

WORK ON LINE RESUMES AT ONCE

Although the street committee of the Portland city council has acted favorably on the franchise asked by the United Railways Company and turned a deaf ear to the inducements offered by the Willamette Valley Traction Company, a minority report, favoring the latter organization in the fight for Front street will be made to the council when recommendations are made by the street committee and the fight for the Front street franchise promises to go merrily on for some time.

CONSTRUCTION COMPANY INCORPORATES

The Willamette Construction Company has just been incorporated by the backers of the Willamette Valley Traction Company to build the line from Portland to Salem and later to Eugene. This organization has contracted to build the Salem line to the south end of the city within 18 months.

Bids have also been received from the Westinghouse people and the General Electric Company for four 600-horsepower electric locomotives and eight Pullman vestibuled passenger coaches, 60 feet long, with smoking compartments. The passenger cars will run under their own power and the locomotives will be used for freight trains.

Car barns and shops have already been planned for South Portland. The main car barn will be 100x150 feet and the shops will be built 100x50 feet. The site for these cannot now be announced, but has already been chosen. By the route surveyed from Portland to Salem the Willamette Valley Traction Company will have a line five miles shorter than the present route of the Southern Pacific, and promises to make the 46 miles in an hour and a half.—Sunday's Oregonian.

COMMISSIONERS' COURT

Allowed in Feb. for the month of Jan. 50c.

Table of road work items and costs, including 'Read Account' with entries like 'H. A. Kompp road work' and 'L. G. Vanschock road work'.

Table of various accounts and expenses, including 'Assessment and Taxation Account', 'Bridge Account', 'Pauper Account', and 'Circuit Court Account'.

Table of miscellaneous accounts and expenses, including 'Walter Foley', 'Mrs. J. F. Boyce', 'E. E. Ellmaker', and 'E. E. Ellmaker'.

MARCH SNOW STORM COMPLETE SURPRISE

Western Oregon is now experiencing its first touch of real winter this season and the worst March snow-storm in its history. Everybody had given up the idea of seeing any snow this winter and judging from the clear, warm weather which prevailed during the first week of the present month and up till Saturday evening it was generally thought that spring-time would arrive early.

MANY VOTERS REGISTER OF NO FAITH

Investigation of the registration books in the county clerk's office shows that in certain precincts the non-partisan registration is running high. It is stated that many voters, failing to realize that they are to be shut off from the primaries by registering as non-partisans, are led into this action by the fact that they "vote for the man and not the party."

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LOUIS R. NELSON DIES FROM TYPHOID

Louis R. Nelson, the popular and efficient clerk in the F. E. Dunn dry goods house, died this morning at 1:30 o'clock of typhoid fever.

TENNIS CLUB AT THE UNIVERSITY

Tennis enthusiasts at the state university have perfected an organization which will be known as the Muckers' Club.

FUNERAL OF CHIEF OF POLICE STILES

The funeral of "Chief" of Police Joseph S. Stiles was held at the family residence, 167 East Eleventh street, Sunday afternoon.

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NEWSPAPERS VIOLATE POSTAL REGULATION

A few Oregon newspapers are issuing a worthless magazine supplement furnished by an eastern syndicate free of charge and filled with mail order and obnoxious advertisements.

GRAND JURY RETURNS INDICTMENTS

The grand jury before its adjournment Saturday returned 15 indictments, among them those of Ruby Miller, the principal in the case, upon the charge of an indictment committed on George Waiter Foley, who shot and maimed Keizer on a Babson train above Cottage Grove in 1903.

DIES ALONE AND WITHOUT

Wm. I. Gossett, who lives a little house at the north end of the street, near East Second, died this morning, probably at 9 and 9:30 o'clock.

CAUSE OF RECORD

Forecaster Bells states the temperature of 22, which is the first March within ten years it has been so years ago.

NOTE AND COMMENT

The heaviest snowstorm of the season occurred last night from 6:40 to 6:47. The mantle of white was visible to the naked eye and survived for nearly half an hour.

BORN

In Philadelphia, Pa., March 4, 1906, to Mrs. E. O. Taylor, of Blue River, Oregon, a son, weight ten pounds.

IGNORANT OF LAWS

In speaking of this matter this morning a prominent Lane county man said: "When the people come to realize that the primaries are simply taking the place of the conventions held heretofore, things will run smoother. Under misapprehension many men take exception as to what party they belong when they register. They do not seem to realize that they have always declared their politics by attending the convention of one party or the other."

REMARKS

People up from Portland today say that no snow has fallen there, but that the weather is very cold.

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