

ADDISON WROTE: "A statue block of marble; and the art of the sculptor only clears away the superfluous matter, and removes the rubbish." Statues of "Opportunity," "Success," and "Good Fortune" lie concealed—and often scarcely concealed at all in "Times" advertising.

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SOUTH MARSHFIELD SEWER ORDERED BY CITY COUNCIL

Owners of Benefitted Property Must Pay For it by Special Assessment.

PLAN TO SEWER ALL OF CITY IS ILLEGAL.

Lockhart Objects to Charging Rental for North Marshfield System.

The Marshfield city council, at a special session last night ordered the construction of a \$7,460 sewer system in South Marshfield at the earliest possible date. The proposal of the South Marshfield residents to have the entire city sewered at one time was rejected by the council after City Attorney Farrin submitted an opinion that this would not be legal, holding that the residents of North Marshfield could not be compelled to pay towards the new sewer because they would not receive any direct benefits and that they could not be assessed for the system for which they already have. In order to ward off possible duplication of the trouble caused by the present North Marshfield sewer, Councilman Sacchi introduced a resolution providing that in the future all sewers shall be paid for by special assessments upon the benefitted property in the district through which the sewer is constructed.

Fail to Fix Rental.

There was considerable discussion as to how the property owners of South Marshfield, West Marshfield and other portions of the city might be reimbursed for the amount they had contributed towards the North Marshfield sewer, which was paid for out of the general fund of the city. City Attorney Farrin held that the system belonged to the city and, upon questioning, gave his opinion that the users of the sewer might be charged a rental for it, the money derived from the rent going back to the general fund and thus in "making the North Marshfield property owners pay for the sewer and reimburse the city. This was practically agreed to, Hugh McLain suggesting that the rental be fixed at such a figure that it in ten years would amount to the cost of the sewer.

Just before adjourning, Mayor Straw asked if there was anyone who would make a motion to charge rental for the North Marshfield sewer. Councilman Lockhart said that he didn't think this ought to be done now, that the business of the meeting was to arrange for sewerage facilities for South Marshfield. The matter of charging a rental for the North Marshfield sewer was then lost sight of and the council adjourned without acting on it.

Councilman Sacchi was in favor of having the entire city sewered under one survey, thus securing a better system. He thought that the engineers could make a survey of the entire city, thus enabling large mains emptying into the Bay to be put in that would be adequate for greater portions of the city and eventually proving cheaper and better. He also favored the construction of the system in sections, the various sections to be paid for by special assessments on the benefitted property. Sacchi said he was opposed to temporary improvements that might have to be rebuilt soon.

There was objection to Councilman Sacchi's plan for several reasons. One was that in Railroad addition, owing to the property being low, it would be necessary to put in a pumping plant to furnish pressure. Another was that the city does not own sufficient water front to permit the emptying of the mains in the Bay. Still another was that there is certain sections of the city not sufficiently populated to warrant the expense of sewerage for now.

Mayor Straw said that he was in favor of having the plans for the system submitted to a consulting board of expert engineers, thus insuring the adoption of the best system and guarding against criticism of the system that is to be adopted.

BIG MORTGAGE IS RECORDED

C. A. Smith Lumber and Manufacturing Company Floats \$3,000,000 Loan.

ROSEBURG, Ore., April 21.—Involving the sum of \$3,000,000 and covering immense tracts of timber in southern Oregon and northern California, the largest mortgage or deed of trust ever filed in the office of the County Clerk of Douglas county, has just been presented to Clerk Z. N. Agee. The mortgagor is the C. A. Smith Lumber Co., which is operating an immense sawmill at Coos Bay, and the mortgage is the Central Trust Co., of Illinois. The consideration is secured by first mortgage at 6 per cent gold bonds, issued on a sliding scale, the last batch maturing April 1, 1917.

The stated purposes of the bond issue are to meet obligations aggregating a total of \$1,000,000 and to finance lumber manufacturing plants. The lands embraced in the transaction are situated in Eldorado and Humboldt counties, California, and in Coos, Curry, Douglas and Lincoln counties, Oregon. Those in Douglas county are in the following townships: 26 and 27-7; 23, 24, 26 and 27-8; 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 30 and 31-9; 19, 20 and 21-10; 20 and 21-11, and 21-12.

which is liable to come from the difference of opinion that seems to exist.

Dow Sent Letter.

A letter from F. S. Dow, the chairman of the meeting of the South Marshfield property owners, which declared in favor of having the entire city sewered, who was prevented from being in attendance last evening, was read to the council outlining the actions of the meeting and the wishes of the South Marshfield residents. Owing to the opinion of the city attorney that North Marshfield could not be included in a new district, the discussion of the South Marshfield property owners' plan was brief.

Bell Wants Franchise.

Seymour H. Bell of the Gas and Electric Company was present and participated to a considerable extent in the discussion, being first invited to do so by Mayor Straw. Mr. Bell said that he didn't know much about sewerage systems and their construction, that he was merely after a franchise. However, he said that it was, in his opinion, urgent for the city to construct additional sewers and that he would be glad to sign for the property of his company. He said that if the city would grant him a sewerage system franchise, he would guarantee to have the entire city covered with a \$250,000 sewerage system within a year.

Has Plans Ready.

City Engineer Sandberg has plans and specifications for the proposed South Marshfield sewer, he having prepared them when the system was first proposed. The system does not take in all of South Marshfield, part of it not lying so that it can be connected with the proposed system. The system will empty into Mill Slough, the idea being to dredge Mill Slough so that it will be deep enough for the purpose.

During the discussion last night, it was claimed that the present sewerage system of North Marshfield is inadequate and badly in need of repairs. These repairs will be expensive and must be made soon.

City Engineer Sandberg said that the proposed new sewers would have to be arranged for their own sewers as they could not be connected up with the present systems.

W. U. Douglas, who was present last evening, said that it would be only a short time until West Marshfield will have to have a sewerage system. How it was to be built, he said, should properly be determined by the council.

WILLIAM LEE GREENLEAF will impersonate James Whitcomb Riley; Thos. Keene, Joe Jefferson, and others at the Opera House, Tuesday night, and will give scenes from Rip Van Winkle, Hamlet, etc. Don't fail to see him. Reserved seats, 50c at Butler's.

LET US TALK IT OVER

HERE ARE times when my faith in the people weakens, wavers, falters and almost fails. Their failure to realize the great opportunity that is theirs. Their ignorance of the tremendous power which they possess and which if properly exercised would transform this world into a veritable paradise is at times disheartening.

What mysterious power is it that blinds the people to their own best interests. Why do they not see that their united wish and will to do would work wonders in the world. Working together for the common good their influence would be irresistible. No single individual could accomplish anything against the desires of a united public sentiment. And yet daily, we see a single man accomplishing what an entire city says can't be done. In politics we see a so called leader or a small coterie of self-appointed leaders dictating to an entire state or nation. When, if the people realized and exerted their power the official lives of these individuals would be brief as that of a butterfly.

These thoughts have been suggested by a little incident that took place at the meeting of the city council last night. It passed almost unnoticed but it was of tremendous significance and should not be permitted to escape without conveying the important lesson that it contained for the people of Marshfield.

This incident occurred during the city council's discussion of the South Marshfield sewer problem. Seymour H. Bell was present and at the invitation of Mayor Straw participated in the discussion. Mr. Bell frankly stated that he did not know much about sewerage systems. He was simply seeking a franchise. However he said:

"If the city of Marshfield will grant me a sewerage system franchise I will guarantee to have the entire city supplied with a \$250,000 sewerage system within a year."

Read that again. What a plain, direct, splendid statement of purposeful promised achievement it is. And I believe that Seymour H. Bell meant it and I believe he would do it.

Permit me to digress for a moment to state that anything here written is not set down in other than terms complimentary to Mr. Bell. It is neither ironic nor sarcastic. Nor do I set down aught in malice. I have had occasion to take issue with Mr. Bell but it was a fair, square fight in the open. Mr. Bell made certain statements at variance with the facts in the case and I told him so plainly. He desired to play his game a certain way, but it was not in accordance with the rules which govern The Times, and he was so informed. That terminated the affair. There is not a drop of Indian blood in my veins. I treasure no hidden wounds or harbor, no secret wrongs to be vindicated or avenged. I make this statement to afford the readers of The Times a better understanding of the object of this article which is simply to point a moral to the people of Marshfield that the way to do things is to do them.

Mr. Bell is a good business man. He makes no pretense to philanthropy. He says to the official representatives of the people of Marshfield, "If you will grant me a sewerage franchise I will have the entire city supplied with a sewerage system costing \$250,000, within a year." And he would do it, too.

How?

Has Mr. Bell, or Mr. Hewitt, whom he represents, some occult, mysterious power by which they can accomplish results that are denied others? Certainly not. Has he wealth greater than others that he has but to wave his magic wand and presto! the thing is done? No. His wealth may be great but not greater than the wealth of all the people of Marshfield. Anyway, he is not distributing that wealth to the citizens of this city. It simply appeals to Mr. Bell as a good business proposition. Now, if it is a good business proposition for Mr. Bell and Mr. Hewitt, why is it not a good business proposition for the people of Marshfield. If he can do it within a year why can't the people do it? If he can and the city of Marshfield cannot does it not argue that the people or their representatives or both are incompetent? That's why I grow disheartened and my faith in the people falters at times.

It has been nearly eight weeks since I sat in the Marshfield city council chamber and listened to Health Officer Dr. E. Mings make an earnest and eloquent plea for better sewerage facilities for South Marshfield. He told of many cases of illness directly traceable to this cause. An epidemic might result in which the light of precious lives would go out for ever and the financial loss be thousands and thousands of dollars. Nothing definite was done until last night and now there will be forty days more to wait for a remonstrance. This sewer involves only \$7,460, and it requires nearly a third of a year to start it. Here is a man who says he will complete a \$250,000 system in a year if granted a franchise. What is the cause of this great difference?

If Mr. Bell would expend \$250,000 for a sewerage system he would expect and would succeed in getting it all back with a profit from the people and property owners of this city. If they would pay this money to Mr. Bell and his associates why not pay it to themselves?

There are other things Marshfield needs. Paved streets for one. No doubt Mr. Bell would provide paved streets if granted a franchise. Possibly if given an unrestricted street railway franchise he would pave the streets as evidence of appreciation and it would be good business. This is not written in sarcasm. It is written simply to impress the people of Marshfield with the fact that they are neglecting some splendid opportunities. This city should have paved streets and a good sewerage system. If Seymour H. Bell is willing to install them as a business proposition why shouldn't the city do it for the same reason? If Mr. Bell can do so much in a year why can't the city of Marshfield do as much. It has the power, the pelf, and surely there must be the ability.

Mr. Bell's contribution to last night's discussion should be a splendid inspiration to the people of Marshfield. It was a great big object lesson that should not be lost. If Mr. Bell can do so much we should do something or else make public confession of our inability. Let us stop talking. Quit dilly-dallying. Let us do something, or else, let us grant the franchise to Mr. Bell and have him do it for us.

Think it over.

M. C. MALONEY.

BIG EASTER OFFERING IN NEW YORK CHURCH.

Grace Congregation Puts \$198,000 in Contribution Box During Services There.

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, April 21.—The largest Easter offering in New York churches was that of the Grace church congregation which totalled over \$198,000.

STRIKE AT CHESTER.

Non-union Men Operate Empty Cars There.

(By Associated Press.) CHESTER, Pa., April 21.—Carrying no passengers and the cars, manned by a double crew of non-union men, are running today on all city lines. The cars are not accompanied by police as the strikers and sympathizers are not molesting them. The strikers have buses in operation.

SEVERAL GET TIMBER CLAIMS IN CURRY COUNTY.

H. W. Burnham Who Walked 200 Miles to File Succeeds in Landing Desirable Piece of Property.

Several Curry county people, who are well known on Coos Bay, have just passed through here en route home from Roseburg where they participated in a timber land drawing. Among those who secured claims was H. W. Burnham who walked the 200 miles to file.

Others who secured claims are Chester Langlois, Thad Greene and S. P. Pierce and wife. Mr. and Mrs. Pierce's claims are near Port Orford and have about 7,000,000 feet of standing timber on them. The other claims have between 4,000,000 and 5,000,000 feet of standing timber. In all six sections in Curry county were thrown open this time.

WHEN you want a messenger boy 'phone 111.

FIFTY MEET DEATH IN COLLISION IN AUSTRALIA

HOLIDAY FOR GREAT FLEET

Business in Los Angeles Suspended While Citizens Entertain Officers and Men.

(By Associated Press.) LOS ANGELES, April 21.—By order of Mayor Harper, today is a general holiday in honor of the visit of the Atlantic fleet. Thousands of visitors thronged the beaches and went aboard the battleships.

A feature of today's program is the Los Angeles automobile parade of twenty-five machines carrying the sixty officers of the fleet and officers of the army together with state and municipal officers.

The men of the fleet were entertained yesterday at the Chutes and the Wild West show, nearly four thousand men being given shore liberty.

Same program will be carried out tomorrow and succeeding days until every sailor on the fleet has been entertained.

INVITATIONS ARE REFUSED.

American Fleet Will not Visit European Ports Except on Mediterranean.

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, April 21.—It has been decided definitely that the Atlantic fleet of battleships will not call at any European port on the return trip with the exception of certain points on the Mediterranean. This information was conveyed in a reply by the American government to invitations from Great Britain for the fleet to come to England.

WAR RUMORS IN FAR EAST

Russia Has to Send Additional Forces to Persian Frontier on Account of Uprising.

(By Associated Press.) TIFLIS, April 21.—On account of the threatening situation on the Persian frontier, and the urgent demand for reinforcements received from the commanders of the Russian forces in that district, 2,000 men have been sent from here into the disturbed territory. Owing to the rough country, they will not arrive at the scene of hostilities for three days.

SULTAN BACKS DOWN.

(By Associated Press.) ROME, April 21.—An order has been issued countermanding the sending of the Italian squadron to Turkish waters to coerce the Sultan into granting Italy certain postal privileges in Turkish territory. The Turkish government will grant the privileges demanded by Italy.

LIQUOR VOTE IN 40 TOWNS

Local Option Question is Submitted to Cities in Southern Illinois Today.

(By Associated Press.) ST. LOUIS, April 21.—Forty Illinois cities and towns, a majority of them in the southern part of the state, are voting today on local option. The battle in Cairo is intensely bitter. The first of the year, 65 saloons there agreed to close Sundays. It is expected that this action will have considerable effect in today's voting.

RICHTER: "We should not let trifles merely plague us—they should also gratify us. We should seize not their poison-bags only, but their HONEY-BAGS, too." "Times" want ads, afford a simple method of turning trifles to useful ends—of "taking the sting out" of small events.

More Than Two-score of Bodies Removed from Wreckage of Trains.

MANY OF VICTIMS CREMATED ALIVE.

Fast Passengers Collide Head On Near Melbourne With Dreadful Result.

(By Associated Press.) MELBOURNE, Australia, April 21.—Forty-two bodies have been recovered from the wreck caused by a collision of two trains from Ballarat and Bendigo to Braybrook Junction, eight miles from Melbourne.

It is believed that there are several others in the debris. The coaches caught fire and many burned death.

PRINCE HELIE JOINS ANNA

De Sagan Leaves for Italy and Says His "Future is in the Hands of God."

(By Associated Press.) PARIS, April 21.—Prince Helie de Sagan gave an interview to the Journal just before he left for Naples today. He admitted that he was going to Italy to meet Madame Anna Gould, but refused to give any intimation as to the time and place of their marriage saying, "The future is in the hands of God."

FIRE ROUTS THIRTY SICK

Mercy Hospital at Big Rapids, Mich., Burning—Illinois Town Burns.

(By Associated Press.) GRAND RAPIDS, April 21.—A dispatch from Big Rapids says that the Mercy hospital of that city is burning. Thirty patients are in the hospital when the fire started. The hospital is conducted by the Sisters of Mercy.

FIRE IN ILLINOIS.

Business Section of Vergennes Wiped Out Today.

(By Associated Press.) VERGENNES, Ill., April 21.—The business section of this town was destroyed by fire today. The loss is \$60,000.

STREET CAR STRIKE RIOT

(By Associated Press.) PENSACOLA, Fla., April 21.—A number of streetcar strikers fired a fusillade from rifles at a streetcar five miles outside of this city, wounding the conductor, three bullets striking him. The motorman was uninjured.

Special fire drill at 7:30, Wednesday night, April 22d. All members are urged to be present. Order of chief, T. Nicols.

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