

COUNCIL PLANS TO SHUT OFF NOTTINGHAM

Committee Votes to Shut Off Prosecution for Violation of Fire Limits Law.

TIES DOBSON'S HANDS

Building Inspector Says He Will Be Helpless if Council Carries Out Intention—East Side Residents Protest.

After voting to grant a special permit, which was illegal, the City Council will shut off further prosecution of C. W. Nottingham by adopting a resolution instructing City Attorney Kavanaugh to drop proceedings in the case, now before the Municipal Court.

The Council voted a special permit to Senator Nottingham to "alter" a two-story frame building, located at East Second and East Stark streets, in the fire limits, and declared that the building be torn down and replaced virtually to build a new and large structure.

Inspector Dobson, who declares the act to be the most flagrant violation of the building ordinance ever perpetrated in this city, to his knowledge, Inspector Dobson demanded that the building be torn down and replaced.

Councilman Concanon, chairman of the committee, declared that the Council alone is responsible for the state of affairs, his remark being occasioned by a statement made by Councilman Willis, who said that Building Inspector Dobson should have taken the Council with a written opinion from City Attorney Kavanaugh, to the effect that the Council should not grant such a permit.

Inspector Dobson declared that, should the Council adopt the resolution next Wednesday, it will play havoc with his work, as he said, it will be impossible for him to refuse to others the privilege granted by the Council to Senator Nottingham, and will open up all kinds of embarrassing conditions.

PI DELTA KAPPA TO MEET

High School Fraternity Will Hold Annual Convention.

The sixth National convention of the Pi Delta Kappa fraternity will open in Portland Monday morning, July 6, and will continue through the week, ending Saturday, July 11.

In addition to the business sessions, which will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday, numerous events have been planned for the entertainment of the visiting delegates, who will number about 50.

Monday—(Morning). Receiving and registering delegates. (Afternoon). Reception of delegates, Portland Commercial Club. (Night). Reception for ladies at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Charlton.

Tuesday—(Morning). First business meeting, convention hall, Portland Commercial Club. (Afternoon). Trip up the Columbia River, with supper at Bonneville, as guests of the Omega Mu Sorority. (Night). Banquet Portland Commercial Club. Dr. Ben L. Norden will preside.

Thursday will be devoted to trips to various points of interest in the vicinity. Friday night grand ball will be given for the visitors in the Masonic Temple.

The final business session will be held Saturday morning, when officers will be chosen. The delegates and their friends will visit the Oaks Saturday night as the guests of Manager Freeman.

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WANT HELP OF EAST

United Brethren Conference Shows Falling Off.

MINISTERS POORLY PAID

Bishop Bell Compares This With Other Denominations and Says It Is for East to Furnish More Money for Work in Oregon.

"I am never willing to give up a fight, and I think I can whip my weight in wild-cats and alight on all fours, but I want the East to give us a fair deal. Either the Eastern churches must back up the work out here, or withdraw the bishop and close up the whole business. To say that the East has no responsibility for the work out on this Coast is not true. It is responsible and must do its whole part. I have 40 ministers out here and only \$3000 with which to pay their salaries. When I go East to the general conference I intend to say these things, and if we do go down then I'll go, too. It may mean my head, but I say these things now, and will say them before the general conference no matter what the consequence—even if my head goes off."

Bishop W. M. Bell, who is presiding over the deliberations of the annual Oregon conference of the United Brethren Church in East Morrison and Pittenth, delivered the foregoing vigorous remarks yesterday afternoon at the close of a discussion on "the state of the church in the Oregon conference," which was started by a speech by Dr. W. R. Funk in the forenoon and carried into the afternoon. Practically the time of the conference was all taken up with the discussion and the leading ministers all took part, including Bishop N. Castle, Rev. J. H. Rhodes and Dr. F. M. Jones.

Reports Show No Increase. Dr. Funk, while speaking on the interests of the publishing house in Dayton, O., discussed conditions as shown by the reports of Dr. Jones, presiding elder, and the ministers, which did not show an increase. Dr. Funk criticized the ministers for reports which showed no increase in members. He declared that he would not come to a conference with such reports, and that he would work night or day in order to show an increase. He further declared that the conference could not expect help from the East on such a showing, indicating a downward grade.

that Dr. Funk was coming out to Oregon to close up the affairs of the Oregon conference. A letter to this effect had been received by Bishop Bell and that such a letter had been received became current among the members. While on his feet Dr. Funk declared that he did not know that such a letter had been sent out, but he declared the statement that he had such a mission was absolutely false and without foundation. He said that he stood ready to back the Oregon conference, but that he did not come out to "snuff it out, but it must be careful or it would snuff itself out," judging from the reports. Dr. Funk finished his address in the afternoon.

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Bishop Bell said that church comity was practiced in other states and that in California he would attend a meeting July 11 in which the subject would be considered. He said further that he would take up with the bishops of other denominations all cases where there had been violation of church comity. He said that there ought to be a church comity commission to handle such cases in Oregon.

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You had better said that in the East.

"Well, I say now and I will say it before the General Conference. They will hear from me then," thundered Bishop Bell.

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RAIN MAY MAR FESTIVITIES

OTHERWISE FOURTH WILL BE DAY OF OUTINGS.

Many Portlanders Will Spend Day in Vancouver, While Crowds Will Visit Other Towns.

If weather forecaster Beals carries out his threat to have rain fall today many Portland residents will be deterred from taking trips planned to mountain, seaside and sylvan resorts. Otherwise there will be the greatest number of people leave the city today the transportation lines have ever carried away from Portland.

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grounds and at Vaughn street grounds. Special fireworks will mark the day's close at the Oaks, that being the only display of consequence arranged for. All the principal stores will remain closed during the day and some of the minor places will open in the forenoon only.

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