

NEW SYSTEM OF FIRE ALARMS

Approved by Council—Will Be Nearly Three Times Faster Than One in Use.

TWENTY-ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS COST OF IT

Engineers From National Fire Underwriters Declared That System Was Not Up to Standard of Other Equipment of Fire Department.

Preparations are being made for the installation of an improved fire alarm system for which the city council has made an appropriation of \$21,000. The improvement will consist mainly in a change from the present slow alarm system to a system nearly three times faster.

The apparatus for which funds have been provided includes 18 large registers, \$2,000; 10 small registers, \$1,000; 20 small gongs, \$400; 1 transmitter, \$500; cable across river, \$1,000; new lines and labor and repairs, \$7,000. There will also be at least 17 new fire alarm boxes installed in different parts of the city where they are most needed.

The present fire alarm system is said to be defective. It is old and much of the equipment is practically worthless. A portion of it will be used in the reconstruction of the system.

When the engineers from the National Fire Underwriters of New York were in Portland making surveys of fire configuration hazards, they severely criticized the system. They said it was not up to the standard of the other equipment of the fire department and that it was 25 years out of date.

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HORSES SHY, DOGS BARK AND PEOPLE STARE

Patrolman Isakson Says Military Capes Look Like Mother Hubbards.

In a vitriolic protest filed with Chief of Police Gritzmaier by Patrolman O. F. Isakson, the patrolman gives vent to his opinions as follows: "Those military capes, so-called, we are compelled to wear are a nuisance, inconvenient and a real hindrance in the performance of our duties, our arms and legs being tied; are a cruelty to animals. Horses shy, dogs bark and people look at us as if Mother Hubbard was out for a walk or we had escaped from a certain institution in Salem.

"And it is certain that if some one took the matter to court, explaining all the harm those oriental robes have been the cause of, the capes would be abolished, the inventor sent to the penitentiary or the insane asylum and a fitting inscription ordered for his tombstone.

It is also to be hoped that when the capes are worn out we will be permitted to wear common-sense overcoats or mackintoshes. And the remnants of the capes should be sent to Mr. Hawkins' free museum in the city hall or to the Archaeological society, as in such places they may have a 'mission to fill,' but for practical purposes of life they are worse than useless.

The present cold weather has demonstrated what a poor overcoat those capes are. They are a humbug, plain and simple.

Improvements Held Up. In spite of the severe cold weather of the week and the fact that the store was literally upside down, the Chicago's sale brought crowds to the big mart. An announcement made by the Chicago that it will do a thing is worth every penny of it.

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EAST BRIDGE MAY GIVE WAY

Sullivan Gulch Span on Union Avenue Shows Alarming Signs of Wear.

IS ONLY LINK BINDING EAST SIDE TOGETHER

Now Carries Traffic That Places More Than Half of East Side at Mercy of Straining Timbers—Agitation for Steel Bridge.

The east side office of The Journal is in the store of J. M. C. Miller, 500 East Morrison street, Telephone East 271.

Motormen and teamsters who are forced to cross the Union avenue bridge across Sullivan gulch many times each day assert that the structure is showing signs of weakening and fears are expressed lest it follow the fate of the Arch street roadway, a few hundred feet to the east, which fell down in utter ruin, though not closed to travel prior to its collapse.

For several months complaints have been made by those using the Union avenue bridge that it was far from stable. The bridge was repaired a couple of years ago, the supporting timbers were reinforced and new planking laid, but the structure rests on mud sills; it is of light make and sways noticeably with the passing of heavy wagons. Even the hand rails are untrustworthy.

While the bridge might have withstood the usual traffic conditions for several months, the recent double loads it has been forced to hold up are believed to be rapidly racking it. To the normal Union avenue roadway, a heavy St. Johns car, the heaviest operated on the east side, in themselves a heavy strain on any light bridge, the L cars and the increased service of the Russell-Shaver line. Cars are now crossing the bridge at the rate of one every 40 seconds or so and will for a month, or until the steel bridge is again in service.

Under the old rules of the company motormen took their cars across the bridge at half speed, but with the present need for haste cars are rushed across the structure at full go and frequently come bowling down the Union avenue hill, hitting the bridge with a jar that makes it creak.

The bridge is the only structure that today connects the greater east side, which is bisected by Sullivan's gulch, and the west side. The twelfth street bridge is the only structure remaining across the gulch and there are no car tracks on the Twelfth street bridge. Under the present arrangement the entire east side district north of East Morrison street depends on the Burnside bridge for transportation and the great majority of this district depends on the Sullivan gulch bridge for car service.

BOLSTER UP TRESTLE. Contractor Brings Dirt Fill Up to Base of Grand Avenue Roadway.

By concentrating all their efforts at one point the contractors working on the Grand avenue roadway managed to pile up the dirt nearly to the trestle, where there seemed the most danger of the entire roadway giving way and falling in ruin. The only thing now to be ascertained is whether the earth heaped up in one place, the marsh is not affected in a corresponding degree, so that the fill will settle for a time as rapidly as made, carrying the trestle down with it.

At each end of the fill, where solid ground was to be had for a foundation, the earth has been brought up nearly to the street grade and there will remain only about 200 feet in the center of the marsh that will give trouble, but what the future action of the swamp will be and whether the fill can be completed without tearing up the trestle and working on a new track laid on the fill is not yet shown. The fill is not yet half completed and the trestle, sewer and conduit for the Hawthorne springs overflow require constant attention, showing that as yet the marsh has not received enough earth to render it stable.

NEW SYSTEMS INSTALLED. All East Side Telephone and Power Lines Being Greatly Improved.

Apparently every east side telephone, electric light and power wire is being renewed, changed or repaired. In the Albina district there are from eight to a dozen gangs of linemen stretching cables or single wires, repairing power circuits, installing new lightning arresters, replacing transformers and generally improving the service.

Power circuits for the car lines and to serve motor customers of the General Electric company are also being replaced. New cables of a heavier voltage than the old are being strung and old wire that was liable to become short-circuited is being replaced with heavily insulated cables.

NO MORE COLLISIONS. Semaphore Placed at Foot of Sullivan's Gulch to Warn Engineers.

One of the danger points on the east side has been safeguarded. From this time there will be slight alarm for the annual wreck at the foot of Sullivan's gulch, where in the past freight trains have piled up and trains waiting for the steel bridge draw to close have been

NEEDLESS ALARM.

Here's a poor man coughing away his lungs—at least so his relatives think. It's cough, cough, hack, hack, hack; all day and sometimes all night. "Must be consumption," think the alarmed ones.

And, of course, there is always a possibility that they may be right. But in most cases they're wrong; because Dyspepsia is so much more common than Consumption.

The dyspeptic cough, it is well to remember, can be readily cured by Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets. No need to be alarmed about it, unless you make up your mind to neglect it. Then, indeed, you must look out for danger; for the Dyspeptic Cough often grows into a Consumptive Cough if neglected, by the constant lung irritation which it causes.

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A VINDICATION FOR DR. PIERCE

Decision by the Supreme Court of the State Against the Ladies' Home Journal.

A verdict has been rendered in favor of the plaintiff in the libel suit brought against the Ladies' Home Journal published by the Curtis Publishing Co. by the World's Dispensary Medical Association, of which Dr. R. V. Pierce is president.

The action alleged that the defendant maliciously published this article containing such false and defamatory matter. Dr. Pierce further claimed that no alcohol or any other contained in his "Favorite Prescription" that said medicine was a vegetable preparation and contained no deleterious ingredients whatever.

Charged With Attempted Murder. Charged with attempting to murder Dan Nolan, a saloonkeeper at that place, Conway was arrested at Tenino Wednesday.

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NICKS AND DENTS IN GOLD BAIL MONEY

Action looking to the prosecution of Chinese on the charge of "sweating" gold coins is expected to be taken by government officials on information furnished by Acting Detectives Murphy, Welch and Jones. The police are now looking for the Chinese who furnished bail for seven of his countrymen, arrested on charges of gambling last Sunday night at 84 Second street.

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