

EAST SIDE CONTINUES TO GAIN IN POPULARITY

ASHAMED OF BAD STREETS

Delay in Improving East Side Thoroughfares Will Not Be Tolerated Longer—Federated Clubs Plan for Speedy Action.

A tremendous effort for better streets is being exerted by all the east side organizations and a more rapid execution of contracts already let is the first item on the program of the campaign launched by the east side clubs. There are many, many miles of streets in Portland for the improvement of which petitions have been filed, but there are many hundreds of additional miles of streets within the city of Portland for the improvement of which contracts have been let for months and which are not being improved.

"It is true that contractors are complaining that the city is not paying them as fast as they would like," says C. A. Bigelow president of the East Side Business Men's club, "but I do not blame the property owners for not paying more promptly when the improvements are delayed as they have been on many streets on the east side. The worst example of this neglect is East Stark street between East Twelfth and East Fifteenth.

Worse Than Plowed Field.

The poor planking that was on the street until last fall has been removed. The street in its present condition is much worse than a plowed field. Such conditions exist in other parts of the city, but I believe this street is the worst.

"Furthermore the city has allowed the school authorities to pile up cords of wood on the street. This is very distasteful to property owners besides being expressly in violation of a city ordinance. The wood should be removed and unless the proper authorities see fit to take action we shall have to do it ourselves. We have a remedy in the city's laws; the private person is allowed the privilege of using streets for a wood yard and neither should the school be allowed the privilege.

Sidewalks as Bad.

The lower end of East Stark street is being improved rapidly by the Pacific Bridge company and when the private opened up it will be one of the best streets on the east side. But at the rate the upper improvement is going it will be many years before this will come about.

The sidewalk improvement on Killingsworth avenue is in about the same condition. What sidewalk had been placed along the street has been taken up by the contractors and the thoroughfare has been left in this condition. People who have occasion to pass that way must take to the car tracks and run the risk of being run down by a streetcar. This sidewalk contract is one of the largest ever let in the city. It includes about a mile of sidewalk on both sides of Killingsworth avenue between Patton and Union avenues.

Sidewalk Complainants.

People of Sellwood are also complaining of the material being used in the improvement of East Thirteenth street. In this instance it is not only the screenings of an inferior rock is being dumped from the cars, brought from Seattle, but in addition, the contractor is dumping the material on the street. The contract for the improvement of eight miles of streets was let some time ago and not a spadeful of dirt has been turned up on the whole contract. Improvement of Grand avenue, which has been let for two years, has been neglected.

It is thought that the new ordinance to be submitted by a committee from the Federated East Side clubs and the city fathers by Councilman Rushlight will solve many difficulties in the matter of street improvement in Portland, especially as to material, but it is realized that owing to the number and length of streets in this city the problem is an extremely difficult one.



Looking East on Burnside From the Bridge. Planks in Foreground Are Being Used in Repairing the Bridge, Which Has Just Been Given a Thorough Overhauling.

WANT PARADE ON EAST SIDE

Business Men Determined to Have Streets Improved in Time.

That the mammoth Festival parade for which floats are already being designed will pass over two of the bridges and be routed for the first time on several east side streets is the expectation put forward by the east side business men. Much encouragement has been offered by the rose carnival committee. Whether such a plan is practicable will depend entirely upon the condition of the principal east side streets over which the parade will pass.

Club Will Urge Matter.

The East Side Business Men's club has taken up the matter and has appointed a committee to wait on the Rose Festival committee. In the meantime the east side business men will bring all pressure to bear to secure the immediate improvement of Grand avenue and East Morrison street. A committee has already taken up the street matter and will urge the authorities to press the contractors to an early completion of the streets now under contract to be improved with bitulithic.

For two years the contract has been let for the Grand avenue improvement. After much insistent and prolonged agitation the Grand avenue business men were able to prevail upon the contractors to finish a section of the thoroughfare last fall. The greater part yet remains to be completed.

Peninsula Property Owners Believe Street Problem Will Then Be Solved.

Property owners on the peninsula are urging the city ownership of rock crushers. There is doubt in the minds of legal authorities, however, that the city under its present charter is able to own and operate anything. City Attorney Kavanaugh says he does not believe the city can legally make anything and sell it, though it would be possible to crush rock for its own use. Councilman Rushlight says, however, that he believes the city has a right to sell what it cannot use of anything. Under the section of the charter that provides for the disposal of surplus machinery, water pipe and old fire apparatus, Mr. Rushlight believes that the city could dispose of the surplus rock from a crusher owned and operated by the city.

SELLWOOD TO BE MADE BEAUTIFUL WITH TREES

According to the plan outlined by a committee from the Sellwood board of trade consisting of Rev. D. A. Thompson, J. W. Caldwell and C. J. Pierce in the beautification of the suburb, cards have been distributed to be filled out by property owners promising to plant one or more trees in front of every lot in Sellwood. It is advised to plant the trees deep and other instructions are given with the object of making the district one of the most picturesque about Portland.

Assistant Secretary of the Navy Truman H. Newberry has withdrawn his candidacy for delegates-at-large from Michigan to the Republican national convention.

FORCE ISSUES BY SPECIAL ELECTION

Business Men to Circulate New Petition for Bonds After Decision.

As soon as the supreme court passes on the legality of the bond issues voted last June new petitions will be circulated by the federated east side clubs, proposing these same measures, should the decision be adverse to the bond issue. In all probability the action will necessitate calling a special election which will occur in November on the same date as the national election. The measures in which the east side is particularly interested are the Madison bridge issue, new pipe line to Bull Run river, parks and boulevards and the district improvement of streets.

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ANNEXATION MAY LEAD TO LIBEL

Feeling in Mount Scott Arouses Court-Like Threats.

A. W. Miller, custodian of the permanent exhibit in the chamber of commerce, has been threatened with a libel suit by the counsel of Rev. Green C. Love, as the result of trouble growing out of the annexation feeling in Mount Scott. Mr. Miller, who lives at Tremont, and the Rev. Mr. Love are on opposite sides in the annexation fight. Miller is against annexation, while Love is in favor of annexation.

The alleged libel was a long letter printed in the Mount Scott News, a weekly, in which Mr. Love takes exception to some of the personal remarks made over the signature of Mr. Miller. In a previous number of the paper a letter written by Mr. Love had appeared, sarcastically but carefully dealing with Mr. Miller. The latter says he was only retaliating and handing Mr. Love some of his own coin.

So sharp has become the feeling in Mount Scott that the weekly paper referred to has refused further communications from Mr. Miller and from other voters wishing to pass complimentary remarks about their neighbors. Mr. Miller received a letter this week from the attorneys of Mr. Love asking him to either apologize or stand suit for libel. Miller says he does not intend to be bluffed and stands ready to prove the truth of his alleged libel.

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Thomas Lowry, the Twin City railway magnate, is a candidate for one of Minnesota's four delegates-at-large to the Republican national convention.

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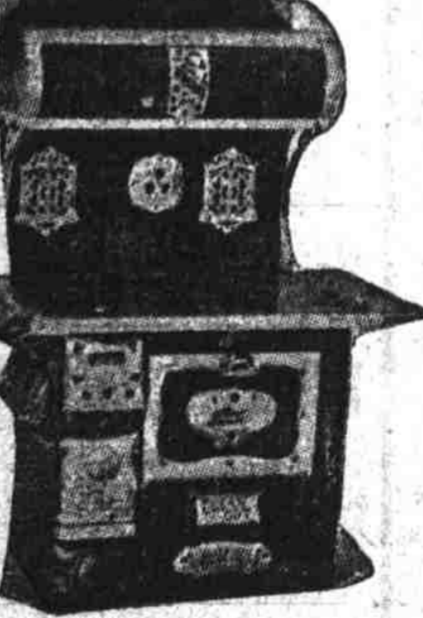
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East siders argue that the west side has reached its limit in point of population as compared with the limitless area of the east side. The first step to be considered by the east side business men is to have their place far enough developed so that little time will be spent in building that it should be built in the vicinity of the central east side district.

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