

ITS AIMS

What Civic Improvement Association Expects to do.

One of the officers of the Lewis & Clark Civic Improvement Association has written the following concerning its object: "Like sun, rain, wind and the other elements, the Association aims to exert an all-pervading, indiscriminating influence as concerns places and persons and to extend its usefulness for the good of all."

With this object in view it will assail alike vacant lots and tracts that have been reserved to the riotous, untidy weeds; back yards that have been established as local dumps; front yards that might be improved upon; fences that have been left to their own devices, lo, these many years and with which Time and the small boy have been playing havoc, and, through gentle training to enlist the almost inexhaustible fund of energy which said small boy exerts in mutilating and disfiguring fences and buildings and breaking windows, in a pride in and care for his surroundings.

To those who have not the means of providing themselves with seeds and shrubs the Association will supply them free, together with instructions as to how best to care for them and in other ways render aid to those who are busy in beautifying their surroundings. In fact, it will endeavor to eliminate everything within the city and its surroundings that is unnecessarily unsightly.

Laid out, as it is, on such a roomy, generous plan, the beautiful Willamette sweeping through and spanned by the four noble bridges; with the hills, continually green, all around, and crowning all, the glorious cold water and its mild climate, Portland, has almost unequalled facilities for becoming an ideally beautiful, attractive city.

This fact seems to be felt by a majority of the citizens and from the cordial manner in which they are lending their aid to the Lewis and Clark Civic Improvement Association, it is probable that the work it will accomplish by the time the Lewis and Clark Centennial opens will go far toward making Portland world famed for its beauty and cleanliness.

TWO DUSTY GASPS

There are certain things that trouble one, too deep to understand; there are certain things that worry one, and that to beat the band. Why is it that on rainy days when it should be under cover, the sprinkling cart industriously squirts its water streams all over? And why is it that on dusty days when one is nearly blind, a water wagon is the last that one can ever find?

On Fifth street yesterday at noon there came a gusty gust, that filled the lungs of passers-by with the dustiest sort of dust. In front of Louis Dammach's a curious thing befell. The gophy, waited in fury and was just a rubbing-well the most uncomfortable kind of things, when a Chinaman employed by Mr. Dammach came out and with a hose did the duty that is popularly supposed to be the business of the city sprinkling carts. They are certainly good things.

COUNTY TO HELP BUILD A BRIDGE

The Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company and Multnomah County have arrived at a joint agreement in the matter of constructing an overhead bridge at the intersection of the Gravel Hill road and the O. R. & N. railroad, near mile post 5, about 2 1/2 miles East of Portland.

The estimated cost is \$1,200,000, for an 18-foot wagon and foot bridge. The cost of the building will be shared equally between the county and the railroad company. After the completion of the bridge, the county agrees to keep it in repair.

The County Commissioners are highly pleased with their success in securing the co-operation of the O. R. & N. in this matter.

The intersection of the two roadways occurs in a most dangerous manner. The railroad traverses Sullivan's Gulch and the Gravel Hill road crosses it at a curve. Owing to the steep grade of the side of the gulch it is next to impossible for a team to be checked in time to prevent a collision if the train happens along at that moment.

A number of serious accidents have occurred there in years past. Deputy County Auditor A. N. Gambell came very near being run over by the train there some time ago. His horse was killed and the buggy demolished. The railroad company paid him \$300 damages.

For years the county has endeavored to have the O. R. & N. build an overhanging bridge, but never until now has sufficient influence been brought to bear to accomplish the desired end.

W. M. Calk, County Judge; J. G. Mack and William Showers, constituting the Board of County Commissioners, signed the agreement for Multnomah County, and A. L. Mohler signed as president of the O. R. & N.

CARPENTERS SATISFIED.

A report has become current that the Carpenters' Union is about to institute a strike, but the rumor is without foundation. A member of the Union stated today that a better feeling between carpenters and contractors never existed than at present. They are only required to work eight hours a day, and the minimum scale paid is \$2. The Union has a membership of 700, and they are all busy and satisfied with labor conditions.

WOODMEN OF THE WORLD

The New Hall Association of the Woodmen of the World have organized and will call for subscriptions from the city camps. These subscriptions are for the

purpose of procuring a desirable location for the proposed hall.

A proposition known as the scaling process of policies is being brought up before the lodges in this city. The plan is that those who die within the first, second or third year since entering as members will have the face of their policies discounted one-third, one-half and two-thirds. This will save many thousands of dollars to the order every year and prevent any increase of assessment rates in the future.

Webfoot Camp No. 65, W. O. W., will have several interesting questions pertaining to the good of the order brought up at their meeting tonight.

BOARD OF TRADE.

The executive committee of the Portland Board of Trade met late yesterday afternoon.

Ellis G. Hughes was invited to deliver an address on "Columbia River" at the next meeting of the board.

A communication was read from George McGowan stating that he is going to Scotland, and wishes literature about Oregon, also a credential from the Board of Trade stating that he is a member thereof. It was ordered that the secretary accede to Mr. McGowan's wishes.

By request I. B. Hammond was transferred from the manufacturing to the mining committee.

A communication was read from Captain W. C. Langfitt, United States Engineers, requesting the opinion of the board on the project of closing the bridges at certain hours of morning, noon and afternoon. It was referred to committee on civic affairs and commerce, with a request that they report at the next meeting of the board.

A communication was also read from the New York Chamber of Commerce requesting the board to instruct the Speaker of the House and their delegation at Washington to support House Bill No. 84, which endeavors to have the consular service reorganized. This was referred to the committee on legislation.

A resolution was then read stating that the Board of Trade should recommend and urge the City Council to defer final action on the proposed leasing of the building on the corner of Third and Clay streets for a public market until they should investigate the matter more thoroughly and permit producers and others interested to send their opinions to them. After much discussion it was decided to refer this to the committee on civic affairs, said committee to report at the next meeting of the board.

The secretary reported that he invited J. N. Teal to address the board meeting next Monday evening on the "New City Charter."

W. N. Killingsworth addressed the meeting on the necessity of a steamer route to Alaska. It was decided to refer this to the regular meeting.

THE GOOD FOLK OF GEORGIA

LULATON, Ga., April 25.—The Baptist Sunday School Convention, for which preparations have been going forward for a number of weeks, opened here today and will continue until Monday.

The proceedings began shortly after 10 o'clock this morning with a prayer and praise service conducted by Rev. J. S. Corner.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Rev. W. M. Gilmore.

The first business session will be held this afternoon, when officers for the ensuing year will be elected and the usual committees appointed.

The attendance includes many prominent laymen and clergy and the convention promises to be the most interesting gathering of its kind ever held by the Baptists of Georgia.

OVERLAND FROM PARIS TO NEW YORK

LONDON, April 25.—Letters were received here today from Harry de Windt, leader of the expedition which is attempting to make its way overland from Paris to New York, dated Verkhoyansk, East Siberia, at the end of February.

In spite of the forebodings of the officials at Yakutsk, who strongly urged Mr. de Windt not to continue his journey, saying the conditions were worse this year than ever, the expedition reached Verkhoyansk, 600 miles north of Yakutsk, February 28.

The members of the expedition had a terrible experience while crossing the Verkhoyansk mountains. The cold was intense, 63 degrees below zero being registered. All the travelers were frost bitten.

Otherwise, they were well and in good spirits, and were leaving the same day for Zonedne Kolymsk, a town of East Siberia, 200 miles further on, which the party hoped to reach about the middle of March. Then it was their intention to push on 1,600 miles to East Cape, on Bering Straits.

Probably the next news of the expedition will be its arrival in the United States via the Bering Straits.

Oregon & Southeastern.

It is reported that the survey of the Oregon & Southeastern Railway is nearly completed. The line will be nearly 40 miles in length, and will extend from Cottage Grove, on the Southern Pacific, to the Bohemia mines. P. J. Jennings, who is a promoter of mining enterprises in the Bohemia district, in Lane and Douglas counties, says that the enterprise has sufficient financial backing to make it a success.

Want Milk Factory Site.

It is the desire of C. W. Nieman, of Schuyler, Neb., who is a brother to W. F. Nieman, of Portland, and who is associated with C. T. Rogers, to obtain a site here for a condensed milk factory. Mr. Rogers is a manufacturer of condensed milk apparatus. The new-corners are prepared to invest \$50,000 in the new enterprise. Oregon, in general, and probably Portland, in particular, will be found to fulfill all the requirements demanded by their venture.

UNION LABOR

Protests Against Employment of Boys on Street Work.

About a dozen boys, ranging in age from 10 to 12 years, are in the employ of Fisher, Thorsen & Co., assisting that firm in paving Fourth street with their unpronounceable compound.

A protest has been registered by various representatives of the labor unions of the city against the unusual proceeding of employing boys of such tender years—child labor in fact—to perform work which should be given to men. There are many deserving men in the city, it is argued, who should be doing the work of the youths who ought to be in school.

The boys receive \$1.25 per day, but if men were employed this sum would perhaps be doubled, hence the reasons for employing child labor are very obvious.

A union man said today: "There are many idle laboring men in the city who are unable to secure employment in Portland. Of course, many of them might get work in some distant lumber, sawmill or railroad camp, but they have families residing here dependent upon them, and naturally prefer to remain in the city. In hardly any of the camps are there accommodations for families, and it is next to impossible for a man to go there alone and pay his own board and lodging. In addition to supporting his family here, his wages, if he has much of a family, would not be sufficient to meet such an outlay.

"For this and many similar reasons the laboring men, with families, prefer to secure work here and would be able to do so if the employers of labor were not always scheming to get their work done on the cheap scale.

"Let me give you a pointer. This man Henry J. Fisher, of the firm of Fisher, Thorsen & Co., is candidate on the Republican ticket for the State Legislature. These children who are working for him may cast their votes for him on election day, but I venture to make the assertion that no friend of organized labor will do so."

KEROSENE JOHN

A Splendid Gift for Southern Education.

PHILADELPHIA, April 25.—It was announced today that John D. Rockefeller, by the gift of \$1,000,000, had given the first large sum to what is intended to be the greater movement for education in the South that that section has ever known.

The gift is made to the executive committee of the Southern Educational conference, which meets Thursday at Athens, Ga. The gift is to be used not alone for negro education, but equally for the education of whites.

It is to go into a fund which is expected to reach many millions, and which is to be used for the purpose of regeneration of the whole Southern educational system.

The movement has already begun its work by devoting substantial aid to many important schools in the South. George Foster Peabody is the treasurer of the movement. The conference was organized four years ago and has grown rapidly ever since.

CAMPAIGN INCIDENT

An amusing incident occurred on Third street the other day. A prominent citizen accosted Harvey W. Scott with the abrupt statement:

"I suppose we'll have a Democratic Governor next time."

"I don't think so," answered Harvey.

"Have you got any coin to bet on it?" Harvey dug down into his hip pocket and pulled out a handful of gold.

"I'll take fifty of that," said the citizen.

"Oh, I'm not a betting man," retorted Harvey, replacing the coin amid the roars of laughter by the bystanders.

HIGH SCHOOL DEBATE.

Saturday evening, at the Portland High School Assembly hall, the debating team from Vancouver High School will meet the To-Logion Society. The Vancouver team is composed of Hugh L. Parcel, Ralph Bateman and Howard Winter, and will uphold the affirmative side of the question, "Resolved, That the policy of

MONTANA BREWERS

WILL REDUCE SALOONS

BUTTE, Mont., April 25.—Montana brewers have given but the statement that the action taken at their recent meeting will result in revolutionizing the business of selling beer to saloon men in this state.

Heretofore the practice has been to equip any man who wanted to start a saloon with the stock and fixtures and beer necessary to begin business and then take a long chance in getting the money back.

"All that will now be changed," said a prominent brewer in Butte today. "We will require the same terms from a man who wants to start a saloon as we would require of a man who was purchasing some other commodity for some other

excluding Chinese laborers from the United States should be maintained." Nathan B. Blackburn, W. S. Edwards and Herbert F. Clark make up the To-Logion Society's team. The following gentlemen are to act as judges: Judge Cleveland, Judge Prater, Mr. A. C. Newell, of the Bishop Scott Academy; Dr. Johnson, principal of the Portland Academy, and Hon. George H. Williams.

FOR THE NEWSBOYS.

E. J. Arnold, owner of the merry-go-round on Park street, between Seventh and Mill streets, who offers the newsboys of the city an afternoon of fun at his attractions, has postponed the date to Saturday, May 2. The reason is that Mr. Arnold could not get his "ocean wave" attraction ready by tomorrow. He has also invited the kindergarten scholars to attend.

WOODEN BLOCK OUTRAGE

What a Citizen Thinks of The Journal's Expose.

A prominent citizen and taxpayer, who, for personal reasons does not want his name used, said this morning:

"I, for one, am glad that The Journal has taken up the cudgel in behalf of property-owners, who seem to be the helpless victims of the outrageous paving deal now going on on Fourth street.

"I may be trespassing upon the inalienable rights of the city engineer, the Board of Public Works, the Council, the contractors,—the big guns and the little guns. Just the same, it is time that such matters should be exposed.

"After reading The Journal's facts, I took up one of the blocks at random, and split it open. The inside showed sap. Now it is a rule of physics that no two objects can occupy the same space at the same time. The same is true of substances.

"It was a requirement made in the specifications, as I remember, that the sap should be forced out, to enable the preservative to be forced in. Certainly the block I examined was not properly treated. It looks as though the city engineer must have given the blocks a very superficial inspection, if any at all.

"It takes grit to make an expose like this against powerful combinations, and the people will not be slow to endorse The Journal's action."

NO LAWS FOR SNEAKS.

"I won't stand for any sneaking to get a man to commit a violation of the law," said Magistrate Watson in the Gates avenue court this morning to a delegate of the Butchers' Association. The remark was brought out by the arraignment of Abraham Levins, a butcher of 117 1/2 Pitkin avenue, on complaint of Charles Hill of 1794 Gates avenue. Hill claimed to have gone into Levins' butcher store Sunday morning, and to have asked the man to sell him a pound of meat.

"I wouldn't sell it to him," said Levins to the magistrate. "until he told me that his wife was sick. I let him have the meat, but I didn't want to take the money for it. He forced me to take it. Then I was arrested.

By close questioning the magistrate satisfied himself that this was the true story and the case was dismissed.—Brooklyn Times.

COMPLAINT OF A NEWCOMER

To the Journal: As a ratepayer for water in this city, I wish to protest against the high-handed exclusiveness of the men in the water office who are paid to serve the people, yet who can not be reached by telephone.

On calling the water office, the telephone company's "special" operator says that the company has orders not to connect a caller with the office. Asked why, she said:

"That's our orders. They have a line, but I guess they don't want to be bothered."

"But I have a complaint," said I. "A man has burst and the street is being flooded."

"Can't help it," she replied: "good-bye."

And this is Portland. I have never been used to village methods, and if this is the general style of Portland's municipal smallness, then I can go elsewhere.

I supposed the people paid the city officials to serve the public. I am wrong, and it is well that I found it out before I invested money here to any extent.

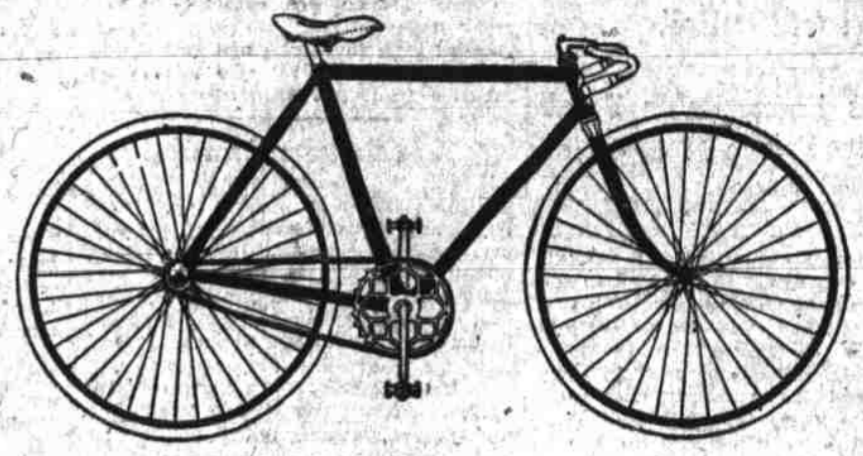
A NEWCOMER.

Actress Haps and Mishaps.

Ada Behan has decided not to make a theatrical tour this season. A new play was written for her by Martha Morton, and Klaw & Erlanger, her managers, were ready to arrange a route of the larger cities, but the actress is not in good health, and she does not feel like doing it. Sarah Cowell LeMoine has abandoned the tour which she began early in the winter. Her friends ascribe her failure to the

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FIRST AND TAYLOR STREETS

PORTLAND, OREGON

drama she used, "The First Duchess of Marlborough," while the friends of the author, Charles Henry Meizer, think the play all right and the actress unsuitable. Liebler & Co. cease to be Mrs. LeMoine's managers. She will go into "The Way of the World" next week, taking the place of Clara Bloodgood, for whom the same stage with Edie De Wolfe has proved too small for the comfort of both. Minnie Madden Fliske undertook a tour with the plays that she had produced here. "Miranda of the Balcony" and "The Unwelcome Mrs. Hatch," but the announcement was made yesterday by her husband-manager, H. G. Fliske, that she would cancel her engagements and come back to town. She may revive "Becky Sharp" at the Manhattan, the use of which for the remainder of the season has of late been in doubt.

Mary Mantering may fly the road, but in this case the failure of play will not be the cause. There is a jumble of disagreement among the actress, her husband and her manager. Mr. Hackett says she shall not make a spring tour in "Camille." Mr. McKee says she shall, and she hesitates between conjugal love and professional duty. Julie Opp, who went to London to take up the role of the heroine

Larsen, the Palmist

If you want your hand read go to Larsen. He will tell you for 50c what the lines in your hand indicate. Mr. Larsen is an authority on palmistry and is the author of "Practical Hand Reading," a book circulating all over the United States, of which the second edition is now exhausted. Mr. Larsen is no faker, but a student of human nature and a sensitive palmist. He is located in the Alinsky Building, corner Third and Morrison streets.

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