

WILL SELL PROPERTY TO PAY ASSESSMENTS FOR IMPROVEMENTS

Failure of Company and Private Owners to Pay Assessments Reason.

ARLINGTON, MELINDA HTS.

Pavement Between Car Tracks on Kingston Avenue Approximately \$15,000.

Failure of the Melinda Heights Realty company, and private owners of property on Arlington and Melinda Heights, the residential district just west of Washington park, to pay approximately \$15,000 for the pavement between the streetcar tracks on Kingston avenue is to subject all property assessed to public sale to be held Thursday, March 1.

If the assessments due are not paid before that date the property will not only be sold for the amount of the assessments but, according to C. A. Bigelow, commissioner of finance, drastic action will be taken toward preventing further operation of streetcars in the district. There are more than 300 pieces of property in the district and the assessment against them averages \$50 a lot.

The proposed sale of property and the drastic action threatened by Commissioner Bigelow is the climax in a controversy between the city and the Melinda Heights Realty company.

When the districts were put on the market the real estate company began the operation of car service from Twenty-third and Washington streets into the districts via Kingston avenue. The cost of paving of Kingston avenue was assessed against property in the district and the cost of paving between the streetcar tracks was assessed against the franchise then thought to be held in the name of the Melinda Heights Realty company.

The cost of paving between the car tracks was approximately \$15,000, but when the city attempted the collections it was found that the real estate company had no legal franchise. The city then made a reassessment of the cost of this paving, assessing the \$15,000 to the entire tract with the assessments averaging \$50 a lot.

Failure of the real estate company and the owners of the property to pay these assessments has brought about the sale. Commissioner Bigelow says that the cars are being operated under sufferance and that it will be an easy matter to stop operations unless the assessments are paid.

Policemen's Ball Ticket Sale Large

Nearly 3000 tickets have been sold for the eighth annual ball of the Police Beneficial association, to be held tonight at Cottillion hall. The sale has been the largest for any of the balls that the policemen have given. Music will be furnished by a police orchestra of 12 men, all members of the band. Commissioner George H. Baker will probably lead the grand march at 9 o'clock. Captain H. A. Circle is in active charge of the arrangements. The money received from the ticket sale is placed in the beneficiary fund for sick and wounded police officers.

Mrs. A. T. Smith and Daughters Unhurt

Mrs. A. T. Smith and her daughters, Mrs. Elliott R. Corbett and Mrs. Charles E. Miller, escaped injury Wednesday afternoon when Mrs. Corbett's limousine, in which they were riding, collided with an automobile driven by Fred Hyland at Twenty-fifth and Lovejoy streets. Although both cars were badly damaged, Mrs. Hyland and Mrs. Corbett's chauffeur, L. J. Michaels, also were unhurt. The Corbett car was proceeding south on Twenty-fifth street and the Hyland car west on Lovejoy at the time of the accident. It was the first time Mr. Hyland had driven his car, it is said.



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Capacity Houses At Bible Lectures

Evangelist Hayward, at Arcadium Hall, Presented "The Millennium" Wednesday Night to a Large Audience.

A house full to capacity each evening indicates the interest in the Hayward-Dart Bible lectures at Arcadium hall. Evangelist Hayward presented "The Millennium" Wednesday night. He said: "The second coming of Christ means the beginning of the millennium. For 1000 years, the Scripture declares, this world will lay waste and desolate. Then when judgment has been finally meted out and fully executed upon those who are disobedient, the elements which make for war and discord will have vanished forever, and no millennium of peace can exist upon this earth so long as there is sin abroad in the world. So when sin and sinners and the instigator of sin have been finally disposed of in the providence of God, there will come forth that everlasting kingdom of peace and righteousness where Christ will rule over all."

PLANS COMPLETE FOR NEW STRUCTURE FOR LOYAL ORDER MOOSE

Architects Have Finished the Plans, Lodge Has Adopted Them, Bids to Be Asked.

Plans for the new building of the Loyal Order of Moose, at Fourth and Taylor streets, have been completed by Architects Houghtaling and Douglas and adopted by the Moose lodge. Bids will be advertised for immediately. The building is to cost from \$40,000 to \$45,000. Construction will be started immediately with the purpose of completing the building by September 1.

Plans filed with the city bureau of buildings call for a three story structure, 100 by 100 feet, except for a piece 32 by 55 feet. The building is to be L shaped, and will have a ground area of 8240 square feet.

The first floor will contain five stores and a barber shop, and the main entrance to the lodge quarters. The second floor will house the social quarters, a ladies' parlor, entrance lobby, secretary's office, lounge, card and billiard rooms, kitchen, dining room and buffet, a gymnasium 33 by 55 feet, and lockers, showers and cloak rooms.

The third floor will contain the main lodge room, 55 by 88 feet, with a stage 14 by 20 feet. There will also be a smaller lodge room 18 by 36 feet for the Junior Moose. There will be two stairways from the sidewalk to the third floor, one on Taylor street and the other on Fourth street. The main entrance will be the one on Fourth street, that on Taylor being more in the nature of an emergency exit.

The building is to be colonial in style, with a red brick exterior, galvanized iron cornice and a hipped roof. The interior will be carried out in accordance with the colonial idea.

High School Pupils Orchestra Guests

Students of the Jefferson high school will be guests of the Portland Symphony orchestra at the final rehearsal to be held Friday morning at 10 o'clock at the Eleventh street theatre for the fifth concert of the season to be given Sunday afternoon at the same place. Mose Christensen will conduct and the symphony will be the "Rustle Wedding" by Karl Goldmark, one of the most colorful works ever written for a large orchestra. Another big number will be the overture to "Rienzi" by Wagner. Seventeen hundred students will attend the rehearsal. The ticket sale for the Sunday afternoon concert opens Friday at Sherman, Clay & Company's store.

Vaudeville Stunt at Y. M. C. A. Tonight

Eighty-nine New Members, First Results of the All-Year Campaign, Will Be "Initiated."

Eighty-nine new members, the first results of the all-year campaign inaugurated by the Y. M. C. A., will be "initiated" at a vaudeville performance at the association tonight at 7:45 o'clock. The program is arranged by the captains of the teams that have charge of the campaign for this month. Members and prospective members are invited to the entertainment by Barclay Acheson, head of the new department of service that is conducting the membership campaign.

Besides a program in the auditorium, there will be things doing in the gymnasium and the swimming tank, after which "ests" will be provided. Among the entertainment features will be "stunts" by the chemical and physics classes, numbers by the G. A. R. quartet, comic readings by Miss Jennie Skinner, piano solos by Mrs. J. A. McTarnaghan, ukulele numbers by R. E. Angermayer, and an illustrated talk of 15 minutes by A. E. Wagner, representative of "The Traveling Circus of the Yukon." The G. A. R. quartet plans to make its offerings appropriate to Washington's birthday.

The vaudeville performance tonight is the first of a large number of entertainments that Mr. Acheson is planning for the Y. M. C. A. to get the old and new members acquainted with each other.

Topic of Address Announced.

"The Invasion of Private Business by the State," is the topic of an address that will be given by C. D. Babcock, secretary of the Insurance Federation of Oregon, at the weekly luncheon of the Portland Realty board Friday. Captain Clarence H. Hotchkiss will speak upon "A Eulogy to the State." Frank R. Fields will be chairman of the day.

PROMINENT RESIDENT OF EAST PORTLAND GOES TO FINAL REST

Thomas Hislop, Contractor and Realty Dealer, Was 73 Years Old at Death.

WAS CIVIL WAR VETERAN

Canadian by Birth, He Came to New York While Child—Came to Oregon After Civil War.

Thomas Hislop, 73 years old, prominent resident of the east side and formerly a well known contractor and real estate dealer and an active member of the Royal Rosarians, Realty board and the Chamber of Commerce, died Wednesday at his residence, 518 Belmont street. He had lived in Portland 52 years.

Mr. Hislop never held public office, but always took an active interest in politics and civic matters. He retired from active business several years ago. Mr. Hislop was born near Montreal, Canada, and moved to New York when 9 years old. He served in a New York regiment during the Civil war, and after his discharge came to Oregon. He was first employed as a messenger for Ladd & Tilton. Later, he was employed by Balfour, Guthrie & Co., having charge of the grain wharves at that firm for a number of years.

Leaving that firm, he engaged in business for himself. He was engaged in the contracting and real estate business up until the time of his retirement, a few years ago.

Besides his widow, Mrs. Louisa Hislop, he leaves three daughters. They are: Miss Louisa Hislop, Mrs. Marian R. Johnson and Mrs. C. M. Kilgore, all of Portland. Mrs. Edith Bellhauer and Marion Louise Johnson are granddaughters. Jack Hislop Bellhauer is a great-grandson. Two sisters also survive. They are Mrs. Robert Lunan of Montreal, Canada, and Mrs. Margaret Hislop McDowell of Ingersoll, Ont. A brother, John Hislop, resides at London, Ont.

Funeral services are to be held at the Skewes chapel, Third and Columbia

streets, at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon, with interment in Riverview cemetery.

LIVED HERE MANY YEARS

Jonathan R. Neill Dies at Daughter's Home, Aged 81 Years.

Jonathan Rice Neill, who died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. August Lange, 815 Wasco street, on February 21, was in his eighty-first year. Mr. Neill is survived by his widow, Mrs. Felicia R. Neill, his daughter, Mrs. Lange, and one son, R. L. Neill of Ketchikan, Alaska. He was born in Warren, Ohio, and was married in Rushville, Ill. 55 years ago. Mr. Neill carried on a mercantile business in Crete, Neb., for a number of years. Twenty-six years ago he came to Portland, and afterwards went to Skagway, Alaska, where he engaged in mercantile pursuits. Until nine years ago he was in Sumpter, Or., in business and interested in mining enterprises. Mr. Neill was a member of Hawthorne lodge, No. 11, A. F. and A. M., and for a number of years took an active interest in Masonic affairs and committee work. Funeral services were held this afternoon at the conservatory chapel of the East Side Funeral Directors, East Sixth and East Alder, Rev. J. D. Fenton, officiating. Interment was in Riverview cemetery.

COMMISSIONERS ARE ON JOB AT CITY HALL; 'THERE IS A REASON'

Though a Holiday They Meet to Perfect Appeal in Colby Case Against City.

Although today is a legal holiday, Mayor Albee and Commissioners Dieck, Daly and Bigelow were on the job for a while this morning. City Attorney La Roche and City Engineer Dater were also in the city hall, and W. L. Brewster, former city commissioner, paid them a visit.

There was a reason for their being there today and this was it: Tomorrow is the last day for effecting an appeal in the case of Victoria L. Colby, who has secured damages in

the circuit court against the city officials and ex-commissioner Brewster, and the officials were on the job this morning to sign their appeal bonds. The appeal is to be taken to the supreme court from the decision of Circuit Judge Kavanaugh. It is needless to say that the city officials did not care to miss filing the appeal, as the judgment now stands against them amounting to \$6350, and other cases are pending.

Should the supreme court hold the city officials personally liable for damages to persons injured as the result of defects in streets and sidewalks, such as Judge Kavanaugh held, city officials say that they are through with their work for the city. Mayor Albee says that if the judgment is sustained that he would not take a city position if offered him on a silver platter and says that others feel the same way about it as does himself.

Will Ask Receiver For Provident Trust

Salem, Or., Feb. 22.—At the request of Corporation Commissioner Schulderman, Attorney General Brown probably will soon ask for a receiver for the Provident Trust company of Portland.

G. F. Johnson, president of the company, advised the corporation commissioner that the company was unable to meet its obligations. Its assets are represented to be \$550,884.26 and its liabilities \$819,919.80, leaving a deficit of \$269,035.54.

Owens Local Property.

"The Provident Trust company has taken this step on its own initiative," said G. F. Johnson, president of the company. "I have given the corporation commissioner a complete detailed statement of the company's affairs with the realization that we could do no more. There has been no marked opportunity for the sale of property, and we have been unable to make headway. We have done everything in our power to protect the interests of creditors. In fact, our efforts for the past three years have been to pull out of the position we have found ourselves in."

The Provident Trust company holds considerable property in Portland, including the Studebaker building on Alder street, Somerset addition to Portland and property in Laurelhurst addition.

Died Following Operation.

The funeral of Ruby M. Gildenhause, who died recently in Juneau, Alaska, following an operation for a tumor,

M. H. HOFFMAN GLAD OF SUCCESS; FATHER OF BLUEBIRD FILMS

Objects to Tendency to Raise Admission Prices as Hurting the Poor Man.

M. H. Hoffman of New York, general manager of the Universal Film exchange and the Bluebirds, arrived in Portland today on a tour of the Pacific coast agencies. The success in the west of the Bluebird plays, as founded by Mr. Hoffman, is particularly pleasing to him, he says, for the reason that he considers himself the "father" of the Bluebird productions. He also expressed himself as gratified with the progress of the Universal under its new plan of special releases. Speaking of the general photoplay situation, Mr. Hoffman said: "It is noticeable that admission prices are going up all over the country. I do not know that I personally approve of this. It in effect takes away the poor man's entertainment. I do not stand for cheap entertainment, but I do stand for good entertainment that will be within the reach of everyone."

"Three things originally made the moving pictures popular—price of admission, diversity of program and convenience in time of attending. The long, special feature plays have taken away these features. Prices have gone up, there is no diversity of program that will appeal in some part to each member of a family, and a good many people do not like to go into the theatre in the middle of a long play. Perhaps the long picture play accounts for the fact that last season was the best in vaudeville during the last eight years. The people want diversity."

"Still the moving picture business is successful and the matter of programs will naturally adjust itself to the desires of the patrons."

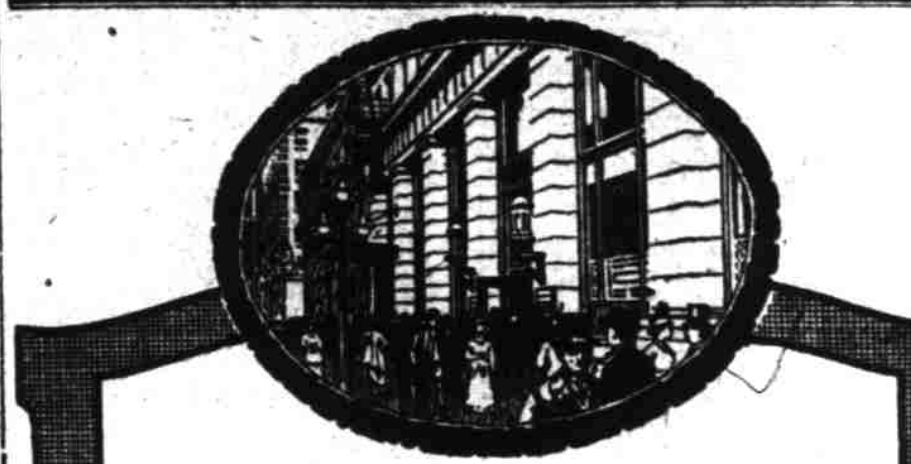
Mr. Hoffman will leave tomorrow night for the Puget sound territory.

will be held Friday at 1:30 p. m. from the family residence, 830 Haight avenue. She was the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Walter of Portland. Interment will be at the Rose City Park cemetery. She was 38 years old.

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