

CITY WILL ACT ON PLAN TO ELIMINATE GRADE CROSSINGS The Project Involves Various Streets Between East 39th and East 82d Streets.

ESTIMATED COST \$750,000

O-W, E. & N. and F. E., L. & P. Co. to Bear Sixty Per Cent, City Twenty and Property Twenty.

Initial steps in one of the largest projects handled by the city in several years will be taken by the council Wednesday when it acts on the report and estimates of cost for the elimination of grade crossings along the O-W, E. & N. tracks from East Thirty-seventh and Sandy road to East Eighty-second street.

The project involves the expenditure of approximately \$750,000, of which 60 per cent is to be paid by the O-W, E. & N. Co., and Portland Railway, Light & Power company, 20 per cent against property benefited, and 20 per cent by the city.

A detailed report of the plan, with all the estimates, was prepared by Howard W. Holmes, special engineer of the department of public works, and a corps of assistants. These men have been working on the project for months and all preliminary work is expected to be finished before Wednesday.

In addition to eight viaducts which are to be constructed at the most dangerous of crossings at the project involves a general regrade of the tracks of the O-W, E. & N. between East Twenty-eighth street to the city limits on the east. The viaducts planned are to go over the railroad tracks and all street traffic on these.

Viaducts Proposed. It is proposed to construct them of steel and concrete and their locations and proposed cost are as follows:

East Thirty-seventh and East Forty-second street, \$68,700; East Forty-second street, \$31,700; East Forty-seventh street, \$57,800; East Fifty-second street, \$101,200; East Fifty-third street, \$110,800; East Fifty-fourth street, \$33,200; East Fifty-fifth street, \$54,000; East Fifty-sixth street, \$31,000; East Fifty-seventh street, \$23,500; East Fifty-eighth street, \$23,500.

In the project several thousands of feet of water mains will have to be replaced and the cost will approximate \$20,700. The change in grade is estimated at \$35,000.

The assessment district will embrace about 14,000 lots and will take portions of the city from East Thirty-seventh street east to the city limits. On the north the district will be bounded by the city limits, the portions of Maryland Heights and on the south will be bounded in portions by East Hoyt and East Irving streets.

Ordinance. The ordinance was originally figuring the cost of the project, Engineer Holmes estimated that \$300,000 of the total would be expended for labor, but now he says that this amount will be increased by approximately \$90,000 or 30 per cent, owing to the city requiring copious use of public work to pay the cost of the project.

He says he figured the wages of laborers at \$2.25 a day, but as the ordinance raises the scale to \$2, a change is necessary in the original estimates.

This is the first project ever undertaken by the city toward the elimination of grade crossings authorized by the people in June, 1913.

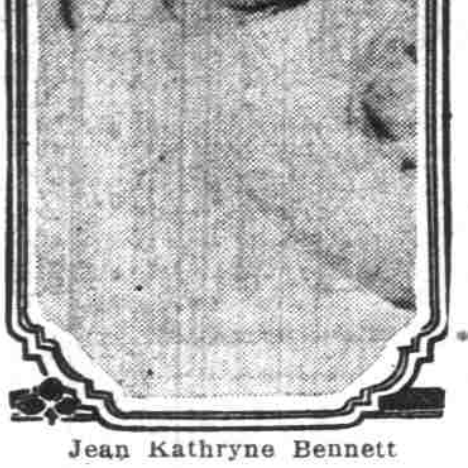
Commission Will Reduce Its Force R. M. Dearborn, G. H. Christie and Carl Smith Are Slated for Dismissal by Railroad Body; Effective April 1.

Salem, Or., Feb. 27.—It was given out by the railroad commission today that in reducing its force to come within the limited appropriation allowed by the legislature, the commission will be obliged to dispense April 1, with the services of R. M. Dearborn, chief electrical engineer; G. H. Christie, auditor; Carl Smith, assistant secretary, and one stenographer.

More hearings will be held here in Portland than formerly in order that expense necessary in going to various places where complaints are made may be eliminated as far as possible, according to the commission.

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FRESH AIR SECRET OF PINK CHEEKS



Jean Kathryn Bennett Fresh air is the secret of the pink cheeks and perfect physique of 11-month-old Jean Kathryn Bennett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Bennett of 664 East Taylor street. Jean has been absolutely free from colds or coughs.

Athletic Club Will Give Entertainments Wedding of Gresham People Takes Place; Engagement Is Announced; Injured Man Now Able to Be Out.

Gresham, Or., Feb. 27.—At a special meeting March 9 the Gresham Athletic Club will arrange to establish a permanent fund, with monthly fees to be paid by members, and give a series of entertainments.

The wedding of Miss Ava Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Thompson, of Clatsop county, of Portland, was announced at a party given at the Thompson residence, on Powell street, Tuesday night.

Bids for Union High School Are Asked Building at Gresham Will Cost in the Neighborhood of \$25,000—Multnomah Fair Directors to Discuss Premiums.

Gresham, Or., Feb. 27.—Clerk Karl A. Miller, of Union high school district No. 2, has advertised for sealed bids for the construction of the high school building, the cost of which is estimated at \$25,000, on North Main street, Gresham. Plans and specifications are now on file at the office of the clerk and the bank of Gresham, and at the office of the architect, Ernest Kroeber, in Portland.

“Christmas Ship” Is Ordered Home Assistant Secretary of Navy Roosevelt Denies Jason Was Ordered Home in Any Unusual Manner, However.

Washington, Feb. 27.—A rumor was current today that the American collier Jason, which took a cargo of gifts to Europe last Christmas, had sailed unexpectedly from England, only partly laden. Assistant Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt denied it.

Milwaukee Revivals Will Close Today The four weeks of the Lenten revival services conducted at Milwaukee Evangelical church by Rev. H. R. Geil, pastor, will close tomorrow morning and the revival will be continued next week.

Cigs Cause Trouble. Hoquiam, Wash., Feb. 27.—A. G. Bracker, one of the leading residents was taken into custody this afternoon for alleged “lifting” of cigars. He will be arraigned in police court Monday afternoon.

Tobacco Habit Cured Not only to users of pipe and cigars, but the vicious cigarette habit is overcome by using the “NEW” treatment. Price complete postage paid, \$1.00. Laue-Davis Drug Co., 3d and Yamhill, Portland, Or. (When writing mention this paper.)

POLICE BAND WILL LEAD IN PROCESSION AT NOON TOMORROW Street Parade to Herald Performance to Aid Larch Mountain Trail Fund.

A committee of the Progressive Business Men's club yesterday completed arrangements for the noon parade tomorrow advertising the “Whirl of the World” performance at the Helig street Tuesday evening.

The club has bought the theatre for Tuesday evening, and the proceeds of the performance are to be added to the fund for the Larch Mountain Trail.

The Portland Railway, Light & Power company and Foster & Kleiser will contribute floats advertising the trail which is proposed to open the way from Columbia Highway to the summit of the famous viewpoint, more than 600 feet high.

Unique parade features will be introduced. Contractors' wagons will be loaded with business men disguised as workmen. A banner will advertise, “We are on parade on the Larch Mountain Trail.”

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Other Points Mentioned. Objections Raised to Inflexibility of Routing and to Compelling Operation 18 Hours Per Day.

Commissioner Daly's itinerary ordinance as introduced at Friday's meeting of the city council falls far short of meeting the approval of jitney bus drivers and owners, according to H. D. Jones, president of the Auto Transit Welfare society, an organization of some 75 drivers actively engaged in the jitney business.

“We shall seek to have the proposed ordinance changed in several particulars,” said Mr. Jones yesterday, “but particularly as regards the license fee. We believe absolutely that there should be a license fee as a protection for the city against a jockey who works at something else and drives a jitney during his spare moments out of the business.”

“Our experience has shown, however, that running a jitney for a day and putting in two hours on the machine on top of that, jockey drivers make about \$3.50 net. And yet this proposed ordinance would take a man \$5 a month to make \$3.50.

“For this reason we have made a number of suggestions for changes in the ordinance as it now reads and hope to have them favorably acted upon by the council. We shall certainly resist passage of the ordinance in its present form.”

“Our suggestion for a license provides for an annual fee of \$10 for cars with a carrying capacity of 12 passengers and under, \$20 for cars carrying up to 20 passengers, and \$25 for cars carrying over 20.

“Mr. Daly's provision that a car must operate continuously on a fixed route from 8 a. m. to 12 o'clock at night means that all of the small cars would have to go out of business. They could stand up all the time under such requirements and it is reasonable to expect the driver and owner to work 18 hours a day.

Favor Lights and Disinfectants. “It may interest the people of Portland to know that \$100,000 has been expended here in the past few weeks for cars for the jitney business, most of which are being bought on time. If the provisions of the ordinance are too stringent the jitney drivers will be forced to give up their cars, losing what they have paid on them, and without such requirements and it is reasonable to expect the driver and owner to work 18 hours a day.

Flexibility Big Feature. “As the ordinance now reads a jitney driver would not be able to go a block off his route even if there was extra money in it. We believe that there should be some flexibility in the ordinance that would impair its flexibility.

Skerrett Hearing Is On. Marshfield, Or., Feb. 27.—Preliminary hearing of G. Skerrett charged with the coroner's jury with arson in connection with the burning of the Smith mill boarding house, was not completed today, and will be taken up again Monday.

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SUBURBAN NOTES Domestic Science Contest Will Be Conducted.

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Ladies' Aid Society. Pleasant Home, Or., Feb. 27.—The Ladies' Aid society of the Methodist church will hold its annual election of officers at the church Wednesday afternoon.

Officers Are Selected. Ventura Park, Or., Feb. 27.—The Women's Improvement club has elected officers as follows: President, Mrs. Noah Perry, vice president, Mrs. Haldane Dickson; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. J. Rulph; assistant secretary-treasurer, Mrs. William Smith.

Trontdale Chapter Visited. Troutdale, Or., Feb. 27.—Worthy Grand Master Mrs. Nellie McGifford of Medford and Worthy Grand Patron Charles McGifford of Portland visited Troutdale chapter, No. 89, Order of Eastern Star, Wednesday night.

Firemen to Meet. Gresham, Or., Feb. 27.—The regular monthly business meeting of the Gresham Volunteer fire department will be held at the fire hall Wednesday night.

Women's Guild to Meet. Woodmere, Feb. 27.—The Women's guild of St. Paul's Episcopal church will meet at 1 o'clock every Wednesday afternoon at the church to sew for Scadding house.

Development League. Grays Crossing, Feb. 27.—Monday night the development league of the Southeast Portland development league will be held at the Lent building here. Reports on clean-up work in various Mount Scott districts will be received.

Children's Hour Changed. Kern Park, Feb. 27.—The time of the children's hour meeting at the library has been changed from Friday afternoon to 11 o'clock Saturday morning.

Public Phonograph Concert. Gresham, Or., Feb. 27.—At 3:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, a free public phonograph concert of sacred and classical music will be held at Gresham library.

Milwaukee Firemen. Milwaukie, Or., Feb. 27.—The annual election of officers of the Milwaukie Volunteer Fire Department will be held at 8 o'clock Monday night at the city hall.

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Legislature's Value Not Held to Be High Representative Stewart Considers State Would Be As Well Off Without Lawmaking Body.

After a session's service as a member of the legislature, Joint Representative James S. Stewart, from Sherman, Morrow and Gilliam counties, returned to his home in Fossil, Wheeler county, last week with certain definite conclusions about the legislature itself.

The state would be just as well off without the legislature, he said while in Portland, “but as long as there is a legislature it is an invaluable experience to any man to have served as a member of it.”

I believe, however, that the time is coming when the administration of state affairs will be more centralized by the people of Oregon. The commission plan of government or some modification of it will probably be established.

“But I thoroughly enjoyed my experience at the legislature and I hope that my record will show that I served the interests of the farmers' union.”

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