

BROADWAY BRIDGE WORK DESIRABLE

Mayor Hears That Many Will Offer Bids; Architect Renders Bill.

Strong evidence that active work is being done in the construction of the new Broadway bridge was furnished by a bill for \$5000, rendered to Mayor Simon yesterday afternoon by Ralph Modjeski, the Chicago engineer who has charge of the construction of the viaduct.

Mayor Simon referred the bill to the bridge committee of the executive board, by whom it will undoubtedly be approved. A letter accompanying the bill states that a large amount of preliminary engineering construction has been accomplished, such as taking soundings in the river, shore elevations and the like.

There is every indication that the bidding for the Broadway bridge construction contract will be keenly competitive," said Mayor Simon today. "The bids will be opened December 24. I have been assured that some of the largest bridge building firms of the east will submit tenders and a number of local companies will be in the race for the job. It looks to me as though the bridge will be available for use in the near future."

OBJECTS TO RAILS ON NEW MADISON BRIDGE

E. Henry Wemme, good roads enthusiast and director of the Good Roads Association, has sent a letter to the county commissioners complaining as to the kind of rails laid on the new Hawthorne bridge. He asserts there is danger from the gutters next the rails and thinks the county should refuse to accept the bridge until the rails are changed. In his communication he says:

"The old fashioned rails have been used, and if a buggy or light rig happens to have the misfortune to get into the gutters next the rails they will wrench off their wheels. If autos happen to drop in they will have difficulty in getting out, and by using undue force to get out accidents are sure to happen."

The commissioners will look into the question before accepting the bridge. The tracks as laid have the approval of the city and the objections made by Wemme are said by some to be mistaken.

A machine to remove paper from a wall rapidly by steaming it is a recent invention.

TRAINS TO BRING SPOKANE NEARER

Harriman Official, Touring Oregon, Says 60 Miles Be Cut Off Run From Portland.

Julius Kruttschnitt, director of operation and maintenance of the Southern Pacific and Union Pacific, General Manager J. P. O'Brien and Assistant General Manager G. W. Boschke of the Harriman lines in Oregon, are today inspecting the west side lines of the Southern Pacific. The party started out from Portland in a private car early this morning, and may possibly extend their tour to the new line of the Pacific Railroad & Navigation Co., being built from Hillsboro to Tillamook.

Mr. Kruttschnitt arrived here last evening, accompanied by Mr. O'Brien, who went south several days ago to meet him. In speaking of the general situation, Mr. Kruttschnitt had no important announcements to make, but reiterated those heretofore made to the effect that the Klamath-Natron cutoff will be completed and open for traffic some time during the latter part of June; that the North Coast line to be built from Spokane to the main line of the O. R. & N. near the junction of the Columbia and Snake rivers, will shorten the distance between Portland and Spokane about 60 miles, and that other Harriman work now under way will be continued until completed.

Inspection of the west side lines of the Southern Pacific will probably also extend to the Fourth street line, which the company has been planning to electrify ever since its steam freight trains were forced off that street. This change will affect a pretty well settled territory that is now suffering from lack of adequate and modern means of interurban transportation facilities.

Earthquake of Great Duration.

(United Press Special Wire.)
Washington, Dec. 13.—A heavy earthquake of more than an hour's duration was recorded on the seismograph at the weather bureau today. The shock was estimated to have occurred 5300 to 6000 miles away. It began at 7:02 and the greatest disturbance was reached at 7:23. The movement was from east to west.

Same Wages for Women as Men.

(United Press Special Wire.)
Melbourne, Australia, Dec. 12.—By a decision of an arbitration court in Sydney, women under the industrial laws are now entitled to the same wages as men. This decision, so far from benefiting women, has led in many cases to their discharge and the employment of men in factories and shops in their places.

SHIELDS DAMAGE CASE REVERSED

Plaintiff Was Injured by Train at Steel Bridge; Krebs Case Again Affirmed.

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)
Salem, Or., Dec. 13.—The case of Richard Shields vs. the Northern Pacific Terminal company, in which the plaintiff (Shields) obtained a verdict from a jury against the corporation for \$4450 in the circuit court for Multnomah county, Judge Thomas O'Day presiding, an account of damages received in being run over by a train at the approach to the steel bridge, was reversed by the supreme court today in an opinion written by Justice Thomas McBride because Judge O'Day's answers to queries propounded by the jury were not sufficiently enlightening as to whether it is the duty of a railroad corporation to post notices of danger at railroad crossings.

Shields was injured where the descent of stairs leading from the steel bridge to Front street causes many people to traverse the tracks leading to the bridge from the depot.

A verdict may have been obtained, says Justice McBride, because Judge O'Day did not fully convey to the jury the law as to posting notices at railroad crossings so that the jury could not intelligently determine whether damages were due plaintiff or not. The answer given to the jury by Judge O'Day was so vague, says the venerable justice, that the jury was in no better position after receiving Judge O'Day's answer than when they asked for it.

For the fourth or fifth time the case of the Krebs Hop company vs. T. A. Livesley and John J. Roberts, doing business under the firm name and style of T. A. Livesley & Co., has been determined by the supreme court. No different ruling has been made than at former hearings. The case is affirmed and the opinion is written by Associate Justice Will R. King, but Justice Robert Eakin dissented.

Under a new amendment to the constitution cases hereafter appealed will be finally determined by the supreme court, for the supreme court by that amendment is given power to direct a lower court to make decrees and orders without holding a retrial.

The case is one arising over a contract for the sale of hops, made 10 or 15 years ago. It has become so involved with cross suits, counter actions and injunctions to restrain enforcement of several judgments that no one any longer attempts to disentangle the proceedings except a few lawyers. There are several thousand dollars involved. It is a Marion county case.

The case of Samuel Loney, John B. Knight and others, respondents, vs. Joseph C. Scott, appellants, appealed from the circuit court for Umatilla county, R. J. Bean, judge, is modified in an opinion written by Associate Justice Eakin.

WOMAN ROLLS FOUR JAPS DOWN STAIRS WITH TRUSTY RIG

Hattie Youskioh, colored wife of a Japanese barber, whipped four men last evening in the Japanese rooming house at 55 North Fourth street. After putting the men down and out, she turned upon Patrolmen Burd and Johnson, who had been called to arrest her. She fought the two men for half an hour.

The husband of the woman has not been home for several nights.

Two Japanese called upon her yesterday to inquire about him. She told them it was none of their business. Then she grabbed both by the collars and threw them down a flight of stairs.

The two men enlisted the assistance of two more Japanese and returned to the woman's room.

She threw each of the four men out of the room and down stairs as they attempted to enter. Two of them were severely beaten over the head and face with a broomstick. They called the police. The woman was fined \$10 for being disorderly.

CLIFF INN FIGHTING TO RETAIN LICENSE

The Cliff Inn, noted as a wayside resort for joy riders on the Linnton road, is making a fight for its life before the county commissioners this afternoon. Whether it will survive or perish depends upon the right of persons signing a remonstrance to withdraw their names after once signing a protest.

Before Rath & Sandys, proprietors of the Cliff Inn, filed their petition for renewal of license, a big remonstrance was filed by residents of the precinct. It contained 123 names, of whom 107 are said to be voters. Then the roadhouse owners presented a petition, containing about 80 verified names. Many of the names on this petition were also on the remonstrance, and under the law such names must be counted against the petitioners.

Now it is contended that signers have a right to withdraw their names, if this is permitted, the Cliff Inn proprietors expect to show the commissioners that they have a greater number of qualified voters on their petition than the remonstrance contains. The commissioners have called upon the district attorney to advise them as to whether or not signers of the remonstrance can be permitted to withdraw. The hearing was called at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

If renewal of the license is denied, the Cliff Inn will be a thing of the past, so far as the sale of liquor is concerned, after next Friday, when the license expires.

Thief Gets Jewels Worth \$1500.

(United Press Special Wire.)
Los Angeles, Dec. 12.—Private detectives are aiding the police in a search for jewels worth \$1500 that were stolen from the home of Mrs. Grace Morrison, while the family was at dinner. Mrs. Morrison was attracted by a noise in her dressing room and rushed in upon the thief, whom she recognized as a man who has followed her on the street several times during the past week. The thief escaped by leaping through a window.

Goodall to California.

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)
Salem, Or., Dec. 12.—George O. Goodall, secretary of the state railroad commission, departed last night on the Shastis limited for California where he has gone for his health. Mr. Goodall expects to return soon after the holidays.

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