

AGASSI USE OF INDIANA STONE

Delegation Urges Commissioners to Use Oregon Materials in New Courthouse—Decision Not Announced.

A vigorous but unavailing protest against the use of eastern stone in the construction of the new courthouse was made to the county commissioners this morning by a delegation representing the building trades council of Portland.

Union Protest Vigorously. H. J. Parkinson, H. A. Lewis, George Lehman, J. L. Ledwith, William Kenner and E. A. Cheyne composed the committee from the building trades that argued the question with the commissioners.

Commissioners Accepted Lowest Bid. To these arguments the commissioners replied that they are confident that the Bedford people will bid fairly on the remainder of the building; that the Indiana stone is superior material, and that their plan puts under the law the price to be paid for the stone.

After the conference with the commissioners the labor union representatives gave out the following statement to explain their position in the matter: "The building trades council has considered this question at length. The stonecutters and other mechanics affiliated with the council have proven to us that the Oregon stone stands a heavier pressure test than the Bedford stone, and on the other hand, breaks to pieces when struck by water in case of fire.

There is in our opinion, no doubt about the superiority of the Oregon stone. If it were used it would develop a local industry and give employment to local mechanics. Thus local labor and merchants would gain all the benefit.

Now that it is to prevent the eastern concern from raising the price of the stone for which will be let two years hence? We have asked the commissioners to hold up the eastern bid until they can be guaranteed that the price will not be raised on future orders as the eastern people will then have a "clinch" on the work.

WILDE TAKES ROLE OF HOTEL BUILDER

Louis J. Wilde, well known in Portland through his connection with the Omaha telephone stock deal with the old Oregon Trust & Savings bank, is in charge of the construction of the U. S. Coast Hotel at San Diego.

FINED FOR SELLING LIQUOR TO CHILD

Here is a warning to saloonkeepers who sell liquor to children upon orders from their parents. John Maczuka, proprietor of a saloon at 33 Russell street, was given a fine of \$10 this morning in the municipal court for selling liquor to a minor.

Wife Sues for Divorce

Wesley Bowman, a well known young business man of Veneta, who has recently become one of the representatives of the Honeyman Hardware company for the inland empire region, is at the Imperial for a two week's stay in the city on business.

OUTRAGE CONFESS STRIKE MATTERS AT HEADQUARTERS

Matson and McCroskey Name Their Victims—Police Looking for the Third Robber.

The four holdups Monday night have been acknowledged by Earl McCroskey and Fred Matson, who were caught by George Estes after they had robbed him. The third highwayman who operated with the boys is still at large.

Both boys have made a complete confession to Captain Moore, head of the detectives, and Detectives Tischer and Howell. They admit holding up Estes, C. O. Gates, 370 Thirteenth street, who was stopped at West Park and Clay streets; Thomas Bickel, Ed Eloquent and Burnside streets; and Oscar Jones, a blind man who conducts a cigar stand in the entrance of the Worcester building.

COAL SHORTAGE MAY THREATEN PORTLAND

Predictions are being made that there will be a coal shortage here this year, as the French bark Belen, which arrived off the mouth of the river this morning, is the last of the coal fleet which will arrive, and it is said there are not over 4000 tons of coal here at the present time, which are not sold in Astoria, and she will deliver before coming up to Portland to discharge the rest of her cargo, part of which goes to the government.

Although the price of coal is the same now as it was last year, it is said that there is liable to be a boost in it if the present supply, which is said to be nearly exhausted, is not replaced. On the other hand, a large amount of coal is being shipped to this port from the Coos Bay district, which would undoubtedly tend to relieve the situation should a shortage really develop.

PERSONAL

B. L. Crosby of Tacoma, Wash., is a guest at the Hotel Portland today. Dr. C. C. Browning of Washington, D. C., is staying at the Hotel Portland. N. A. Howard of Rainier, Or., is at the Hotel Portland.

SEATS SELLING FOR MIDNIGHT MATINEES

Seats are now selling for the Theatrical Mechanics' association midnight benefit performance to be given on New Year's eve at the Orpheum and Baker hotels. The entertainment will be started on Friday evening at 11:30 o'clock. Seats for both theatres are now on sale at Rowe & Martin's drug store.

NORTH FOREST GROVE AGAINST ROAD TAX

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NABBING BANK THIEVES IS NOT PROFITABLE

Henry E. von Greenwald, superintendent of the Pinkerton National Detective agency, who has just returned from Portland, explained today the cause of the breach in relations between the agency and the American Bankers' association. "For 15 years Pinkerton's National Detective agency has handled criminal business for the American Bankers' association," said Mr. von Greenwald.

The tenth annual session of the Washington and Oregon division of the Travelers' Protective association is of unusual importance to the order. The election of officers and transaction of association business is scheduled for tomorrow afternoon in the assembly room of the Commercial club. The banquet follows in the club dining room at 8 o'clock.

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TAX LEVY ASSESSMENT FOR MARION TOWNS

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Passenger trains will be placed in operation on the schedule announced shortly after the meeting held at Tacoma and the O. & W. will have three daily trains between Portland and the sound, while the Northern Pacific will operate four, the schedules having been arranged so as not to conflict. The only change in the time, since the Tacoma meeting, is that fixed for the Shasta limited, which, according to the latest schedule, will leave San Francisco at 11:30 a. m., arrive at Portland at 10:10 p. m. the following day, leave here at 3 p. m. and reach Seattle the same evening at 9:20 p. m. It will leave Seattle at 11 a. m., arrive here at 5:20 and leave at 6 p. m. as at present.

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EXPERIMENT WITH UNREATED BLOCKS

Property Owners on Fourth Street Deeply Interested in the Paving Repairs.

Fourth street property owners are looking with some concern at the action of the city in using untreated paving blocks in repairing the wood block paving on that street. Some time ago a broken water main washed the sand cushion from under the blocks at Fourth and Yamhill streets. This caused inequalities in the pavement and the city made repairs by removing the pavement and relaying it where necessary with new blocks not subjected to the Avenarius Carbolicum treatment.

Complaints from All Lines. Figures have been prepared and will be read at tonight's meeting showing the service on nearly every line on the east side of the river. These figures show that there are too few cars on practically every one of these lines. They will show the service at each hour of the day and the traffic corresponding to it and show the need of more cars. Others have been delegated to watch the kind of cars being used by the company.

GOVERNOR BENSON HAS BUSY TIME IN PORTLAND

Governor Frank Benson is at the Imperial hotel, and will spend a couple of days in Portland attending to business in the daytime and attending social functions at night. His first day in the city was the honored guest at the banquet of the United Commercial Travelers' association. Tonight he will attend the review of the Oregon National Guard at the Armory.

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BUENA VISTA MAN OLDEST LODGE MEMBER

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