

OWNERS DIVIDED ON THE PLAN TO WIDEN BURNSIDE

Association to Be Formed for Purpose of Considering the Question; Letter Sent Out Calling Attention to Need.

The proposal of the Greater Portland Plans association to widen Burnside street has brought a great deal of comment from the property owners. So far they seem about equally divided on the question. Many letters have been received stating the attitude of the property owners, in response to a circular communication sent out by the association.

The Greater Portland plan anticipates that as the city grows, Burnside will become the axial thoroughfare of the city, the recipient and distributor of congested traffic, the dividing line between the retail and jobbing centers and the boundary of important traffic circuits.

The property owners are now preparing to form an association that they may unitedly consider the plan. Also the proposal will occupy a considerable portion of the program of the association at its next meeting.

Most Important Thoroughfare.

The letter to property owners reviews first the plan for the street, and adds:

"Burnside is naturally the axial traffic artery of the city. Its location, direction and length, running as it does easterly and westerly through the center of the city, from the Tualatin valley and North Plains of Washington county on the west to the Sandy river on the east, make it by far the most important thoroughfare of the city. This importance will be greatly augmented if the Bennett plans are carried out. The radial arteries of traffic on the east side running from the north, northeast and southeast, and on the west side from the northwest and southwest are planned to intersect Burnside. Thus Burnside street will receive from both the east and west sides the traffic bound for the business center, and on the other hand it will be through Burnside street that this traffic will be returned and distributed throughout the city.

Street Must Be Widened.

"But a street 60 feet wide cannot sustain the honor or perform the service required of so important an artery. Unless the street is widened, this traffic and importance that properly belong to Burnside must be shared with less favorably situated streets, and Portland will have missed a great opportunity and the Burnside property owners will have lost an inestimable advantage.

"The persons most directly interested in the widening of this thoroughfare are the owners of property along this street."

The letter concludes with a series of questions relating to the willingness of property owners to organize, dealing with the amount of widening to be accomplished as a first unit, as a far suggestion as to methods of assessing damages and benefits, and asking for individual estimates of damage.

HUNTERS ARE PAROLED ON PROMISE TO DEPUTY

A party of Salem hunters saved themselves from arrest last week when Sheriff Minto and Attorney Ringham, members of the party gave their written promise to produce the member of the party who killed a dog found in the camp in court whenever wanted.

The party was allowed under arrest by Deputy Game Warden J. B. Harrington, who discovered the dog. As they refused to divulge the name of the guilty one and he could not handle the entire party single handed, a compromise was finally agreed to by which the party should be allowed to complete their outing in return for the promise to return the guilty hunter. The trip will be completed about August 24, and should the men refuse to name the guilty one, the entire party will be prosecuted for having done in their possession illegally.

The evidence was placed in cold storage by Deputy Harrington until the trial.

CATHRINE COUNTISS TO BE GUEST AT LUNCHEON

At the luncheon to be given Friday noon in the blue room of the Multnomah hotel in honor of Miss Cathrine Countiss, under the auspices of the College Epistol Suffrage League, Colonel Ernest Callahan of Baker and Joseph N. Teal will speak on equal suffrage. Miss Countiss will also speak.

Other speakers are to be invited but no definite announcement can be made yet. The luncheon will be similar to other luncheons given under the auspices of the league. All interested in suffrage, men or women, are invited.

SINGLE TAXER WILL GIVE LECTURE TONIGHT

This evening J. W. Bengough, cartoonist and single taxer, will give a lecture on "Taxation and Builders." He is instructed with crayon cartoons, to the members of the Carpenters' union at the hall on Grand avenue and East Pine street. Tomorrow evening he will give an open air crayon talk at Williams avenue and Russell street by request of the residents of the neighborhood. Other speakers at this meeting. Last night Mr. Bengough and W. S. U'ren spoke to large crowds at Sixth and Washington streets.

FISHER TO INVESTIGATE HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

(United Press Special Wire.) Washington, Aug. 21.—Secretary of the Interior Walter L. Fisher announced today that he expects to start for Honolulu next Sunday, personally to investigate affairs connected with the territorial government of Hawaii. Fisher will sail for the island from San Francisco, August 31, and will reach Washington on his return about October 15.

LITTLE ACTRESS IS ARDENT SUFFRAGIST



Verne Sheridan.

Verne Sheridan, who takes the part of the barefooted newsboy in "Squaring Accounts," at the Orpheum, is a married woman, an out-and-out Socialist and a suffragist of the ardent type. In real life she is Mrs. Richard Sterling. Her husband is an actor in the east. Verne Sheridan is rightfully termed a little actress. She falls four inches short of being five feet tall. Before coming west in her vaudeville vehicle, she opposed the Socialist campaign in Chicago and East Rochester. The actress is special correspondent for the big Socialist newspapers of the nation and in the east she is known as a street orator with a record for drawing

Mrs. Sterling is bitter in her denunciation of Emma Goldman. "In Washington and California, where women can vote," she said, "we are real human beings, and I am happy to be in such a part of the country."

PLAYGROUND FESTIVAL WILL BE CONDUCTED

A playground festival that will mark the close of the combination playground entertainments for this year will be held at Columbia park playgrounds during the forenoon and afternoon of Saturday, August 24.

Miss Alice Ryan, who directed the recent successful playground circus at the Sellwood park playgrounds, will have charge of the festival. Approximately 150 boys and girls of all ages and varying sizes will participate in the festival.

The entertainment will include a field and track meet, the "march of nations," folk dances, Indian skits, chariot racing and athletic stunts. In addition traffic work done by the children will be exhibited. At the conclusion of the festival judges, who will be appointed later, will award season cups, for which various playground teams have competed during the last several months, and pennants and prizes will be presented to the winners of the day's events.

The field meet will be held in the forenoon beginning at 10 o'clock. The usual competitions, including shot put, hammer throw, etc., will be held. In the afternoon the track meet, which will include dashes and distance runs, will be staged. At the same time girls will give the march of nations and perform various folk dances, and other interesting events will vie with the athletes for the crowd's attention.

As the playground instructors are working in common for the development of all children and not any particular set of competitions, Saturday will be governed by rules that are intended to afford all participants opportunity to capture a prize. Each competitor will be allowed to enter one event, and only one entrant will be allowed in an event from each of the eight playgrounds of the city.

To equalize the chances for contestants, the youthful athletes will be divided into three classes. The first class will include all boys under 4 feet 8 inches in height, the second class youths under 5 feet 6 inches, and the third class anyone under 21 years of age.

PORTLAND AID ASKED FOR ROAD ACROSS U. S.

An active campaign for congressional action on the proposed trans-continental highway from the Atlantic to the Pacific has been started in San Francisco under the direction of John H. Henshaw, Walker, director of congresses of the Panama-Pacific Exposition.

Mr. Walker, addressing the Portland Chamber of Commerce, urges that the strongest kind of pressure be brought to bear to have congress act promptly so that the proposed highway can be completed in time for the opening of the Panama-Pacific Exposition at San Francisco in 1915.

The letter states that all commercial, motor and good road organizations in the states will be urged to assist in the campaign.

BIG WREATH FOR MIKADO MADE READY AT SEATTLE

(Special to The Journal.) Seattle, Wash., Aug. 21.—The tribute of United States to Japan in the form of a six foot wreath of laurel and eucalyptus leaves is being prepared by L. W. McCoy, a local florist, upon orders from government officials. It will be one of the most beautiful ever made here, and will be delivered to Secretary of State Knox when he sails, August 22, for Yokohama on the cruiser Maryland to attend the mikado's funeral. The wreath will be tied with red, white and blue ribbons, and will be presented by the secretary as a token of the United States' grief and friendly expression. The Maryland is rapidly making ready for the voyage.

MURPHY DISMISSED BY THE WATER BOARD

The city water board yesterday afternoon dismissed E. B. Murphy from the water department for the "good of the service."

The specific charge against Murphy was that he sold a quantity of lead and brass belonging to the city on or about December 13, 1912, to J. Leye, a junk dealer. Murphy admitted that he sold the material claimed by the city and that he received a check amounting to \$32.20 therefor. Murphy and his attorney, however, set up the contention that the lead connections, brass water cocks and other stuff picked up on the streets was flotsam and jetsam that belonged as much to the men of the water department as to anybody else.

Murphy said the stuff sold to Leye included only material that had been gathered from old mains replaced by private contract. He said that the material had been accumulating in the machine shop for two years.

The order of dismissal was unanimous after the board had given Murphy a thorough hearing. This is the second time the former head meter man has been discharged. On the first occasion, several months ago, he appealed to the city civil service commission on the ground that the charges against him had not been sufficiently specific.

Only one or two witnesses appeared at yesterday's hearing in addition to those who had testified at the first trial last winter. But the testimony of one of these, John Myers, was damaging. Myers is an employe of the department of meter repairing and works at the machine shop on Fourth and Market streets, over which Murphy had charge. He said it has been the custom for employes under Murphy to make periodic clean-ups of lead connections and water cocks picked up by the repair gangs on the public streets for the purpose of selling the stuff. He said he had received a portion of the proceeds of these sales and he produced a memorandum showing the amounts and dates of sale.

Murphy's salary from the date of his first dismissal to yesterday will have to be paid by the city. Attorney Sinnott, who presented Murphy's side of the case before the board, said yesterday he would take another appeal to the civil service commission.

TACOMA TEACHER BUILDS EVAPORATOR TO SAVE PEACH CROP

(Special to The Journal.) North Yakima, Wash., Aug. 21.—With much talk of the need of canneries and evaporators to utilize the by products of the orchard, a woman school teacher is the first in the field with an evaporator actually constructed and doing the work. Miss Lucy Lamson, supervisor of music in the public schools at Tacoma, owns 25 acres of fruit at Parker Heights, much of it peaches, Elbertas and Crawfords. Not wishing to await the motion of several companies which were talking of constructing evaporators, Miss Lamson went ahead with one of her own construction. It is 12 feet wide by 16 feet long, of corrugated iron and has a capacity of 1200 pounds of fruit at a filling. It is sufficient to take care of her peach crop, if peaches are not such as to warrant shipment of green fruit.

Two other evaporators, one built by C. E. Norton and the other by J. E. Shannon, will be in operation this week.

GOPHER GUNS SHATTER FINGERS OF 2 FARMERS

(Special to The Journal.) Forest Grove, Or., Aug. 21.—John Crook, a farmer living one mile east of this city, was quite seriously injured by a gopher gun Sunday. Mr. Crook set the gun in the runway of the rodent, which had been working in his garden. Going out to investigate, he took the gun out of the runway, when the shell exploded, shattering the two middle fingers of his left hand so badly that amputation was necessary. Mr. Crook is quite aged and on this account his recovery will be somewhat slow.

Chemawa, Or., Aug. 21.—J. J. Westley, the farmer employed by the Indian school to instruct the pupils in agriculture, had two fingers blown off his right hand at the school Saturday by the explosion of a gopher gun.

MANDATE ARRIVES; NOTED PHONE SUIT IS NO MORE

(Special to The Journal.) Salem, Or., Aug. 21.—The mandate from the United States circuit court in the case of the Pacific States Telephone company against the state of Oregon has been received by the state supreme court. This closes the famous suit wherein the validity of the initiative and referendum in this state was tested and found to be legal and proper. The suit was over the collection of taxes under the provisions of the gross earnings tax law passed by the people by initiative.

CARRIER OF CONCEALED WEAPON GETS LIMIT

The maximum penalty was yesterday morning given Steve Thomas who was arrested last week by Patrolman Wise in Albina for carrying a concealed weapon, when Judge Tazewell decreed that he should spend 90 days on the rock pile and pay a fine of \$200. This is the second time the man has been arrested on this charge. Thomas was sentenced to a 90 day term for the offense last February and served that sentence.

HEAD OF HARRIMAN SYSTEM ON A TOUR

Judge R. S. Lovett, chairman of the executive committee of the Harriman system, is now in the Oregon Short Line district on a tour of inspection, and will probably pay Portland a visit before returning to his home in New York. Judge Lovett is traveling in his new special steel car and is due to arrive at Huntington this evening.

DAILY TRAINS WANTED ON HOMESTEAD BRANCH

Salem, Or., Aug. 21.—W. H. Jeffries and H. A. Clemens of Halfway, Or., have filed a formal complaint against the Oregon Short Line Railroad company with the state railroad commission asking a daily train service over the Homestead branch, which runs down the Snake river from Huntington. The present service is three trains a week.

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