

# PROPERTY OWNERS TURNED DOWN BY STREET COMMITTEE

## Councilmen Ignore the Protest Made by Residents of Corbett Street Against Paving Thoroughfare.

"We don't want to tear up a perfectly good street which we haven't paid for in order to put in a slippery hard surface. All we want is common justice, and we propose to get it or fight to the last ditch."

Such was the almost tearfully delivered statement of Mrs. P. W. Gillett, one of a large delegation of Corbett street property owners who appeared before the street committee of the city council yesterday afternoon to protest against the proceedings for paving Corbett street, between Hood and Wood, with hard surface.

After Mrs. Gillett had finished speaking several other property owners followed with remonstrances. They said they represented 90 per cent of the taxpayers affected by the proposed improvement; that they had only a few years ago had to pay for a macadam surface; that even this is no slippery in bad weather that horses are able to get up the steep slope with difficulty.

### Delegation Turned Down.

George W. Gordon, one of the pioneer residents of the neighborhood, said that the only property owners in favor of the hard surfacing of the street were

those who had refused to pay for the macadam and had defeated the assessment ordinance through a technical mistake in the wording.

"Gentlemen, you have heard the remonstrance, what is your pleasure?" said Councilman Rushlight, temporary chairman of the committee in the absence of John Annand. "All those in favor of overruling the remonstrance say aye," continued the chairman.

There were three affirmative responses when the vote was taken but no negative. The councilmen who deliberately voted to overrule 90 per cent of the taxpayers were Lombard, Wallace and Belding. Councilman Kuhl did not vote.

### Have Little Chance.

"I guess a property owner doesn't cut much of a figure before this committee," was the dejected remark of one of the delegation as it downheartedly filed out of the council chambers.

Other remonstrances against the paving of hillside in South Portland with hard surface were similarly overruled. Hard surface district improvement proceedings affecting 500 blocks in Fulton and that part of South Portland which lies south of the Jones mill will not be reconsidered, the committee having voted against stopping the improvement yesterday, although an effort was made by obstructionist realty interests to have certain of the improvements wiped off the council program.

### Defend Belding.

M. J. Clohesy and other leading members of the South Portland Boosters club, however, came to the defense of Councilman Belding and declared that all the proceedings should go through. They said that a majority of the residents affected desired the improvements and that the only people who objected were stockholders of the Southport Realty company.

Mr. Clohesy said that these people sold lots with the understanding that pavements would be put down on the streets abutting on the property sold. They got prices in accordance with these promises, said the speaker, and now they want to block the paving of the district until they have sold out

The company would have to bond the property for the paving if it should be done now and they would not be able to sell the lots for any more.

### Don't Like Hard Paving.

"It is just such a grasping spirit as this that has checked progress in South Portland for 40 years," said Mr. Clohesy. "The streets down our way are all mud holes and the people are getting tired of these conditions. The push clubs have aroused the pride of the community and we are going to change the order of things. Macadamism has been routed."

A protest by Mrs. A. M. E. Mann against the proposed extension of Oregon street according to the plans outlined by the viewers led to the whole matter being referred by the committee to the viewers. Mrs. Mann's attorney stated to the committee that his client is willing to submit to the city's taking a strip 50 feet off her property, but that she does not want to give 67 feet. She believes the Laurelhurst company, which will be greatly benefited by the extension should have to furnish half the ground for the street. She does not think the street ought to be more than 60 feet wide, though the city engineer proposes to make it 67.

An ordinance to prevent the obstruction of sidewalks by the loading and unloading of merchandise on busy streets was indefinitely postponed. Councilman Lombard introduced the measure. City Attorney Kavanaugh will prepare another ordinance which will meet with the approval of the wholesale interests of the city. It is Mr. Lombard's desire to prevent the daily blockade of the sidewalks in places like Alder street between Fifth and Sixth and between Fourth and Fifth.

### Laborer Injured in Explosion.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Oakland, Or., April 9.—C. Williams, an employe of the Sutherland Land & Water company at Sutherlin, was severely injured by a premature blast of dynamite while working on the drainage ditch yesterday. Williams had but one good eye and this accident may cause him to go blind.

# THE STRANGER WITHIN OUR GATES

James A. Thornton, Dover, Del.—Although a resident of Phoenix, Ariz., since 1901, I still claim Delaware as my home. Nine years ago I was given up to die. Doctors said I had consumption; incurable, they said. Do I look it? I weigh 210 pounds now; weighed 135 when I went to Phoenix. And besides being cured of consumption, I discovered a gold prospect that looks pretty good to me—so good, in fact, that I am going back to Dover and organizing a company to work it.

A. S. Baker, Farmington, Wash.—Experiments with vetch has induced a number of farmers in our section to abandon the raising of alfalfa and go into vetch raising on a larger scale. It seems to have more nutriment than any other feed yet discovered. Personally I find that my cows produce a third more milk when fed with vetch than with any other feed except bran.

George W. Folson, Medford, Or.—If the Oregon Trunk should be built to the coast from Medford, as has been suggested they will open a wonderfully prolific country between the Rogue River valley and Crescent City, Cal. While there are a good many mountains to cross, the valleys are the richest in the country, and anything that grows can be produced there.

### Find Charred Body of Man.

Granite Falls, Wash., April 9.—A party of loggers came upon a burned cabin in the woods near Lechloy and found sitting in the ruins the charred body of its owner, a man named Loath, according to news which reached here today. When the tragedy happened is not known. Loath was last seen Sunday. The body was bent forward. A fragment of clothing with the pocket knife was untouched and served as a means of identification.

# MAN SEEKS PLACE FOR DYING WIFE

## Fred Huppich Says Institution Turned Him Away When He Sought Admission.

Fred Huppich, a government agent, who has been living at Tremont Place, wishes some place established in the city where his wife, who is dying of consumption, could be cared for.

"My wife was taken ill with consumption seven years ago," said Huppich yesterday. "As long as she was in the incipient stages I found a number of places where they would treat her. She became worse and the doctors pronounced her incurable."

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### Neck Broken, Man Still Lives.

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Seattle, April 9.—Totally paralyzed from a dislocated neck, which he sustained in a plunge down a chute at Luna Park last night, George H. Swanson, a marine engineer, though unconscious, was still alive at 3 o'clock this morning at the Providence hospital. For 12 hours Swanson had lived, despite the expressed opinion of physicians that death must come soon.

Swanson had gone to the top of the chute to get a view of the park, an amusement report. He lost his balance and plunged head downward. He alighted on his head and shoulders and besides receiving a dislocated neck he sustained a concussion of the brain.

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