RETAIL AND HOME SECTION SHOWS RAPID PROGRESS

RIVER OR RAILROAD

Accumulating Pile of Steel Girders Raises Question Whether Harriman Intends Bridging Willamette.

There is still much doubt in some east side circles regarding the identity of the bridge material being stacked up at the foot of East Flanders. At every meeting of the United East Side clubs oratory is directed at this accumulating pile of steel until a novice would be led to believe that some bright morning the city would wake up to find that a spanking new bridge had been thrown across the river from East Flanders to Flanders by the slippery Harriman.

The innocent steel girders that are causing all this commotion are quite imposing, but not large enough to build a twentieth century bridge across the Willamette river.

Mystery Explained.

Committees from the east side are searching the records of the state and city to find a trace of the franchise alleged to have been renewed by Harriman himself every 10 years from 1872 until the present time. This franchise, according to the awe-stricken committeemen, was granted to Ben Holladay, a good old pioneer of early Portland, who afterward failed and had to sell the franchise to the Oregon & California railroad.

Mr. O'Brien has many times assured those who have taken the trouble to ask him that the Harriman lines are not going to build any bridge from East Flanders street to Flanders street, and that the steel stored in the Southern Pacific yards is for use in building bridges on the Portland Railway & Navigation company's line between Hillsboro and Tillamook.

This line has been shown to be a purely Harriman project, as work was suspended by him at the beginning of the financial troubles in the latter part of October, and has not been resumed.

It is a well-built railroad and one that requires much tunneling and many substantial bridges. Any one familiar with the country through which the road is now being built will readily recognize the fact that the steel at the foot of Flanders street is not too big for use on the Tillamook line.

Since work was stopped on the Tillamook road the girders have been unloaded at East Flanders to be stored until work was resumed.

Nevertheless, further searching of records will be made to find the old franchise sold to the Harriman lines a long time ago, although the force in City Attorney Kavanaugh's office has been unable so far to find a trace of the grant.

Manager O'Brien does say, however, that plans have been discussed for some time regarding the renewal of the steel bridge and this work may be started any time. The east side fears the building of a new bridge, because it might be erected for trains only and would not make provision for other traffic.

ANNEXATION TO BE DISCUSSED

A mass meeting will be held in the Woodstock hall tomorrow evening for the purpose of discussing annexation. Rules will be imposed limiting the time of each speaker so that everybody may have a chance. Two principal speakers will be chosen to open the debate, after which the question will be thrown open to the house.

BURGLAR ALARM TALKED IN ITS SLEEP

At 5 o'clock this morning the burglar alarm in the Western Union from the fur store of G. P. Rummelin & Sons, at 126 Second street, rang in and a couple of private detectives were sent over to the store hurriedly. They found a second story window, opening onto a low building in the rear of that occupied by the Rummelin company, partially opened.

Nothing in the store was touched, according to Mr. Rummelin, and the window was only partially opened. The doors were found locked by Mr. Rummelin when he came down in answer to a telephone from the watchmen. Mr. Rummelin has a theory that one of the clerks neglected to latch the swinging window and that the wind blew it open enough to ring the burglar alarm.

NEW ORDINANCE GOES TO COMMITTEE

The ordinance regulating the licenses for the various classes of liquor dealers which was elected by the people at the last city election under the initiative act, was brought before the council yesterday afternoon on the recommendation of City Attorney Kavanaugh and referred to the liquor license committee. The measure provides for the licensing of wholesale liquor dealers, druggists, restaurants and grocery stores selling liquors. For a time it was thought the measure would be placed on final passage yesterday but objections raised by councilmen sent it to the committee where it will undoubtedly be recommended for passage.

BREAKS A COLD IN A DAY

Or Cures Any Cough That is Curable. Prescription of Noted Physician.

Mix one half ounce of Concentrated oil of pine, with two ounces of glycerine and half a pint of good whiskey. Shake thoroughly and use in doses of a teaspoonful to a tablespoonful every four hours.

A renowned throat and lung specialist declares that the above formula is one of the very best remedies obtainable for an acute cold and that it will strengthen the lungs, relieve coughs and heal the bronchial tubes. Also, that it will cure any lung trouble not too far advanced.

These ingredients are procurable of any good prescription druggist and easily mixed at home and it should take its place as one of the most valuable remedies in the family chest.

Inquiry at one of the leading druggists elicited the information that Concentrated oil of pine is put up for dispensing only in half ounce vials sealed in tin screw top cases to protect it from heat and light. The oils sold in bulk and some patent medicines sold as "Oil of Pine," and put out in wooden boxes should be avoided because owing to their impurities they only produce nausea and are harmful.

ASK PAY STATIONS FOR EAST SIDE PATRONS

Gas, Telephone and Light Companies Requested to Establish New Offices.

Believing that a great saving and convenience would come about as the result of the location of pay stations on the east side by the gas company, the Portland light company and the telephone company, Secretary W. M. Jackson of the East Side Business Men's club is this week sending letters to all these corporations, requesting them to take this matter under advisement.

Thousands of people every month must go to the extra expense of crossing the river once each month to pay their telephone, electric lighting and gas bills. The East Side Business Men's club has taken steps to inquire into the matter and have found that at the east side water office thousands of people pay their water bills every month at a great convenience to themselves and at very little additional expense to the city.

Other large business houses have taken the step already where the advantage is not so apparent as it would seem to be to such a corporation as the gas company and telephone company. Many hundreds of dollars would be saved to patrons of the corporations every month.

REGULATION OF BRIDGE DRAWS IS THE OBJECT

Committee From Different East Side Clubs Is Looking Up Statistics.

The general committee from the different east side clubs appointed to urge the matter of the regulation of the bridge draws met in the quarters of the East Side club at the Hotel Sargent, Hawthorne and Grand avenues, Tuesday evening. The committee organized by electing Whitney L. Boise, chairman; R. F. Fisher, secretary and L. H. Wells, treasurer.

Little was accomplished beyond a discussion of methods. It was decided to authorize the chairman to appoint three committees with three members each, one to gather statistics on bridge traffic, one to circulate petitions and another to collect data on river traffic. The methods adopted were similar to those advised by T. G. Greene and other east siders. The war department will be approached in the proper manner through some one of Oregon's delegation at Washington, armed with the petitions and statistics necessary to convince the department that there should be a regulation of the bridge draws at Portland.

TREAT PEOPLE AS FAIR AS CONTRACTORS

Councilman Kellaher Says Street Builders Have Been but Slightly Abused.

Councilman Kellaher threw fresh light on the controversey existing between the city and the contractors in which the latter contend they are very much abused persons. The matter came up in the payment of the Pacific Bridge & Building company which finished a large improvement, known as the Montgomery fill, last September.

The company asked for payment of the work, amounting to about $30,000, but owing to a number of remonstrances the payment has been delayed. When the company asked to have the remonstrances overruled, Councilman Kellaher objected, stating that he wanted further time to investigate the proceedings. This threw the question into debate and arguments flew thick and fast.

Councilman Kellaher contended that the company agreed to finish the work in December, 1906. "But they came before the executive board," he said "and asked for an extension of 150 days, which was allowed them. Later they asked for 90 days which was also allowed them and so then they asked for 60 days more in which to complete the work. They were given an extension of time amounting to 300 days. Now they come in and demand payment before we have time to hear the remonstrances against the assessment.

"I believe these contractors should be fairly treated, but I believe the people should be treated in the same way. It is true that these remonstrances relate only to small sums of money, but if there have been irregularities we should know what they are before we commit ourselves."

Councilman Vaughn sided with Councilman Kellaher, but they were defeated by the majority of councilmen voting in favor of overruling the remonstrances.

TWO LEADING LIGHTS WILL GO

Two new leading people to succeed Miss Marion Barney and Austin Webb in the Baker stock company are being negotiated for in New York by George Baker, who is in communication with several New York stock actors now. It is probable that they will play their opening engagement in Portland late in February. The contracts of both Miss Barney and Mr. Webb with the Baker company will expire the last of next week, and the company will play without leads the following two or three weeks in plays that do not require them. Miss Barney and Mr. Webb have been playing here since the opening of the Baker season last August.

Building Permits.

N. A. Morris, erect dwelling, East Twenty-third between Prescott and Going, $1,500; L. E. Deeny, erect two dwellings, Going between East Eighteenth and East Nineteenth, $1,000 each; Otto Nagele, erect dwelling, Newman between Runt and Houghton, $1,300; Mrs. J. A. Buckley, erect dwelling, Failing between Commercial and Kerby, $1,500; John Verran, erect two dwellings, Cook avenue between Williams and Rodney, $2,000 each; Otto Weibel, erect store, Sandy road, between East Twenty-eighth and East Twenty-ninth, $2,000; B. F. Murphy, erect dwelling, Clackamas between East Twenty-second and East Twenty-fourth, $2,000; Frank Renner, erect dwelling, East Thirtieth, corner Surman, $2,000; A. Weinert, erect dwelling, Brooklyn between East Sixth and East Seventh, $1,500; George G. Palmer, erect dwelling, Wasco between East Twenty-sixth and East Twenty-seventh, $2,000; E. W. Baughman, erect dwelling, Hawthorne between East Thirty-ninth and East Fortieth, $1,500.

FREE BUREAU FOR UNEMPLOYED

Mount Scott Association Arranges to Aid Idle Men in Suburb.

With the object in view of assisting the unemployed in the Mount Scott district, the Mount Scott Mutual Aid association was organized Monday morning in the real estate office of Hargrove & Son, at Arleta. A great many deserving people in Mount Scott who have depended upon their daily wage to pay the installments on small homes will be compelled to give up their homes if not aided to positions where they can help themselves.

Charles Alvoid was elected president; Rev. E. M. Patterson, vice-president; Mrs. C. C. Palmer, secretary; Mrs. Briton, treasurer. Each organization in the district including fraternities and churches, is given two delegates to the association and a solicitation is extended to others in the district and to the city for help.

One of the main objects of the association is the establishment of a free employment bureau. Those who are in need of work are requested in inform the association. Those who are in need of help and can offer employment are also requested to communicate with the association. Permanent offices have been established in Hargroves' office at Arleta where there will be somebody on duty at all times during the day. The office may be reached by telephone, the number being Tabor 205.

Quite a sum has been subscribed for the maintenance of the association. This sum will be used entirely to defray the expenses of the association and to buy what other necessities that may be needed by particular beneficiaries of the association. An admirable start has been made and it is thought with the cooperation of everybody in the district a great deal of good can be accomplished.

Anyone who will call at the headquarters of the association can learn the objects and the purposes of it. It is not fostered by any particular church, denomination or fraternity, but is founded purely on the good will and beneficence of the people of Mount Scott who realize that a little aid in time may save considerable in the end; that with slight assistance a great many people in the Mount Scott district will be able to successfully pay for their homes who otherwise would lose all they had ever paid on them.

FINE POULTRY SHOW AT WALLA WALLA

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Walla Walla, Wash., Jan. 23.—With over 600 fancy chickens, geese, turkeys and other domestic fowls on exhibition, Walla Walla's seventh annual poultry show is in progress, for a five days' exhibit. Elmer Dixon, the well-known poultry fancier of Oregon City, Oregon, has been selected as judge and started on his work yesterday afternoon. The outside entries number fully 300 fowls, including many prize winners from other shows held in the northwest this winter.

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Sale of Dining Chairs at 85c
They are in the hardwood, in golden oak finish, cane and cobbler seats. An excellent chair, both in appearance and build.
No. 209-2—Our own special $1.25 value (worth much more)—our Friday and Saturday sale **85c**

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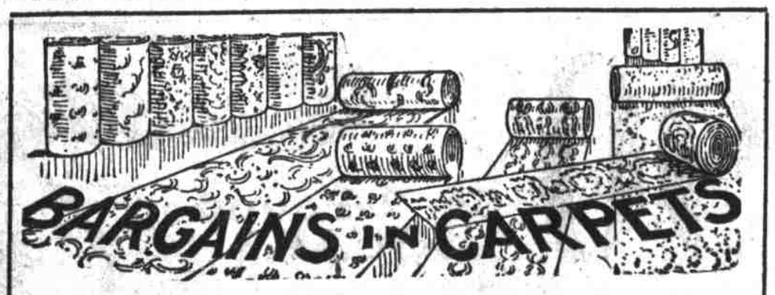

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