

THE NEW ELECTRIC ROAD.

Weather Permitting Cars Will Be Running to Fulton Park by the 15th of November at the Latest.

Work is being crowded forward on the Metropolitan railway between Portland and Fulton Park as fast as men and money can push it. The line is now laid down Second street as far as 4th and, or the entire distance between the terminus in this city and Fulton Park the road is practically completed. The company yesterday shipped two carloads of machinery over the "West Side" of their southern terminus. This shipment included the trolleys, engines and dynamos for the power station at Fulton Park. The new road will do more to enhance the value of property along Second street on which it runs and south of the city than all other agencies combined. The completion of his road will not only have the effect of bringing the outlying districts to the south of the city within easy communication, distance of Port and proper, but it will also open up a channel of travel in this direction that will greatly rebound to the immediate benefit of property owners whose holdings lie along the line of this road. A ride over the new line will be one of the most popular out of Portland and will present one of the grandest sketches of scenery in the world. There is perhaps no property contiguous to this line upon which its completion will exert a greater influence than on Fulton Park. This road will terminate here and as this tract contains some of the most eligible building sites in or around Portland it will doubtless become in the course of a short time one of the best residence portions of the city. The projectors of this enterprise are deserving of the greatest credit for the work they have done in building an extensive road that in completeness and equipment will be second to no other electric road on the continent and as it will be of the greatest benefit not alone to the city but to the outlying districts as well it is certainly worthy of the hearty support and encouragement of every one at all interested in the continued prosperity of Portland. In this connection it may be well to state that the current of electricity that will be passed through the wires connecting with the cars of the line will not exceed 500 volts, one that does not begin to approach the intensity of the current of electricity necessary for an electric light circuit so that the danger apprehended by many of the citizens from these wires by possible contact with the human body is reduced to the smallest possible degree. Even were a circuit formed by such connection it is exceedingly doubtful if the results would even approach fatality. The new line will be in successful operation by the 15th of the coming month unless some unforeseen circumstance intervenes and it will be welcome news to the residents of this city to learn that the fare over this road will not exceed 5 cents.

Metropolitan Railway to Fulton a boon to property development

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