavy penalties will attach to a failure by the contractors, Nelson & White, to accomplish the task by that date. They will construct the road exclusive of tolls, for \$115,522.16, and the state will furnish the rails. The Open River association has signed a contract and given a bond in the sum of \$20,000 to furnish the equipment. There is an appropriation left for the construction and rails are paid for. This balance will be turned over to the Open River association to be applied on purchase of equipment, and the deficit will be raised by subscription through the efforts of the association. The portage road will complete an independent line of transportation between Portland and the vast country known as the "Inland Empire," lying contiguous to the upper Columbia and Snake rivers, and will serve its purpose during the period in which the Celilo canal is being built by federal government, and the vast country abandoned, and the traffic will be carried by a continuous line of water transportation.

History of the Project.
The history of the undertaking briefly told is as follows: After the announcement that the government would build the canal, agitation was begun in behalf of the "Inland Empire" to secure the construction of a portage railway at Celilo immediately, and gain several years' time in the development of that country. The legislature of Oregon appropriated \$100,000 two years ago, for building such a road, and appointed a portage board, composed of the governor, the state auditor, the state treasurer and the state engineer, to have supervision of the undertaking. Surveys and estimates were made. After the figures were completed it was decided by the portage board that the remaining funds were insufficient to construct and equip the road, and the project was abandoned by the state. The Open River association then came forward and offered a solution of the problem, which had rapidly assumed greater importance by reason of swift developments in the "Inland Empire." The need of river transportation facilities had become so imperative that those interested were ready to subscribe money to further the enterprise. The executive committee of the Open River association devised a plan that, after thorough canvassing, was accepted by the state portage board.

The association took charge of the project late in last August. At that time practically nothing had been done and not a foot of right-of-way had been secured. Since then the association's executive committee has secured the right of way, made careful surveys, completed estimates, advertised for bids and closed contracts for the construction, and has itself assumed responsibility for furnishing the equipment.

Many Obstacles Overcome.
Many obstacles have been met and insurmountable ones have been overcome. The committee has canvassed eastern Washington, Oregon and Idaho for support and secured money and pledges sufficient to guarantee completion of the undertaking and payment of any deficit that may remain after the state appropriation is exhausted.

The result has furnished an example of what can be done by a few earnest men, working in a good cause. For 23 years Oregon legislative bodies have struggled with the problem of opening the Columbia river at The Dalles to furnish an outlet for transportation vitally necessary to the "Inland Empire." The task seemed impossible of accomplishment until the Open River association took up the work. Four months from that time the problem was worked out and the construction of the portage road is assured. Every precaution has been taken by the state portage board to make assurance doubly sure that the state shall not be liable for any money in excess of the appropriation.

Mayor's Approval.
The city council has given its approval to the building of the portage road. The city council met last evening and members of the committee, the chamber of commerce open river committee and Mr. Tol are invited to take part in the justification. The committee speaks in the highest terms of Mayor Speer and the aid rendered by him in the prosecution of his work, not only in granting and securing rights of way, but the invaluable practical advice which he was able to give it.

THERE IS MONEY IN CITY'S PURSE

New Year Finds Several Thousand Dollars to Credit of Different Departments.

CLOSE ECONOMY GAVE COMFORTABLE SURPLUS

Annual Report of Auditor Devlin Makes Better Showing Than Was Expected.

The year 1904 has ended, and there remains several thousand dollars to the credit of the different departments in the city government.

Four months ago it was feared that before the end of the year the city would be without funds with which to meet current expenses. Through careful economy in purchasing supplies and by curtailing help in several departments, the new year has found a surplus on hand.

City Auditor T. C. Devlin completed his annual report last night and it shows the finances of the city to be in good condition. The balances in the different funds, from which, however, the warrants for December will have to be paid, are as follows: General fund, \$24,411.42; fire department, \$17,401.79; police department, \$11,646.41; bonded indebtedness interest, \$4,523.23; street lighting, \$8,994; street repairs, \$2,555.50; water, \$41,930.41; city property, \$2,777.41; total, \$118,185.26. The December warrants will reduce the general fund about \$20,000, leaving \$4,411.42; the fire department fund, \$15,000, leaving \$2,401.79; the police department fund, \$7,500, leaving \$4,106.41; the street lighting fund, \$8,500, leaving \$4,494; the bonded indebtedness interest fund, \$4,523.23; the street repairs fund, \$2,555.50; the water fund, \$41,930.41; the city property fund, \$2,777.41. Total, \$605,787.99.

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PROSPERITY IN EASTERN OREGON.

Evidence of Good Times as Reflected by the Record of Eilers Piano House—Twenty-four in One Little Town.

Many people who pass the busy establishment of Eilers Piano House wonder where so many pianos and organs are sold, and few stop to realize the immense territory that is accessible to Portland jobbing houses and the thoroughly prosperous condition of most of this field where Eilers Piano House and its bustling representatives are looking after business. The record of Mr. J. G. Gallagher, who looks after the business interests of the Eilers House in Morrow county, can be cited to illustrate this point. In one little town alone, that of Iona, he sold no less than 14 fine pianos and organs, all within a very short time, 15 being sold within a few days. Most of the instruments are of the highest priced styles, valued at \$300 to \$550, and were delivered to the following prominent citizens of that place, viz: A fine Kimball upright to Mr. Augustus Walker; Another fine Kimball fancy, exhibition style, to W. R. Cochran; "Still another Kimball of similar size to J. H. Woolery; And yet another to Mr. Seymour P. Wilson; And one of the beautiful Baileys was secured by Mrs. Mary Akers; And a similar one by Miss Alta V. Granger; still another Bailey was sold to E. J. Pennington; And a fourth of the Baileys to Mr. R. N. Hyman; A fine Schumann upright was bought by Mr. Louis Balziger; The public school board secured a fine Kimball for the lone school; A Chicago Cottage was purchased by J. W. Linn; An Estey organ was the choice of W. E. Nolan; A Kimball was also the choice of Mr. R. N. Hyman; The first Clarendon sold in Iona went to the home of T. N. Wilson; A Whitney & Homer was Mr. Edward Yates' choice; And another Clarendon was purchased, being the choice of B. F. Akers. Eilers Piano House secures its business from the western boundaries of Wyoming and Montana, through the state of Idaho to Washington and Oregon, and while most of the retail business is handled from the retail establishments on Park and Washington streets, nearly all of the business to the interior is looked after from the wholesale establishment at their big brick warehouses on the corner of Thirtieth and Marshall streets, where cards of 64 pianos are being unloaded and loaded for shipment almost daily now.

Have Money on Hand.
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Resolution of Confidence in Him Passed at Suggestion of President Ransom.
President—C. W. Ransom, re-elected. Vice-president—David M. Dunn, L. S. Doble. Secretary-treasurer—Mose Tichenor. Board of directors—F. P. King, A. M. Smith, Archie Cook, Jack Curran, Howard Gaylord, C. S. Una.

Night Was Her Terror.
"I would cough nearly all night long," writes Mrs. Charles Applegate, of Alexandria, Ind., "and could hardly get any sleep. I had consumption so bad that if I walked a block I would cough frightfully and spit blood, but when all other medicines failed, three \$1.00 bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery wholly cured me and I gained 14 pounds." It is absolutely guaranteed to cure Coughs, Colds, La Grippe, Bronchitis and all other throat and lung troubles. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at Red Cross Pharmacy, Sixth and Oak streets, on the way to the postoffice.

From Manager to Partner.
Velly Block, who for three and a half years has been manager of the Portland Loan company, at 74 Third street, is receiving the congratulations of his many friends for a new position he has accepted in the commercial world. Starting today Mr. Block will enter the firm as partner with Dan Marx, the recent owner. Mr. Block is a man to whom congratulatory words are not given lightly, and his business judgment has won an enviable name as well as his new position. Mr. Block attributes the present large business to judicious advertising, the bulk and practically the whole amount of which has been done in The Journal. Mr. Block has generously given The Journal credit for being a factor in the store's rapid advancement and growth. Mr. Block is a New Yorker and has many friends in that city.

Will Offer Bills to Legislature.
Taxpayers' League Receives Report From Committee on Needed Legislation.

Circuit Court Should Hold One Term a Month.
Auditor Needed to Check Accounts of State Officers and Institutions.

A Happy New Year.
To every patron of the Oriental Beauty Parlors.

Madame Aza Holmes-Ribbecke.
Doctor and Teacher of Dermatology.



TO ALL OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS A HAPPY NEW YEAR

THE MOST all-around satisfactory and successful year in the history of our business has just closed. It has been a busy year, and our success has been magnificent, so it is but meet that we should wish to thank those who have given us success, the buying public of Portland and vicinity. We want to assure you of our appreciation—we want to tell you that no store could feel more appreciative than we do.

For 1905 we have this to offer you: We are going to try harder than ever before to merit your patronage. We are going to have even better, larger and more attractive stocks for you to select from. We are going to—always—price everything just as low as is consistent with conservative merchandising. In short, you can always look here for everything that is modern and progressive in the housefurnishing line. We realize that the store that succeeds well is the store with the great, big customers. This we will bear in mind every minute during the new year, and we promise you right now that you will have no cause for complaint—for a reason—when you visit this store with your patronage. To our old customers, then, we say that we are more pleased than ever to see you during 1905. To those who have not been coming here as yet, we say that we know you will like it when you try. To all, we say that we wish you the happiest, least troublesome and most prosperous new year you have ever enjoyed.

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TRAVELING MEN ELECT OFFICERS

Protective Association Has Enthusiastic Annual Meeting—Hears Encouraging Reports

E. SHELLEY MORGAN DOES NOT ASK RE-ELECTION

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The Oregon and Washington division of the Travelers' Protective association held its annual meeting at the Portland hotel yesterday afternoon and elected the officers named above.

The meeting was of more than ordinary interest to traveling men. President Ransom and Secretary-Treasurer E. Shelley Morgan made annual reports of a very encouraging nature. The president, without any hesitation, discussed the recent unpleasantness concerning Mr. Morgan, and wound up by asking that a resolution be passed complimenting him for faithful service during the past nine years. The resolution was passed without a dissenting voice. Mr. Morgan had declined to allow his name to go before the convention for re-election, and his mantle fell on the shoulders of Mr. Tichenor.

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ACCUSE TALBOT OF BLUFFING TACTICS

Irvine's Counsel Alleges That Bulldozing Has Been Resorted to by Bishop.

PRESSURE IS APPLIED TO GET REPUTATION

Day of Sensation in Church Case—Charges and Counter-charges Follow Fast.

(Special Dispatch by Lensed Wire to The Journal) Philadelphia, Dec. 31.—Charges and counter-charges followed fast today in the Talbot-Irvine church dispute.

Two of the men whose names were signed to the presentation against Bishop Talbot declared that they did not sign the paper themselves. Dr. Irvine sent a telegram to each of the men who were supposed to have made the names were not authorized, saying: "Don't say anything. I have written each a long letter explaining misrepresentation."

The attorneys for the presenters today declare that the signatures on the presentation are all genuine.

Mrs. Talbot, wife of the bishop, defends her husband. She says she possesses letters and papers of a sensational character which will be made public in his defense against the Irvine charges.

Bulldozing Alleged.
Herbert Noble of New York, senior counsel for the presenters in the charges against Bishop Talbot, declared today that bulldozing methods are being used by friends of Talbot and that the tactics have caused some of the signers of the presentation to say that they were tricked into putting their names to the charges.

Mr. Noble is now in Philadelphia, where he has been in conference with Dr. Irvine, J. F. Jenkinson and A. McBride, presenters and associate counsel.

In speaking of the charge that trickery was used, Mr. Noble said: "The signatures of the Huntington presenters of Bishop Talbot to the original document were entirely irregular. The charges that there was any hunger-mongery in regard to these signatures is all rot. The men signed the documents knowing exactly what they contained. Besides their signatures to the presentation we have their signatures to

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a letter asking whether they should sign the document once or twice.

Pressure Applied.
"Do you know who was responsible for this bulldozing?" was asked. "I do," he replied.

"Will you give his name?" "Not just now," was the answer.

"Will you say whether or not the man or men who put this pressure on these men to induce them to repudiate their signatures were friends or partisans of Bishop Talbot?"

The New York lawyer hesitated a moment and then said: "The pressure was applied by partisans of Bishop Talbot. We propose to probe this matter to the bottom."

SAVE NEW YEAR'S HALL.
(Special Dispatch to The Journal) La Grande, Ore., Dec. 31.—A grand New Year's ball was given at the La Grande Commercial club last evening by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, it being their annual ball, and was one of the best attended ever given in the city.

STORZ GIBBS & COMPANY'S PAINKILLER