

BOULEVARD LIGHTS FOR FIFTH STREET ARE CONSIDERED

Business Men May Form Association and Place Arcs From City Hall to the Union Depot.

There is a movement on the part of Fifth street business men to install a system of boulevard lights similar to those on Sixth and Seventh streets. Advocates of the idea believe that such a lighting system is an absolute necessity between Stark street and the Union depot. That portion of Fifth street is at present a fairly dark and dangerous thoroughfare at night, although it is the medium of a heavy traffic. A great number of automobiles in addition to hundreds of other vehicles traverse the paved way leading from the business section of the city to the depot, the steel bridge and the wholesale district in the north end.

"The Commercial club has already ordered street lamp posts for that part of Fifth street upon which the club building abuts," said President Harvey Beckwith, of the institution yesterday afternoon. "I think it would be a fine thing if the business men of Fifth street would form an association and proceed to install lamp posts, such as have been installed by the business men and property owners of Seventh and other streets."

"If the lighting system is extended as far as Jefferson street," said Mayor Simon, "the city will stand its share of the expense by paying for the lights that would be in front of the city hall. Last year a number of property owners came up to the city hall to see if they could get me to approve a plan whereby the city would pay for such lights as are now in use on various streets in the business district. I told them that the city would not be able to pay for all the lights that would be established if any precedent were set by establishing lights on any one street. At my suggestion they formed property owners' associations to get the improvements."

HOOD RIVER ELECTION IS NO TAME AFFAIR

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Hood River, Dec. 6.—The city election in Hood River is on in full swing and the contest between the two tickets will be a close one. There are about 400 voters in the city and it is expected that a full vote will be polled. The outgoing mayor, recorder, treasurer and councilmen are seeking reelection, and are being opposed by the Business Men's ticket. It is estimated that the Business Men's ticket will carry with a small majority just to exceed 25 votes. The city is crowded under with campaign literature today whereas citizens call each other liars, etc. These strained difficulties grow out of the recent injunction suit that was filed in the federal court restraining the city from disposing of its bonds at private sale.

BENSON'S CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION UNIQUE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Salem, Or., Dec. 6.—Governor Benson's certificate of election is a peculiar document. After reciting that Mr. Benson has been elected over his opponent by a splendid majority as counted by Mr. Benson as secretary of state in the presence of himself as governor, it is signed by Mr. Benson as governor and attested by himself as secretary of state for the governor. It is pretty much a one man affair. It is signed like this: "F. W. Benson, governor; By the governor, F. W. Benson, secretary of state." His opponent had no chance at all.

CANADIANS PRAISE PORTLAND SCHOOLS

Members of the Royal Commission on Industrial Training and Technical Education from the Dominion of Canada, left last night and this morning after spending a day in Portland inspecting the public schools of the city. Each member of the commission before his departure expressed his pleasure at the work being done here and at the high standard of the Portland manual and technical training departments.

The Royal Commission was appointed by the Dominion government to make an investigation of the manual and technical training given by the public schools of the United States and Europe with a view to establishing such departments in the schools of the Dominion of Canada, or rather of widening the scope and usefulness of those schools already in operation there. The commission was entertained yesterday by the board of education and during the day was escorted to the different schools where manual training and technical departments are in operation. They also visited the Y. M. C. A., where they noted the work being done there. In the afternoon Dr. John W. Robertson, chairman of the commission, delivered an address in the auditorium of the Washington high school on the subject of "The Craft of Teaching." Commissioners Robertson and Maxwell left this morning for Columbia, Mo., where they will visit the University of Missouri. Commissioners Murray, Forsythe, Simpson, Holton and Brough left last night for San Francisco and will visit various places in California.

ONTARIO OIL COMPANIES MERGE; CONTINUE WORK

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Ontario, Or., Dec. 6.—The Ontario Co-operative Oil & Gas company will merge into the Ontario Oil company and work will be resumed in the Ontario oil well as soon as the new company can complete its plans of organization, which will not be later than the last of this month. The incorporators of the new company are A. W. Trow, J. W. McCulloch and F. B. Naylor and the capital stock of the company is 1,000,000 shares at the par value of \$1 per share. Most of this stock will be taken up by members of the old company. The old company has about \$20,000 worth of machinery and equipment which will be purchased by the new company, besides the 4000 foot prospect well which will be taken over by the new company who will resume operations.

PLANNING CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR POOR

Adjutants Loney and Wilkins of the Salvation army are making arrangements for the Christmas dinner for the less fortunate of our city. The army is arranging to distribute 225 baskets this Christmas averaging enough provisions to give a family of five a good dinner with some left over. Each basket will contain at least \$3 worth of provisions. The army will also give a Christmas tree to the poor children. This, with the usual relief work that the army is called upon to do through the winter months, means that during the next four weeks there will have to be a fund of from \$1000 to \$1250 on hand. The appeals will soon be sent to the friends of the poor, and the army solicitors will soon get busy collecting for this effort. By Christmas the officers hope to have on hand the needed amount. The officers wish to warn the public against imposters, who in the past have taken advantage of the army's special appeals and represented themselves as army collectors. All the army solicitors will wear the regulation army uniform, including the red cap and bonnet band, and will be furnished with a book that bears the signature of Adjutant A. Loney. Anyone wishing to communicate with the officers should call up Marshall 1205, or write to 265 Davis street.

OREGON HIGHWAY COMMISSION BILL IS NOW FINISHED

Provides Membership of Three, Who Will Appoint Commissioner at Salary of \$4000; His Duties Defined.

The bill creating a state highway commission to have supervision of road building in Oregon has been completed by Judge Lionel R. Webster, on behalf of the Oregon Good Roads association. At a meeting of officers of the association tomorrow the bill will be examined. It will be further passed upon at a meeting of association members Thursday evening. Its provisions will be discussed at the good roads convention December 12, and then, in its approved form, will be submitted to the legislature at its next session.

The bill is one of several which Judge Webster has been preparing as part of the campaign to begin active road building operations in Oregon, following the good roads amendment, which was adopted at the last election. The bill provides first of all for a state highway board, whose membership shall be three citizens of Oregon. It will be expressly stipulated that the appointments shall not be of a political nature, and that they shall serve without pay. They will serve two, three and four years, respectively.

\$4000 Yearly Salary.

Within 30 days of their appointment the members of the board shall appoint a state highway commissioner, who will hold office for four years, who must be thoroughly skilled in the science of road construction, and whose salary shall be \$4000 a year. The commissioner's duties and authority are conveyed in a paragraph:

"All roads, any part of the cost of construction of which is paid for by the state, or in the construction of which any crushed rock, gravel or other material furnished by or under the supervision of the state is used, shall be constructed under the exclusive direction and control of the state highway commissioner."

"The state highway commissioner shall have general advisory supervision of the construction of all roads, the cost of which shall be paid for wholly or in part by money procured by any county under the authority granted by section X of article XI of the constitution of the state."

Other Duties to Perform.

Among other things the commissioner must compile statistics and information concerning all Oregon roads. He must determine upon best methods of construction suited to particular localities. Upon request he may take full charge and control of the supervision of any permanent road. He shall always cooperate and advise with highway officials concerning the building or improvement of roads.

He must make a monthly report of all duties each month to the state highway board. Road supervisors, county courts and commissioners are to furnish the commissioner with needed information concerning roads. The commissioner must keep a full account of all expenses incurred in building roads under his supervision or control. At each session of the legislature the state highway board and the commissioner shall make a joint report covering all their official activities, stating the number of miles of road constructed and the cost, together with needful statistics and information.

The commissioner may appoint a clerk whose salary must not exceed \$150 a month. Members of the highway board will receive necessary traveling expenses. The commissioner and members of the board will be required to make out each month a detailed statement of all expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties. The bill makes provision for an appropriation of money sufficient to cover the expense and outlay contemplated by the act.

prune trees; F. J. Lewis, Banks, 700 pruned trees; Fred Waldron, Banks, 400 pruned trees; M. C. Martin, Banks, 500 pruned trees; A. E. Thomas, Forest Grove, 2300 apple trees. Noted horticulturists from various sections of the state have examined the soil of this section and have pronounced it ideal for the purpose of commercial fruit raising, and have backed up their faith in the soil and climate by buying much land and planting it to fruit trees. This action by outside men has increased the faith of the older settlers of the county in the possibilities of the locality for fruit culture, and the new interest manifested recently in tree planting is the result.

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATORS ENCOURAGE SUFFRAGISTS

(United Press Leased Wire.) Los Angeles, Dec. 6.—Southern California favors woman suffrage, according to the results of a poll taken among the men who will represent this section of the state in the next legislature. Fourteen members declared openly for woman suffrage and five were noncommittal, while none was openly opposed. Five could not be reached. Assemblymen Judson, Lamb, Farwell,

OLD MAN WITH YOUNG WIFE RUES BARGAIN

(United Press Leased Wire.) Seattle, Dec. 6.—Pierce Fitzgerald, 78 years old, is suing for a divorce. His wife is 43 years of age. They were married less than a year ago.

Mrs. Fitzgerald was an attractive divorcee with three children, when she met Fitzgerald. He gave her \$10,000 as a prenuptial gift and now he seeks to have that money back. Judge Gay, before whom the case is being heard, has decided, however, that Mrs. Fitzgerald can keep the money. Fitzgerald alleges that the divorcee hypnotized him but that he is now fully recovered. Soon after the marriage, Luther Hall,

the first husband of Mrs. Fitzgerald, came to board at the Fitzgerald home, much to the surprise of the aged second husband. Subsequently Hall, the first husband, committed suicide.

R. R. COMMISSION AT HOOD HEARS COMPLAINT

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Hood River, Or., Dec. 6.—State Railroad Commissioners Alchison and Miller are in Hood River today taking the

testimony of the Upper Hood River Valley Progressive association vs. the Mount Hood Railroad company. The association is entering complaint against the company for maintaining a slow schedule and asking that the company be compelled to furnish a better service in respect to affording better hours between trains in the city of Hood River. The association claims that under the present arrangements it requires approximately three days in which to come from the upper valley to Hood River and return and a correspondingly long time to transact business.

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"WHAT ABOUT THE GIRL?" TO BE HIS SUBJECT

Charles D. Drum of the International committee of the Young Men's Christian Association is to deliver two addresses at the Portland Y. M. C. A. this week. Mr. Drum will appear on Wednesday and Thursday nights at 8 o'clock and his subject on both occasions will be "What About the Girl?"

These meetings will be open to men, but boys under 15 will not be admitted. The reason for reserving the address is that the Y. M. C. A. auditorium will seat only 400 people, and it is certain that many more than this number will desire to hear Mr. Drum. It is probable that even on the two nights it will be impossible to accommodate all who desire to attend. The committee in charge of the meeting consists of W. M. Ladd, H. W. Stone, J. W. Palmer, R. C. French, A. M. Grilley, J. C. Clark and R. E. Perkins.

Mr. Drum is associated with Fred B. Smith in the religious work of the association and is declared to be one of the most forceful speakers in the Y. M. C. A. He made a very deep impression on the delegates at the recent Oregon-Idaho convention, held at Eugene.

LANE AND PROUTY FOR NEW COMMERCE COURT

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, Dec. 6.—At least two members of the new court of commerce have been chosen, according to gossip in political circles here. They are Franklin K. Lane of California and Judge Charles A. Prouty of Vermont. Both at present are members of the Interstate Commerce commission and both are known to stand high in the estimation of President Taft.

It is understood to be the president's desire to secure for the new court men who not only are in touch with the freight rate situation, but who also are familiar with the proceedings of the Interstate Commerce commission.

The information as to the appointment of Lane and Prouty, is said to come from a reliable if not absolutely authentic source.

7000 FRUIT TREES FOR FOREST GROVE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Forest Grove, Or., Dec. 6.—More than 7000 fruit trees have been sold to farmers in the western section of Washington county this fall. Following is a partial list of the young nursery stock that will be planted in this vicinity: D. D. Sanders, near Dilley, 500 trees; C. B. Campbell, Watts district, 700

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