

PURE WATER IS THE DEMAND OF THE COUNCIL

McClallen Accuses Water Co. of Violating Contract

WILL EMPTY THE RESERVOIRS

Sewers are also Ordered Flushed in Order to Improve Sanitary Conditions—Light Post near Depot is Ordered Replaced.

Fearing that the citizens of Roseburg are about to face an epidemic of typhoid fever, the members of the city council, in regular session last night, instructed the management of the local water and light company to make a number of needed improvements in their service, the most important of which is that hereafter it must furnish water consumers in Roseburg with North Umpqua water, properly filtered and free from disease or filth.

The question of an improved supply of water for consumption in Roseburg was brought up by Councilman Harry McClallen, who in a brief address, apprised the council that the present health of the city was anything but satisfactory, and that many cases of typhoid fever were developing daily. "I am of the opinion," said McClallen, "that we are not getting water from the North Umpqua river—the contrary I believe I believe the light and water company is furnishing us with their product from the South Umpqua river, which is in direct violation of their agreement with the city. I am in favor of adopting drastic measures that the citizens of Roseburg may enjoy a clean and wholesome supply of water."

Continuing Mr. McClallen said that

he, in company with a number of other councilmen, made a tour of inspection yesterday, and during their travels visited the several reservoirs maintained by the water company. "Why," said McClallen, "all of the reservoirs are full, but from the appearance of the water I do not believe it good to drink. I am inclined to believe that the water company should be notified to empty the reservoirs immediately that they may be cleaned and filled with filtered water from the North Umpqua river. The health of our citizens must be protected, regardless of the inconvenience to the water company."

Councilman Micelli coincided with McClallen, and even went further in stating that he believed Roseburg was upon the eve of a typhoid fever epidemic, and that he considered it only just to notify the water company to act promptly in improving the water supply that the health of the people may be protected.

"I believe," said Micelli, "that we should act. The reservoirs should be emptied, one at a time, and then cleaned and refilled with water from the North Umpqua river. The franchise given the water company specifically provides that Roseburg shall be supplied with filtered water from the North Umpqua river and I am loath to admit that they should be held to the contract."

Councilman Josephson declared that he was a member of the party that visited the reservoirs yesterday, and he, like Micelli, reported conditions anything but satisfactory. "Why," said Josephson, "the reservoirs are full of 'wiggles,' say nothing of the other filth."

A lengthy discussion then prevailed, and upon motion of Councilman Micelli it was decided to appoint a committee, consisting of three reputable physicians to investigate the sanitary conditions in the city and report their findings at a special meeting of the city council to be held some time this week. Drs. Sether, Miller and Hoover were appointed by members of the committee, and for the sake of the public, it is hoped that they will commence their investigation immediately.

Condition of Sewers.

Another move in the direction of improved sanitary conditions in Roseburg was ordered upon motion of Councilman McClallen, who said that he believed the sewers should be flushed. "The water company will have plenty of water to spare just as soon as instructions are received to empty their reservoirs," said McClallen, "and this water can be used in flushing the sewers instead of allowing it to waste as has been the custom of the water company in the past."

Councilman Strong admitted that he had entertained numerous complaints from residents of the city relative to escaping gas from the sewers. "I have investigated the complaints in some instances," said Mr. Strong, "and have found the conditions rather discouraging. Of course we must take into consideration that hundreds of men are employed on the streets at present, increasing to some extent the refuse that is carried by the sewers. Nevertheless I am inclined to think that a great improvement can be accomplished should the council so desire."

The matter of investigating this evil was referred to the health and police committee with full power to act.

To Locate Hydrant.

Councilman McClallen reported that the committee on fire and water was experiencing some difficulty in locating a fire hydrant on Military street, in West Roseburg, and accordingly asked advice from the council. He said that the members of the committee had selected a suitable location, only to find that it was outside of the city limits. President Josephson, who listened to the remarks of his colleague remarked: "locate it anywhere," McClallen

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START WORK IN 30 DAYS

Coos Bay Traction Corporation Means Business.

THEY ASK FOR COOPERATION

Survey is Complete to Within Short Distance of City—Will Come On Route Designated by Citizens.

To the citizens of Roseburg: In answer to a large number of inquiries which have been made during the past few days, the Coos Bay Traction Corporation desire to state that the preliminary survey has been made for the proposed electric railway between Roseburg and Coos Bay, to a point within a short distance of Roseburg. No definite location has been made as to the point where this route will enter the city of Roseburg or pass through the city. It is the desire of this corporation that the bankers and representative business men of Roseburg co-operate with the officers of the corporation to enable them to determine the most feasible route in, through, or around the outskirts of the city, to the end that the greatest benefit may accrue to the citizens of Roseburg. If the bankers and business men of the city are willing to co-operate with us to secure a reasonable subscription to our bond issue, in accordance with the promise heretofore made, and the action of the citizens in connection with the previous projected railroad, we are willing to accept of, and build upon any route suggested by a committee representing the business interests of the city, provided said route be feasible from an engineering standpoint. We are also willing to provide that the money paid into your banks for the purchase of these bonds shall be subject to any reasonable restrictions concerning its expenditure and withdrawal. If your

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HARRINGTON IS VICTOR

License May Be Held Up By Council Later

MAY REJECT SUBMITTED BOND

Herrington's Attorney Finds Ordinance Regulating the Licensing of 'Near' Beer Emporiums Easy—Herrington Opens.

Notwithstanding that the members of the city council, the marshal, mayor, and the members of the license committee, were adverse to granting A. F. Herrington, a well known local character, a license to conduct a "near" beer emporium in Roseburg, the latter won the day, and is now behind the bar at his third parlors, on North Jackson street, dispensing the questionable fluid to his many customers.

It will be remembered that Herrington applied for a license at a regular meeting of the city council held some time ago, but was turned down for the reason that complaints had been filed with the marshal and other city officials relative to the manner in which he conducted his resort. At that particular meeting Herrington declared that he would employ an attorney and fight the city to the bitter end, but was cut short in his discourse by Mayor Haynes who advised him to close the emporium and remain closed until such time as he was able to obtain a license regularly. Concurrent with these instructions to Herrington, the marshal was notified to arrest him in the event he opened his resort with a view of transacting business.

Herrington obeyed the commands of the mayor for a few days following the eventful council meeting, but later employed Attorney Rice to act in his behalf, and if possible contest the legal right of the city to force him out of business through the non-license process.

Attorney Rice had not investigated long, when he found that the ordinance regulating the licensing of "near" beer resorts, specifically provides that not more than seven licenses shall be issued, but that these shall constitute the first seven applications submitted, provided that a proper bond is forthcoming.

Inasmuch as Herrington was "inside" of the limit, he was apparently victorious, and rather than to stand suit, the mayor notified the marshal to collect the required license and allow him to throw open his doors for the purpose of transacting regular business.

The Council has but one opportunity left in which to force Herrington out of business, and that is by refusing to accept the bond which he will present at the next regular meeting of the council.

FREAR IS INTERVIEWED

Claims That Supply Is Piped From North Umpqua

TO CLEANSE THE RESERVOIRS

Local Manager for Water Company Says Roseburg's Water Supply Pure—Doubts Statements of the City Council.

Interviewed by a News representative this morning relative to the contention of certain councilmen to the effect that local water consumers were being supplied with unfiltered water from the South Umpqua river, J. F. Frear, local manager of Kendall Bros. Water and Light Company, said:

"We are supplying the water consumers of Roseburg with filtered water from the North Umpqua river, and have been so far as I know for all time, notwithstanding statements of certain councilmen to the contrary. In fact, we would be powerless to supply consumers with water other than that pumped from the North Umpqua river for the reason that our pipes, from the South plant to the city are cut south of Dying's mill, and are both of some time. The contention of the complaining councilmen is faulty, and they have arrived at conclusions before investigating."

Continuing, Mr. Frear said that the committee, appointed at last night's session of the city council, called upon him this morning and demanded to know from what river the city water was being pumped. "I informed them," said Mr. Frear, "that the entire supply was pumped from the North Umpqua river, and not from the South Umpqua river as supposed."

"In regard to cleaning the reservoirs, I promised to have that done at once—not because I believe that the tanks are filled with decayed cows, horses and other animals

WAS SHOT ON DOCK

Mayor Gaynor, of New York Assassinated.

WOUND MAY PROVE FATAL

Wounds Bandaged by Strips of Cloth from Lady's Skirt, Mayor is Hastened to Hospital for Operation.

NEW YORK, Aug. 9.—Just as Mayor Gaynor had boarded the North German Lloyd steamer Kaiser Wilhelm this morning, and while he was standing in the companion way talking to President-elect Mont and Senora Montt, of Chile, an assassin crept up behind him and shot the mayor in the back of the head. As the shot rang out over the ship Mayor Gaynor staggered backward and fell into the arms of his private secretary, Robert Adamson, who sprang toward his chief as the assailant fled. Bleeding freely from an ugly wound in the back of his head the wounded man hastened into a automobile and rushed to St. Mary's hospital.

At the dock, there was wild confusion among the people who thronged the place. The man who fired the shot was almost immediately captured by officers on the ship and hustled to the Hoboken police station where he gave the name of James Gallagher, aged 55, and said that he was recently discharged as foreman of the dock department of New York City.

Mayor Gaynor was starting on a month's vacation to the old world, and had just boarded the steamer at Hoboken Pier when the shooting occurred. With the sound of the shot the passengers crowding in hand saw a man with smoking revolver in hand who was immediately pounced upon by a half dozen men and the weapon taken from him, although he struggled desperately to get another shot at his victim. The assailant of the mayor would not give up the fight until beaten into submission with the gun, from which the murderous shot was fired.

Senora Montt, who fell into the arms of her husband in a fainting condition when the mayor was shot, was taken below for a few minutes, but on recovering insisted on going to the cabin where the wounded man was being attended by physicians, and where she assisted in caring for him, his wounds being hastily bandaged by strips of cloth taken from the skirt of the Chilean lady. The ambulance that had been sent for meantime dashed on to the pier and backing up alongside of the ship Mayor Gaynor, in an apparently unconscious condition and lying on a stretcher was lowered to the wharf and placed in the hospital car which was driven at full speed to St. Mary's

as contended, but simply to show the people that we are at all times ready to aid in maintaining healthful conditions. I believe that the water at present stored in the reservoirs is absolutely pure, and I am inclined to doubt statements to the contrary."

In concluding Mr. Frear said that he knew of no one using South Umpqua water aside from the Roseburg Brewing & Ice Company, which firm recently installed an independent water system with a pumping plant stationed on the banks of the South Umpqua river. "In the event the South Umpqua water is impure I believe that the members of the brewery corporation are taking a great chance in using the tainted South Umpqua product in their 'near' beer," said Mr. Frear, "and they, like our company, should be notified to cease."

From the tenure of Mr. Frear's remarks it appears that he is sincere in his statements, and he is emphatic in the denial that the citizens are being supplied with water from the South Umpqua river. On the contrary he says that the water is pumped from the North Umpqua river, is filtered and forced through the city mains under the most clean and wholesome conditions. He doubts the truth of the contention that the water is impure and unfit for table use.

Committee Investigate.

The committee, appointed at last evening's session of the city council, investigated the complaints relative to impure water this morning, but as yet have failed to divulge information of importance relative to the will probably file their report at a special meeting of the city council to be held some time this week.

The operating room was in readiness when the wounded man reached the institution and he was placed on the operating table at once. While the surgeons were working over the mayor all questions concerning him remained unanswered. Only once did any word come from the operating room, and that was when the mayor's secretary, Mr. Adamson, came out and said that he did not believe the wound would prove fatal.

Bread and Butter Gone.

HOBOKEN, Aug. 9.—Declaring that he was desperate because Mayor Gaynor had deprived him of his bread and butter and then started to Europe to enjoy himself, J. J. Gallagher told the police was the reason why he shot the mayor. Continuing, the prisoner said: "I came to Hoboken shortly after nine o'clock and boarded the steamer, where I met a clergyman and asked him to point out Gaynor to me, which he did, and then I went up a little closer and fired. Do not know whether I fired more than once or not. Knowing that Gaynor was starting to Europe this morning to enjoy himself after depriving me of my bread and butter, I was angry. There is no porthouse steak for me. The revolver that you have is the one that I did the shooting with, and I owned it a long time, and carried it when in the employ of the city." Gallagher was photographed and his measurements taken and he was then locked in a cell. The man was formerly employed by the city and after four years' service was discharged for drunkenness. He is a widower and has no children.

Max Weis, proprietor of the "cold storage" at the corner of Oak and Pine streets, was arrested this morning accused of selling beer contrary to law. He will be given a preliminary hearing tomorrow afternoon.

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IMPORTANT MEETING OF ROSEBURG COMMERCIAL CLUB

Many Matters For City's Welfare Discussed.

WILL HAVE A FINE, NEW BAND

Cluster Lights to be Extended—Canning Plant and Match Factory Receive Attention—Members Lunch Every Two Weeks.

The attendance at the regular monthly meeting of the commercial club last evening was large and a number of important matters came up for discussion. Though the gathering was not called to order by President Seely until nearly nine o'clock, when he commanded the attention of the club members and called them together to dispose of the business for the welfare of the city and county a large and representative body of gentlemen was present and listened attentively to the proceeding of the club. A more harmonious meeting, where the get-together spirit was dominant and matters coming before the club disposed of with intelligent rapidity, there has been no previous record made.

Among the subjects receiving the attention of the club and proper disposition made thereof was that of urging property owners throughout the paved districts to install the necessary wiring for the installation of cluster lights, the organization of a first class band in Roseburg, the capital idea of giving, every two weeks, a lunch at noon for members of the club where they might gather for an hour and exchange ideas and, in the meantime satisfy the cravings of the inner man, several manufacturing industries discussed and ways and means advised as to the best possible inducements the city could offer for such enterprises, and a committee appointed to arrange for a meeting in the near future at which time the matter of building a wagon road from Roseburg to Crater Lake will be delved into and an effort made to create an interest in this important matter which, if carried out, means for this city and the county.

To Light Residence Districts.

In regard to placing the necessary wires underground through out the paved districts of the city before the present street work is complete Attorney O. P. Coshaw urged that steps be taken at this time to arrange and prepare, in other words, urge the property owners to install conduits so that any time in the future if they so desire the cluster lights like now in use on the main streets could be installed on short notice and without any great expense. It was stated at the meeting



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