

**METROPOLITAN RAILWAY COMPANY**

**Work To Be Pushed--Something About Securing  
the Right of Way**

The directors of the Metropolitan Railway Company when a reporter called at their office Saturday were awarding contracts for the construction of their line from the northern limits of the city to Fulton Park. The Oregon Paving and Contract Company was awarded the clearing and grading work, and Thomas G. Davidson, of East Portland the trestle bridges and culverts.

"When will your road be completed?" asked the reporter.

"We hope to run into Fulton Park with passengers in July, and to have the line completed to the cemeteries this fall."

"How have property owners along the route treated you?"

"They have, as was natural, extended us a cordial welcome by granting us concessions of the right of way in every instance except one."

"Is it possible that after all others had granted concessions one man would endeavor to obstruct you?"

"Well it looks that way. He wrote us a letter promising to help us if we went up Connecticut street in Southern Portland and to avoid dispute we located there and he promised to sign a concession to that street if the others agreed. The others have granted the concessions and then this obstructionist said his wife would not agree and went back on his pledges. But this would delay us an hour for we shall take the route we want and condemn. We require less than half an acre of this man's land and we shall take it."

"Will he not be able to delay you in this?"

"No. He has stated a certain price and we have only to deposit that and go ahead. If he had not written letters he might have obstructed us, but the Almighty has kindly provided the dog with a growl, the snake with a rattle, and such men with pen and ink."

"Well this sort of thing is exasperating no doubt but it is usual in trying to get railroads into or out of towns or Portland at least. You can remember what a terrible time the P. & W. V. had getting the right of way into the city and so see that you are not the only ones troubled in this way."

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