

THE SHAPLY REPLIES TO SHEPHERD'S REMARKS

Declares Councilman Made One-Sided Statement as to Mayor's Vetoes.

APPROVED VACATIONS ONLY WHEN REASONABLE

Executive Defends His Letter to Council, Saying It for Giving Away Property of People Without Slightest Compensation to City.

Portland, Feb. 7.—To the Editor: There was published by Mr. George Shepherd, a member of the city council, a number of days ago a communication which was in the nature of a reply to certain criticisms which had been made by me in relation to concessions, grants and vacations of public property, notably streets, for which the city had received practically nothing of value in return.

In his communication Mr. Shepherd sets up the contention that it comes with ill grace for me to indulge in such criticisms for the reason that with the exception of three I have approved of all such vacations of streets which have been made by the city council since I have been mayor of this city. In proof of his assertion he has submitted the following list of parts of streets so vacated which have not been vetoed by me: Parts of Terrace Drive, Abernethy street, Twentieth street, Carter street, Twenty-fifth street, and Kennedy's addition, an alley in Central Albina, blocks J to P, Greenway, and parts of eight streets vacated to the Portland and Seattle Railway company for terminal purposes.

Attempt to Discredit.

As a matter of fact, and by way of comparison in the case of the other cities, I state that of all the ordinances vacating streets which have been passed by the present city council I have vetoed only those vacating part of Cole street, Lent tract, and part of Hull street. It is apparent that it is the purpose of Mr. Shepherd to discredit me in what I have said in the past, or what I may say in the future, in the way of criticism of the conduct of the other city councils in respect to the giving away of public streets to private use.

In my message to the city council when I referred to this subject, and to which his communication is a reply, I said that "street after street had been vacated by this and other city councils—rights, grants and franchises have been scattered broadcast—interests corporate and interests private, and in manner of schemes of high or low degree of merit where the promoter has been possessed of enough of the wheedling to attract the attention of representatives of the people have been able to secure possession of grants, for periods along the pathway of time from one year in length to the last mileston of eternity, with the result that in the same costly set aside to do as best they might."

Mr. Shepherd in his reply says that his statements are merely a relation of "facts" which are "records" and are given that the public may judge and decide for itself as to the degree of responsibility which is to be affixed to the city council and myself in respect to such matters, and any given without prejudice concerning the same. Upon its face this statement is fair; in its relation of "facts" as they are set forth by him from the "records" and in particular, they would be unobjectionable if they were true, but inasmuch as they are true in but a small part only and unfair in all, it is different.

Only a Half Statement.

On the one hand Mr. Shepherd has carefully selected such "facts" only as would make a showing, such as he wished to make, while upon the other hand he quite as carefully has failed to mention others of equal importance, and by so doing has made out his case. The "facts" which he has mentioned are also of record, the suppressed "facts" from which Mr. Shepherd has so ingeniously winnowed those which he wished to use have much bearing upon the subject and I feel it my duty to set them forth.

By way of parenthesis, I would say in a general way concerning the "facts" which are of "record" as he terms them and upon which he seems to set much store, that if he had consulted me before publishing them I would have advised him as to the necessity of using caution in dealing with the city's records and to handle them a bit gingerly if in search of real and "actual" facts upon which to base a statement, such records being somewhat elusive in that respect and a very sieve as it were in the way of the retention of the same.

Silent on Franchises.

It is to be noted in the first place that he has nothing to say concerning the larger number of valuable street franchises and other concessions, which have been granted away in the past, by this and other city councils, which was one of the most important matters of public interest to which I referred. They apparently for some reason having escaped his notice. Yet millions of dollars have been made out of them—though not by the people.

It is also to be noted that the "records" gave him no hint as to the reasons for such vacations when as a matter of fact there were several which were valid as I will show.

As a matter of fact the truth as it exists of record, Mr. Shepherd seems to be troubled with some mental defect of considerable importance, else he would have discovered that the vacation of Kennedy's addition was granted for the reason that the streets in that addition did not conform to the streets adjacent thereto and that a new plat would have to be made to cause them to so conform to such streets, and that the city was in that case the gainer and not a loser by such vacation.

He would also have discovered that the vacation of blocks J to P, Greenway, city of Portland in return received a strip of land ten feet wider in area than that which it vacated. He would also have discovered that in the case of the alley in Central Albina, the city had already received an equivalent of land from the street front of such property in exchange for such alley.

That in the vacation of a part of Twenty-fifth street such vacation was made for the sole purpose of straightening out the street lines, and that exactly the same amount of land on one side of the street was exchanged for land on the other.

Reason for Vacation.

That the vacation of a part of Terrace Drive applied to a wedge-shaped piece of land not over a half of a block in area which had a street on each of its four sides and another through the middle, the latter of which was vacated was a matter of no moment to the city and of justice to the owner of the land,

that the vacation of a part of Abernethy street was made for the reason that it was located upon a hillside, too steep for teams to travel and was crossed by a steam railway on a heavy grade and a ten-foot strip was reserved for a stairway for people on foot, who alone can use it.

That Carter street and Twentieth street were vacated for being cross sections of hillsides, too steep to travel for anyone except people on foot for whom a strip ten feet wide was reserved for a stairway, and with the hope that sometime in the future contour roadways might be built, and the hills lying back of our city no longer be checker-boarded with unsightly deep scars across their faces to mar their beauty.

These are facts in relation to the vacations of some of the streets mentioned by him, to which Mr. Shepherd for some reason did not consider it worthy his while to call attention in his published statement of comparisons, and they are not rightfully to be classed with the rich pickings such as Hull street.

As to Terminal Vacations.

In respect to the vacation of parts of eight streets to the Portland and Seattle Railway company for terminal purposes, I am quite willing to concede that I should have vetoed for the lack of a "common use" clause in the ordinance, to the value of which I refer to say I was not alive at that time—nor seemingly was Mr. Shepherd.

In respect to the number of ordinances vacating streets of which he states just three have been vetoed by me, namely, part of Cole street, Lent tract, and part of Hull street, I have to say that he is equally in error as he was in his statements concerning the others. In addition to vetoing the vacation of a part of Cole street, Lent tract, and a part of Hull street, I have vetoed the vacation of a part of Baker street, a strip of Fourteenth street, two strips off Tenth street, one on Jefferson street, a corner on Sixth street, and the deep gash in the peninsula which cuts across 18 streets and leaves them 100 feet up in the air to be forever bridged, all but one of which vacations, by the way, were passed over my veto.

Some of these street concessions are of the character of the city where property has the greatest value where the grades are easy and the streets already paved, and where street lines do not conflict or need straightening and for which the city has received nothing in return, but has been burdened wantonly of which he was aware, yet made no mention.

About That Banquet.

Mr. Shepherd says that my language to the city council in my communication concerning the vacation of Hull street was "disorderly and undiplomatic" and it may have been, and if so, by way of explanation, I will say that at different times I have asked that greater care be exercised in parsing with the rights of the public in the street. He finally I asked for it again in the Hull street message, and incidentally I mentioned the "blow out" at which all of the movable decorations in the shape of a trolley, such as cars, engines and railway track had been joyously and hilariously confiscated by the representatives of the people as befitting the occasion, as being about the only thing tangible which had been received in return—so far as was known—and my reference to that affair was not, as I had hoped that it would be.

I will frankly confess that I am at somewhat of a loss for the exact terms which should govern in addressing a body of public officials, the majority of whom, while holding office will temporarily hang on to a lot of "annua passes" from hostile corporations in the face of insult publicly administered by the donor of such "passes"; nor just what are the expressions of proper courtesy in the use of language which it is necessary to extend to meet the refined taste and delicate sense of discrimination in such matters of that other person who in addition, will all along himself at the same time be carried upon the payrolls of the city and a hostile corporation, and quite likely I erred in the particular selection of terms which should have been used and if so, why I am much to blame in that respect, and subject to the criticism of those who do not hesitate to juggle with "facts" in making up a statement adverse to an opponent. Respectfully, HARRY LANE, Mayor.

Long Creek Elects.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Long Creek, Or., Feb. 7.—At this place election held yesterday at this place the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mayor, Frank Edler; councilmen, J. W. Caldwell, W. H. Crowley, Joe Linder and J. A. Moore; treasurer, H. H. Davis; recorder, Jesse H. Allen; marshal, John Crowley.

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Woodstock—Fern Allen, Neva Johnson, Frances Lewellen, Helen McIntyre, Jesse Raupach, Thomas Steele, Elina Siluku, Eva Thomason.

Hawthorne—Edward Alostok, Henry Berg, Eva Boscow, Burt Burdick, William Carlisle, Hazel Daley, George Dehn, Ruth Deering, Frances Ehrlich, Tom Finnigan, Reginald Fox, Clyde Graham, Leland Jones, Zilla Lewis, William Lottman, Elsie Palm, Clarence Pederson, Louise Royer, Ruth Sippo, Theodore Thoburn.

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North Central—Fred Barber, Jessie A. Borland, Charles N. Darling, Beatrice Doty, Lorna Ganong, Vera M. Harrington, Everett Larry, Hazel Metcalf, Louise M. Quilliam, Ruth Routledge, Earlean E. Smith, Bess Street, Vera B. Beckett, Ellen M. Borquist, Walter L. Davis, Ruth Egan, Teddie Guerin, Frank L. Herbert, Elizabeth McGaw, Robert J. Pollock, Luella Reeder, Luella Shepherd, Grace Sprague, Helen R. Weber, Gertrude Wharton.

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