

ST. JOHN'S BARKS WESTRUMITE PLAN FOR STREET WORK

City Council Adopts Resolution Favoring the Method Despite Objections of City Engineer—Letters Differ.

The question of hard-surfacing Jersey street which has been up before the city council of St. Johns for some months past, was again considered Thursday last when a resolution was adopted favoring the process known as Westrumite.

Soon after it had been decided to lay hard surface on Jersey street the emissaries of the Westrumite company which had recently erected a factory at Kenton, approached the projectors of their material. The company offered to defray the entire expenses of the two delegates to cities in the east where they could gain knowledge of the merits of Westrumite by personal inspection.

The question then arose as to whether the Westrumite company were able to lay a pavement equally as good as that laid down in the eastern cities. Officials of the company said that they could and would do so and the inquirers made them the promise.

The city attorney then wrote to the engineer, chairman of board of works, and other officials of many cities in which Westrumite had been laid down and has received about twelve replies in answer, and these original letters he agreed to file with the city council.

The majority of these letters were unfavorable to Westrumite, and taken in conjunction with the affidavits and documentary evidence obtained by the committee of two, a considerable conflict of evidence as to the merits of this product is shown.

For example, the chairman of streets and alleys of the city of Hammond, Ind., who has held office seven years, de-nounced in strong terms Westrumite as a hard surface.

The property owners have declared their intention of adopting Westrumite. Dr. Mochetaz is going so far as to announce that he will not object to whatever pavement the council recommended. Every property holder and every resident of St. Johns is vitally interested in obtaining the best surface material for their main street, and if the Westrumite company's product is worthless, the city should not be involved and steps should be taken to checkmate them before the damage is done.

The residents of the city are also concerned in the financial aspect of the situation. The Westrumite company has declared that it will set up a bond with recognized bonding companies recommended by the council, to maintain the street for five years. But a bond for the maintenance of streets cannot be enforced in the state of Oregon, if the contractor has carried out the terms of the specifications, according to the decision of Judge Wolcott in the case of the city of Portland vs. the Bituminous Paving company, 33 Ore., p. 397. So that in addition to this bond having to be paid for indirectly by the property owners, which is illegal, the bond would be worthless, and the city attorney has advised the council to this effect.

As no bond can guarantee the sufficiency of the material, the council should be advised.

LIQUID CURES ECZEMA WHERE SALVES FAIL

In regard to skin diseases, medical authorities are now agreed on this: that the best and most effective treatment is in your skin by the use of greasy salves, and thus encourage them to multiply. A true cure of all scumous diseases can be brought about only by using the healing agents in the form of a liquid. WASHING THE ECZEMA OUT. A simple wash: A compound of Oil of White-ginger, Thymol, and other ingredients as combined in the D. D. D. Prescription. This penetrates to the disease, kills and destroys them, then soothes and heals the skin as nothing else can.

HARMONY COMMITTEE SEEKS SOLUTION OF CITY'S MILK PROBLEM



W. W. Cotton Solution of the humanitarian and financial questions of the dairy industry, particularly in reference to Portland, is the aim of the Commercial club harmony committee which now has four members. The appointment of the fifth, the nominee of the Consumers' league, it is believed, will be announced the first of the week.

As the committee now stands, its chairman is W. W. Cotton, nearly as well known for his interest in dairying as for his ability as a railroad lawyer. The other members are Dr. Calvin S. White, state health officer, T. S. Townsend, one of the most progressive Oregon creamer-men, and William Schumelerich, a Hillsboro dairyman.

The nominees of the Consumers' league, it is said, will be a man, although the members of the league are women. The executive officers of the league say they believe the interests of consumers will be better represented by a man to whom they will give moral support and backing. The man asked to perform the duty has not yet accepted the honor.

The first duty of the committee is to ascertain the conditions of the dairy industry in the city. Pure milk, cheaply and quickly delivered, is considered the greatest need. By insisting upon healthful, clean milk, it is believed the dairy industry can be lifted to a higher plane than it has been, and the needs of consumers will be met at the same time. Since The Journal commenced a systematic effort to clean the milk supply two years ago, a good many new things have been learned about the dairy business.

It has been found that dairying has not been as profitable as it should be. The clency of specifications, every taxpayer in the city is concerned in the question, inasmuch as no property owner can be assessed twice within ten years for the improvement of the street. And if the street, after being paved with Westrumite, should go to the pieces, the city of St. Johns would either have to put up with the conditions as they were, or spend taxpayers' money in laying down a new street.

Under these considerations the taxpayers recognize that the property owners along the street which is to be improved should have an important say in the kind of hard surface pavement which is to be laid down if they look to the council to protect their interests. The matters which seem to demand an investigation can be summed up briefly: Is the mass of evidence obtainable in the cities where Westrumite has been laid sufficiently preponderating to recommend the laying of Westrumite which even its staunchest advocates must class as an experiment? Did the Westrumite company lay pavements in the eastern cities under license from Warren Bros. and if so, what was their object in going to this expense? Are the specifications which have been furnished by the Westrumite company to the city engineer, if followed closely, capable of producing a street equally good as that laid down in the eastern cities?

Engineer Says "No." The city engineer has declared that they would not do so, his judgment is confirmed by the city engineer of Kenton, where it is also proposed to lay Westrumite, and it would be necessary to submit them to some impartial city engineer of recognized standing and reputation before such a question could be decided.

Is the Westrumite company still laying pavements in the eastern cities and if not, what is the cause of their cessation of operations? Is the financial standing of the Westrumite company and their ratings at the commercial agencies sufficiently strong to lead the citizens to believe that they will carry out the moral obligation of any contract which they are not legally compelled to do, especially in view of the fact that the Westrumite company which laid streets in the vicinity of Chicago and Ontario is reported to have gone into liquidation?

ARMY TO MARCH FROM

(Continued from Page One.) der, if it came, the balance of the troops in the field would be rushed to Galveston by rail. There they would combine with the force now mobilized, under General Mills, and take ship, under convoy of warships, for Vera Cruz.

The general staff officers declared that an attempt to reach the interior of Mexico over the non-rail routes and the International & Great Northern and the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railroads would be available for a full division. A large force could not be maintained in Mexico by any other than the route from Vera Cruz to the capital. This would entail a 611 mile water trip from Galveston.

General Carter, commanding here, is known to have ordered the division commanders to quietly prepare to "maneuver" against General Mills' 5900 troops at Galveston. They will march there as if in "maneuver," if the crisis in Mexican-American affairs is delayed, but if the intervention order comes they will be rushed by train. The war department is understood to have agents now at work securing necessary transportation at Galveston, in the event of intervention. The Vera Cruz expedition would comprise the Tenth, Eleventh, Thirteenth, Fifteenth, Seventeenth, Eighteenth, Twenty-second, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth regiments of infantry, the Third field artillery, the First, Second and Third provisional regiments of infantry, made up of coast artillerymen, and a battalion of engineers.

Trains Held, Just the Same. Practically 1000 passenger and freight cars are held at San Antonio and in the vicinity tonight by the Southern Pacific, the International & Great Northern and the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railroads, available for the instant use of the first "maneuver" division, despite the dis-

FIRE IN DOME OF CAPITOL ALARMS

Gardener Sees Blaze in Time to Prevent Disaster—Cigar End Did It.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Salem, Or., March 18.—Destruction of the statehouse by fire was only averted this afternoon by the prompt action of Gardner E. Wallace, who, upon being attracted by the volume of smoke issuing from the dome of the capitol about 4 o'clock, rushed to the top of the building and found that a pile of rubbish had ignited, presumably from a lighted cigar end that had been cast away by a careless nightwatchman.

As a result of the incident Chief Clerk H. H. Corey of the secretary of state's office, who is in custody of the capitol, has made an order that no more lighters will be given the privilege of visiting the dome without special permit. \$50 dry is the woodwork in the dome of the capitol that had the fire gained any headway before being detected, and smoldered without lifting any alarm until all attaches had left the building at 5 o'clock, there would have been a great difficulty in saving the building.

The dome is very popular with visitors to the state capitol and hundreds visit it every day in order to take advantage of the excellent view of the city and valley afforded from there.

STEAMSHIP RATES NOW

(Continued from Page One.) Pacific Navigation company, Bennett and Goodall are already making the necessary arrangements to extend the service to Portland, which, when installed, will give a four days' service between the Great Port and San Diego.

What the Railway Is Up Against. When installed upon the new service, the rates are to be made so low that the operators of the new and fast steamships expect to fill them to their capacity every trip. The through rate from Portland to San Diego will probably not exceed \$15.

As the railroad rates between these points, exclusive of berths and meals, is now \$37.85, it is said that in order to retain any considerable percentage of its business the railroad will have to make a big reduction.

Not only will the new steamship line inaugurate an especially low rate and make the round trip, including stops at San Pedro and this city, in about 60 hours, but if necessary many novel features may be added to attract patronage to the service.

This will include the installation of a floating theatre and vaudeville on the hurricane decks of the big ships, and in addition thereto, the adding of clothes pressing concessions and dozens of other features that may tend to make for the pleasure and convenience of those traveling on the palatial liners.

Not Hunting War, But Ready. Though Captain Bennett upon his arrival from a conference in the south with Captain Goodall said the company would not enter upon this plan unless it was found necessary, he admitted that his trip to Portland was to be made for the express purpose of making arrangements for docking the Yale and Harvard at that city.

"The Pacific Navigation company is not seeking a rate war," said Bennett, "but if we are forced into one, there will be a merry time along this coast from San Diego on the south to Portland on the north. We want to use the Yale and Harvard in catering to first class passengers at what we consider a reasonable rate for the services rendered, but if the San Francisco and Portland company, or any other concern, forces a rate war upon us, we will extend the service to fill them to their capacity."

As we will have no difficulty in running our ships to the north during the summer, this will mean that the war will involve not only the steamship lines but also the railroad, for if the rate is made low enough, we know that the ships can be filled. As yet we have not been affected by the two dollar oil.

Loads of Beaver and Harvard. The San Francisco-Portland steamer Beaver, which made her first sailing to San Pedro today under the new rate, had 135 passengers, according to the report of the company's officials. The Pacific Navigation steamer Harvard sailed for the same destination in the afternoon with 246 passengers.

LOS ANGELES BABY BOY DEEDED AWAY BY ITS PARENTS

(Publishers' Press Lead Wire.) Los Angeles, Cal., March 18.—George and Gladys Philway actually deeded away their 29-months old baby boy, in a document filed yesterday with the county recorder. According to the terms which is similar to the ordinary kind transferring real estate, the parents of the child convey "all their right, title and interest in Noel Ernest Philway, together with all hereditaments, and appurtenances, to have and to hold," to Mrs. Rosalie De Fries.

Used But Not Abused.

Have a large number of slightly used upright pianos, some of which could not be told from really brand new ones. We're closing out these instruments at prices never dreamed of heretofore. There are dozens of them, \$65, \$80, \$75. All of them, simply have to go, and you'll have to hurry if you expect to get one of them. See announcement, page 4 of this issue, headed "They're Making It An Object."

Roosevelt's Overseer Is Dead.

Oyster Bay, L. I., March 18.—Noah Seaman, who for 28 years was employed as superintendent in Sagamore Hill, the estate of former President Roosevelt in the outskirts of the village, died this morning after an illness of three months, due to paralysis.

They're Making It an Object for Us to Vacate a Portion at Once!

EVER SEE THE LIKE OF THESE LOW PRICES BEFORE, BESIDES GETTING AN EXTRA TEN DOLLARS TO BUY NOW? Homes Wanted for Fine Baby Grands and Elegant Player Pianos, Too—A Closing-Out Sale That Means Close-Out—See These Prices, \$65, \$70, \$82, and See the Pianos, but Don't Delay—Talking Machines Going, Too!

Did you ever see the choicest of Chickering, Sohmers, genuine Webers, fine Kimball and elegant Deekers sold at an average saving sufficient on each instrument to fairly educate the whole family in music? No, but you'll find this true now at the closing-out sale of the Musical Home.

It has been determined to sell everything in the old premises so as to start in the fine new building now nearing completion at the corner of 7th and Alder streets with a perfectly new and complete stock of everything, hence this sale. No one in Portland now will live long enough to again see the choicest latest brand-new pianos and Talking Machines actually sacrificed—slaughtered, if you please, at cost and less, by a responsible concern whose guarantee covers every instrument sold. Many instruments are being sold at what they cost at the factory and some for even less than what it costs the factory to make them.

Small Prices and Easy Payments. It would not be possible to sell this large stock even at these low cost prices for cash, for very few people are prepared to pay for the moment to pay spot cash for such a purchase. Hence for the simple additional interest we arrange time payments to suit the requirements of each individual buyer.

What More Can Be Said? Can we do any more to get rid of these instruments quickly? We have but a few days longer to remain in these old premises, the stock is the very largest ever offered in a sacrifice sale in this country, yet it is growing smaller daily. Make your selection now, while the assortment is still large enough to insure your finding exactly what you want. Choice means something now.

For Well-to-Do Homes. Twenty-one very choice and beautiful Baby grands, two superb Parlor grands, two magnificent Concert Grands, several school and church organs, besides numerous fine high-grade regular upright pianos and the very finest and foremost in Player Pianos—all go now at prices far below what smaller dealers would charge for the same thing when buying them from the factories to sell again.

We shall have no further use for all kinds of store furnishings and fixtures, including curtains, rugs, carpets, music cabinets and everything else contained in the many beautiful rooms, upstairs and downstairs heretofore known as Ellers Piano House.

Remember, we must close out everything. Call in the evening of you cannot come during the day time. You will effect the saving of big round sums of money in the purchase of anything in our line if you participate in this closing out sale.

Wines and Liqueurs. A Pleasant Smile. Every day hundreds of customers leave our store with a smile of satisfaction because they have learned that there is no other in the city where one can obtain Wines and Liqueurs that are so satisfactory, both as to quality and price. You are missing something if you have never made a purchase here.

WARRANT IS OUT, BANKER (Continued from Page One.) He said he had deposited \$50 with the Italian-American bank, of which he had drawn out \$140. The last time he appeared to his credit, he endeavored to obtain a license from Bank Examiner Will Wright.

Y. M. C. A. LECTURE COURSE ON CARE OF BUILDINGS Importance of giving proper care to the many fine new office and public buildings that are being erected in Portland is a subject that has just been taken up by the Portland Young Men's Christian association. The Y. M. C. A. for some time has believed that there is need for well trained men to serve as caretakers and janitors in the large office blocks. Owners of buildings have also urged the Y. M. C. A. to do something in this line, and consequently course of lectures has just been arranged by which men will be fitted to occupy positions of this character. The lectures will begin Tuesday night, April 4, and will continue weekly for 18 weeks.

CALUMET HOTEL IS SOLD (Continued from Page One.) erty, but it was only yesterday that they were able to come to terms. The two transactions in hotel property closed last week—the purchase of the Bowers hotel by S. Morton Cohn and the sale of the Calumet property—involved a total consideration of \$430,000. It is known that negotiations are pending for other parcels of inside realty, but none of them had progressed to the point of formal announcement.

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