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The Power Project

Replying to the Capital Journal's suggestion that the city of Salem take steps to preserve water and power rights at Marion Lake and the North Santiam, lest the license sought by the Portland Electric Power Company place the municipality at the mercy of a power monopoly

The permit sought for at present is for purposes of investigation only. If it is not found to be an economical development, no assurance is given that the PEPCo will proceed to develop it

Mr. Hamilton also states that power competition prevails in Portland and Salem enjoys the same rates as Portland and gets the benefits derived from competition

Whether or not a municipal development, for either water or power is desirable, is a matter for disinterested engineering study. For some years the Capital Journal has urged such projects, but the proposals have fallen on deaf ears

There is in addition a well grounded suspicion that such a municipal enterprise would be inefficiently and incompetently managed, as has happened in many cities

Sues Mabel for Million

That Mrs. Mabel Willebrandt is somewhat reckless in her articles on the inside workings of prohibition and mingles fiction with fact, libel with lies is the charge of Gus O. Nation of St. Louis

Mr. Nation tells a different story, gives facts which he says cannot be denied, and offers to give \$1,000 to any one if any of the statements he makes cannot be completely proven from government records

Mr. Nation summarizes his own record in office by the statement that while in service he prepared 2,831 cases, every one of which resulted in either conviction or a plea of guilty, and challenges investigation

demor Patterson made a speech in which he made it plain that he resented the remarks of the mayor. The mayor retorted by saying, in effect, that the speech sounded just like speeches he had heard from Patterson many times before

the special committee appointed by Mayor Livesley to investigate affairs of the bridge department. This committee was appointed a week ago at a special chamber session that preceded the regular session of the council

Patton Joins Wreckers. All the members who voted previously for the ouster stood pat, and Alderman Patton, who was not present at the previous meeting, joined them

With the Townsend report defeated the majority report was then adopted without any change in the line-up. It developed that the insurgents had caucused last Friday night and decided what they were going to do - or refuse to do

"I am sorry we do not have a manager for all the business affairs of the city. It would save the people \$15,000 or \$20,000 a year. Our present form of government is cumbersome and lacking in cooperation

Alderman Patton got up. "I came here," said Patton, "to listen to a committee report. I came at 7:30 and have laid around until 8:15

"With all due respect to your argument," retorted Mayor Livesley, "it is the same thing I have heard many times. As for the deliberations of this committee I have learned that when a meeting was

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Pretty little Helena Wallenda of the famous Wallenda troupe, twice a day takes her life in her hands when perched high on the shoulders of her brothers

January 1 as the probable time that the bridge program would be completed, including the North Commercial street bridge

Rosebraugh said that when this was considered in committee Townsend had estimated the time at March 1. Townsend answered that at that time he had two more bridges in mind

Townsend fights back. At the request of Recorder Paulsen, Rosebraugh himself read the majority report and Vandevort moved its adoption

condition of the bridge fund. "Owing to limited time for the investigation and lack of detailed and properly segregated and corrected figures," says the report, "the cost of work done is difficult to determine, even in total amount"

Incomplete figures given. The report states that of the \$500,000 bond issue for bridges \$300,000 has been issued and sold

"This paid on the work done, as nearly as we could determine," the report continues, "approximately \$285,000. Authorized work and unpaid bills will somewhat exceed \$35,000. This totals something more than \$320,000 for work done and paid for and work authorized but not yet paid for

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"This, we feel sure, is a very conservative estimate," the report continues. "The exact figures will probably never be known"

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When the vote on substitution of the minority report was taken Dancy and Patton explained their votes

The majority report, signed by Herrick and Rosebraugh, uses approximate figures in calculating the

tentative bridge program has been accomplished, that since there is no demand for crowding construction during unfavorable winter weather, and in view of the fact that the remainder of the fund will permit the construction of only a few more bridges

Townsend summarizes. Alderman Townsend's minority report recommends that the present bridge engineering force be retained until the bridges now under contract and the North Commercial street bridge, estimated to cost \$25,000, are completed

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