

PLANS FOR LENTS TRUNK SEWER ARE NEAR COMPLETION

Plans for the construction of the Lents trunk sewer, a project to cost approximately \$750,000, will be completed within two weeks, A. G. Johnson, assistant commissioner of public works, announced this morning.

The big sewer, which when completed will be the outlet of the Foster road sewer, now under construction, will be built from Ninety-second street and Johnson creek to the Willamette river. It will roughly follow the water course of Johnson creek to the junction with Crystal Springs creek and then be tunneled through under Eastmoreland to the river.

More than 24,000 lots will be affected by the sewer, which will afford drainage for the district just outside the southern city limits as well as Lents, Mount Scott and a portion of Eastmoreland. According to the preliminary plans, the time allowed for construction of the sewer will be two years.

Assessments for the cost of the sewer will affect the district along Foster road from Sixty-third to Seventy-second street the most, Johnson said. This district will have to meet assessments for the Foster road sewer of about \$25 a lot; the improvement of Foster road, about \$200; the extension of Foster road from Fifty-second street to Powell Valley road and Fifteenth, \$6, and for the trunk sewer about \$20, making a total of \$266 on each lot. The assessed value of the lots ranges from \$150 to \$200, Johnson went on to say, and to insure the payment of the assessments, about \$60 will have to be paid in cash.

CITY HELD NOT LIABLE FOR DAMAGE BY CITY ATTORNEY
That the city is not liable for damages done to the property of H. W. Seivert by dredging in the Columbia slough channel, was the decision made this morning by Frank S. Grant, city attorney. Seivert claimed damages amounting to \$800 on account of flooding his farm at the foot of Vancouver avenue when the Derby street culvert clogged up. By arrangements with the Peninsula Drainage district No. 2, the Pacific Bridge company was discharging water and mud from the channel upon land north of the dikes. The water was drained through the Derby street culvert until the break caused it to back up on the land farmed by Seivert.

ALEXANDER STREET BRIDGE PLANS NEARLY COMPLETED
Plans for the construction of a reinforced concrete bridge on Alexander street from Mayfair to Belgrave streets will be ready for filing within two weeks, A. G. Johnson, assistant commissioner of public works, announced this morning. The bridge will afford a thoroughfare to the Salvation Army home, he said, estimated cost of the bridge is \$25,000.

Edw. J. Hoban Made Auxiliary Bishop of The Chicago Diocese
Chicago, Dec. 21.—(I. N. S.)—The Rt. Rev. Edward J. Hoban was conse-

crated as auxiliary bishop of Chicago today with the impressive ritualistic ceremony of the Roman Catholic church. Archbishop Mundelein was the consecrator, assisted by the Rt. Rev. Alexander J. McGavick, bishop-elect of La Crosse, and the Rt. Rev. Thomas E. Molloy, bishop-elect of Brooklyn. Three archbishops, 20 bishops and hundreds of clergy were present at the ceremony.

Bishop Hoban, by his consecration today, becomes the bishop of the diocese in which he was born, baptized, confirmed and ordained priest. He is the first native Chicagoan to be elevated to the prelate in this diocese.

Threat of Death Is Hurlled at Minister, In Ardmore Tragedy

Ardmore, Okla., Dec. 21.—(I. N. S.)—"Rev. With, if you value life, you will leave town at once."

This warning, typewritten on a scrap of paper, was made public today by the Rev. C. C. With, who received it through the mails. Rev. With preached the funeral service of C. J. Sims, Ardmore policeman, said to have been the leader of the masked band which attacked the home of Joe Carroll near Wilson, and one of the three men slain in the shooting which followed.

The warning was being investigated while police continued to clear up details of the shooting.

Secretary Weeks to Make Flight in U. S. Queen of Dirigibles

Washington, Dec. 21.—The Roma, queen of America's dirigible fleet, arrived here safely today from Langley field, Va., to be christened.

The big craft landed at Bolling field here at 10:30 o'clock and shortly thereafter was christened by Miss Fonorose Walwright, daughter of the assistant secretary of war, in the presence of many distinguished officials and Italian arms conference delegates.

Secretary of War Weeks, Ambassador Riccio of Italy and other officials will take part in the flight from Bolling field.

Says Conference of All Nations Needed To Halt Naval Work
Washington, Dec. 21.—(I. N. S.)—A conference of all the nations in the world probably will have to be called by the United States for the purpose of securing an agreement on the question of limiting the construction of naval armaments, a spokesman of the British delegation stated today.

Clashes in the Hughes proposal which binds nations that are parties to the agreement not to sell existing warships to nations outside the agreement, or to construct new war vessels for other nations, have raised a question as to the effectiveness of the Hughes plan which probably can be settled only by a general world agreement, it was stated.

ELKS CALL OFF BALL
Vancouver, Wash., Dec. 21.—The Elks stag charity ball, scheduled for tonight, has been called off for reasons not given out. Clement Scott, in charge, is out of town, and other officials are non-committal.

FATE OF JOE HELL, ALLEGED SLAYER, IN JURY'S HANDS

The jury hearing the murder trial of Joe Hell, charged with the killing of Jerry Powers, poolroom proprietor, in the poolroom under the Perkins hotel on October 21, was given its instructions and sent to the jury room by Circuit Judge Wilson just before noon today.

Joseph L. Hammerstey, for the state, and Tom Garland, for the defense, made their arguments this morning. Garland confined himself to attempting to save his client's neck, as the fact that Hell killed Powers in attempting to hold him up was undisputed.

Hell is an Austrian by birth. He is a man of medium height, broad but lean. He has protruding eyebrows and sunken eyes. He seemed to take an almost scientific interest in answering accurately the questions of attorneys, but spoke in broken English and with a dull painful earnestness.

WOMAN IN CASE
He had been in Portland only three weeks. His money ran out. The last \$5 he gave to a girl he picked up in a picture show. They had a "split-up" and with his money gone he was desperate. He thought a lot of that girl. They solemnly promised that they would never leave each other. But she was false. How long had he known her? Oh, about 10 days.

So he took a gun and went to the poolroom. That was at 11:30. There were eight or nine men playing. They began to leave and finally there wasn't anyone around but the manager. Now was Joe's chance. He walked over to the counter and said, "Stick up your hands and give me your money."

"I haven't any money," Powers said. "Just then someone came down the steps."

"There's a detective now," Powers whispered tensely.

Joe really isn't very smart. He whirled around, and as he did so Powers made a lunge, grabbing the gun with both hands. Then they fought back and fourth. Joe says he was merely trying to get to the door. But the gun went off and Powers fell.

Joe ran out the door and then east on Washington. Behind him ran a straggling line of policemen and civilians. He says 12 or 13 bullets whistled around his head before he had run a block. He turned around and fired back. One of their bullets cut his finger.

INTENDED SUICIDE, BUT—
Then in the North end, when he was cornered, he thought he had one bullet left in his gun. He meant to kill himself, but he didn't. Life is sweet after all, and Joe isn't very smart. He admits that himself. He told the jury that he didn't think very clearly, his mind was a little foggy, he said.

Hell's trial is about the most quickly disposed of murder trial that has ever been heard of in the Multnomah county circuit court. The state called about 10 witnesses Tuesday, and Tom Garland, attorney for the defense, passed practically all of them without cross examination.

A severe windstorm caused a great deal of damage in the southern end of Malheur county last week. Roofs were blown off of many houses, other buildings were totally destroyed, and a horse valued at \$2500 was killed.

Lodge to Be Asked To Halt Slaughter Of Elk for Teeth

An appeal to the order of Elks to take action to eliminate the wanton destruction of elk for the sole purpose of obtaining their teeth for use as ornaments and to urge the next grand lodge convention to forbid the wearing of elk teeth by members, has been made by the National Game Protective association, upon the request of the Hoquiam Rod and Gun club. United States Game Warden Ray C. Steele has been asked to cooperate.

The action was taken following the inroads upon the elk of the Olympic peninsula last winter, which tooth-hunters slaughtered in violation of game laws and left the carcasses to decay.

JURY IN TONGMAN MURDER HEARING FAILS TO AGREE

The jury sitting on the fate of Toy Chong, accused of being one of the Suesy Sing gunmen who killed Wong Gee, at Fourth and Davis streets, October 7, reported in at 12 o'clock today in Circuit Judge Bell's court that it was unable to agree on a verdict. The jury was dismissed and the case will be tried over again. It had been out since 3:30 p. m. Tuesday.

The jury is reported to have stood seven to five against conviction when the last ballot was taken. It came near-

est to agreeing upon a verdict of murder in the second degree, which would have meant life in the penitentiary. For a verdict for hanging the count was said to be eight to four.

Wong Gee was walking quietly along the street shortly after noon, November 7, when two gunmen stepped up behind him and began shooting. He fell over against a building and the killers continued to pump lead into his body as he lay on the sidewalk.

Harry Stanton, police patrolman, was a block east on Davis street. He looked up when he heard the shots and saw Toy Chong running towards him. He gave chase and caught the Chinaman. The defense claimed Toy Chong ran from the shots because he was afraid, not because he was one of the men who did the shooting. Several witnesses were called to establish this alibi. The state on the other hand, represented by Maurice E. Crumpacker and George Mowry, made intimations during the final arguments that the Chinese de-

endants were suspected of bribery and perjury in connection with the case. Wong Gee was a Hor Sing and Toy Chong is said to be a Suesy Sing. There was a long war on at the time of the killing.

CHERIE'S MARRIAGE LICENSE
Cherrie, Wash., Dec. 21.—The following marriage licenses were issued here Tuesday: Howard J. Lovjoy, Langley, Wash., and Ruth E. Walton, Dryad; Alfred E. Merion and Elizabeth Maude Gray, Seattle.

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