

Council Proceedings

The regular meeting of the city council Tuesday evening was a lengthy one, but not devoid of interest. All members were present as usual, with Mayor Couch presiding.

Attorney Brown of Portland, representing Leslie Peterson, who fell in the sewer trench last winter and sustained painful injuries, was present in the interest of his client. He stated that he was willing to settle the matter for \$500 rather than take it into the courts. Attorney Geo. J. Perkins, representing Contractor Seybold, stated that the city would be indemnified in the matter, and if it appeared that any damages were due, he would advise settlement by Mr. Seybold.

Mr. Perkins also stated that Platt & Platt would not advise acceptance of the ferry bonds on the plea that the proper notice of election had not been given. He advised holding another election to ratify the previous vote, holding that the city had full power to hold elections while the annexation question is pending in the supreme court. Council also deemed another election the wisest and best course to pursue, and on motion of Alderman Hill the city attorney in conjunction with Mr. Perkins was authorized and directed to draw up the necessary forms for holding same, and have them ready for adoption next Tuesday night; all yes.

A number of Fessenden street property owners prayed that council pay the water company for lowering the mains on this street. Mr. Jennings stating that they could get no water between the hours of 8 and 5 p. m. on account of the small pipe now in use, and the company refused to lower and enlarge the pipes unless assured of 10 cents per foot for doing so. Soc. Perrine pointed out that the water company franchise forced the company to maintain a 20-pound pressure to the square inch at a faucet in every residence, and the franchise was partly read to substantiate the contention. He then moved that the company be notified to conform with its franchise in this regard at once; all yes but Aldermen Valentine and Muck. Mr. Muck then moved that the petition be granted; all yes but Mr. Hill.

Bills amounting to \$248.32 were allowed on motion of Mr. Muck; all yes.

The license committee then reported that the wholesale liquor license of E. O. Magoon for 103 Jersey street was debarred by reason of ordinance prohibiting the selling of liquor in this street. The committee's report was unanimously adopted.

Alderman Horsman made a motion that the city attorney be instructed to draft an ordinance removing the ban against Jersey street. Mayor Couch stated that he never understood the action of a former council in prohibiting license on Jersey street, that it was detri-

mental to other business on a street where they were all bunched together. Alderman Bredeson concurred in this, and the Socialist could see no reason why Jersey street should be debarred from license. On vote all favored reopening Jersey street to the sale of liquor.

As great difficulty has been experienced in the opening and improvement of Dawson street, on motion of Mr. Hill a committee consisting of Messrs. Valentine and Muck was appointed to confer with Mr. Fuller and have him change the trolley line from Dawson street to Jersey street, thus providing more attractive surroundings to the passengers as they come and go.

An ordinance providing the time and manner of improving Baltimore street from Jersey to Edison was passed on motion of Alderman Valentine; all yes.

An ordinance regulating service pipe on hard surface streets was passed on motion of Alderman Valentine.

Socialist Perrine then gave an account of the sewer investigations, in which he defended the city engineer, stating that his eyes had been blinded by a scheme, was too much for one man to look after, and that the engineer had stated the work was bum and must be remedied. Mayor Couch said that the maintenance bond and a portion of the contractor's warrants that had not been turned over would fully protect the property interests.

A resolution directing the engineer to prepare data for the improvement of Edison street from Richmond to Burlington street was unanimously adopted.

Perrine Vindicated

The investigation of the Maple street sewer system, prosecuted by the property owners, has vindicated G. L. Perrine and others in their contention that the sewer was faulty and poorly constructed. We made a personal investigation at the openings on North Jersey street Tuesday and found the pipe slightly cemented together, so much so that we could not get our hand inside the bell. Where a lateral connected with the main the bell had been broken and the opening was covered with a piece of tar paper which could be readily removed disclosing the aperture underneath. The openings to the sewer were made over the bridge of the tunnels and showed that there was room for a good sized man to lie between the sand over the pipe and the roof over the tunnel. Also the cement used inside the large pipes had the appearance as if a handful of cement was grabbed and smeared in a rough way part way around the interior. The work speaks for itself and comment is unnecessary. The city engineer was amazed at the crudeness of the work, and is firm in his statement that work will not go and will have to be remedied. It is believed, however, that the

contractor can be held responsible for reconstructing the sewer properly, as he has not secured a quantity of his warrants and those he has secured will scarcely be negotiable until matters are satisfactorily adjusted. It is conceded that a portion of the system is in passable shape and will not have to be relaid. As we go to press we are informed that the conditions on Edison street were found similar to that on Jersey, and the committee was proceeding with its work on Hayes.

The investigating committee is to be commended for unearthing the discrepancies before it was too late to be of avail.

A automobile party consisting of Dr. A. W. Vincent and family and Miss Ida M. Fassett left last Saturday and returned on Tuesday eve, from a pleasant trip to Mt. Hood. They were joined at Sandy by another automobile party consisting of Dr. S. R. Vincent and wife and sons George and Arthur. While quite a number of the party started up the mountain only Dr. A. W. and son Chester, George and Arthur and Miss Fassett reached Crater Rock. They think that the wonderful view afforded at this place paid them for all their efforts. The ascent to the summit of the mountain is extremely difficult owing to the remarkable scarcity of snow. Only three persons have succeeded in reaching the summit this season.

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