SLOW PAY ROUSES CONTRACTORS' IRE

City Pocketbook Full of Gold but Improvement Debts Remain Unpaid.

That the city of Portland will find difficulty in securing contractors to do city work in the future is probable unless the authorities change their method of paying for contracts. Statements to this effort were made to the members of the street committee yesterday afternoon by contractors attending, some of whom stated they had finished improvement work several months ago for which they had received no money.

The fact that the city has more than $700,000 in gold with which to pay its debts does not ease the ire of the contractors who declare the delay has been useless and unnecessary.

Attention was called to the laxity of the city in paying for its work by George W. Simons of the Pacific Bridge company, who asked for payment of the old Montgomery fill at Goldsmith street. The work was completed last September and was approved by the city engineer. Since the completion of the fill several property-owners have filed complaints, and the committee finally decided to let the matter remain over until its next regular meeting, when the complainants will be heard.

The councilmen recognize the justice of the complaint of the contractors and realize the city should be more expedient in paying for its work. The company represented by Mr. Simons has finished $100,000 worth of improvement work, for which he says the city has not paid a cent.

While the city's methods work a hardship on the large contractors they came near driving the smaller contractor out of business in the banking holiday season. Money was almost impossible to secure, and the contractors found themselves badly crowded at times. So far as known none of the contractors was forced to stop work for any considerable length of time, but many were forced to take extraordinary measures to keep their men at work.

Mr. Simons referred to the action of the push clubs in demanding that improvement work be rushed to completion, and said the clubs should urge an amendment to the city charter which would compel the city to pay for improvement work 30 days after the work is completed. This he declared would solve the problem and greatly aid the contractors in facilitating and hastening the work.

REFUSE PERMIT TO ERECT VENT BOX

Council Committee Becomes Suddenly Righteous When Permission Is Asked.

Despite the fact that the Wells-Fargo building, the Chamber of Commerce building and a number of other large structures have been allowed to erect vent boxes on the sidewalk, the application of the Corbett estate to place a vent box on its new structure at Fifth and Morrison streets was turned down by the street committee of the city council yesterday afternoon.

The action of the councilmen was taken on the ground that the vent box would prove an obstruction to the street and therefore a permit could not be granted.

There are three such boxes on the Wells-Fargo building, each larger than the one asked for by the Corbett estate. In many parts of the city there are open stairways from the sidewalk to the basement which take up a large part of the walk. One of these is found on the Alder street side of the Oregonian building and another is on Sixth street at the corner of Washington.

Why the councilmen should be taken with a sudden fit of propriety at the present time passes the comprehension of those attending yesterday's meeting, but no explanation would suffice to make them change their attitude.

Representatives of the owners stated that when the building was contemplated there was no intention to use the basement for renting purposes. After the structure was nearly completed applications were made for the space and the leases were granted. As a matter of sanitation the owners put in a ventilating system. The only vent possible is one on the sidewalk because of the peculiar lay of Fifth street. There is an incline from the front of the building on Morrison street to the rear of several feet elevation. To come through the building at this point would necessitate cutting through the heavy granite walls, which would weaken the structure.

FORCED TO SUE TO GET SON'S AID

Aged Parent Deeds Property to Relative Then Turned Out of the House.

Claiming that his son-in-law obtained $3,500 worth of property from him under a promise to keep him comfortably through his declining years, but has since turned him out on the world, homeless, sick and infirm, William Peabody has begun suit in the circuit court to compel Fred H. Meader, the son-in-law, and Ollie Meader, the latter's wife, to deed over certain property to him or else to pay him $3,500 in cash.

Peabody is 75 years of age, and in 1906, when he deeded the property to Meader, his daughter was Meader's wife. He says Meader was his confidential friend, as well as son-in-law, and professed great attachment for him. But soon after the property was securely in Meader's possession his wife died, and in June, 1907, Meader married again.

Then, according to the complaint, Meader became cold and harsh in his treatment of the old man. The second Mrs. Meader, too, is alleged to have been indifferent to his comfort, and he soon found that he was an unwelcome member of the family. He says that when he was sick he was refused sufficient medicine and denied good food or bedding in the house of the man whom he had deemed his best friend.

The original property owned by Peabody was in Wasco. It was there that Meader lived with his first wife and her father, and the trio were happy until Mrs. Meader died and the love of the son-in-law turned to a second wife. The place was deeded to Meader in 1906, and Peabody says the consideration was that he should be cared for in the Meader family for the remainder of his days.

After the death of the old man's daughter, Meader sold the Wasco place for $3,500, it is stated, and with the proceeds bought two pieces of property. One of his purchases was a half interest in about 24 acres in Clarke county, Washington, and the other consists of four acres near Jennings Lodge in Clackamas county. This is the land that Peabody now asks to have deeded to him because of Meader's alleged violation of his agreement to keep his father-in-law in comfort.

CITY LIKELY TO GET ITS FILL OF A FILL

Lumber Company Willing to Hand Council Handful of Hot Soapsuds.

Robert D. Inman of the Inman-Poulsen Lumber company appeared before the street committee of the city council yesterday afternoon and reiterated his statement of several months ago in regard to refusing to pay for the fill on the company's property on East Sixth street. The company's assessment will amount to $25,000 and Mr. Inman claims the property is not worth that much. Mr. Inman says he will release the property to the city before making the payment. This is the property the lumber company offered to give the city in exchange for city property which the owners of the mill usurped without permission.

No action will be taken in the matter until an opinion can be received from City Attorney Kavanaugh as to the legality of Mr. Inman's proposition of turning the property over to the city. This action may be taken if the company erecting the fill will release the city from its contract.

KUBELIK SEAT SALE WILL OPEN MONDAY

Beginning next Monday, January 6, the regular box office sale will open for Jan Kubelik. This celebrated violinist will be heard at the Heilig theatre in two grand concerts next week. The first will be given Thursday evening, January 9, and the second January 11. Kubelik will be assisted by the charming young French pianiste, M'lle Berthe Roy, and Herr Ludwig Schwab, accompanist. Two entirely different programs will be given.

ROBBERY VICTIM ARRESTS ROBBER

Tired of Waiting for Police Woman Marches Man to Station.

If someone steals your watch, report it to the police and then go and catch the thief yourself—if you want him caught and you value the timepiece. Even then the thief may be allowed to go unwhipped of justice, as witness the following:

About two weeks ago Mrs. Olds, who lives outside the city, notified a local employment agency that she desired the services of a man and his wife to work on her farm. The agent sent a man and woman to the Olds place, but when they arrived there and found that it was really work they were expected to do they concluded they did not want the job. Out of kindness Mrs. Olds permitted them to stay overnight, though she has since confessed that their appearances were against them.

A few days later it was discovered that a handsome gold watch, the property of a young man who boards at the Olds home, was gone from the room in which the strange man and woman had spent the night. Mrs. Olds came to town and reported the theft to the police.

Detectives were detailed on the case and the employment agent volunteered to assist in the search for the suspected man. As this search proved fruitless, Mrs. Olds finally came to the city and instituted a personal investigation, which resulted in her running her erstwhile guest to earth in the north end of town. She marched the man to police headquarters and handed him over to Chief Gritzmacher.

Finding that he could no longer escape responsibility for the theft of the watch the man confessed and led the lady and the officers to the auction house where he had sold the timepiece for the paltry sum of $3. The auction man wanted his money back, but as the thief had only $1.80 in cash in his pockets the case seemed hopeless. The difficulty was solved by the thief volunteering to pawn a suit of clothes for the necessary balance. This he was permitted to do. The auction man received his money, Mrs. Olds her watch and the thief was turned loose with a kindly injunction on the part of the police to give up his life of crime and become a banker.

TEACHING OF JUDAISM IN WORK OF CHRIST

No Attempt Made to Supplement That Faith, Says Rabbi Wise.

That Jesus was in accord with the advanced rabbinical thought of his time and that his work was the teaching of Judaism, without attempting to supplement that faith, was the central theme of Rabbi Jonah B. Wise at Temple Beth Israel last night. The speaker also advanced the thought that Jesus must have been a Pharisee.

The latter conclusion was drawn by the rabbi from the fact that Jesus took up the teaching of the special providence of God and the raising of the dead, which were peculiarly the belief of the Pharisee. The speaker also cited the last words of Jesus, from the twenty-second Psalm, saying that this was not like a Jew, for all good Jews desire to die with a confession of the oneness of God on their lips.

Jesus was a believer in the Sabbath and the divine origin of the law, said Rabbi Wise, and his work was a popularization of a movement begun by high authorities of the rabbinical schools, who were striving for the permanence of the Mosaic law and working out the religion as a universal program for mankind.

Concerning the gospel writings, the speaker said that while the men who described his life gave much of the probable, they mingled with it much of the impossible. The Jews are in their own estimation the Christ people, and they have suffered much for their faith, expecting to suffer still longer because there is still work to do to save the world.

The Pe-ru-na Almanac in 8,000,000 Homes.

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PIANO COMPANY HAS PLAYED ITS LAST TUNE

Its doors previously closed on an attachment secured by the Schubert Piano company, the C. A. Whale Piano company was made a defendant in a second suit for debt yesterday. The plaintiff is Robert G. Black, who seeks to recover $6,000 on a promissory note given last September. He received as security a mortgage on 33 pianos, 15 organs, a team and wagon and a number of piano store equipments. He states that $3,210 has been paid on his note, and he sues to foreclose under an agreement that if any of the property covered by the mortgage were removed the note should become due. The Schubert Piano company, because of its previous judgment, and Sheriff Stevens, who is holding the goods under attachment, are made parties to the case, Black asking that he be made a preferred creditor as against them.

Joint Installation at Monroe.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Monroe, Or., Jan. 4.—The local camps of the Modern Woodmen and Royal Neighbors of America are planning for a joint installation and supper about January 24. Several prominent fraternal workers from other points will be present.

Building Permits.

J. M. Hamilton, erect dwelling, Fremont and Maryland, $1,000; J. J. Kadderly, erect dwelling, East Stark between East Fiftieth and East Forty-ninth, $3,000; Fred Lercn, erect dwelling, Tabor avenue, $800; F. T. Gilpatrick, erect dwelling corner Bush and Burton, $500.

APPLE TREE FULL OF JANUARY BLOOMS

A. C. Newell of Damascus, Oregon, called at The Journal office this morning with a fine specimen of an apple tree blooming with leaves in January. The tree was planted as a yearling whip stock, last spring, and has grown four branches five feet long since that time. The stock was about two and a half feet high when planted and has proved one of the most remarkable growers on record. A heavy bloom of leaves formed on all the branches and remain despite the season of the year.

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January 3, 1908. Yours truly,

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President German-American Bank

AUTOMATIC FRANCHISE HITS COUNCIL SNAG

Committee Intends to Be Careful Before Granting Alarm Privilege.

That the National Automatic Fire Alarm company will find difficulty in securing a franchise for the installation of its system was apparent yesterday afternoon when the application for the franchise was laid over until next week, when the franchise will be taken up in connection with the franchise of the United Railways.

Members of the committee believe the franchise is one of the most valuable ever asked for outside of the street railway franchises, and from yesterday's actions the company will have to show that the city will receive a just return for the privileges it grants to the fire alarm company.

For 10 years the company has been operating in Portland on permits, and its attempt to secure a franchise at this time, as explained by Richard W. Montague, attorney for the company, is due to the large extensions to be made in the service. With this in view Mr. Montague desires to have the relations between his client and the city put upon a business basis whereby both will be protected in their rights.

In return for the right to operate, the franchise introduced yesterday promises to give to the city all the alarm boxes now installed and all boxes to be installed in the future. The company is given the use of the city wires to the extent that the system can be connected to them. All wires to be erected by the company are to become the property of the city.

The company installs the alarm boxes in stores, warehouses and business houses at a certain rental each month. The system operates automatic and auxiliary alarm boxes, the installation of which secures a reduction in insurance rates on the building. In this way the business man practically secures an added fire protection for nothing, the rental for the boxes and the reduction in insurance being about equal.

CHURCH ORGANIZES GOOD SAMARITAN CLUB

An organization which is for the purpose of assisting the needy to help themselves has been created by the members of the Rodney Avenue Christian church. The order is to be known as the Good Samaritan league of the Rodney Avenue Christian church and will be supported by a small annual fee from the different members of the organization. The organization is not a secret one.

F. Elmo Robinson, who has been pastor of the church two years, has accepted a unanimous call to serve the church another term. The year just passed was the most prosperous in the history of the Rodney Avenue Christian church. Since Mr. Robinson became pastor the membership has been doubled, its debt has been paid, the congregation has become self-supporting and the minister's salary has been increased $200 a year. In addition important improvements to the church building have been made.

WIDOW OF FORMER PROMINENT LAWYER

Mrs. Katherine Gardner, who died New Year's morning, after insisting upon sitting up to watch the old year out, at the home of her son, E. B. Gardner, on Sauvies island, was the widow of Charles Gardner, formerly a well-known attorney of Portland. He was at one time associated with A. C. Gibbs, governor of Oregon.

Mrs. Gardner was born in New York, in 1824. She married Mr. Gardner in 1860. They crossed the plains from Minnesota to California and later moved to Oregon.

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JOE BURKE GONE FROM CORRIDOR OF UNCLE SAM'S STAMP PARLORS

Joe Burke is missing from his familiar place in the corridors of the postoffice.

Of the thousands who passed in and out of the postoffice every day few actually knew Joe Burke—but they all knew the pleasant-faced policeman who has been there for more than a year. Joe Burke has been transferred to another beat. And Joe Burke will be missed.

Burke was a regular information bureau. While at the postoffice he made it a point to be courteous to everyone. He knew everyone in every department and he was well up on postoffice matters. He assisted foreigners and the uneducated in filling out money orders and did thousands of other little things for different ones every day that he was there.

During the holidays Burke managed the crowds who were standing in line at the stamp windows, the money order counters and the general delivery windows. There were hundreds of impatient ones in line hour after hour. Joe's task was a tedious one, but he never lost his temper. He was patient, polite and always attentive to the old and the young and the others needing attention.

When anyone lost an umbrella, which was the case nearly every minute, and returned for it later, Joe Burke usually had the property put away in his closet. Other people who lost pocketbooks and money and what not while in the postoffice frequently reported their troubles to Burke. And in most cases the lost money or jewelry was returned to its rightful owner.

No one has taken Joe Burke's place—no policeman ever can take his place. He has been transferred by order of the chief of police that officers in buildings should be assigned to regular beats.

Joe Burke has gone from the postoffice—and he is missed, not only by the postmaster, the clerks and the thousands who daily wend their way to Uncle Sam's postal headquarters, but by the public in general.

CLEAN CLOTHES STRIPPED FROM LINES IN BACK YARDS AT NIGHT

During the past few nights some miscreant who has a liking for clean clothes has been making a collection from the lines in back yards throughout the southwestern part of the city. Many housewives who have left their washing out overnight in the hope that by so doing they could take advantage of a few hours of clear weather, have awakened in the morning to find their clothes lines bare and no trace of the thief who had despoiled them.

Last night the residence at 110 Gibbs street was visited by the thief and all of the clothes left hanging on the line in the back yard were stolen. In this case, as in many others, the theft was reported to the police, but with no result. Neither the thief nor the clothes have been located and there is small hope that they will be, unless the detectives, by some lucky chance, ascertain where the thief disposes of the stolen articles.

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