

SCORES PLAN OF DIGGING HOLES IN HARD PAVEMENTS

One Job of Laying Water, Sewer Mains Should Wait for Other, Says Head of Street Cleaning Work.

The practice of digging holes in hard surface pavements is denounced by Superintendent Alex Donaldson of the city street cleaning department, in his annual report for 1911, filed with the city auditor yesterday.

"I insist that many streets are opened unnecessarily," says Mr. Donaldson. "It seems to me that when a hard surface pavement is opened for two purposes, for instance when water mains and gas mains are to be laid, one should be made to wait for the other. The more a street is dug up the more difficult it becomes to keep the pavement clean. Holes are formed in which mud becomes a nuisance in wet weather and dust holes are the result in dry weather. It is impossible to keep a patched pavement looking clean and orderly. Streets are cut open for block after block and adjoining streets become caked with mud. It is not reasonable to exact from the street cleaning corps such arduous and unnecessary work as is entailed by these conditions. The practice of cutting pavements unnecessarily should be stopped.

Too Much Space Occupied.

"Another source of trouble is the piling of building material on the pavements. I recommend that an ordinance be passed limiting the space that can be occupied by such material and the time it can lay on the street. An ordinance should be passed compelling contractors to keep sand and gravel in boxes where buildings are being constructed. If this material is thrown loose on the street it is carried along the pavements by passing vehicles.

"The hard surfacing of hundreds of miles of city streets in recent years has saved the expenditure by this department thousands of dollars. The only streets that are now sprinkled are gravel and macadam thoroughfares and these are treated with oil.

188 Men Employed.

An average of 188 men are employed by the department. A day shift and a night shift is operated. The day shift attends to the outlying residence districts and the night shift cleans the streets of the business districts. The total labor cost of operating both shifts during the year was \$145,539.50. Salaries paid to superintendents, foremen and other employees not included in the rank and file of the white wing army amounted to \$22,512.50. Horses purchased during the year cost \$2115. There are 148 horses now on hand. Feed and bedding for the horses cost \$24,848.78. The bill for horseshoeing was \$4350.95. During the present year it will be necessary to clean 555.88 miles of streets, exclusive of new streets.

The report shows that the force of men employed in the cleaning of the gravel and macadam streets can get over the ground only once every 187 days, or about twice a year. Thirty three men and 14 dump carts are used in this work. It costs \$77 a mile to clean and cart away the dirt on this class of streets. Six men are kept almost constantly at work cleaning catch basins. These men clean 50,030 catch basins a year.

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WILL DIRECT WORK OF HUMANE SOCIETY



Joseph E. Rudersdorf.

The work of the Oregon Humane society will be systematized and placed on a more stable foundation during the months of March, April and May by Joseph E. Rudersdorf, one of the best known experts in the line of humane work in the United States. Mr. Rudersdorf will assume entire control of the society's work throughout the state. He has been in this work for over 20 years. He is now employed by the Humane society of Spokane.

While Mr. Rudersdorf has been retained for only three months the officers of the society are in hope that they can arouse enthusiasm enough in his work to be able to retain him permanently. He was instrumental in the organization of the various Horse Owners' associations of the northwest. In addition to his duties with the Humane society he will take active part in all other humanitarian movements in Oregon.

AIDS SOLUTION OF IMMIGRATION ISSUE

Rotary Club Takes Leadership In U. S. Government Project.

The Rotary club took leadership for Oregon yesterday in an important campaign to enlarge powers of the national immigration commission so that it may hereafter have power not only to exclude undesirable, but to exercise a positive influence in getting immigrants through the cities, where they now linger, to the soil, which they now neglect.

The matter was presented today by C. C. Chapman, development manager of the Commercial club, and the Rotary club approval of the following resolution was unanimous.

"Whereas, The growth of Portland and other Oregon cities depends largely upon a more rapid development of our agricultural resources, and

"Whereas, The United States census shows that there has been a diminution of rural population in 28 counties in the eastern part of the state where natural conditions are ideal, and where the soil is unsurpassed for richness, and

"Whereas, Of the millions of alien immigrants admitted to American ports, nearly 50 per cent were farmers in the old country, and yet 80 per cent of the total remain in the large cities of the east because of want of information about the possibilities and opportunities attending settlers upon our agricultural lands; therefore, be it

"Resolved by Portland Rotary club, that it respectfully urges upon Nebraska's representatives in congress, the importance of furthering any measure that would enable the United States bureau of immigration to effect a practical distribution of admitted aliens by bringing the influence of the government to bear upon the matter in order to inspire confidence upon the part of said aliens, and by providing them with the fullest and best information relating to industrial opportunities in Nebraska and other western states."

Yesterday was known as "Manufacturers' day" before the Rotary club.

ALLEGED FORGER NOT KNOWN IN PORTLAND

A dispatch from Sioux City states that the police are holding a young man giving the name of Harry Ainsworth for issuing bogus checks on some Portland bank, but does not state the name of the bank. No bank of this city has reported any such forgery and the police know nothing of Ainsworth. He was arrested at Omaha last Wednesday night on request of the Sioux City police.

Ainsworth also gave the name of J. H. Morton of Chicago, and was for some time with a vaudeville team on the Orpheum circuit known as the "Arlington Four." He was not a member of the team but accompanied them on their way east. The check was for \$75 and purporting to bear the endorsement of C. E. Wilder, manager of the Orpheum theatre of Sioux City. Mr. Wilder denied that he had signed the check. It was presented to Frank J. Donohue, proprietor of the West hotel, who charged Ainsworth with forgery.

Ainsworth joined the actors at Sacramento and spent money lavishly, playing the part of a millionaire's son. He was straight with his companions until Denver was reached and from then on passed himself off as one of the couple. At Sioux City his funds ran out and he began to borrow, getting small amounts from various Orpheum actors.

Ainsworth was apparently well acquainted with Portland as he named several persons here whom he knew very well. Nothing can be learned regarding him, however. He is said to have become enamored with an actress on the Orpheum circuit and to have been following her at the time of his arrest.

GOVERNOR WEST ASKS AID FOR HUNGRY CHINA

(Salem Bureau of the Journal.) Salem, Or., Jan. 31.—Governor West has issued a proclamation recommending that the people of Oregon aid the famine sufferers in China. He recommends that all donations be forwarded to the national headquarters of the Red Cross association.

FIRST INFANTRY IS ORDERED TO SAIL FROM PORTLAND

Vancouver Barracks to Be Deprived of Regiment, Designed for Service in Philippine Islands.

(Washington Bureau of the Journal.) Washington, Jan. 31.—The First infantry, now at Vancouver barracks, which is designated for service in Hawaii, has been ordered to embark at Portland on a transport scheduled to sail for the Philippines from San Francisco May 5.

Company I of the Third battalion of engineers, has been ordered to embark on the same transport at San Francisco instead of at Portland.

Secretary of War Stimson issued the order. He has not announced whether another regiment will take the place of the First infantry at Vancouver barracks.

Washington, Jan. 31.—Congressman Hawley says the committee on Indian affairs yesterday regarding the appropriation of \$6000 for the new administration building for the Salem Indian school. He also consulted Congressman Humphrey on the river and harbor items for Oregon. He is hopeful regarding all of the items.

Washington, Jan. 31.—The new agricultural bill carries a \$50,000 appropriation to carry on a fight against the Mediterranean fly. The item was inserted by Congressman Hawley.

Washington, Jan. 31.—The secretary of war, following an appeal from Pacific coast business interests, has postponed the date for the going in effect of the increased westbound Panama rates until February 15, when Colonel Goethals will be here and the matter will again be taken up.

Washington, Jan. 31.—There will be a hearing today before Special Interstate Examiner Vassault on the complaint of the Baker Commercial club against the Oregon-Washington railway.

Washington, Jan. 31.—Ira K. Venator has been appointed postmaster at Crowley vice C. L. Newman.

HOTEL MEN INDORSE LIVESTOCK EXHIBITION

At a meeting of the Portland members of the Oregon State Hotel association, held at the Portland hotel yesterday afternoon, a resolution enthusiastically indorsing the Northwest Livestock show to be held in Portland March 18-20 was adopted.

The resolution will be held under the auspices of the Northwest Livestock association, of which D. O. Lively is manager.

The hotel men expressed their belief that an annual livestock show would do much toward promoting the agricultural industry in the northwest by stimulating interest in stock growing.

Report was made on the proposed tourist's guide book to be published by the Oregon State Hotel association, and George W. Dixon and Dorothy E. Smith, who have the book in charge, were instructed to proceed at once in having the book printed. There will be 100,000 copies issued. The guide book will contain attractive descriptive matter of the scenic places in Oregon and will be sent broadcast wherever there is a possibility of attracting tourists to this state. The book will also contain accurate information concerning hotel accommodations and rates.

POLICE MASCOT MUST WEAR DOG LICENSE, OR BE TAKEN TO POUND

"Jimmy," for many years the mascot of the police station and cared for by Police Matron Simmons, is about to lose her home, for Dogcatcher Welch has issued an ultimatum—"Jimmy" must wear a license tag or be carried off to the dog jail as a vagrant.

"Jimmy" came to the station when but a pup—a homeless, hungry waif. Some kind hearted patrolman took her in and placed her in Matron Simmons' care. Dogcatchers heretofore have seen "Jimmy" on the street, but they quickly looked the other way, for she is a harmless fox terrier and every patrolman is her friend. But Dogcatcher Welch says there must be a license issued for "Jimmy" or she will be carted, yelping, away to the pound.

BRIDE HAS FLING; HUBBY WON'T PAY; SHE IS JAILED

(United Press Leased Wire.) Chicago, Jan. 31.—"No more high life for me. I am happier scrubbing floors. Breakfasts at noon, late suppers, theatres and taxicabs have no charms for me. I advise all young women to be satisfied with their lot and they will soon grow happy." This is the advice delivered today after the nine days' experience of Mrs. Ruby Brown, aged 19. During that time she lived in the best room at the Hotel La Salle, had meals in her room, manicures, flowers, taxi rides and everything else one could have charged. Then she sent the bill to her husband, Benjamin Brown, who makes \$15 a week as an electrician, and went home. She did not stay there long, for Brown refused to pay and Mrs. Brown was sent to jail.

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CONDITIONS OF JAIL DECRIED BY SLOVER

In the annual report, just submitted by Chief of Police Slover to the mayor, under the head of "Suggestions and Recommendations," the chief concurs in the many recommendations made by the grand jury condemning the city jail and threats to close it on account of the unsanitary conditions, poor light and ventilation, foul air and dampness that breed sickness and disease.

"I do not agree with the late grand jury in the statement that officials responsible for this condition should be prosecuted, as we have been forced by circumstances to allow these conditions to exist," says the report. "Immediate action should be taken to relieve this fearful condition, as we are almost daily

violating health ordinances, being forced to crowd prisoners into cells where there is hardly standing room left, and in many instances prisoners have had to stand up all night, as there are no available beds or even space in which to lie down."

The chief also suggests that in building the new jail quarters be provided for the number of lodgers who appear every night, especially during the winter time, for places to sleep, so as to avoid the bother of having prisoners and lodgers intermingle.

The purchase of a five passenger auto is also recommended, as under present conditions, private citizens have to be relied upon, to convey the police to places where hurry calls are sent from, and the use of an auto is daily becoming more urgent.

The chief reports that in the past year five patrolmen and one sergeant were dismissed from the force, nine patrolmen resigned and that 25 new patrolmen were appointed. Seven patrolmen were promoted to sergeants and six detective sergeants and four patrol ser-

geants were reduced to uniform ranks. Twenty-four members of the department were summoned before the police commission and dealt with there. No deaths occurred during the year.

The balance of the report includes the reports of Mrs. Baldwin of the department of public safety for women, the reports of the detective and other captains, which have already been made public.

ACCUSED O.-W. R. & N. CLERK TO FIGHT CASE

Temple W. Alexander, the young O.-W. R. & N. Co. clerk indicted for forgery, changed his plea yesterday in the circuit court to not guilty. He will fight the case. His attorneys sought to show a defective indictment, but the court held the instrument to be in good shape.

In demurring to the indictment, Alexander's attorney contended that the vouchers presented at the bank, upon

which money was paid, were not dated. This fact should have been a warning to the bank to not pay upon them, he said. Since they were not dated, they did not definitely and conclusively purport to be evidence of indebtedness of the railway company to names signed on the vouchers.

The amount secured by Alexander by cashing forged vouchers is estimated to be in the neighborhood of \$12,000. He was chief clerk in the purchasing department three years, and investigation of his books show many forgeries extend back that far. He intended pleading guilty, but the railway company would not sanction any leniency in a sentence.

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