



Harmonious Action Over Street Improvements Brings Complaints.

PUBLIC EXPECTED DIFFERENT TREATMENT

With Many Contracts Awarded It Seems Impossible Now That Contemplated Beautification Plans Can Be Carried Out Soon.

Another summer is nearly gone and on-all sides there is loud complaint because of the small amount of street paving that has been done. It was given out last spring that great strides were to be made this summer in laying hard surface pavements. The pavement companies and the city officials assured the public that Portland should no longer be pointed to as the worst and least paved city on the Pacific coast.

Contracts Awarded.

Contracts have been awarded for a very large amount of paving that the public had a right to expect would be had before the rainy season sets in; but it seems well nigh impossible to get harmonious action from all the conflict-ing interests that can, and too often do, hinder the progress of a paving con-tract. tract.

tract. The products of a paying con-tract. The products of a paying con-on the west side the following prom-ment streets have been ordered payed with hard surface payement and the contracts awarded: Park, Second Mar-shall, Trinity Place, Johnson, Jefferson and Madison streets. On the east side: With hard surface payement and the contracts awarded: Park, Second Mar-shall, Trinity Place, Johnson, Jefferson and Madison streets. On the east side: With the amount of streets improved to be tract a summer and fall. One Resident's views.

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property owners a chance to remon-strate. The proposed improvement hav-ing passed the period of remonstrance without being killed, the council adopt the time and manner the ordinance and the executive board calls for bids. The contract is then made with the lowest bidder, who is supposed to exe-cute the work without delay. IS ANNOUNCED

cute the work without delay. Delays Are Too Many. "Under the present system, or lack of system, there are many delays. De-lays are caused before the improvement is ordered by inability of the property owners to agree as to the necessity of the improvement or the character of the same. There is a delay after the im-provement is ordered by the inability of the engineering department to prepare the plans and specifications, which de-lay sometimes amounts to a loss of six months to a year. Next Month High Grade **Black Diamonds Promised**

FUEL COMES FROM **OSTRANDER DISTRICT** Experienced Miners Working Hard

the engineering department to prepare the plans and specifications, which de-lay sometimes amounts to a loss of six months to a year. "After the contract for the improving of streets is let delay in the actual con-struction of the work is caused by the following reasons: The street railway company fails to improve its right of way as provided by .ae ordinance. It rarely commences work until after six months have elapsed from time of noti-floation, while delays of a year are com-mon, and in one case it has taken the comvany two years to improve the right of way after being ordered to do so by the city. The delay of six months on the part of the street railway company means a year to the contractor as the delay of the street railway company means a year to the contractor as the delay of the street railway company means a year to the contractor as the delay of the street railway company means a new ork into the rainy season and the contractor is unable to proceed until the following dry season. "Delays -re caused by the neglect of the sas and telephone companies to in-stall mains and conduits. Delays are caused by the water department by failure to install permanent mains until the last moment. Failure on the part of property owners to make connection with water, sewers and gas. "It seems to be impossible to get ac-tion by the various public utility com-panies as the different branches of the oity do not work in harmony and ques-tions relating to these companies are sent from pillar to post. The water board says it is up to the city engineer, the city engineer says look to the coun-the and the council passes it on to the essent from piller to post. The water board says it is up to the effort water of the saw should be changed to provide a remedy. Everybody should presponsibilities whether it be the mayor, city council, engineer or water board. If all work in harmony to excedite these preliminaries to actual construction work, theres would be little delay, and the amount of streets improved would be trabie Than September 1.

PURCHASES BIG LOT

September 1, the first coal mine that

has ever been developed in this immediate territory will begin the delivery in this city of 100 tons per day of a high grade lignite coal.

The mine is located at Ostrander, on the east bank of the Cowlitz river seven miles above its junction with the Co-The company operating the lumbia. numbia, The company operating the mine is known as the Consumers' Coal company, J. H. Johnson, a local timber dealer, is president of the corporation, who together with D. L. Keyt, a Perry-dale merchant and banker, A. A. Brace, Dave Calbreath, proprietor of the Hotel Columbia, Vancouver, Washington, and J. C. Lee, form the directorate.

From Nearby Fields.

Men Hard at Work.

The company now has about 70 men employed at the mines, most of whom are experienced miners. A force of car-penters is at work building cottages for the miners, a large building for a com-missary and residences for the chief en-gineer and other officials of the com-pany. One mile of railroad track has been laid connecting the mines with the bunkers on the river bank. While the mine is closer to the Northern Pa-cific line than it is to the river, the entire output will be shipped to Port-land by barges as it can be handled in this way for a fraction of the côst to ship it by rail. **Tast Acreage Owned.**

One of the important sales of residence property made during the past week was that of 18 lots on Willamette Heights by Percy H. Blyth to H. W. Hogue, the well-known attorney. The property is known as lots 1 to 18, inclusive, in block 3, and is bounded by Quiniby, Pettygrove, Twenty-ninth and to Get Everything Ready to Supply Local Consumers by Not Later

IN VALUABLE LOTS

H. W. Hogue Takes Over

Property on Willamette

Heights.

Quimby, Pettygrove, Twenty-ninth and Thirtieth streets and was sold for \$14,-700, or at the rate of about \$375 a lot. The lots are beautifully situated, having an outlet on the Cornell road and Quimby street, and are on one of the most ele-vated spots in that district. The choice, elevated building sites in the western section of the city are rap-idly passing into the hands of purchas-ers who intend to improve them with handsome and expensive homes.

WALLING DEALING IN ST. JOHNS PROPERTY

R. T. and F. A. Stahl have purchased from Mary K. Arnold, the west 70 feet of the lot at the southeast corner of Arthur and First street, South Portland, for \$4,500.

G. E. Walling has recently sold the s-room residence together with a quar-ter-block site, at the odrner of Leo avenue and East Ninth street, to Mrs.

avenue and East Ninth street, to Mrs. J. L. Shafer for \$3,500. Mr. Walling has been making con-siderable investment at St. Johns, hav-ing just closed a deal for a 10-lot block thera, which he will hold as an investment. investment.

SPLENDID PROSPERITY IS PORTLAND'S LOT

perity for so many years that it . Portland has enjoyed proswould be difficult to select the **Wast Acreage Owned.**The company has 849 acres, all underliaid with an eight-foot vein of coal.
Five tunnels have been run in, tapping the vein from three sides.
The entire output has been sold to Banfield-Veysey company for a period of six years. The coal company is under contract to begin September 1, the delivery of 100 tons per day. November 15, this is to be increased to 200 tons daily, and February 1, next the contract to be increased to 200 tons daily, and February 1, next the contract by January 1, 1909, the daily output will exceed 1,000 tons per day.
Chief Engineer Slocum of the General Electric company has made a careful examination of the coal and pronounces it of a fairly good authracite quality.
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We says that the coal as food and is getting better as the shafts go deeper. year in which the tide of good ment has equaled Portland's but

certainly none can lay claim to the same commercial, industrial and building advancement that this city has undergone since the opening year of the twentleth century.

A syndicate backed by Seattle and Spokane capital as well as by Portland money has acquired a large tract on the hillside in the extreme southern part of the city which it will hold for sale and which it is intended to terrace and improve generally. Streets are to be graded and sidewalks laid with the end in view of making it one of the most de-\$5,500. Mrs. Jennie A. West has purchased from J. E. Kaston the improved quar-ter-block at the southwest corner of East Fourteenth and Belmont streets. The consideration involved was \$5,500. sirable residence sites in the city.

VALUABLE TRACT

Seattle, Spokane and Port-

land Capital Acquires

Hillside Acreage.

sirable residence sites in the city. It is expected to expend on this tract about \$150,000. When it is ready for marketing it will be one of the choicest pieces of view properties on the coast, according to the promoters. In view of the fact that outside capital is interest-ing itself in this hill property in and about Portland the move in South Portland is considered quite significant. The property is located just above the holdings of the South Portland Im-provement association. This latter property has been improved and has sold at an enormous profit and it was not crowded at the market as property usually is when put on by real estate men. Therefore it is thought this prop-erty will sell well. It is located higher than the association's property and the panoramic view from it is much larger and grander. "Portland agent of the syndicate, "that they have neglected this exquisite prop-erty, will sell well the syndicate, "that they have neglected this exquisite prop-erty, will one for the syndicate, "that they have neglected this exquisite prop-erty have neglected this exquisite prop-ert has been that is sure to come these beautiful residence sites and in the real estate boom that is sure to come SUIT FOR DAMAGES **Owners of Alliance Demand**

these beautiful residence sites and in the real estate boom that is sure to come this fail I look forward to a greater movement in this kind of property than in any other kind of realty. "This property is unusually valuable. I believe, because of the grand view it commands of the river, the city and the snow mountains. Besides it is admir-ably provided with streetcar facilities and when the extensions and new lines are completed that are now under way, there will be no property better provided with communication with the city."

THREE GOOD DEALS CLOSED BY ONE AGENT

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Spokane, Wash., Aug. 10.—A bridal couple had their new home burned down last night before they had alept in it one night. The couple, Miss Elisie Zehn and John H. Sleck, went to the church and were married, amid a great gather-ing of friends. The fire whistle blew but no one paid any sttention to ft. As the couple were returning home they passed the firemen returning from the burned house, and waved their hands at the noble men, but did not learn that it was their house that burned until they came in view of the ruins. The steamer Potter will sail from Portland, Ash street dock, Monday, Aug-ust 12, 8 a. m.; Tuesday 8 a. m.; Wed-nesday and Thursday 9 a. m.; Satur-day 1 p. m. Get tickets and make reservations at city ticket office Third and Washington streets, C. W. Stinger, city ticket agent. The fates may have in store for you a really satisfactory servant. But you must semember that the want ads, are the agents of "the fates" in such mat-.

Watches cleaned, \$1. \$42 Wash. st. tern.

by Score Every Day Dur-Near Broadway. ing Last Week. J. H. Truby has purchased a handsome Irvington residence. The property TWO WEALTHY TEXANS which is located on East Tenth street, between Schuyler and Broadway, be-SECURE TWELVE LOTS longed to Ralph R. Ruffner and was sold for \$4,500. Another handsome home that changed hands during the past week was that of John H. Bogt, located on Twenty-fourth street, between Marshall and Northrup, and purchased by Mrs. O. F. Paxton for \$6,500

HOME AT IRVINGTON

J. H. Truby Secures Property

On East Tenth Street

FOLLOWS COLLISION

\$25,000 From City of

The California & Oregon Coast Steam

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Property in Question Is on Portland Heights-Consideration Involved Was \$50,000-Handsome Residences Will Be Erected as Result.

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Residence Purchases Made

But one large transaction in the Iscal real estate market was closed during

real estate market was closed during the past week. The small deals were numerous. In fact purchasers of the dences and residence lots were made by the score every day during the week. Two wealthy timber land owners, who have recently, come to Oregon from Texas purchased last Friday from Mrs. Preston W. Smith a block of 12 lots on Portland Heights, for which \$50,000 was paid. The sale was made through the agency of D. E. Keasey & Co. The prop-erty is known as the pear-shaped block, and is partly surrounded by the Mont-gomery street drive. It is announced that Messrs. Mene-fee and Allen will st once erect hand-some residences on their new purchase. The two owners of this tract are broth-ers-in-law, who formerly resided in thousand the state of the street of the

The California & Oregon Coast Steam-ship company filed a libel suit in United States district court here yesterday against the steamer City of Panama to recover \$25,000 for damages to the steamer Alliance, which it is alleged were inflicted by the City of Panama. The suit grows out of the collision which occurred at the mouth. of the Willamette river the other day when the City of Panama ran afoul the Al-liance while the latter was beached. It is claimed the Alliance was damaged to the extent of \$15,000. The steamship people seek to recover the remaining \$10,000 for loss of trade while the Al-liance is being repaired. A bond of \$25,000 was posted by the charterers of the City of Panama in order to clear the vessel for her trip to San Fran-cisco.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) San Francisco, Aug. 10.—The fruit-growers and packers of California and Nevada have met Secretary Wilson in a conference on the pure food law in relation to the amount of sulphur used in drying fruit. The fruit-men claimed, the enforcement of the law was a travesty of justice and would cause the loss of millions to the fruitdealers of the west. They said it was impossible to conform to the ruling and keep the contracts. Secretary Wil-son offered no immediate relief.

WORK STARTS ON DIVINITY SCHOOL

(Special Dispatch to The Journal). Eugene, Or., Aug. 10.—The, Div aity school of the Christian church starties, new building here this morning whiles will cost over \$30,000. The building will be of solid stone, three stories in height, and will be one of the best in town. The members of the faculty are now soliciting funds all over Oregon and Washington, the district they have to draw upon. Two hundred Christian churches are in the two states.

