

D. W. Taylor
City Engineer

Reeds



Portland, Oregon, Sept. 15, 1906.

Hon. Harry Lane,
Mayor,
City.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of the 8th inst. transmitting letter of Mr. Sanderson Reed, has been received.

These places have been examined from time to time, and while I think everything is perfectly safe, I have instructed Mr. Powell, inspector, to have the drain he mentions extended about 4 feet. I will also have the gutters cleaned out and everything in shape for winter rains.

Mr. Reeds letter is returned with this communication.

Very respectfully,

D. W. Taylor
City Engineer.

OFFICE OF THE
MAYOR
CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON

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HARRY LANE,
MAYOR

PORTLAND, OREGON, Sept. 8, 1906

Mr. D. W. Taylor,
City Engineer, City.

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith a letter from Mr. Sanderson Reed, dated Sept. 7, 1906, relative to tile drain on Thurman Street. I wish you would immediately investigate this matter, take such action as will prevent destruction of property, and report to me.

Very truly yours,

Mayor.

Reed

Sanderson Reed
Attorney at Law
Tenton Building
Portland, Oregon

September 26, 1906.

Hon. Harry Lane, Mayor,
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

I beg to thank you for your letter of September 21st, regarding poles on the Thurman street bridge, showing that the railway company has asked their engineering department to submit plans.

In this connection I take the liberty of saying that this is exactly the condition that has existed since the bridge was constructed. The railway company promised to get its engineer to get up ornamental plans and there the matter ends, excepting that I trust that in this instance if the railway company does not attend to the poles within a few days the city authorities will do so.

Any one can make a pole that would hold those wires and for the railway company to suggest that they are looking for ornamental poles, after having stuck up wooden poles on the side-walk of the bridge, is note-worthy.

Yours very truly,

Sanderson Reed

D. W. Taylor
City Engineer

Portland City Engineer
E. Reed



Portland, Oregon, Sept. 20, 1906.

Hon. Harry Lane,
Mayor, Bldg.

Dear Sir:-

I return herewith letter from Mr. Sanderson Reed relative to trolley poles on Thurman Street Bridge.

This matter was taken up some time ago with the Railway Company and on Sept. 14th I wrote again to Mr. Fuller furnishing him with a blue print of the bridge plan.

I enclose copy of his answer, which I think will ensure the erection of suitable poles in a short time.

I do not consider there is any danger at the approaches to the bridge, but in order to remove any possibility of an accident, I have instructed my bridge foreman to erect light railings at these points.

Yours respectfully,

D. W. Taylor
City Engineer.

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[Red]



Portland, Oregon,

Sept. 19, 1906.

Mr. D. W. Taylor,
City Engineer,
Portland, Ore.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to yours of Sept. 14th regarding the erection of new trolley poles on the outside of the sidewalk of the Thurman Street Bridge, beg to state that we have requested our Engineering Department to formulate and submit a design for such ornamental poles. When this is done, we will present same to your department for approval.

Yours very truly,

F. I. Fuller,

Vice President.

[Reed]

Sept. 21,

Mr. Sanderson Reed,
Fenton Building,
City.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of Sept. 7th, 1906 relative to trolley poles on Thurman Street Bridge, I will say that the following has been received from the City Engineer:

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City Engineer. "

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your department for approval.

Yours very truly,

F.I. Fuller,

Vice-President."

Yours very truly,

Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE
MAYOR
CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON

[Reed]
HARRY LANE,
MAYOR

PORTLAND, OREGON, Sept. 8, 1906

Mr. Sanderson Reed,
Attorney at Law,
Fenton Bldg., City.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter under date of the 7th inst., relative to the Thurman Street Bridge. I have taken this matter up with the City Engineer and have instructed him to investigate and see what can be done.

Very truly yours,

Mayer.

[Reed]

Sanderson Reed
Attorney at Law
Tenton Building
Portland, Oregon

Sept. 7, 1906.

Hon. Harry Lane,
Mayor of Portland,
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

Following your suggestion, I beg to report to you that on the Thurman street bridge there are four poles, two on each side of the bridge, which are a menance to passengers on the cars.

As you know, the tracks on the Thurman street bridge run by the edge of the side-walk, and not in the center of the bridge. The poles are also on the edge of the sidewalk. There have been two accidents on this bridge, one to a conductor within the past few weeks, and one to a passenger who was saved by his umbrella from being hurt.

When the bridge was made the street-car company agreed, through Mr. Swigert, to remove these poles and substitute steel rods of an attractive design on the outside of the bridge. It was a recognized fact that it was an error to place these poles as they are. This promise was made by Mr. Swigert personally at a meeting of the residents of Willamette Heights.

In this connection, I beg further to say that the approaches to this bridge are dangerous. There should be a railing to guide passengers to the side-walk on the bridge.

Yours truly,
Sanderson Reed

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Sept.27,

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Mr.D.W.Taylor,
City Engineer,
City.

Dear Sir:-

Referring again to the matter of trolley poles on the Thurman Street Bridge, Mr.Fuller in his letter under date of Sept.19,1906, says that he has requested his Engineering Department to formulate and submit a design for such ornamental poles. When this is done, he will present same to you for your approval.

I am in receipt today of a letter from Mr. Sanderson Reed saying, that this is exactly the condition that has existed since the bridge was constructed, and that the railway company, through Mr.Swigert, promised to get up ornamental poles but that there the matter ends.

It seems to me that if these poles are a menace to passengers crossing this bridge that immediate action should be taken toward their removal.

Kindly inform me what action you take in this matter, and oblige,

Yours very truly,

Mayor.

[Read]

Nov. 7, 1906.

D. W. Taylor, Esq.,

City Engineer, City.

Dear Sir:

I see they are still figuring on the beauty of those poles on the Thurman Street bridge and it is fair to presume that from the time involved in the study of the architecture for these new poles they will be very beautiful, and I trust you will approve of the foregoing sarcastic remark, which applies, however, only to the railroad company.

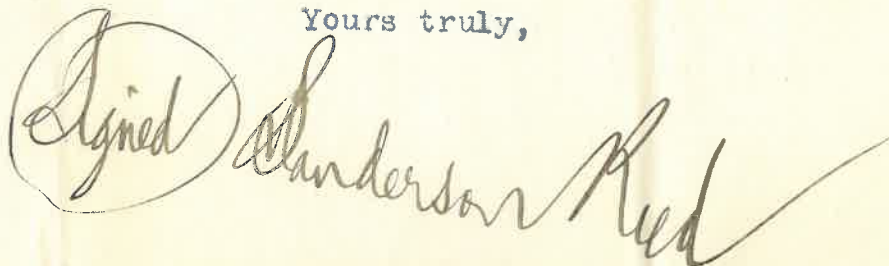
Russell & Blyth have dug a hole on Thurman on the south side where they are building their new little one story house and they drain a large amount of surface into the hole and then dump it on Thurman Street. Having cut the grass off it carries with it mud and of course this fills the street. I asked one of the men who was digging up there if he was going to clean out the gutter and he said he was not the guilty party but that the guilty party was a man named Riley. The result of this procedure is that that side of the street is under water to day because the mud has made it impossible to keep the catch basin open at the end of Rugby Street on Thurman and if it was not for the catch basin right opposite my front door the chances are the water would have washed away a good deal of our lot.

Why can't a catch basin be put in, say about in front of Col. Jordan's house or a little above? This street is on a slant, slanting from south to north and all the water that reaches the south side of the street flows across. A couple of catch basins would relieve the trouble immensely.

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In addition to this that place on the Weinhard property runs down into Thurman Street and has never been attended to and if it were drained to run into the tile drain, as easily could be done, it would keep Thurman Street good and clear. If the contractors on Willamette Heights were made to be a little careful there would be no trouble at all with the water as there are plenty of drains to carry off the water, but they are rendered useless when a hard rain comes by the carelessness of individuals.

Yours truly,

Signed  Anderson Reed

Sanderson Reed
Attorney at Law
Fenton Building
Portland, Oregon

Sept. 7, 1906.

Hon. Harry Lane,
Mayor of Portland,
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

A ten-inch tile drain runs on the south side of Thurman street to carry off the surface water from the hill beyond, the surface water being conveyed to this sub-soil drain by catch-basins. It works very well and prevents the hill from being washed out in a heavy downpour.

This tile drain takes the water from the entire hill, excepting that in a heavy rain this is impossible. At the west end of this tile drain a six-inch drain connects with it. The six-inch drain running up the hill to the land of Weinhardt, I think it is, where they have made a large fill on Aspen street. The contractors have left this fill in such condition that the mouth of the tile drain is in danger of being clogged by mud and debris, and if this happens, the waters from the little canyon will be dammed by the fill and will not be carried off. Besides, the quantities of mud that flow down under the present situation may clog up the tile drain below.

I have written to Mr. Taylor about this matter and he has been on the ground with me, but nothing has been done. The owners or the contractors should be compelled to extend the tile drain one length so that the mouth would not become clogged.

It is impossible to think that this will not clog, because the catch-basins on Aspen street which are much larger than this tile drain are clogged today and will have to be cleaned before the winter

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rains commence, or else Aspen street will be washed into Thurman street.

Yours truly,
Sanborn Reed

PORTLAND, OREGON, Sept. 18, 1906.

Mr. Sanderson Reed,
Fenton Bldg.,
City.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to your letter of Sept. 7th., relative to ~~the~~ drain, will say that I have today received the following communication from Mr. D. W. Taylor, City Engineer:

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Very respectfully,

D. W. Taylor,

City Engineer. "

Thanking you for having called my attention to this matter, I am,

Very truly yours,

Mayor.

PORTLAND, OREGON, Sept. 8, 1906

Mr. Sanderson Reed,
Attorney at Law,
Fenton Bldg., City.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter under date of Sept. 7, 1906, relative to tile drain on Tharman Street, and in reply will say that I have this day referred the matter to the City Engineer with instructions to immediately investigate and take such action as will prevent destruction of property.

I thank you for calling my attention to this matter.

Very respectfully,

Mayor.

Nov. 8th., 6.

Mr. Sanderson Reed,
Fenton Building,
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Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of a copy of your letter of
November 7th, 1906 addressed to Mr. Taylor, City Engineer,
with reference to the trolley poles on the Thurman Street
Bridge, for which I thank you.

Very truly yours,

Mayor.

Sept. 27th,

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Mr. Sanderson Reed,
Fenton Bldg.,
City.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter under date of Sept. 26th, 1906 relative to trolley poles on the Thurman Street Bridge. I have today written to the City Engineer, Mr. D. W. Taylor, the following letter:

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Referring again to the matter of trolley poles on the Thurman Street Bridge, Mr. Fuller in his letter under date of Sept. 19, 1906, says that he has requested his Engineering Department to formulate and submit a design for such ornamental poles, and when this is done, he will present same to you for your approval.

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Kindly inform me what action you take in this matter, and oblige,

Yours very truly,
Harry Lane,
Mayor."

I assure you that if these poles are a menace to the passengers crossing this bridge, I will use every effort to have them removed.

Yours very truly,
Mayor.