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SPRING STREET BIDS WILL BE CALLED AGAIN

DISCREPANCIES REQUIRE THE WORK DONE OVER AGAIN TO REMEDY FAULTS.

DELAY IS NOT SO MUCH

While Exigencies May Develop In the Meantime, It Is Said Work Would Be Delayed Less Than for a Week—Minor Errors Found In Preliminary Proceedings Is Decision of Attorney.

Discrepancies that, in the opinion of legal advisers, to E. W. Geiger, the Salem concrete contractor, make it highly unfeasible to enter into a contract with the city to pave Spring street as provided in bids let last Wednesday with a great deal of ado, have been discovered in the preliminary steps and the entire detail will have to be gone over again. However, the delay will not be material as the council can hold a special session on the night of September 6th, if it wishes, to receive remonstrances and bids and let bids and pass the ordinance to enter into a contract and on the following Monday the matter can be closed. That bids must be readvertised for is held by many to be absolutely necessary but the council has not taken final action. Some pressure has been brought to bear to have President Campbell call the council together before Wednesday to give more time, in case it is found absolutely necessary to go over the work again, to get final action. Mayor Hall is at the coast.

Errors Discovered.

Before going into the contract Contractor Geiger consulted legal advice and after careful investigation it was found that Alder street is termed Alder "avenue", that the east end of Spring is in some instances designated south and north side, when in reality it appears the street runs at an angle and should be "southeast" side. Various other discrepancies are said to exist and would make ground for temporary injunctions, and, it is feared, permanent injunctions.

"I can't, of course, sign a contract that my legal advice says is subject to injunction," said Mr. Geiger, today when advised by his attorney not to sign it under the present conditions. To go over the matter again would require at least 10 days from the date of rescinding the present proceedings. Ten days' notice is required. There are a dozen exigencies that may arise—among them being the possibility of some other contractor obtaining the job, sufficient remonstrances to throw the work out entirely and several other similar disastrous conditions. "I can do the work in 30 days, once we get started," said the contractor, this afternoon.

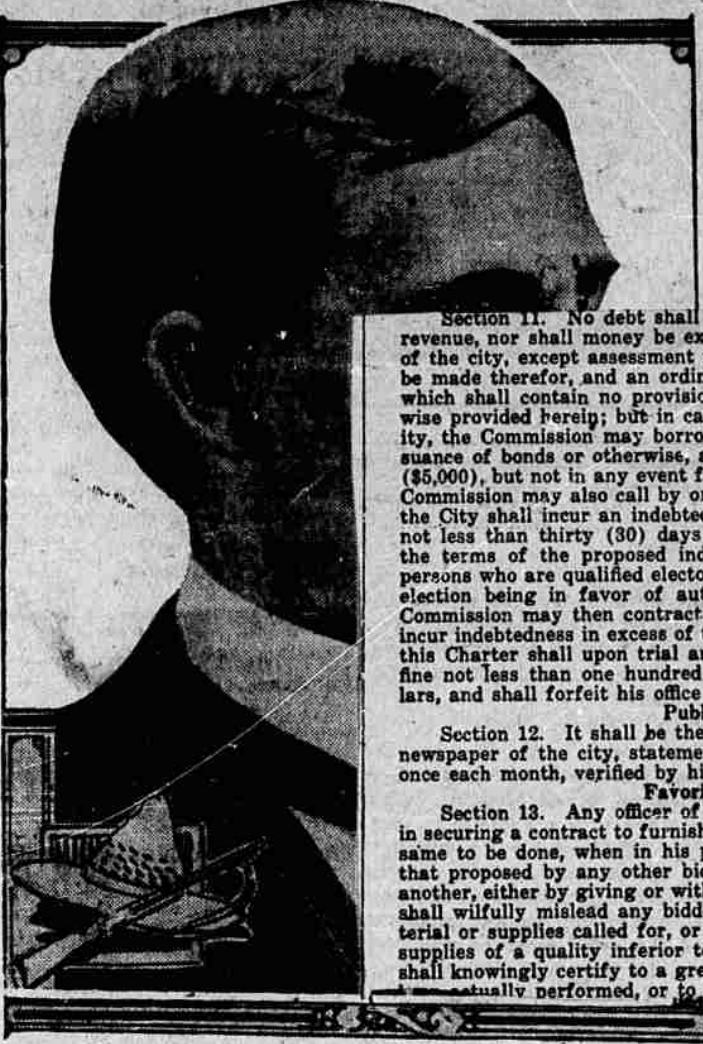
Union Men In Town.

George Benson, Will Vogel, Dick Benson and Charley Davis are over from Union today on business matters.

In this issue of the Observer is a section of the proposed city government by commission charter. Sections of it will be run from time to time to fully converse each reader with the salient facts of the new government scheme. A section is printed today on another page.

CRITICAL SITUATION IN MEXICO GROWS MORE TENSE

John Lind's Mission In Mexico Watched by American People



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President Wilson's emissary who can make but little progress for peace with Huerta.

FIRE LOSS IS SEVERE BLOW

EVERY PIECE OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS BURNED.

Hopper Property Razed by Total Loss Fire Early Sunday Morning.

Fire laid waste the Joshua Hopper residence at Fifth and C. Streets and completely destroyed every bit of furniture and householdings owned by Ben Hopper—other than what he and his wife wore at the time—at 1 o'clock Sunday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Hopper were down town when the fire broke out and it seems the fire had burned slowly until the entire interior was a mass of fire and then burst out. Closed curtains shut in the light and when neighbors discovered the fire just at midnight, the place was practically in ruins. There was nothing for the fire departments to do, the South La Grande volunteers having strung their hose when the central department arrived. It is said there was some insurance on both the furniture and residence though this has not been verified. The loss was complete, not a particle of clothing or furniture having been removed from the burning structure. So far as known the last fire in the cook stove burned itself out before 8 o'clock in the evening and from then on no one had been in the house so far as known.

Washington, Aug. 25.—President Wilson announced today that he will read a 3,500-word message on the Mexican situation in congress at 1 o'clock tomorrow, unless unforeseen developments in Mexico prevent. As outlined, it will present the situation in Mexico, as follows: The message includes a mediation proposal, its reflection by Huerta and foreign nations. The president does not know who is bringing pressure to bear upon Huerta and himself in behalf of America's proposition.

No ultimatums have or will be sent Huerta and Lind will remain in Mexico until the last hope of success is past.

It has not been decided whether the

GOUGHAM WANTS CHERRIES BUT WANTS THEM EARLY

Fastidious consumers of cherries in New York, Boston and other exclusive cities of the east, want a good grade of western cherry and want it early in the season and will pay well for it. This is the discovery of A. T. Hill, who returned yesterday evening from New York, where he disposed of a shipment of cherries grown in May Park.

The easterner is desirous of obtaining good cherries and above all likes them early in the season. If a shipment of cherries could be sent to New York in good condition it would

EVIDENCE TO IMPRISON BOSS MURPHY FOUND

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE TURNS DEAF EAR TO CHARGES AGAINST CONSPIRACY.

FRAWLEY, LEVY IN FRAMEUP

New York Bankers Are Said to Have Supplied Evidence Sufficient to Prove Big Conspiracy to Impeach Sulzer—Bribery and Coercion Said to Have Been Responsible for the

New York, Aug. 25.—When the judiciary committee of the state assembly met today, Lyna J. Arnold, deputy chief of police, furnished him with evidence that they thought sufficient to impeach Governor Sulzer, and Assemblyman Levy of the City Charter shall upon trial and conviction incur indebtedness in excess of the amount of \$5,000, and shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars, and shall forfeit his office as public state's attorney.

Section 12. It shall be the duty of the committee to hear Arnold testify that James C. Garrison, a New York banker, told him that the impeachment of Governor Sulzer was due to bribery and coercion because Garrison wasn't able to testify before the Frawley investigators and assembly.

message will contain new recommendations or a change of policy. This will be discussed at tonight's conference with the senate foreign relations committee.

Washington, Aug. 26.—Speculation is rife as to whether President Wilson will deliver his Mexican message in congress tomorrow. Friends of the administration deny that the president is holding the message as a club over Huerta's head, or that he has sent an ultimatum that he must either accept the mediation or have message read. The message which was read by Secretary Bryan will go to the printer tonight. Bryan intends to advise the senate committee on foreign affairs of the contents of the message before reading it to congress.

The administration is hopeful that news from Mexico in the meantime will permit the alteration of the message tonight. The European powers are keeping in touch with the situation through their diplomats here.

Killing Investigated.

Mexico City, Aug. 25.—The authorities

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Late Strollers Must Reform

ORDER TO ARREST GIRLS OUT AFTER MIDNIGHT.

MINORS MUST OBEY

Mad Driving of Cars to Fires Must Be Stopped Affirm. Chief.

Dance hall patrons, girls especially, can get into jail hereafter by roaming the streets after midnight or rushing up town between dances on public dance nights which at present are Saturday and Tuesday evenings. This is the ukase of Chief of Police McLachlin. On Saturday night it is the custom for girl dancers to wander about the streets, the police say, until far into the night. Chief of Police McLachlin went on a night shift last Saturday and has issued instructions, as a result of what he saw between 12 and 3 o'clock Sunday morning, to arrest all girls found roaming on the streets after hours. To girls under age this applies from 9 o'clock on, unless they are with guardians or are on business errands, but any girl who makes it a point to walk up and down the streets purely on a time-killing errand, are to be arrested under the 12 o'clock law that applies to man or woman who is out after that hour without proper cause.

"Young girls who attend dances must stay at the dances until they are ready to go home or the dance is over, and then go home immediately or they will be arrested," said the chief's order. The night police have strict instructions to enforce the ordinance. "I saw young girls and old girls who spent considerable more than an hour after the Saturday night dance list-

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NEW SWIMMING HOLES TRICKY

TWO BATHERS PULLED OUT YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

Steep and Deep Holes Dangerous to Inexperienced Batthers.

That the new swimming holes above Riverside park, whence the swimming populace is biding themselves since the lower pools were eliminated by the destruction of Riverside dam, are dangerous developed yesterday when two were pulled out of deep holes in serious distress. Wesley McCrary wandered out too far and slipped into deep water when he lost his footing on a precipitous hole. Fellow bathers didn't discover the fact until the lad was seriously distressed but was saved by companions. He recovered shortly.

Mr. Jacobs, who could swim but little got into the same hole later on and had to be removed. Both would doubtlessly have drowned in a few minutes but for help.

Since the dam was removed the swimmers have sought other holes and most of them have gone back to the deep pool where the former bridge stood.

Fred Young was the one that discovered Mr. Jacobs was in distress and hurriedly removed the floundering bather. The great trouble seems to be that the bathers disobey the first law for amateurs—they attempt to swim into deep water rather than toward shore where they are certain of their footing. There is no occasion for accident if bathers do not become careless.

SENATE PUTS APPROVAL ON WOOL CLAUSE

FREE WOOL PROVISION IS APPROVED WITHOUT ROLL CALL FORMALITY.

RESUFF MEETS BANKERS

Though Adverts to Free Wool Provisions Are Advanced They Will Not Be Heard Until Later—Bankers' Resolutions Said to Have Taken Heart Out of the Currency Measure.

Washington, Aug. 25.—Free wool provisions of the tariff bill were approved by the senate today without formality of a roll call. The debate on wool was scheduled but failed to materialize as announced. Amendments to the free wool clause were offered by La Follette, Smoot and Penrose, but this will be considered later.

BANKERS TO LOSE. President Will Reject All Recommendations by Bankers.

Washington, Aug. 25.—The president has made it clear to all bankers that proposed amendments to the currency bill will be rejected. He stated that the press reports indicate that the bankers in a resolution passed at Chicago, showed a desire to eradicate every essential feature of the bill.

For the first time President Wilson has indicated to visitors his policy regarding the Philippines. He plans ultimate, but not immediate, independence to the islands.

Rock Creek Rancher Here.

Among the visitors in the city today on the North Powder hearing was H. K. Fisher, one of the wealthiest ranchers in Baker county. His holdings are on Rock creek.

Social Function Tomorrow.

Members of the Commercial club and all friends of the members, in fact any one desiring, will be given a welcome hand at the smoker tomorrow night at the Commercial club. Music by the band and orchestra, a short speech or two, are the side attractions and free pool and billiards are on the slate too.

SISTERS VISIT FRIENDS.

Treat of Life-Time for Eastern Sisters Enjoyed In La Grande.

During several days of last week Jno. Dordan and wife were the host and hostess to St. Mary Helena, of St. Joseph's Orphanage, St. Paul, Minn., and So. Mary Estella, of St. Joseph Academy of the same place. The former is an aunt and the latter a cousin to Mr. Dordan. Sr. Helena has had charge of the Orphanage for 29 years and Sr. Estella has taught continuously for 14 years in the one institution. Both were on a special mission to the Seattle branch of their sisterhood, and through special permission of the supervisors, were privileged to make a detour of 600 miles to meet their La Grande nephew and cousin. The rules of their order grant one such trip during a life-time. The sisters were enamored of the beauty of this valley and were charmed with their visit.