

DOUBLE TRACKING OF BOULEVARD TO BE LONG DELAYED

Doubt Raised Upon Validity of Franchise by Rose City Park Citizens Causes P. R., L. & P. Co. to Hesitate.

The double tracking of Sandy boulevard by the Portland Railway, Light & Power company seems to be further away than ever before, all in consequence of the doubt raised upon the validity of the county court franchise given to Hartman & Cooke in 1907, and later transferred to the street car company.

The doubt raised was created by the Rose City park association submitting a series of questions to the city attorney as to the character of the franchise. The association has been vigorously working to secure the double tracking of the street car system through this suburb; also the hard surface paving from Thirty-third to Seventy-second streets and such sewerage necessary before paving is put in.

Feast Postponed.

Owing to the disinclination of the street car company to go to the expense of \$125,000 for paving and double tracking in a new and comparatively sparsely settled section, the association started its line of battle through the city attorney in the hope of having the whiphand over the company.

The opinion as rendered seems to have worked out in a different direction than anticipated, for if the city attorney's opinion, that the company has no franchise on Sandy road, is based on a sound legal doctrine, then the company would not for a moment think of undertaking an additional expenditure of \$125,000 upon ground which it had no legal title to or franchise to use.

Not Operated at Profit.

"There seems to be a sentiment existing that the company is anxious to occupy these outlying streets. This is not true. From an operating standpoint the line is a loss. The only way we have to declare dividends, for it costs us more to haul a person a long distance than a short one. The Rose City park line is not operated at a profit to us. At the same time the company desires to progress with the city and to develop the outlying districts to the extent of its financial ability. The remarkable growth of Portland has made an enormous growth up on the resources of this company. We have spent for five years two dollars for every dollar taken in, and the Rose City park extension is but a part of a vast sum which we have been investing in Portland to keep the city up on its forward movement towards developing a metropolis. There are, of course, limitations as to large company at the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, and we are compelled to conserve our funds for a proper distribution of the cost of the betterments.

DEFENSE OF FT. STEVENS BY SOLDIERS AUG. 7-16

Defense of Ft. Stevens, near Seaside, from an attack from the rear will be the big problem to be solved by Oregon citizen soldiers at their annual encampment, which will be held at the beach August 7 to 16.

Stop, Look and Listen!

The wonderful Wurlitzer band organ which will be in operation at Council Crest during the coming week was sold by Messrs. Kohler & Chase, 375 Washington street, who are distributors for the Pacific coast of the famous Wurlitzer line of band organs, orchestras, electric pianos, etc.

Training Delinquent Boys to Be Useful Citizens

What Is Being Done at Oregon State Training School for Boys to Make Those Under Its Charge Realize the Rights and Duties of Citizenship



Top—Oregon State Training School for Boys. Bottom, left—Training school boys at work in tailor shop. Right—Superintendent N. H. Looney (Photo by Trover), Vally Dykster, attache at Training school.

Written for The Journal by Caroline Wason Thompson.

Salem, Or., July 29.—At the last session of the Oregon legislature the name of the state reform school was changed to "The Oregon State Training School for Boys." Right in line with Governor West's honor system, and square despatch policy of handling the state prisoners in the method now employed in dealing with the delinquent youth of the state.

Chief Causes of Delinquency.

Realizing that in the majority of cases it is the lack of proper home environment that fills the reform schools, Superintendent and Mrs. Looney strive to make a home in every respect for Oregon's unfortunate boys. Since the organization of the institution, November, 1891, over two thirds of the 978 boys committed came from homes where separation, divorce or death have deprived them of their right inheritance, the guidance of both parents. That the purpose of the school is being carried out successfully is shown by the fact that 798 boys have been paroled and have not been returned, 21 have been returned to counties, 51 have run away, 14 have died at the institution and 84 are in attendance at present. N. H. Looney has been superintendent for eight years.

"There is not a boy here that I could not make something out of," Mrs. Looney told me on a recent visit to the institution. "All they need is a little wise guidance, and sympathy to make good men of them." As she made this observation I noticed the proud sparkle in the eyes of the one lad present. We were in the room used as a hospital, with its rows of white beds and clean floors. The only boy here had cut his foot while mowing hay.

"Aren't you going up to the moving picture show?" asked Superintendent Looney, who just then entered the room. "Can I go?" exclaimed the boy. "Sure you can. Brush your hair, and go up on your crutches," replied Mr. Looney.

months working on the farm and swimming in Mill creek. There are 640 acres in the farm, 400 of which are under cultivation. Everything about the barns and gardens is kept scrupulously neat.

The new trade building, costing \$4000, will be completed, and all the industrial work taught there. The officer in charge of the shoe shop is one of the former inmates of the school, Vally Dykster, a Welsh lad. Two years ago he was committed to the institution for house burning. He had soon made the seven department credits required for dismissal, and had meantime made himself so useful to the institution that he was employed for \$30 a month. He has 64 boys under his charge, although he is only 17 years of age. When the boys go in a body to Salem, as on last Decoration day, young Dykster wears the training school uniform of blue and marches as one of them, all the time watching out for those under his charge.

"People who have not had children of their own are not successful, as a rule, with our parole boys," said Mrs. Looney. "They do not know how to sympathize with a child, and think that he ought to do more work than he is able to do."

In finding homes for the homeless lads Superintendent and Mrs. Looney use great care.

Two religious services each week are conducted in the chapel, Sunday school in the morning, and speaking in the evening. The boys are respectful and attentive at these services.

There are three departments in the school work, the primary covering all work to the fourth grade; the intermediate covering the fourth and fifth, and the advanced the sixth, seventh and eighth grades. Three competent teachers have charge of the work. The older boys are in the school room half a day, and in the various industrial departments for the remainder of the day, but the primary classes are in session all day. The report of the principal, George G. Forbes, shows 15 in the primary, 47 in the intermediate, and 30 in the advanced grades for the last school year.

In the shoe and tailor shops the boys make their own wearing apparel, as well as do their own mending. Next indeed were the garments shown us that the boys had made.

About the walls of the class rooms the boys have placed a number of lockers of their own manufacture in which they keep any treasure or personal belongings. There is also in each of these rooms a barber chair where the older boys shave each other. All the rooms are made attractive with pictures, a large per cent framed by the boys themselves. It is noticeable that the pictures framed by the boys are chiefly great men of the country, for it is the nature of a boy to be a hero worshipper. The reading tables are not vacant on winter days. The institution subscribes to a number of magazines, and many friends of the school send reading material regularly. W. S. Ladd of Portland has been sending papers for years.

Mrs. Looney replied with pride. "They do the laundrying under the direction of a woman, they make their beds, sweep and dust the halls and rooms."

Incorrigibility Most Common Offense.

Incorrigibility is the offense for which 683 boys have been committed to the school, while 241 boys are held for larceny, burglary 24, and such offenses as arson, assault, murder, tramping, stealing automobiles, depravity and forgery are among the crimes for which a few have been committed.

At the school the boys are divided into families, the boys committed for the more vicious crimes being strictly segregated from the other boys, and the older boys being separated from the younger ones. Boys are taken to the school between the ages of 10 and 18 years.

Could the state possibly invest \$30,000 annually, the amount the training school receives for maintenance, to better purposes than in making useful men out of these boys? After a visit to this cheerful family of boys one cannot fail to believe with James Whitcomb Riley.

FATHER KILLS DAUGHTER, THEN COMMITS SUICIDE

(Publishers' Press Special Wire.)

Vienna, July 29.—A terrible tragedy is reported from Sofia, Bulgaria, where Colonel Petronoff, commander of the Sixth infantry regiment of Tirnovo, now garrisoned in Sofia, killed his daughter, a beautiful girl of about 18 years of age, and then committed suicide. The cause of the tragedy is said to have been Miss Petronoff's pronounced aversion to a woman whom the commander intended to marry. His daughter believed that this woman was of a doubtful character, and attempted to do everything possible in order to dissuade her father from taking a step which might plunge the whole family into misery. Her obstinate refusal to be friends with her father's fiancée excited the father's fury. Recently he entered the bedroom where his daughter was lying asleep and stabbed her with a dagger, after which he took his own life by stabbing himself.

Tippling It to Son.

From the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"And now, my son," said the loving father, "as you are about to go into business for yourself, it is well for you to remember that honesty is the best policy."

"Yes, papa," answered the high browed young man.

"That honesty is the best policy," continued the father. "And if you will study up on the laws, you will be surprised to find how many things you can do in a business way, and still be honest."

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QUICK ADVANCE OF UPPER STARK STREET IS NOTED

More Than \$500,000 Has Been Invested in Space of Two Blocks in Last Two Years; Building News.

In the short space of two blocks on upper Stark street, more than \$500,000 has been invested during the past two years in the erection of combination store buildings and rooming houses or hotels. Two years ago there was but one brick building on Stark street west from Park street and that was the Nortonia hotel which had been completed about one year before.

Less than four years ago the Bowers hotel, then called the "Nortonia," was built by M. L. Holbrook and the late R. B. Lamson and it was the only modern building on Stark street west of the city library. Messrs. Holbrook and Lamson were criticised by some for their rashness in putting up a \$150,000 hotel so far removed from the business and hotel center. It was even said that they were five years ahead of the development of that district and might as well be prepared to stand a loss on their investment for that length of time.

Project Wise One.

How wise these critics of the pioneer developers of upper Stark street were is to be seen when it is known that the Nortonia hotel was paying proposition from the start.

The signal success from the investment standpoint, that attended this first venture in putting up a modern building on upper Stark street was followed by other property owners in the district improving their holdings with a good class of buildings. Twelfth and Stark is now one of the busiest of the numerous outlying retail centers. Within less than 18 months seven modern brick buildings have been completed along Stark between Tenth and Twelfth streets. The ground floors of these buildings are occupied by shopkeepers who are fast building up a prosperous trade. The upper floors of the buildings with one exception were designed for hotels and rooming houses.

Myers Building.

One block west, at the northeast corner of the Eleventh street intersection is going up the Myers building, a 50x100 foot, four story brick structure, which will be completed, not far from \$40,000. Across Eleventh street, at the northwest corner of the street intersection stands the Effinger building, a four story structure, covering a quarter of a block, which was completed about one year ago by R. P. Effinger and represents a \$4,000 investment.

Most Unique Structure.

One of the most unique business buildings in Portland is the four story structure adjoining the "Burgoyne" on the west. This house has a frontage of 112 feet and extends back 100 feet under the city building code the structure is required to be equipped with a fire escape of regulation dimension and because of the narrowness of the building the fire escape covers almost the entire front of the structure. This house was recently built by Reno & Ellis at a cost of about \$20,000.

H. W. Fries and associates, owners of the quarter block at the northeast corner of Twelfth and Washington streets have begun the erection of a five story building covering the entire 100x100. It is understood that L. G. Clarke, of Woodward & Clarke, owner of the 100x100 immediately north of the Fries property, contemplates improving it at an early date with a modern structure suited to the requirements of that location.

Completing Trail to Hood River

Seventy Men at Work on What Will Be Route of Wonderful Scenic Beauty When Finished



Scenes along proposed road to connect Portland with Hood River valley. Mount Hood shown in upper picture, dense forests and saddle mountain in lower picture.

Seventy men are at work on the trail that skirting the northeast slope of Mount Hood, is to make a connection of rare scenic beauty between Portland and the Hood River valley.

The \$10,000 appropriated by congress at its last session, is being spent in making a trail six feet wide and in length eight miles. As soon as practicable this trail will be broadened into a wagon and automobile highway capable of establishing the first vehicle trade relations between Portland, Hood River and eastern Oregon. The commercial importance of the prospective highway is considered in advance of its scenic possibilities.

The trail will be a branch of the main Mount Hood road, leading from it near Welch's or Rhododendron camp. It will follow as closely as possible Low Pass, a saddle like conformation, the lowest passage through the Cascade mountains. It will lead now through the tall timber of the government, now making a turn that displays Mount Hood towering far above. In places the trail will follow closely the deep gashes cut in the mountain sides by glacial streams.

When the proposed road is finished it will be possible to go by automobile from Portland to Hood River in less than a day. The completion of the county road from Bridal Veil, will, it is said, make it possible to go over the mountains to Hood River and return down the Columbia river valley, thus establishing a route of incomparable scenic beauty which will be exceedingly desirable for tourist traffic.

The immediate use of the trail will be by horsemen and packers. It will make possible more complete protection against forest fires, and will be frequently traversed by parties from Portland on annual hikes.

"I know of no more interesting road project anywhere," said Supervisor Sherrard of the Oregon national forest, returning from the scene of road construction, last week. "Care is being taken in construction; work is proceeding with rapidity, and it will not be very long until we shall have the full use of the trail."

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