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#### SOMETHING DOING.

##### Council Opens Protracted Meeting and Does Things.

All members of the city council were present Monday evening when Mayor King rapped his gavel to call the meeting to order—and the records of the previous meeting were approved as read. The matter of vacating a portion of Edison street between blocks 21 and 28 was discussed. Another street has been laid out to take the place of the one to be vacated—the land being donated by Hartman, Thompson & Powers—and as soon as it is shown that this street is properly dedicated to the city it is probable that the vacation will be ordered. Upon motion of Councilman Leggitt the matter was laid over till the next meeting. Ways and Means committee reported that according to instructions of the council a meeting was held with Attorney McGarry on the evening of Saturday, July 8. He then presented a bill for \$396.30—in lieu of the one previously rendered for \$240. The committee remonstrated against this increase but this had no effect; they made a preliminary offer of \$120 to settle—although they stated that their action was subject to ratification by the full council. "At this," said Councilman Peterson, "Mr. McGarry seemed angry and asserted that unless the bill was paid in full he (McGarry) would see to it that the bonds were not sold; that St. Johns should not receive a dollar; that he would cause trouble in other ways and that, if the bonds should be sold, he would garnish the money." Mr. Peterson's report was corroborated by Mr. Thompson—who was the member of the committee present at the time with Mr. Peterson.

#### WAS IT THREAT?

##### Report of Committee Accuses Attorney of Damaging Intention.

If the report of a majority of the Ways and Means committee of the St. Johns city council is to be believed one of the knockers against this city has been discovered. At this time no one doubts the assertion of these two men. "Unless this claim is paid in full I will see to it that the bonds of St. Johns do not sell: I will fix it so St. Johns will never get a dollar for them; and I will do what I can to hurt the city in other ways!" This is practically what Councilmen Peterson and Thompson declare Attorney McGarry boldly asserted to them on the night of Saturday, July 8, when they met with him in Portland. "Do you mean to threaten us?" queried Councilman Peterson. "Oh, no, I wouldn't threaten" returned the attorney. The facts leading to this threat are as follows: In May, C. R. Organ, then holding position as marshal or chief of police of St. Johns, presented a bill to the city for \$240—for months of December, 1904, January, February and March, 1905, at \$60 per month. Mr. Organ desired to get a settlement so that he could relinquish the position—and was willing to make any reasonable reduction in the account. The matter was placed in the hands of the Ways and Means committee to ascertain from Mr. Organ the sum that he would accept as full payment—and to ascertain the length of time he actually worked at his official duties. The matter dragged along a few weeks when Mr. Organ placed the affair in the hands of Mr. McGarry, an attorney now in Portland, who asked an immediate settlement; and at the meeting of July 6, he being present, insisted that the matter should be quickly closed. On the evening of Saturday, July 8, a joint meeting was held in Portland between Mr. McGarry upon the one side and Councilmen Peterson and Thompson on the other—Mr. Brice being absent. It was at this meeting that the above threat was uttered if the word of the committee be believed. And it looks as if Mr. McGarry had made good. All papers pertaining to the issue of the \$10,000 bonds had been turned over to the Portland firm that had been the best bidders—and Mr. McGarry was cognizant of that fact. These papers had been pronounced good by one of the buyers—but he declared that the attorney must pass upon them. After this threat which is claimed the bonds were returned with the decision that fire apparatus and a city hall were "not public utilities;" hence the bonds were not valid. The query then arises "Is Mr. McGarry the attorney for this bond-buying firm?" or "What influence does he maintain over the firm?" Conditions have reached a critical phase when one man can make his boast that he will damage a city unless his demands be conceded. It is true that had Mr. McGarry issued papers and tied up the money it would have caused bother—and this, it was asserted by the committee, he promised to do if he could secure his money in no other way. The question now naturally follows as to who is in league with this attorney in his endeavors to do harm to the city? And why should any reputable business man seek to inflict a damage upon a community wherein are a couple thousand innocent dwellers? Would the firm figuring on buying the bonds go upon the stand and testify that no man had approached it with advice, legal or otherwise, regarding the municipal bonds of St. Johns? Or would it swear that such advice or hint had borne no weight whatever in the decision wherein the bonds were pronounced invalid? All indications now point to a farther investigation of this matter—because it seems that the declarations of Mr. McGarry are not to go unheeded. Swallowed a Nail. Willie Suitter, who was lathing at the Thornadyke home on Park avenue, succeeded last Friday in swallowing a lath nail. It first caught crosswise but finally went down—and no serious effects were felt. Soon as he gets used to it he will carry tenpenny nails—and then spikes.

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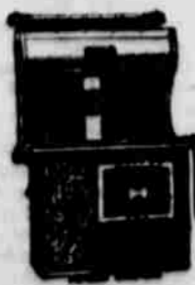
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#### Young Lad Dead.

The funeral of Willie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Swan, of the Point View precinct, was held in the Evangelical church Friday afternoon at two o'clock—Rev. E. E. McVicker officiating. Interment was at the Love cemetery.

On the Sunday preceding his death Willie was troubled with a severe bleeding at the nose but it was not considered that a physician was necessary. Wednesday he felt quite a bit better and all thought that he would feel no evil effects from his illness. Thursday he was taken again with a severe bleeding and died between six and seven in the evening. It was thought he had a hemorrhage of the kidneys as his body was covered with blood blisters.

Willie Swan was born July 24, 1891, in Center County, Nebraska, and died July 13, in St. Johns, age 13 years, 11 months, 19 days. He moved with his parents to the Black Hills; from there to Idaho; thence to Oregon, where they have spent the last few years. He was a steady, industrious, quiet boy, being one of the regular attendants at Sunday school and Christian Endeavor. He received a Bible this spring from his teacher for regular attendance at Sunday school. It has been his privilege to ring the church bell at the close of Sabbath school, a duty in which he took particular pride. His pastor had often said that there was the making of a good christian and a church worker and he believed that it would have been true had his career not been cut short so suddenly by death.

A father, mother, two sisters and one brother mourn his early demise.

Right here things commenced to grow torrid. Some recriminations began to fly about the room—and several things were uttered in haste to be repeated later on. Mr. Edwards asserted that his actions had been perfectly open and above board; and Mr. Shields desired the city attorney's opinion as to whether or not, according to the charter, Mr. Edwards forfeited his office when he disposed of his property. Mr. Greene read from the charter and plainly showed that Mr. Edwards' office was vacant when he ceased to be a free-holder. After considerable sparring it was decided to postpone any action in the matter until the adjourned meeting on Thursday evening. Adjourned.