

HOPE TO REMOVE BLOCKADE BY NEXT CHRISTMAS

Unless Accidents Delay Work East Morrison Will Be a Real Street by That Date.

AGITATION HAS RESULTED IN DEFINITE WORK

Contract for Fill Will Soon Be Let and New Year Will See Congested Traffic of Busy District Greatly Benefited.

East Morrison street will not be in shape for safe traffic before December 15, even if the preliminary proceedings be expedited and the work have no interruption. However, the good fortune attend the city officials and the contractor, two weeks before the first day of 1906, teams may travel that thoroughfare without danger.

The agitation of the past few days has already wrought beneficially and relief is in sight. Activity is shown by officials and the city council will not interpose any objection to the improvement.

In this respect the present council is different from the one that legislated for the city of Portland prior to July 1, for that one seemed disdainful of appeals of property-owners.

With relief in sight, previous interested are not so much disposed to go back into history now and ascertain why the improvement has been so long delayed. However, it appears that the wish of Manager Fuller of the Portland Consolidated Railway company, expressed to George Simonds, manager of the Pacific Bridge company, was a salient element in the transaction. Mr. Fuller stated to the Journal that he informed Mr. Simonds that he hoped the filling of East Morrison street would not be commenced until after the exposition travel was over. The work did not begin.

Explanation of Mr. Simonds.

Mr. Simonds said that, although he was told by property owners to proceed and that they desired the improvement, he was expected to see Whitney L. Bolge, manager of the Hawthorne estate, and that he had been unable to find Mr. Bolge at his office when he called, at least, on account of this and other things he never had secured signatures of all property owners, which was necessary if a private contract for the fill was to be carried out with safety to the contractor.

"I was naturally cautious," said Mr. Simonds, "for we had experience with South Portland work for which we have not even yet received our money, though we have \$25,000 due us from the city. Mr. Fuller did say to me that he hoped the East Morrison street fill would not be commenced until after the fair rush was ended. But I was busy with other contracts, anyway, and had all my equipment employed elsewhere."

But One Company to Do Work.

The Pacific Bridge company is the only concern situated to do fill work along streets on which run the lines of the Portland Consolidated. The Portland Consolidated Railway company, the Consolidated's gauge, C. F. Swigert and H. C. Campbell, when they were owners of stock in the streetcar company, were related in a business way to Manager Simonds of the bridge company, and the two corporations worked closely together.

The fill can be made economically only by using electric cars; hauling earth with teams would make the cost excessive. The East Washington fill made this summer, cost an average of nearly 40 cents a yard; most of it cost 40 cents and part of it 35 cents. The expense, if teams had been employed, would have been greater. Probably the cost of the East Morrison street fill will be about the same.

The council will not meet again before October 3, when the plans for the East Morrison fill will be ready and the legal preliminaries will begin. There must be time for advertising and time for allowing remonstrances, and then advertising for bids. If 30 days be allowed for the work of filling and 15 days for finishing the street by putting on the planking, it will be December 15 before the street will be ready for traffic. The street will then be only temporarily in condition for traffic. There will be a plank surface which will be used until the earth has settled permanently, after which some sort of pavement will be put down.

Traffic Not Held Up.

This work will probably be done in the nighttime, so as to interfere as little as possible with traffic. One side

of the street will be filled and planked at a time, and when once begun the work will be rushed.

East Washington street, which has been filled this summer, will be planked at once, so that that thoroughfare will soon be available. It will relieve the congestion that was caused by the work on East Morrison street.

The macadam will be placed on Water street in a short time. The fill has been completed by the Oregon Water Power & Railway company for months, and nothing has been done toward finishing the street. With this street done, East Washington ready for traffic and East Morrison street in condition for travel by December 15, the situation will be much improved in that district.

The fill on Water street was done for 12 1/2 cents a yard, under an agreement with the water power company which did the work cheaply in order to get the street in condition to make the company's franchises useful.

Work May Be Done Cheaply.

A member of the city council said that he had heard of a company that would ask for a franchise to run down East Stark street from the eastern suburbs of the city, to make extensive fills near the waterfront.

"I was told," said he, "that the company would make fills for 5 to 12 cents a yard, and would offer strong competition to the Pacific Bridge company, which now has a monopoly of the street fills along the lines of the Portland Consolidated."

Manager Simonds of the bridge company said that he hoped such a company, if it was really proposed by any one able to carry out the project, would get to work just as soon as possible.

"Our price," said Mr. Simonds, "is 20 cents a yard on the average, and we cannot do the work for less. If any one can make fills for 5 to 12 cents a yard, I wish it would get busy, for if they can do the work at such prices we will learn something that will be of great value to us. We are anxious to be taught how to reduce prices and yet live and continue in business."

Sanitary Conditions Bad.

The agitation begun by The Journal has aroused interest in the sanitary condition of the East Morrison district. The city health officer has been busy among east side residents, compelling all who can to make connections with the sewers.

"We are handicapped on account of there being no sewer other than the one on East Alder street," said one of the health officers, "and the conditions are demanding instant relief for the people there. A territory seven blocks long and three wide is without any sewer, excepting that the East Alder sewer runs along the south side of it, and much of it is lower than that sewer and therefore no connections can be made."

"The recent fire on Grand and Union avenues cut off the Oak street sewer, too, for a time, and a large quantity of debris was necessarily dumped into the gulch. This aggravated the bad conditions that theretofore existed, and the situation now is serious."

"We must have more sewers on the west side. Out in Brooklyn there are 1,800 acres of thickly settled territory without a sewer. The council committee—Mr. Rushlight, Mr. Willis and Mr. Kaitner—is now endeavoring to procure right of way, and if they succeed there will be relief there."

"But the district to the north of East Morrison street is getting worse all the time, and all on account of lack of sewers. They must be built at once."

MARVELOUS ANAESTHETIC IS FOUND IN SCOPOLAMINE

New Alkaloid Successfully Used in Some of Most Painful Operations Known.

(Journal Special Service.)

Philadelphia, Sept. 22.—Dr. Orville Horwitz, the leading surgeon connected with St. Agnes hospital, is making a series of tests and experiments with scopolamine, a new anaesthetic, which promises to displace ether, chloroform and all other anaesthetics in general use by surgeons all over the world. Scopolamine is a comparatively new drug, although it has been used in Germany for some time in internal medicine. It is an alkaloid and possesses qualities which make it an ideal medium for producing general or local anaesthesia. Only one thirty-second of a grain is required to produce complete anaesthesia in the whole body.

At first it was feared that the drug would not be effective enough to stand the test of exceedingly painful operations, but at a recent tumor operation, in which Dr. Horwitz used scopolamine as an anaesthetic, because the patient would not have survived the application of ether or chloroform, the drug stood the severe test of an operation with the electric knife, one of the most painful operations known to surgery. During the entire operation the patient did not show the slightest twitch, although his right hot knife cut into his tissue. One hour after the operation he awoke perfectly fresh and without the least indication of nausea or any of the unpleasant after-effects which make ether and chloroform so objectionable in many cases.

Since then Dr. Horwitz has used his drug in a number of other operations, and in every case the success was beyond all expectation. He will continue the tests for some time before he shall report the result of his investigations to the medical profession in general. The new anaesthetic is dissolved and administered by hypodermic injection.

SHOW MUTUAL LIFE WAS JUSTIFIED BY LAW

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

New York, Sept. 21.—The ethics controlling formation of underwriting syndicates are being extensively discussed in connection with the testimony given by the legislative investigating committee. It is the consensus of opinion among those best qualified to judge that the record of the Mutual Life shows:

First, that its participation in such syndicates was amply justified by financial usages throughout the civilized world. Second, that the results of such participation have inured to the benefit and profit of its policy-holders. Third, that the occasional participation of some of the company's trustees in such syndicates was a source of proportionate profit to the company. The testimony likewise proved that the Mutual Life has never entered into any joint accounts with bankers or brokers wherein profits on purchases or sales were divided.

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ELIMINATE ALCOHOL FROM PATENT MEDICINES

Tax Compounds Under Internal Revenue Laws Governing Spirituous Liquors.

(Journal Special Service.)

Washington, Sept. 21.—In accordance with a decision recently given by John W. Yerkes, commissioner of internal revenue, the internal revenue department has sent out official notices to wholesale and retail dealers in drugs and

patent medicines and to manufacturers of patent medicines in all parts of the country, informing them that beginning with December 1 of this year all patent medicines containing a considerable percentage of alcohol would be classed as spirituous liquor and would be subject to the rules and regulations applicable to spirits under the internal revenue laws.

Under the new ruling all compounds going under the name of medicines, that are composed chiefly of distilled spirits, without the addition of drugs or medicines in sufficient quantities to change the character of the whiskey or alcohol materially or giving to it decided medicinal properties, are to be considered as distilled spirits and treated accordingly. The manufacturers of such compounds will be compelled to pay the regular special tax for compounding spirits and all druggists and other dealers selling such medicines will be required to obtain special licenses for the sale of liquors.

The recent ruling of Commissioner Yerkes, which reverses a former ruling of the internal revenue department, has caused great consternation in certain quarters. It has been ascertained that enormous quantities of certain compounds, advertised as patent medicines for certain diseases, have been consumed in the prohibition districts of various states and on Indian reservations, where the prohibition laws are strictly enforced. It is charged that these strongly alcoholic preparations are responsible for the terrific increase of drunkenness in those districts. Under the new regulation it will be impossible to obtain these preparations from dealers, as the sale of spirituous liquors is not permitted.

ANARCHIST KICKED OUT OF EUGENE BY CHIEF

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Eugene, Or., Sept. 21.—An Italian anarchist who, while drunk yesterday on the streets, cursed the country, the law and the officers, was literally kicked out of town by Chief of Police Stites. The chief ordered him out of town, but instead he went to the railroad depot and commenced his harangue there. The chief of police found him there and started him up the railroad, following him and kicking him every few paces.

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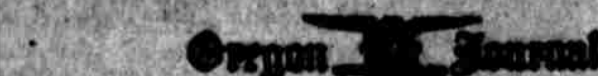
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For Shooting Phasants.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Eugene, Or., Sept. 21.—Elmer Harlow, the young son of M. H. Harlow, a wealthy farmer living north of Eugene, was arrested yesterday at the instigation of Deputy Game Warden Wallace Chamberlain for killing Chinese pheasants out of season. The examination will be held later. Young Harlow is a student in the Eugene High school.



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