

NATURAL DEATH

Franchise Ordinance Referred to Street Committee

CITY ATTORNEY AFTER HUNTER

Recommends That Houck's Compromise Be Turned Down—City Forced Into Litigation—Minor Matters.

Rather than suffer the humiliation of meeting with decisive defeat at the hands of the council as a whole, City Attorney Elbert Hermann last night asked that the ordinance authorizing the granting of a franchise of that portion of Sheridan street—claimed by John Hunter, a local capitalist, and utilized as a sidetrack, to the Southern Pacific Railroad Company, be re-referred to the committee on street improvements for farther consideration.

The motive of the city attorney in making the above request is evident to persons attending meetings of the council with regularity, and who are conversant with the customary procedure in "putting to sleep" those measures which will not stand close investigation.

The ordinance in question was introduced at a meeting of the council held three weeks ago, and it was only by chance that the rules were not suspended and the ordinance placed on its third reading and final passage at that time.

Hunter, who was unaware that such an ordinance existed got busy following this particular meeting of the council, and in a few words explained to the unsuspecting members of the body that in granting the franchise in question they were giving to the Southern Pacific Company a quantity of land which rightfully belonged to Hunter as an individual.

The councilmen grasped the explanation without difficulty, and within three days after the first reading of the ordinance no less than seven votes were in readiness to be cast in the negative. Cunning enough to realize that Hunter had assembled enough votes to kill the ordinance, it was then up to those councilmen favoring the measure to find means whereby it might be killed without undue publicity.

This was accomplished last night, when City Attorney Hermann requested that it be referred to the committee on city improvements for further consideration. In making his appeal before the council Hermann remarked: "I can better talk this ordinance over with the committee than with the council."

Compromise Is Delayed.

Practically repudiating the efforts of Councilman George E. Houck, who during the past few days has held several conferences with John Hunter, in order to compromise the pending litigation over a part of Sheridan street, abutting his concrete building at the Oak street intersection, City Attorney Hermann last night submitted a report in which he claimed the city had no legal right to accept the conditions as proposed in the compromise ordinance submitted by Mr. Hunter. Consequently, he asked that it be rejected.

The ordinance, which consisted of five pages of closely typewritten copy, provided as follows:

One—That the railway spur on the property in dispute be enfranchised in Hunter's name.

Two—That Hunter pave between the tracks of the spur and two feet on the outside of each track.

Three—That the city pay Hunter \$225 for a quit claim deed to the disputed property.

Four—That the elevated sidewalk on the Pine street side of Hunter's building be legalized by special permits and allowed to remain as long as the building is used for warehouse purposes.

Five—That the lines of the building on Pine and Sheridan streets be formally declared to be the boundaries of those streets, so far as the building is concerned.

Should the council follow the advice of City Attorney Hermann and

refuse to compromise the controversy, it is evident that the city will be compelled to appear in court and defend its alleged title to the land in dispute. To say the least, this litigation will prove more expensive than realized by the average citizen.

Although somewhat out of the ordinary, City Attorney Hermann and City Recorder Carl Wimberly last night informed the council that they were ready and willing to defend the city gratis. Considering the usual custom of attorneys, this little incident will go down in the history of Roseburg as something quite unusual.

Estimates Are Approved.

Estimates of the city engineer for the paving of several streets within the city limits were approved by the council last night as follows: Burke street, between Mill and Stephens streets, with asphalt pavement, estimated cost, \$4,985.21; South Jackson street, between Haynes and Roberts streets, with asphalt macadam, estimated cost, \$5,264.39; Mill street, between Sykes and South street, with asphalt macadam, estimated cost, \$6,059.84. Total \$15,409.44.

Minor Matters.

Winnle Gaddis, a local plumber, was awarded the contract of laying the Blakeley street sewer. Mr. Gaddis submitted the only bid which was in the sum of \$919.56. The estimate of the city engineer was \$897.92.

Consideration of the remonstrance against the improvement of Watson street was deferred for one week awaiting the return of Councilman Sether.

A resolution directing the city engineer to prepare plans and specifications for a sewer in Chadwick's Addition was adopted.

An ordinance requiring prospective builders to secure permits was placed on its third reading and was adopted.

An ordinance authorizing the improvement of Blakeley street, between Jackson and Stephens street was passed by unanimous vote of the council.

Upon request of Councilman Strong, the Mayor and city recorder were authorized to compile a recommendation for faithful service to the city and send the same to J. H. Juhn, for the past two years an employe of the city, but of late a resident of Eandon.

ACTION FILED AGAINST DR. GEORGE E. HOUCK

Belos Livingston, Former Roseburg Mail Carrier, Asks for Damages in the Sum of \$20,000—Papers Not Served.

Dr. George E. Houck, city councilman and one of the best known physicians and surgeons in Southern Oregon was today made the defendant in a \$20,000 damage suit filed by Eason Livingston, a former Roseburg mail carrier. Livingston claims that in April he submitted to several X-Ray treatments at the hands of Dr. Houck with the result that his abdomen was permanently injured. He claims the X-Ray machine operated by the doctor was new and untried, and that he was not informed of the dangers attendant to such treatments. As a result of the treatments, Livingston claims he was permanently injured and is unable to work.

Dr. Houck, who is one of Roseburg's most prominent physicians, apparently treats the above action of little, if any consequence. Dr. Houck says he diagnosed Livingston's case, and found that he was suffering from tubercular peritonitis. In treating the case, Dr. Houck says he resorted to the X-Ray, and as a usual thing did not give over ten minute exposures. In pointing to the fallacy of the suit, Dr. Houck claims that the most eminent physicians in the United States sometime burn their patients while giving these treatments. The length of the exposure, Dr. Houck says depends upon the condition of the patient and his or her power of resistance. In Livingston's case, Dr. Houck said he was frail and that he was warned of the danger attendant to X-Ray treatments.

Local physicians, other than Dr. Houck claim that it is nothing uncommon to give 20 minute exposures, and most particularly in cases where the patient is in a fair condition.

Being insured against actions of this nature, Dr. Houck, is relieved of the trouble of employing attorneys

LAUDS HANFORD MARRIES MANY

President of Bar Association Applies Whitewash

CONFESSES TO KILLING PARENT

Elder Man Slain to Prevent Him Murdering His Wife—Second Darrow Trial Set For October 21.

MILWAUKEE, Aug. 27.—Stephen Gregory, president of the American Bar Association, in opening the annual convention of the association here today took occasion to defend the character of ex-Judge C. H. Hanford, of the Federal court at Seattle, Washington. Hanford, under stress of a congressional investigation by which impeachment proceedings were intended, resigned rather than face the charges. In speaking of the matter Gregory today said that the accusations sought to be proved were most trivial in their nature, and were in no sense such high crimes or misdemeanors as would warrant impeachment of a federal judge.

Confessed to Killing Parents.

NEW YORK, Aug. 27.—Admitting that he killed his father, E. R. Garton, a rich horseman of Vianland, N. J., Harry Garton surrendered to the police today. The young man asserted that he committed the crime to prevent his mother being murdered by the elder man.

October 21 Date Darrow Trial.

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 27.—The second trial of Clarence Darrow on the charge of bribing a juror in the McNamara trial will begin Oct. 21, according to a ruling of Judge Willis. The court also announced that within a few days he will name the judge to sit on the case.

Becker Trial Delayed.

NEW YORK, Aug. 27.—When Police Lieutenant Becker was arraigned today for alleged complicity in the murder of Herman Rosenthal, the gambler, his attorney served on the court an order from the Supreme Court Justice staying the proceedings until Sept. 4. Judge Mulqueen accepted the order and remanded Becker back to prison.

YONCALLA ROBBERY IS LAID TO LOUNSBERRY

Neighbor Says Lounsberry Came South Shortly After Train Was Robbed.

MEDFORD, Or., Aug. 26.—That Wells Lounsberry came south shortly after the Yoncalla train robbery is a statement of W. H. Stewart, a neighbor, this afternoon. Lounsberry got off the train at Phoenix, south of Medford, and boarded a motor and rode to Central Point, north of this city, thus doubling on his trail. He explained that he had overstept. After telephoning to his house and finding out that his wife was not at home, he walked out of Central Point to the home of a farmer where Mrs. Lounsberry was visiting, and then walked with her back to Central Point to his home, all the while carrying a valise. Lounsberry carried his valise out of Central Point and back again and then out to his home, when he might have left it and saved considerable later.

Henry Temple, postal inspector from Seattle, and C. M. Perkins, postal detective from Spokane, searched the Lounsberry home yesterday and are today looking over letters and papers which they found there. They refuse to divulge any finding.

TOMATOES.

Tomatoes for sale at 25 c. per box in o. b. cars, Round Prairie, Ore. Or come and pick them for 25c per bushel, good road ten miles from town. C. E. TRUSSELL.

and arranging a defense. This work will be done by the company in which the physician is insured. Although not served with any legal papers up to a late hour this afternoon, Dr. Houck today said he was aware that the suit was contemplated, and expected legal summons tomorrow. It is Dr. Houck's belief that the case will never reach an issue.

Rev. K. M. Mears is "Marrying Parson" of Douglas

38 MARRIAGES IN 3 YEARS

Married One Couple When He Was Sick In Bed—Called On At All Hours Of The Day And Night To Tie Matrimonial Knots

Roseburg has a parson that is as popular with couples who have been pierced with Dan Cupid's darts as the pastor who holds forth in the world famous "church around the corner" in New York city. In his less than three years pastorate here in Roseburg Rev. K. M. Mears has tied thirty eight matrimonial knots. In his pastorate of over ten years he has married 232 couples. He is called for at all hours of the day and night and at all times in the year.

Many sad as well as amusing incidents come to the minister in the course of his pastorate but marriages as a rule furnish the laughable ones. The first couple that came to him in Roseburg was aged. The groom was 72 years old and the bride 75. This marriage was the groom's first trip on the stormy seas of matrimony while the bride had crossed four times before.

An old bachelor came to his home one day and the pastor was absent. He talked to Mrs. Mears and told her that he wanted the Reverend to assist him in getting a housekeeper. She said that she didn't know whether her husband could do that but that if he would wait Mr. Mears would be home in a short time. Soon the pastor arrived and the man again stated his request. After some questioning the bachelor, with many blushes and much effort said that all that he wanted was to be married to the lady of his choice. The ceremony was soon over.

One day Rev. Mears received a 'phone call to come over to the McClallen Hotel. He hastened over and found a bashful young couple waiting for him in the parlors of the hostelry. They were so frightened over their impending marriage that they would not come down stairs but insisted on having the knot tied in the hall up stairs.

Another couple garbed in the conventional black for the groom and white for the blushing bride arrived at the parsonage. The bride's costume was white from the top of her head to the tips of her shoes, which were black. She carried a package under her arm and after getting in the house she proceeded, quietly and without any convention, to take off her shoes. The minister stood aghast not knowing what national marriage ceremony was expected by the couple. Dignity was restored when the bride opened the package she carried and took out a pair of white satin slippers and slipped them on her dainty feet.

A sixty odd widower of over fifty with several children who were not particularly anxious to see their father married the second time decided that his life would be incomplete without his marriage to a dashing young girl of twenty summers and just as many winters. He had to prepare the way for his marriage and his children were not informed of his intention. In order to get the matter over without any comment he informed his children one day that that night he would take them all to the circus. The children were all much gratified over this treat that was in store for them and anxiously awaited the hour of their departure. After supper they crowded around their father and at last the start was made. He took them to the home of his young bride and, the minister being in readiness, soon said the words that made them one. The children were much chagrined over their failure to go to a circus and set up a howl that almost separated the old widower and his young wife.

Rev. Mears has the unique honor of having married one couple while he was fast in bed through sickness. The young couple came to his home and insisted that he marry them even though he was unable to get up. Their insistence won over the genial pastor and, although too weak to

WINS FIRST MONEY

According to press dispatches received here today, Bonaday, the famous trotter owned by F. E. Alley, of the Bonaday Stock Farm east of town, yesterday won three straight heats in the 2:25 trot on the Country Club track, near Portland. The purse for this event totalled \$1,000. The first heat was made in 2:15, the second in 2:15 1/2, and the third in 2:11 1/2. In another event, Roseburg Boy, also owned by F. E. Alley was distanced.

arise he said the solemn words that bound two souls in holy wedlock.

Seven o'clock in the morning is the earliest that Rev. Mears has ever been called upon to help Dan Cupid cement affections and 11:45 at night is the latest, the latter taking place on Xmas Eve just as the church bells began to toll the glad tidings that the day of good cheer was here.

One run-a-way couple only has come to this pastor. They hastened to his home, and asked to be married quickly. Without asking any embarrassing questions the knot was tied and the young couple made a run for the train in order to get away from the irate father and mother who pursued them in vain.

One morning the pastor had a couple in his parlor and was pronouncing in words that bound them "for better and for worse" when the door bell rang and another couple stood there ready to take their turn.

A widow of fifty was married and the witness were her own mother and a daughter. On two occasions couples have come to the pastor's office in the Masonic building and the minister had to send out on the street to get the witness for the ceremony.

In one family he has officiated at the marriage of three of the daughters and has been spoken for to perform the ceremony for the fourth. Once he has been called to Portland to tie the knot.

The thirty eight marriages that he has performed here have brought him in something like three hundred dollars. One groom after the ceremony told the pastor to send in a bill and it would be settled. However it is probable that the man was not satisfied either with his wife or the ceremony for to this day the fee has not been paid.

Following is a list of those married by Rev. Mears while he has resided in Roseburg:

- Patrick Burke—Mrs. Maria L. Johnson; Loren D. Harvey—Mrs. Myrtle G. Young; Nivan T. Jackson—Miss Susie Findlay; Orren E. Smith—Mrs. Fannie Kennedy; F. A. Goetz—Miss Mamie Neal; W. L. McCormick—Miss Nellie Bishop; C. H. Pinkerton—Mrs. Jessie Pruitt; V. S. French—Miss Hazel Cawfield; Jno. R. Stanley—Miss Emma Findlay; Geary Thornton—Miss Angeline Crawford; Preston Baker—Miss Cora Belle; Wm. Mattoon—Miss Margarette Kresson; Thos. Oswalt—Miss Mary Smithwick; Dr. F. H. Vinell—Miss Wattie Jones; Jos. Cobb—Miss Lorna Pool; W. N. Sponaugle—Miss Edna Harvey; Thos. J. Hawthorne—Miss Margarette Jaques; Warren B. Branch—Miss Ida Friend; Arthur Roadman—Miss Rosella Morgan; Arval Whitsett—Lola Zackary; Oliver Haines—Miss Mary Bunch; Myron Whitney—Miss Emma Wells; D. D. Welton—Miss Nina Paries; Nathan Dean—Miss Maude Ashworth; Richard Williams—Mrs. Alda Dixon; Geo. T. Marcy—Miss Effie Isaac; Harry S. Brawn—Miss Helen G. Burt; Fred Weaver—Miss Bertha Neet; Harry Neet—Miss Bessie Hunter; Robt. Paris—Miss Mae Alexander; Howard Calkins—Miss Veda Calkins; Earl Agee—Miss Mabel McCracken; Lyman Spencer—Mrs. Anna Leslie; Harry Cavanaugh—Miss Amy Sly; D. W. Morley—Miss Anna Findlay; Jos. Johnson—Mrs. Jessie Wilson; Frank A. Dixon—Miss Hallie Weaver.

After the usual summer vacation, the public schools in Roseburg will open on September 16 for the fall term. Able and efficient teachers have been employed in every department of the schools and Superintendent Groves anticipates a very successful year. Other than extending the training department, no additional branches of educational work will be taken up during the coming term.

CAMERON IS OUT

West Plays Winning Card in Vice Game

EVANS NAMED AS SUCCESSOR

Defiant District Attorney Who Refused Information To Executive Treated To Humiliating Jolt—Will Oppose West.

SALEM, Aug. 27.—Governor West created a surprise party in the ranks of District Attorney Cameron's friends in Portland today by declaring the office of district prosecutor for Multnomah county vacant and appointing Walter H. Evans as successor to the deposed attorney. The removal was made under a provision of the statute providing that when over a district attorney shall fail to furnish the governor with a complete statement of facts in any case in which a pardon of a criminal is involved the executive may remove him from office.

When District Attorney Cameron was informed that his office had been declared vacant by Governor West, he said that in his opinion West did not have the authority for such action, and furthermore he would resist any attempt to oust him. Cameron further stated that he would take no action in the matter until officially notified of his dismissal. The case on which West based his action in removing Cameron from office is that of W. J. Byron, sentenced to one year in the Multnomah county jail for larceny. Cameron is alleged to have refused to make any statement or recommendation concerning the matter, though requested to do so by the governor. Governor West says that there are also other cases of a similar nature.

At Portland, when Attorney Evans was informed of his appointment to the position of District Attorney, he said that he had not definitely decided to accept the appointment as Cameron's successor, but that he would decide the matter tomorrow, at which time he will consult with his chief, United States District Attorney McCourt, who is expected to return to Portland that day.

In speaking of his removal to newspaper men today, Attorney Cameron said that he believed the old statute under which the governor was acting had been repealed by the constitutional amendment of 1911, which provides that criminal proceedings might be instituted against those district attorneys accused of improper conduct. Anyway, alleged Cameron, the executive should have proceeded under a later law if he wanted to make war on him.

Among those who left today on the Automobile stage for Myrtle point are the following: N. R. Fisher; J. W. Peake; R. A. Apling; Mr. Printag; F. R. Madish; C. E. Madish; C. B. McCarthy; C. E. Smith; M. H. Raymond; J. J. Pennis; Ed Pierce; J. C. Briggs; B. F. Wilson; Mrs. Melvin; E. E. Srimp; Miss Kerting; S. Mathewson; G. R. Going; Harry Porter; Mrs. Carter; R. C. Benjamin, A. White.

ON SEPTEMBER 16.

Through a typographical error, The News last evening stated that the public schools of Roseburg would open on September 1. This should have read, September 16.

DR. POSEY Specialist for Eye, Ear Nose and Throat Diseases. Eyes Fitted With Glasses PARROTT BUILDING ROSEBURG, OREGON.