

DAY'S EVENTS ON EAST SIDE

Senator Nottingham Writes an Explanation About Stark Street Improvement.

MOUNT SCOTT DISTRICT HAS ERA OF PROSPERITY

Lents Now Has Band of Twenty-Two Pieces—Sellwood Plans for Larger Public Library—Other Events on the East Side.

East Side Department.
The East Side Improvement association, like the East Side Business Men's club, is unanimous in its demands for the improvement of East Stark street. At a meeting last night of the East Side Improvement association, Thomas Hialop, H. H. Prouty, W. H. McMonies and W. T. Boise were appointed to go before the council this afternoon and urge that no further delay be allowed for the carrying out of the contract for the filling of East Stark from East Seventh to East Water.

The property owners who wish to delay the work until the dredge can be obtained and can fill the blocks at the same time as the streets, so as not to destroy buildings along the street, will hinder the improvement indefinitely, according to the improvement association, since the dredge now has a great deal more work than it will be able to accomplish in many years.

Concerning this fill that has aroused the East Side business men,

Senator Nottingham has the following communication to make:

"In regard to the fill of East Stark street, there seems to be a determination to misstate all facts in connection with the case, and to impugn the motive of everyone who disagrees with some of the East Side gentlemen in regard to the same.

"The fact is that there is a petition on file to improve with a fill, East Stark street, from Seventh to the river, notwithstanding the fact that East Stark, between Union avenue and the river, was improved last year with new plank, and is now in perfect condition, except where the fill at Union avenue crushed down the plank, which would have been put in order long ago, but for some reason has been left in its present dilapidated condition until the present time.

Wanted Hydraulic Fill.
"Nearly all the property owners from Union avenue to the river were anxious to make a hydraulic fill, not only in the street but also on all the land owned by them, and in order to get this done they secured more than one third of the property owners between Union avenue and East Seventh street, and also more than one third of the property owners between Union avenue and Water street to sign a petition separating the improvement, so that the east end of the street could be filled at once with a dirt fill and then allow sufficient time for the west end to secure the dredge to fill the west end up to basement grade, if not to street grade. Now, instead of trying to delay the improvement, we were simply asking that the improvement be made in an intelligent manner. Some of us have just erected new buildings on this land, and we do not want to have our buildings ruined by a dirt fill, the same as was done on Union Grand avenues. This is one reason we had for making the hydraulic fill first.

Some of the East Side gentlemen seem to think that we were simply asking to delay matters or to get the improvement in such shape that it could be remonstrated against, and to ally this suspicion the property owners have simply asked to guarantee, and if necessary, to put a bond that the two improvements will not be remonstrated against. This ought to satisfy any fair minded person.

No Need of Suspicion.
Notwithstanding this proposed guarantee, some of the gentlemen still insist that we are not acting in good faith. When people offer to put matters in such a shape that they cannot possibly be remonstrated against, we think it is time for suspicion to cease.

"We commend the East Side business men for their energy and zeal which they display in having their streets improved, but they should remember that they should not require us to improve a street every year, as they are asking to be done between Union avenue and the river. Notwithstanding we did not think this was right, we consented to bear it and do as they desired, but we want to do it in a manner that would be permanent and benefit not only the street but the property as well and make a permanent, solid foundation for a street so that if a dirt fill were put in after the basement level was reached by the hydraulic fill, it would do no damage to the buildings, and would also improve all the property as well as the street.

"We cannot understand how anyone could act more fairly than we have done in this matter. We cannot see the grounds for suspicion which these gentlemen seem to entertain toward us, and what we have done cannot help but ally the suspicion of any reasonable person.

No Reason for Haste.
"If the street from Union avenue to the river were in bad condition and not in shape to be used we could readily understand why it would be necessary to hurry this improvement at once and have the dirt fill made, but as it is in perfect condition we see no reason why we should not have a reasonable time to make a hydraulic fill first. This has been the unanimous opinion, with one bare exception, of all the property owners on this end of the street, so far as I can learn, and, if I understand the case, the gentleman who claimed to have property in this section is only acting as an agent for some eastern parties. We want it understood now and forever that we are not opposing this improvement; that we want it as bad as any man, but we want to do it in an intelligent manner, and we have arranged the matter in such a way as to allow the east end of the street to be filled as quickly as the people want it, but that our work be delayed until such time as we can get the dredge. We repeat again that we would not ask this if the street had not been improved last year.

"The trust in this will satisfy our suspicious friends."
"C. W. NOTTINGHAM."

Prosperity at Mount Scott.
The Mount Scott district is experiencing a slight touch of prosperity this week, as real estate and other lines of business are picking up with unusual alacrity. Lents boasts that eastern capital is becoming interested in property adjoining since a man from Michigan bought five lots this week in the Pinehurst tract. The purchaser will put up cottages on his lots and otherwise improve the property. The lots in the Webb addition are nearly sold out and prices are beginning to rise.

Band Is Busy.
The Lents band is doing good work and now consists of 22 members. A. H. Berry, of Portland, is instructing the Lents musicians and they are practicing regularly. It is the intention of the organization to have completed by summer a neat band stand near the station and during the long, pleasant summer evenings the people of Lents and visitors in the town will be able to enjoy music from a local organization and without going to the parks in the city.

Want Larger Library.
The residents of Sellwood who have for the last two years been supporting a small public library have become so convinced of its good in the community that they are anxious to have it enlarged and better equipped. Dr. D. A. Thompson has given much time and thought to the project and feels that the Portland association should establish permanent branches in the suburbs. The library at Sellwood has been supported by the citizens and is now costing them \$25 a month. It is becoming too much of a responsibility and the Portland library is solicited to give aid.

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DON'T FORGET THE TWO BIG MARKETS

A plan has been announced that will include two other branches, one at Albina and another in South Portland. Most suburban residents are not able to avail themselves of the opportunities of the Portland public library as easily as might be on account of the fact that it requires some time to make the trip to and from the library.

The Center Addition Progressive association will work in conjunction with the Twenty-eighth Street Improvement association for the widening of Villa avenue and East Gleason to 50 feet. At their meeting this week Dr. William De Vency read a letter from William Dood announcing that he was in favor of an 80 or 100-foot street through the Hazel farm. A committee from the Center Addition association was appointed to confer with the Twenty-eighth Street association to work for this improvement. This committee, consisting of C. T. Grant, A. Bartholomew and C. W. Davis, will meet with the latter association tomorrow evening. Frank Motter of the Twenty-eighth Street association attended the Center addition meeting and made a vigorous speech in favor of the improvement.

"The Middlemen" will be the bill all week, with a matinee Saturday. Seats selling.

Next Week at the Baker.
Hoyt's great play, "A Temperance Town," will be the bill next week at the Baker theatre. It is a good attraction for the Thanksgiving week and will undoubtedly prove highly popular. It will serve to introduce to the patrons of the Baker Miss Anne Singleton, the charming new second woman, who has just arrived from New York to join the "Bakerettes." "A Temperance Town" is filled with some qualities which made Hoyt's name a household word. You won't want to miss it.

"Peck's Bad Boy."
Storms, floods, nor anything else seem to keep people home from seeing "Peck's Bad Boy" at the Empire this week. The piece is crowding the cozy uptown theatre at every performance. Just as funny as ever in the motto, and many think it is improved in several ways. The "boy" is there in all his glory, and Schultz, the groceryman, contributes his share of the general merriment. "Peck's Bad Boy" will be at the Empire all the rest of the week with a matinee Saturday.

Coming to the Empire.
"Uncle Josh Spruich" is coming to the Empire next week, arriving for Sunday matinee. Everyone remembers this attraction last season, and it is expected to be a success at every performance. This season it is bigger, better than ever, and the "rube" band will soon be seen wandering through the streets, as they did last year. Look out for "Uncle Josh."

At the Star.
"Folly and I" is a comedy-drama which the Allen stock company is playing this week at the Star to the usual capacity business. It is even more successful than "A Man of Mystery," presented last week, as there is more comedy and action in "Folly and I." Forrest Seabury, a clergyman, and his larger than life character of the most comical comedians ever seen in this city. Vera Felton is singing Seabury's songs, and will be another regular theatre habitue.

At the Lyric.
Better than the performance given by road companies is "The Sign of the Cross" this week at the Lyric. The stock company is offering a first-class production of the Sherlock Holmes play, with all the characters and all the needed accessories. The management offers between acts an illustrated song and moving pictures. "The Sign of the Cross" is the original Sherlock Holmes story, and it is one of the strongest attractions the popular Lyric stock company has presented.

At the Grand.
Now that the floods have subsided, all the acts which are announced for the present week at the Grand have arrived. They made a great hit yesterday, individually and collectively. The feature act, "Saint Louis," played by Mr. and Mrs. Truesdell, is one of the most beautiful dramatic acts that has graced the vaudeville stage. Daily matinees and two shows nightly.

RIVER FALLING AND RANGE GRASS GOOD
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Arlington, Or., Nov. 21.—The river at this point is falling rapidly and the weather is fine. Reports from Condon and Clem show that the south end of the county is covered with snow from four to six inches in depth, and sleighing is a favorite pastime. The weather in that section, however, has every indication of a chinook at any hour. Stock throughout the county is in fine condition and the warm rains and southerly winds which preceded the snow have started the grass on the range, which is now good enough to warrant sheepmen in ceasing to feed in the corrals.

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AT THE THEATRES.

"The Sign of the Cross" Tonight.
Wilson Barrett's powerful religious drama, "The Sign of the Cross," will be the attraction at the Hellig Theatre, Fourth and Washington streets, tonight at 8:15 o'clock. It has brought to the side of high dramatic representation, and is a masterpiece of the art. It has called forth a wonderful chorus of commendation from powerful pulpit orators, and yet its stirring dramatic features have made it one of the most magnetic attractions for regular theatre habitues.

Max Figman Sunday Night.
Max Figman, who comes to the Hellig theatre next Sunday night, November 25, continuing the following Tuesday and Wednesday nights, November 27 and 28, with a special-price matinee Wednesday, in "The Man on the Box," the charming comedy dramatized by Grace Livingston Furness from Harold McGrath's book of the same name, is said to have an eye for the beautiful always. This may account for the fact that he has four pretty girls in his company playing the feminine roles. Miss Helen Hulse, Miss Clara Louise Chapman, Miss Beatrice McClure and Miss Ceta Woodland Bennett. The seat sale begins next Friday morning at the box office of the theatre.

College Fun in "Strongheart."
"Strongheart," the play of Columbia "varsity life, in which Henry B. Harris will present Robert Edson at the Hellig theatre tomorrow, Friday and Saturday nights, November 22, 23 and 24, with a special-price matinee Saturday, is a four-act comedy-drama by William C. De Mille, a former Columbia boy. While the dramatic interest is serious, it is concerned with the problem of the educated Indian and his love for a woman out of his race. There is abundant comedy to relieve the emotional tension. Seats are now selling for the engagement.

Big Week at the Baker.
This is the big week at the Baker, where John Salsopola, supported by the incomparable Baker stock company, is producing "The Middlemen," the great English drama from the pen of Henry Arthur Jones. Salsopola is known as a starting actor and his week here does some of the best work of his career. In the third act he rises to the point of genius.

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