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CITY HALTS SUBWAY JOB

FEAR OF ILLEGALITY EXPRESS-
ED BY COUNCILMEN WHEN
VOTE IS TAKEN.

ALL WARRANTS DOUBTFUL

Possible That City May Not Issue An-
other Warrant Until Budget Scheme
Becomes Effective—Mayor Re-
frains From Signing Resolution,
and Special Meeting May Be Called.

Retrenchment in public projects that
include suspension of construction of
the Second street subway and many
other minor projects, was ordered by
the city council last night. Not only
did the council adopt a resolution re-
scinding the contract with the O-W,
whereby the railroad company was to
spend \$28,000 and the city \$2,900, but
the Second street paving project was
summarily brought to a close and a
gap of two blocks, or nearly so, will
hinder traffic along North Second.
Mayor Hall, however, may not sign
the resolution until a special meeting
of the council has been held to re-
consider the action taken last evening.
The call for the meeting will be issued
today it is believed. He holds that the
city may or may not be illegally in
the contract, but it is for the courts to
say, and that the contract is binding
until the courts have so said. He holds
that in view of the fact that the con-
tract was signed before the new char-
ter was adopted, regulations of finan-
ces stipulated by the new charter, do
not touch the old charter contracts.

After three hours of deliberation on
problems that confront the council but
were discovered only last evening, the
council passed the resolution rescind-
ing the contract, already under pro-
cess of building, ordered the Warren
Construction company to refill what
excavations it has done on the job, and
paved the way for redistricting the
Second street paving district, cutting
it off where it is now paved to a lit-
tle more than a block south of the
O-W. right of way, and if the street
is to be completed—connecting north
Second and South Second paving, it
will be done under a new improve-
ment district. As it now stands, the
street will either go unpaved perma-
nently—certainly this winter—be
worked over into a subway as planned
or have a district created to embrace
only the two blocks. That the ques-
tion is a serious one is generally ad-
mitted and the council had to come to
conclusions last night.

Work Is Halted.

It appears that the Warren Con-
struction company had commenced to
excavate the street where the city was
to prepare approaches from the pres-
ent grade, down to the right of way,
and to pave it.

The railroad company has purchas-
ed its supplies and material and had a
crew of men on the ground ready to
rush the subway proper—the city was
to build approaches. The upshot of it
was that the street's excavation is to
be refilled at a cost born half and half
by city and the Warren people.

Council Finds Grief.

The cause advanced for the sudden
change in plans and the halting of the
project, was that the council is work-
ing under the new charter and the new
charter makes the councilmen liable
personally and subjects them to pun-
ishment if they spend money which has
not been set aside by a previous budg-
et. Some go so far as to hold that
every cent spent by this council from
the time the new charter was adopted,
is illegal, and that the councilmen

City's Wealth Grows In Jumps

FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND IN-
CREASE IN VALUATION.

BUDGET IS ORDERED

County's Assessments Run Consider-
ably Over Three Millions.

Assessed valuation of La Grande—the
city within its legal confines—has
jumped about \$400,000 this year. Last
year the assessed valuation was \$2,-
811,851 but this year it will be \$400,-
000 or so better than that. The actual
assessments on all taxable property
save public utilities, as announced by
County Assessor Couch last evening,
are \$3,019,220.00. However, the public
utilities must be assessed by the
state tax commission and last year
that amount was \$140,296. But this
year Mr. Couch's assessments of \$3,-
019,220.00 do not include \$50,000 in
public utilities which last year were
included in the county's figures, and
all in all the total valuation when
completed by the state board, and ad-
ded to the county figures, will be about
\$3,209,510. This figure is close to a
half million increase over last year.

The city council's finance committee
was instructed last night to prepare
the budget required by the new char-
ter of the estimated expense for each
department, and with this at hand the
council can proceed to fix its levy.
This brings about the guess that the
levy this year will run close to the
limit of 20 mills, through the added
valuation means considerable pruning
in the levy. What ever sum the pre-
sent committee and council sets aside
for each department next year must
be adhered to for any excessive ex-
penditure immediately makes the in-
dividuals responsible, hence responsi-
bility drives in economy. The city's
tax levy will probably not be prepared
for some little time and extreme care
and caution is to be exercised.

BOHNENKAMP'S STORE REBUILT

STRUCTURE TO BE MADE INTO
FOUR STORIES.

All But First Floor Walls to Be Torn
Down and Rebuilt at Once.

Practically complete reconstruction
has been found necessary and expedi-
ent by the W. H. Bohnenkamp com-
pany of the store building at Elm and
Adams, gutted by fire a month ago.
Contractors today commenced the re-
building of the structure. The plans
call for complete razing of the walls
down to the first floor ceiling. The
store will be made into a four-story
affair by the changes but the actual
height will be about the same as now,
the added story being made up by re-
ducing the height of the walls on each
floor. The exact amount of the ex-
penditure necessary is not known but
will be probably around \$14,000. Tem-
porary roofs will be put over the first
floor while the walls are going up, and
if weather is at all suitable, the place
will be ready by Christmas.

When complete the building will
have an up to date elevator, and the
company will use the second floor for
furniture, the third for carpets and
the fourth for undertaking show
rooms.

The walls were quite seriously dam-
aged by the fire, and in order to make
the building complete again it was
found expedient to rebuild, and that
will be done. The first work on the
project was done today.

HUERTA SEES TROUBLE AND SOFTENS MEIN

POWERS AGREE THAT WARSHIPS
ARE URGENTLY NEEDED
IN MEXICAN WATERS.

HUERTA FEELS REBUKE

Note From Uncle Sam, Ignored at
First, Is Hastily Answered When
Huerta Sees That Foreign Powers
Are Sending Warships to Trouble
Zone—Uncle Sam Likes World
Policy.

Washington, Oct. 16.—The adminis-
tration officials expressed their satis-
faction at the decision of foreign di-
plomats in Mexico City and recom-
mended that the various governments
send their warships to Mexican wa-
ters. It is felt that the recent develop-
ments vindicated the administration
and its attitude and disapproval to-
ward Huerta. Officials hardly conceal-
ed gratification for those who recog-
nized Huerta earlier, it being com-
pelled to admit that the American view
was correct.

Diplomats of France, Spain, Cuba,
Guatemala and Norway, at a confer-
ence last evening in Mexico City, de-
cided to recommend that their re-
spective governments send warships to
Mexico for the purpose of affording
legation guards should conditions so
require. A member of the diplomatic
corps made this statement Wednes-
day night. He also said that the di-
plomatic representatives had recom-
mended a temperate attitude in the
matter of Mexico's reply to Wash-
ington.

Huerta Feels Rebuke.

Mexico City, Oct. 16.—Alarmed by
the disapproval of his conduct ex-
pressed by the entire diplomatic corps,
Huerta is so chastened that he ex-
plained his delay in answering Presi-
dent Wilson and Secretary Bryan's
severe notes, sent following the im-
prisonment of the chamber deputies,
and his proclamation of the dictator-
ship, by saying that he had not receiv-
ed the notices officially.

The diplomats believe that he will
respect the warning conveyed in the
notes to avoid forcing a crisis. Huerta
is said to be perturbed at the decision
of the diplomats who recommended
that the various nations send warships
to Mexican waters.

Vatican Announces Election.

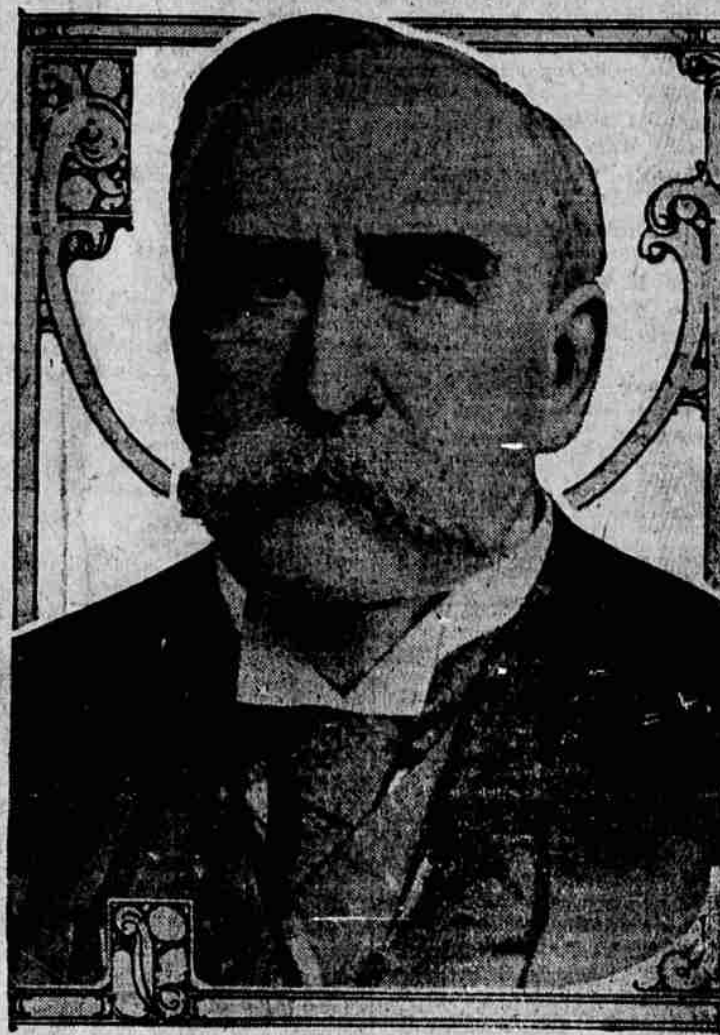
Rome, Oct. 16.—The Vatican today
announced the election of the Very
Rev. Father Colostine Crozet, of St.
Joseph's parish of Fitchburg, Mass.,
as procurator general of the congrega-
tion of the Missionaries of La Salette.
Father Crozet was one of the three de-
legates from the United States to the
general chapter of the order which was
held at Sura, Italy. The other two
were the Very Rev. Father John Gun-
net of Hartford, Conn., where the or-
der maintains a mission, and the
Very Rev. Father Camillus Freuet, of
Holyoke, Mass.

Captain Inch Near Port.

New York, Oct. 16.—Owing to a
damaged shaft of the steamer Kroon-
land, with Captain Inch of the Voltur-
no and six officers and 83 other surviv-
ors on board, will not reach its dock
until 7 this evening, according to in-
formation given out by the company's
officials.

Philadelphia, Oct. 16.—The German
tramp steamer Sydlitz, with 46 of the
Volturno survivors, docked this after-
noon. The immigration authorities
immediately took charge of the Vol-
turno's passengers.

Presiding Judge at Impeachment Trial of Governor William Sulzer



Chief Justice Cullum, who presides at the impeachment court and who is
thought to be favorable to Sulzer.

PREFERENTIAL METHOD IS NOT COMPLICATED SCHEME

La Grande will acquaint itself with
the preferential method of voting next
Monday. The method is simple if a
few clear rules are adhered to. It is
feared that many ballots will be inval-
id unless the voters study the simple
method so as to be familiar with it
before they enter the booths to vote.
Tomorrow the Observer will explain
how votes are counted under the three

choice system applicable only in the
two-year candidates because in that
particular office only, are there more
than three times as many candidates
as there are offices. The other two
years don't have that number of can-
didates. A fac simile official ballot,
prefixed by the principal instructions
to voters, follows:

INSTRUCTIONS:—To vote for any person, make a cross (X) in a square
to the right of name. Vote your first choice in the first column; your sec-
ond choice in the second column and your third choice in the third column.
DO NOT VOTE MORE THAN ONE CHOICE FOR ANY ONE CANDIDATE.

All distinguishing marks make the ballot void. If you wrongly mark, tear
or deface ballot, return it and obtain another from the election officers. If
any voter shall vote more than one choice off any one candidate, the vote
highest in grade shall be counted and others rejected. The ballot reads like
this:

FOR COMMISSIONER For One Year.		First Choice		
Collier, John				
Wood, Mac				
FOR COMMISSIONER For Two Years.		Choice First	Choice Second	Choice Third
Dr. McMillan, W. D.				
Dunn, C. S.				
Russell, J. A.				
Sargent, W. B.				
FOR COMMISSIONER For Three Years.		First Choice		
Gardner, John				
Fitzgerald, D.				

GOVERNOR PUNISHES OFFICER.

Marshfield Member of Naval Militia
Reduced In Ranks by West.

Salem, Ore., Oct. 16.—Governor
West has revoked the commission of
Lieutenant Commander of the naval
militia held by Mayor E. E. Straw of
Marshfield. Saturday the governor
removed Straw from the naval militia
board. The governor stated that the
commission was revoked because of
Straw's alleged activities when sev-

eral Industrial Workers were deport-
ed from Marshfield, were hardly con-
sistent with the duties of an officer of
the naval militia.

Northern Pacific Issues Gloom Order.

Portland, Or., Oct. 16.—Great gloom
pervades the Union station here as a
result of an order issued by the North-
ern Pacific Terminal company for-
bidding the negro porters from re-
ceiving tips from the traveling public.

GOV. SULZER FOUND GUILTY

TEST VOTE GOES AGAINST HIM
AND THE FINAL VOTE IS
DUBIOUS.

JUSTICE IS WITH HIM

Final Vote Will Be Taken, Positively,
It Is Said Either This Evening or
Tomorrow—Executive Session May
Be Made Public for Matter of Evi-
dence on Records.

Albany, Oct. 16.—Governor Sulzer
was found guilty late this afternoon
on the first article of the impeach-
ment, charging him specifically with
filing false campaign expense state-
ments. That the entire impeachment
charges will terminate in a similar
manner is believed certain in Albany
tonight. The final vote is but fruit of
what had been indicated from the first.

Albany, N. Y., Oct. 16.—That the
Sulzer impeachment court has consid-
ered and disposed of all the impeach-
ment articles and that only the final
vote remained to be taken was stated
unofficially at the close of the fore-
noon executive session. Most
of the court members wish however,
the arguments of the executive ses-
sion may be made public that they
may go on the official records. It is
said that the vote probably wouldn't
be reached before late today and pos-
sibly not until tomorrow. The court
convened at 10:30 today. After the
executive session the court adjourned
until 3:00, when it is announced the
proceeding will be resumed publicly.
Sulzer's removal is a mathematical
certainty as the prosecution has two-
thirds the vote. The test came out
last evening when the ballot was tak-
en on the controversy centering on the
first charge in the articles of im-
peachment in which Sulzer is accused
of filing a false statement of his cam-
paign expenses. Thirty-nine votes
were cast against Sulzer, one more
than enough to convict.

It was understood when recess was
ordered this afternoon that more than
two-thirds of the members of the im-
peachment court were against Sulzer
on at least three charges. Unofficial
rumor has it that the governor will
command only 14 votes on the ques-
tion of his removal. One of these is
said to be the chief justice of the
court of appeals. It is understood,
however, that the governor will win
easily on the question of barring him
from office in the future.

Boothack In Trouble.

Baker, Oct. 16.—Henry Bacon, the
boothack at P. M. R. Howard's barber
shop was arrested last night by Offi-
cer Nelson, charged with attempting
to enter the Licklider millinery store.
It is said two attempts were made by
the negro to gain admission.

For the past year, it is asserted,
Bacon has been making himself ob-
noxious to women passing on First
street, and it is said this is not his
first attempt to break into houses.

At present he is in the city jail, but
will probably be taken to the county
jail tomorrow for keeping until his
preliminary trial is had.

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