

# WILL RELIEVE CONGESTION OF CARS

## Montavilla Traffic Will Be Routed by Way of Burnside Bridge Instead of Morrison-Crew at Work on Switch.

In an effort to relieve the streetcar congestion on the Morrison bridge to some extent the Portland Railway, Light & Power company is arranging to route the Montavilla cars of the East Ankeny lines across the Burnside bridge instead of the Morrison bridge.

A track laying crew is now at work at East Tenth and East Ankeny streets laying an intersecting switch so that the Montavilla cars which run down East Ankeny to Grand avenue, south on Grand to East Morrison and thence over the Morrison bridge will go north on East Tenth from East Ankeny to East Burnside, thence down East Burnside and across the Burnside bridge and south of Fifth to Washington.

The two latest subscriptions were of \$250 each, secured by J. C. Alsworth and L. J. Wentworth, respectively, from the Northwest Bridge company and the Peninsular Lumber company.

# WILL ORGANIZE PERMANENTLY

## City Practical Members Hold Meeting This Afternoon.

Permanent organization of city practical promoters, including in membership all interested citizens will be effected at a meeting to be held this afternoon at 4:30 in the green parlor of the Commercial club. The need of a treasurer to care for the funds, possessed and prospective, is most keenly felt. A committee to supply E. H. Bennett of Chicago, the municipal architect, who will formulate plans for a Greater Portland, with maps and advance detail information, must be appointed.

The contract for Mr. Bennett's services will be closed at today's meetings, as all subscriptions have been made with the understanding on the part of the subscriber, that that fund was to be completed by December 1, and was to defray Mr. Bennett's salary together with incidental expenses. Mr. Bennett asks for his services \$500 a month in addition to all his expenses. It is thought probable by members of the committee that to increase the fund to \$22,000 will not only provide for all contingencies certain to arise, but will give an opportunity for property owners who have not before subscribed to the movement to give their support.

# ONE MAN POWER IN CANAL ZONE

## House Committeemen Said to Favor Cutting Out. All Red Tape.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, Nov. 30.—It is understood that the house committee that has been investigating the construction work on the Panama canal will present to congress several definite projects. Among them the most important probably will be a proposal to abolish the present canal commission and substitute a chief engineer, director and civil governor to direct the work under the existing organization.

The members of the committee are convinced, it is reported, that the construction work on the canal would be expedited should Chief Engineer Gooden be permitted to proceed with his work free from hindrance by the governmental red tape with which he now is surrounded.

# EXPLODING TANK FIRES A TRAIN

(United Press Leased Wire.) Riverside, Cal., Nov. 30.—Charles Young, a local automobile dealer, was seriously injured today by being thrown through the window of a passenger car of train No. 14 of the San Pedro, Los Angeles and Salt Lake railroad by an explosion of a gas tank on one of the passenger cars. The fire which resulted destroyed two coaches.

The train was approaching Riverside and was about a mile from the city limits when the tank exploded. Young, who was immediately over the tank, was hurled bodily through the glass. He struck by the side of the right of way, a score of feet from the track. It is believed he will recover.

A moment later the coach was a mass of flames. The train was stopped and a hundred frightened passengers fled from the flaming interior. The burning car was cut off from the baggage car and the other remaining coach, the engine was coupled to it and an attempt was made to run into this city before it was consumed.

Meanwhile, fire broke out in the second car and before firemen could arrive from Riverside it likewise was burned. Railroad officials are investigating.

# GOVERNOR BENSON RETURNS

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.) Salem, Or., Nov. 30.—Governor Benson and Mr. R. E. L. Stelner, superintendent of the State Asylum for the Insane at Salem, arrived at the capitol this morning from the south where both went early last week to enjoy a short duck shooting trip on the coast at Winchester bay, at the mouth of the Umpqua river in Douglas county.

# PROFANE CLAIMS PEACEFUL END OF DIVORCE SUIT

## Methodist District Conference Discusses Many Important Subjects.

The distant rumblings of a coming storm sent flashes of lightning through the air at the Methodist district conference this morning at the Taylor Street church. L. F. Smith opened a discussion on "Our Pro-Rate Claims," which continued just long enough to show that most of the preachers here are in favor of the subject and are not all agreed, when Chairman Hollingshead called the discussion closed and pronounced it too weighty a matter to be lightly discussed. The subject will come up for more detailed discussion at another session.

According to the church law all claims are paid on the pro rata basis. If any one claim is deficient all others should be proportionately short. Rev. J. T. Abbott held that most churches turn all their efforts toward paying the claim of the bishop and the presiding elder, and he called these churches and their pastors synophants for attempting thus to gain favor with their immediate heads at the expense of other departments. One or two contended that the pastor's salary should be the first consideration in the apportionment of moneys; that it was unfair to cut his salary in order to meet other demands. Dr. Young firmly declared that the pro rata law is an eminently just one and should be followed. The letter; that if the church is short in other departments its payments to its immediate heads should in no wise receive pre-consideration. The discussion was closed suddenly with the understanding that the law in its present form shall be devoted to this subject.

# 10 DAYS IN JAIL FOR NEAR BEER VENDOR

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) McMinnville, Or., Nov. 30.—The September term of circuit court, with Judge Burnett on the bench, convened yesterday morning. The first case was the state versus Townsend for manslaughter. Most of the day was taken up in selecting a jury. In the evening the case of state versus W. S. Martin for violation of the local option law was set for trial. The first case was the state versus Townsend for manslaughter. Most of the day was taken up in selecting a jury. In the evening the case of state versus W. S. Martin for violation of the local option law was set for trial.

Dr. Young is eager that action should be taken authorizing the straightening out of all the church finances that no one department may be neglected, and he favors the rigid enforcement of the law because of its

A moment of high feeling came when Chan Sing Kai read a paper on "Christian Work Among the Chinese of Portland." This was followed by an original song by William Lai, a Chinese convert, on the strain "Oh, it was wonderful that Jesus died for me." A clamor of applause followed the suggestion from Brother Mathews, a colored preacher, that the song be emblazoned on a large box and placed conspicuously opposite the editorial windows of the church that condemns Chinese mission work.

J. H. Cuddip opened the session with a paper on "Little Things That Weaken a Minister's Influence." H. Oberg treated of the relation of the church to the social life of young people and people who were hired by local church to investigate the alleged local option law violation. Rubben had the drink analyzed by a local college professor, who found it to contain two per cent too much alcohol. A raid was immediately made by Constable Angus, who took a sample of the beer. To protect himself, Martin took a sample also and gave it in charge of County Clerk G. W. Jones, who had it analyzed in Portland. The two analyses varied over two per cent. The Portland analysis gave 4-10 per cent more than the law permits.

Martin was selling the near beer under a strict guarantee from the North Pacific Brewing company that it was inside the local option law and it is the opinion here that the court should have been more lenient.

# EXECUTIVE BOARD'S MONTHLY MEETING

The city executive board will hold its monthly meeting for the purpose of auditing bills this afternoon and an agreement between the city and the Northwest Bridge works will probably be approved by the board. This agreement has been presented to Mayor Simon and has met with his approval. It authorizes the city to appoint an engineer to draw up detailed plans for certain alterations to be made by the contractor in the rejected concrete bridge across Sullivan's gulch at East Twenty-eighth street.

Under the terms of the new contract the city does not yield its right to make claim for damages on account of delays on the part of the company. The contractors also reserve the right to sue the city.

When the engineer appointed by the city certifies that the company has performed the work designated by the executive board binds itself to pay the original contract price for the span and such further sum as may be determined upon by the board. Mayor Simon said this morning that the firm of Waddell & Hastings would be engaged by the municipality to prepare the plans for alterations.

# SAYS MAN DARED HIM AND SO HE STRUCK

"Well, judge, I dared me to hit him, and thought I would accommodate the boy," was the way George E. Miller explained to Judge Frank S. Bennett of the municipal court this morning why he struck William Gillard at a church social Saturday evening in Sellwood. Gillard charged Miller with hitting him three times in the face and Miller alleged Gillard dared him to strike him. Both boys had engaged in a previous quarrel over a cup of coffee, in which Miller accused Gillard with throwing coffee on his suit. Miller was fined \$10 for assault.

# NEW CORPORATIONS

Salem, Nov. 30.—Articles of incorporation were filed in the office of the secretary of state today as follows: Astoria Lodge No. 130, Bénévoient and Protective Order of Elks; Incorporators, R. I. Pilkington, J. C. Clinton, W. C. Laws, F. J. Carney and F. C. Fox. Bijou company, principal office, Portland; capital stock, \$5000; incorporators, G. A. Metzger, I. L. Cohen and Helena F. Adamson. Portland Stationery & Woodware company, principal office, Portland; capital stock, \$150,000; incorporators, C. D. Braun, T. Wallace Buist and Charles C. Danson.

# CHANCE FOR SQUATTERS

Encouragement is held out for squatters in a decision handed down yesterday by Federal Judge R. S. Bean in the Elliott reservation case, denying the petition for an injunction made by Arthur Lawton and Chester Hare to restrain squatters from settling on their respective claims, patents to which are now being located.

# NOTARIAL COMMISSIONS

Salem, Or., Nov. 30.—Notarial commissions have been issued to J. L. Campbell, Glendale; Bartlett Cole, H. F. Conner and D. J. Forbes, Portland; Walter J. Logan, Nehalem; Samuel G. White, Cove; E. D. Whiting, La Grande; Leo Rea Park, The Dalles; E. T. Hays, Flower Grove; C. W. Corry, Newberg; and J. W. Corry, Newberg.

# PEACEFUL END OF DIVORCE SUIT

## Mrs. Mendenhall Absolutely Divorced.

Mrs. Ellen M. Mendenhall, wife of Ed C. Mendenhall, was granted a divorce this afternoon by Circuit Judge Gatens with an entire absence of the fireworks that were forecast by bulky papers filed since Mendenhall first began suit for divorce several months ago.

The peaceful ending comes as the result of a settlement out of court of the property rights between the attorney and his wife. Mrs. Mendenhall drops all her sensational charges, involving the name of her husband with that of Mrs. Fred Fredericksen, for whom he was alleged to have purchased an automobile, and the case went to trial upon an amended complaint charging desertion only.

Mendenhall originally charged his wife with leaving him without cause. He said that she humiliated him by pretending that he would not support her, when she had ample property of her own. His wife retorted with a cross-complaint accusing him of many unbecoming things, and he in turn asserted that she was trying to extort money from him by making these charges. Then followed a war of affidavits over money.

Judge Bronough finally awarded Mrs. Mendenhall \$1000 for suit money, but before the order was entered Mendenhall attempted to dismiss the case. For some time the case had stood in a limbo, and then negotiations were begun which resulted in a peaceful agreement, and the entry of the decree for Mrs. Mendenhall, practically by default, this afternoon.

Mrs. Mendenhall will at once go to California, where she hopes to benefit the health of her daughter.

# UMATILLA LAND CASES COMING UP

Brought up for trial yesterday, the Umatilla land fraud cases, involving a large number of indictments, have been set for hearing Wednesday afternoon. Though no decision has yet been come to by counsel for the defendants, it is rumored that pleas of guilty will be entered in the great majority of the cases, and the indicted men fined sufficiently large sums to pay the government for the land, which is now declared to be in the hands of innocent purchasers.

# ONE THIRD OF TAXPAYERS ARE WOMEN

According to estimates of R. H. Thomas, clerk of school district No. 1, there are only 14,000 taxpayers in Portland and about one third of these are women. Mr. Thomas makes his estimates on the census returns from three subdivisions of the school district within the city. In these the number of legal voters for school election is about one to every three children of school age enumerated. Taking this as a comparison and assuming that there are 42,000 school children in the district, a number which Mr. Thomas regards as a fair estimate, there would be just about 14,000 taxpayers in Portland.

# STARTED CLUB AND NOW WANTS PAY

Alleging that he has not been fully repaid for money expended in fitting up a club and is also behind in payment for services as steward, Charles Doppler has sued J. E. Hemerich, W. K. Knispel and others as trustees of the Portland section of the International Geneva association for \$286 in the circuit court.

Doppler says he equipped a bar and other club accessories in June, 1908, under a promise that he would be reimbursed and also fully paid for less services as steward, the money paying to come from the profits of the bar. He says he worked about three hours a day for about a year keeping the books and looking after the club, but the pay has not been forthcoming.

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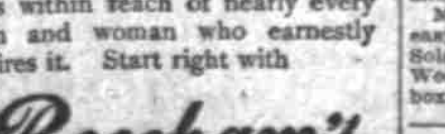
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# BANK CLEARINGS SHOW HEAVY GAIN DURING PAST YEAR

An astonishing increase of nearly \$12,000,000 for the clearings of Portland banks for the year ending November 30, 1909, over the year ending the same day of 1908, which represents a gain of approximately 45 per cent, is shown by the clearing house reports ending today. The clearings of the clearing house banks in this city for 1908 were \$26,588,072.54 and for the corresponding 12 months of 1909, were \$38,403,584.25.

# CHLOROFORM GIRL WITH EVIL INTENT

After keeping company the past four years with Miss Marie Bushkull, a maid in the home of T. J. Seufert, 705 Braze street, Charles Tabler, a grocery clerk, attempted to chloroform her last evening. The girl recovered from the drug in time to look herself in a bathroom and call for help. Tabler cannot be found this morning.

According to the story told by Miss Bushkull, she came from Dufur, Or., six months ago. She had known the young man there, and it was there their courtship started. He was then a small carrier. Since her residence in Portland, Tabler has been with the girl much. The Seufert family have been away the past several days, and the girl has been alone in the home, during which time the young man called each evening.

Monday evening he made his usual visit, and while the girl was sitting in a large willow rocking chair, he approached her from the rear, and held a bottle of chloroform to her nose. She was unable to help herself, and was soon unconscious.

Miss Bushkull told Detective Frank Snow, who had been attracted to the home by her calls from a window for help. Several neighbors were also attracted and Tabler fled.

The girl returned hysterical and remained over night at the home of Joseph M. Healy, a real estate dealer in the Abington building. She returned to the Seufert home this morning. Detective Snow found the bottle of chloroform in the house.

# DEFEAT FOR DRY FORCES IN ALABAMA

Birmingham, Ala., Nov. 30.—The effort to write prohibition into the constitution of Alabama was defeated yesterday by a decisive majority, estimated at noon today at between 20,000 and 25,000. The indications are that not more than 6 of the 65 counties in the state will return a majority in favor of the amendment. All of the larger counties, including Jefferson, Mobile, Montgomery and Dale, returned substantial majorities against the proposition.

So far as heard from, Talladega, Macon, Sumter, Lee and two or three small counties in the northwestern part of the state alone went for the amendment.

The result of yesterday's election does not mean that Alabama will cease to be a dry state, but it was simply a protest against Governor Comer's effort to write prohibition into the constitution of the state. The legislature last year passed a state-wide prohibition measure, and at a called session of that body last summer the law was drastically amended. Governor Comer forcing the amendments through both branches of the legislature. At the same time the legislature called a special election to vote on a proposed amendment embodying the state's prohibition laws into the constitution, which was overwhelmingly defeated at the polls yesterday.

# JURORS RETURN SMALL VERDICT

F. E. Manchester and Floyd S. Wilson were awarded \$75.25 by a jury in the circuit court this morning against J. L. O'Donnell, after a trial lasting four days and after the jury had wrestled with the conflicting claims all night and until 10 o'clock this morning. The suit grew out of an orchard planting deal in which the plaintiffs claimed about \$500 for alleged failure to carry out a contract.

# KENNEY'S BILL FOR SERVICES REJECTED

At the conclusion of testimony in the case of Guy D. Kenney against the Portland Hardware company this morning, Circuit Judge Morrow stated that the state claim of Kenney for \$100 per month for services would be rejected. On a similar claim the court desired to review the testimony before announcing its decision. Kenney's claim will be maintained.

# OLD ORDINANCE TO BE ENFORCED

Streets Must Be Cleared of Undesirables, Says Chief of Police Cox.

Another twist was given the old this morning by Chief of Police Cox in asking the patrolman on the late night shift rigidly to enforce the "after hours" ordinance.

This ordinance is to keep the streets clean of undesirables after midnight and specifies that if any person be found on the streets after that hour, and who cannot give a good account for themselves, they shall be subject to arrest, and if upon conviction in municipal court shall be given a fine of no less than \$10 and no more than \$100.

This order of the chief followed much of the petty thievery and minor depredations committed after midnight, and the last month the patrolmen have reported an unusual number of questionable characters on the street at this time of night. No one is exempt from this order, and late hours goers in carriages and taxicabs will be asked to explain as well as the common vagrants.

# BOY PLEADS GUILTY; SUSPENDED SENTENCE

Seventeen-year-old Leo Spencer, formerly employed as a messenger by the Western Union company, pleaded guilty to a charge of sending obscene literature through the United States mail. Federal Judge Wolverton imposed a suspended sentence of six months, on motion of District Attorney John McCoull.

Judge Wolverton's sentence was considered unusual in the fact that he ordered the boy to report to Mr. McCoull at least once a month for a period of six months, and give a perfect account of his actions.

Mr. McCoull himself asked the court to extend clemency. He attributes the misdemeanor to be the result of improper associates and unclear environment, and asked that the youth be given another chance.

# GRAY'S HARBOR IS WRECKED BY STORM

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Hoquiam, Wash., Nov. 30.—From Oakville to the ocean, the Grays Harbor country has been wrecked by wind and wave. The Northern Pacific has been washed out for 20 miles. Telegraph and telephone wires are down and business is demoralized. A 16 foot tide was expected but a height of 16 feet 20 inches was reached which was sufficient to submerge the business streets of Aberdeen and Hoquiam. Conditions are much better today and all danger is passed.

During November the rain fall has been more than two feet, breaking all records.

Rivers throughout the Chehalis country are out of their banks and the loss of logs will reach enormous figures.

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