

STREET IMPROVEMENTS PROSECUTED WITH VIGOR

Never in History of Portland Has This Work Been Pushed Harder—No City in Country Keeping Pace With the Rose City in This Class of Beautifying.

Never in the history of Portland has street improvement and sewer construction been prosecuted with so much vigor as last month. The increase in the amount of work under construction and projected over the same month last year is remarkable.

Assistant City Engineer Hansen says that he knows of no city in the United States which is keeping up with the record established during the month just past by the Rose City. When the amount of work was checked up in June, 1906, it was thought that the record would stand for years, but the showing is eclipsed so far in comparison with June of this year that city officials themselves are surprised.

Greatest Increase.

Probably the greatest increase is in the streets under construction by ordinance. During the month the total reached the unusual amount of 88 streets, over twice as much as June, 1906, when the sum totaled 41 streets. Streets under preparation for construction but not yet under contract in June,

1906, reached 199. June of this year shows a record of 335 streets.

Twenty-eight sewers in course of preparation and under construction in June of last year was considered an enormous amount of work. What is it compared with the 63 sewers being prepared and constructed in the corresponding month of this year?

Great gains have also been made in department coming under the head of cross-sectioning under permit. The portions of different streets on which this character of work was done for grading numbered 6,240 lineal feet as compared with 1,490 feet in June last year. The lineal number of feet of grades and lines set for sidewalks under permit was 32,268. The preceding June it was 19,928 lineal feet.

Lines and Levels Run.

Lines and levels run for establishing grades that have not been previously established numbered 23,540 lineal feet. In June of last year the amount reached 44,618 feet, and this is the only instance in the record of the two years where 1906 excels.

Surveys were made in 1906 for opening, widening or extending 470 lineal feet of streets. This year 1,850 feet

of the same kind of work was done in June.

Over twice as much restaking of work under construction was carried on than in the preceding June, 110,307 lineal feet being covered to 48,523 lineal feet in 1906.

Streets cross-sectioned during June preparatory to making estimates in accordance with petition or resolution also shows an increase in the aggregate. Bituminous pavement has grown in favor, 8,198 lineal feet being asked for as compared with 2,282 feet in the corresponding month of last year.

Last June the engineers were carrying on work for 4,439 feet of macadam. This year's record is a little less, being 1,710 feet. Earth grading this June reached 23,806 lineal feet and last year it was 10,006 lineal feet. Graveling was wanted on 4,232 feet this June, being much greater than the amount wanted last year, 1,913 feet. Bituminous macadam fell from 9,352 feet last June to 2,970 feet in June, 1907. No stone blocks were desired this June, but last year property-owners had 1,820 lineal feet laid.

KLAMATH CANAL LAND FLOODED

Main Ditch of Big Government Project Breaks and Ruins Alfalfa Crops.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Klamath Falls, July 11.—The first serious break in the main canal of the Klamath project occurred Sunday night about 11 o'clock, when about 50 feet of the canal bank was washed out. The break occurred near the residence of Frank Ira White, who resides on the old Mitchell ranch, east of Klamath Falls. He was awakened by the sound of rushing water, and the whole country round about seemed to be flooded. The headgates of the canal are closed at night, but enough water remained in the canal to cause considerable damage.

Nearly all of the east Klamath Falls tract is flooded, and whether the wash from the banks covered up much alfalfa land cannot be determined until the water subsides. The water spread over the land, only stopping at the macadam road, which leads out of Klamath Falls to the east. About 50 acres of alfalfa were destroyed, as the washing down of the alfalfa will prevent not only the present crop but the succeeding crops of this year from being harvested.

It will take at least two weeks to repair the damage, and meanwhile farmers below the break are praying for rain, for the growing crops are in need of water.

Considerable trouble has been experienced with the irrigation ditch on account of gophers digging into the banks, also the soil is of such composition that it is loose and does not easily weld together. The reclamation officials are doing their utmost for the farmers, who need water so badly, and a large force is at work on the break.

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BLUE LEDGE MINE SOLD

Southern Oregon Copper Belt Will Be Thoroughly Exploited by New Owners—Rich Strikes Have Created Great Excitement.

Negotiations have been closed for the final purchase of the Blue Ledge mine by the Blue Ledge Mining company, whose principal holder is R. S. Towne of New York, and in a short time the mine will be in full operation. E. H. Wetzel, who has been negotiating for the transaction, is in Portland and speaks in glowing language of the future of the southern Oregon copper belt.

The new holding company has purchased a smelter site on Applegate creek composed of 400 acres and will begin the erection of a smelter and power plant in a short time. According to Mr. Wetzel the country is now booming and is destined to outstrip the famous Anaconda district as a copper producer. Roads are already being constructed into the country from the south which will open the Klamath river, the Slade and the Horse creek copper districts.

More than 1,000 men are now at work in the district, and many people are coming into the country daily. There is great excitement in the Happy Camp district where a rich strike has been made within the past 10 days.

A railroad has been surveyed from Medford to the smelter site of the Blue Ledge company, and will be constructed in a short time.

Mr. Wetzel will remain in Portland for a few days, and will then return to the mines where he will remain until winter.

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PURE FOOD WILL BE SUBJECT OF SESSION

Commissioners to Meet at Jamestown Exposition for General Discussion.

(Journal Special Service.)

Norfolk, Va., July 11.—Of much interest to the general public will be the discussion at the eleventh annual convention of the Association of State and National Food and Dairy departments, which is to be held next week at the Jamestown exposition. The meeting will be attended by the federal officials as well as the pure food and dairy

commissioners of nearly all the states of the union.

Among the subjects to be discussed with a view to final recommendations where additional legislation is needed, or final action where present laws are sufficient, are the following:

Closer restriction and prohibition of artificial color, which, whether harmful or harmless, is the cloak of most food frauds; problems of sanitation in production; preparation, transportation and marketing; the city milk supply; the uninspected local slaughtering house, bakeries, soda fountains and ice cream plant; cooperation between the state and municipal authorities; and between the states and federal government; uniform legislation, based upon the combined best in the state and national laws, and not on any imperfections which may have been influenced into either; the continuance of the joint committee from the official agricultural chemists and from official food analysts to collaborate the research of scientists and the experiences of producers and manufacturers for the mutual information of both the food officials and manufacturers.

QUIET HOUR IS C. E. SERVICE

Early-Morning Meetings Are Held by Delegates at Four Seattle Churches.

(Journal Special Service.)

Seattle, Wash., July 11.—Christian Endeavor delegates and visitors held "quiet hour" services in four city churches at 6:30 o'clock this morning. The services were attended by hundreds of delegates, although they had been occupied until late last night with convention business. From 8:30 to 9:30 o'clock sessions of the Christian Endeavor school of methods were held in six churches.

At 10 o'clock the regular sessions of the convention were resumed in the two auditoriums. Training for the Church of the Future was the general topic at each meeting, one of which was presided over by President Clark and the other by Rev. James L. Hill, D. D. Well-considered addresses, containing many valuable suggestions to Christian Endeavor workers, were delivered by Hon. George Nicholas, N. P. of England; Rev. R. G. Barnes, D. D., president of the Pennsylvania Christian Endeavor Union; Rev. W. H. Barracough of New Westminster, B. C.; W. C. Perkins of Baltimore; Rev. Smith Baker, D. D. of Portland, Maine; Rev. E. R. Dille, D. D. of Oakland, California; Rev. H. W. Fraser, D. D. of Vancouver; Rev. J. M. Lowden, D. D. of Providence, Rhode Island; Guy M. Withers of Kansas City, and Rev. John Follock, president of the European Christian Endeavor Union.

William Phillips Hall, president of the American Bible league, conducted a noon-day evangelistic meeting in the Grand opera house, a great crowd being present and manifesting much enthusiasm.

One of the auditoriums was given over this afternoon to a session devoted to the Junior Endeavorers. President Clark presiding. In the second auditorium a "Union workers' rally" takes place with features of special interest to the field secretaries and other officials of the Christian Endeavor organizations.

Two interesting programs have been arranged for the auditorium meetings tonight, the prominent speakers to include President George M. Ward of Wells college, Rev. Hugh K. Walker of Los Angeles, Rev. W. T. McElveen of Boston, Rev. Floyd W. Tomkins of Philadelphia, and Mr. Herbert L. Willett of the University of Chicago.



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