

TOOZE HITS BACK AT SEWER CRITICS

COUNCILMAN TELLS WIRES HE HAS MADE BEST POSSIBLE ARRANGEMENT

CIVIC BODY DEFIED TO GO AHEAD

Dr. Morris, of Committee, Insists Report is Correct—School Man Denounces Special Report

Characterizing a special report of the civic improvement committee of the Live Wires as "infamous misrepresentation," F. J. Tooze, a member of the city council and superintendent of the city schools, made a speech at the weekly luncheon Tuesday that nearly caused a short circuit in that energetic organization.

For the last two weeks there have been reports in circulation that the committee had something of a sensational character to spring, and when a report was called for by Main Trunk Line H. E. Cross, the following was submitted by Dr. J. A. van Brakle, of the civic improvement committee:

The sewer committee wishes to report that it has made a further investigation of the Monroe Street sewer, to see, if possible, the source of the trouble could be located. This sewer is supposed to be a closed sewer in the sense that it is not to be connected with adjacent property until it is connected with the trunk sewer which is to be constructed later.

"The committee interviewed men who were in charge of the sewer and street construction, and they stated that the complained of condition was due to the fact that the sewer was connected with a defective septic tank located upon the premises of F. J. Tooze and that the discharge from the tank was flowing through the sewer and being deposited on the side of the gulch about 20 feet below the street level. On account of the muddy condition of the side hill, the committee was unable to approach nearer than 10 feet from the sewer opening, but that was sufficient to convince them that the complaints were well founded.

The former city engineer upon being asked as to why this connection was made, stated that he had made the connection under instruction of Mr. Tooze, who at that time was a member of the street committee and chairman of the health and police committee of the council.

"We consider this situation to be a direct menace to health and recommend that means be taken to remedy it at once.

"In a former report on the obstruction to traffic occurring on Monroe street, between Twelfth and Thirteenth streets, the suggestion was made that if the sidewalk on the West side of Monroe street were kept clear, it might be best to delay permanent improvement until weather conditions were favorable. While some effort has been made by Mr. Cross to clear this West sidewalk, the committee urgently advises that sufficient dirt be removed to make this street immediately passable."

No sooner has Dr. van Brakle completed the reading of the report than Mr. Cross was on his feet and announced that he would observe the recommendation in the concluding paragraph, but qualified his statement with the assertion that he had under consideration the surrender of his property to the city, because of the excessive cost of the street improvements.

"This matter has been peddled all over town and is a piece of spite work directed at me," exclaimed Mr. Tooze. "It has become a personal matter. I have been a resident of this town for three years and have tried to do my duty, and I have purchased property here and have tried to improve it to make a personal affront. Three years ago I built a house on Monroe street and secured the plans of a sanitary septic tank from the Oregon Agricultural College of the newest and best model. It cost me nearly \$70 to install it. I sink a blind well to take care of the overflow. There is a distinguished gentleman, a member of this club, who owns a house only a block away from me, where conditions are worse."

"Who is the man?" queried Mr. Cross.

"I will not tell you," rejoined Mr. Tooze.

Mr. Tooze proceeded with his explanation. He said that after the sewer had been broken by the change of grade on the street he had the contractor make the connection. He said the outlet was one block from any house. He admitted there might be an odor at times, but declared that there would be an odor from distilled water if run on top of the ground. He said there had been no complaint from any of his neighbors.

"The 121 places in Oregon City that have been reported as violating the law, are as sweet as honey compared with the proposition that this committee is trying to put over," said Mr. Tooze. "I am building another house and shall build another septic tank, and if there is any way street supervisors have been directed to extend the outlet pipe to the lower canyon and be only waiting for better weather to do this. This infamous misrepresentation will not last me for a minute. I have created no nuisance, hence there is no unfairness to abate. I will not put a straw in the way of prosecution and I challenge the committee of the Live Wires to publish the 121 cases of the violation of the law, accompanied with the names of the violators, over the signatures of the committee."

When the name of the former city engineer as the man to whom the committee had gone for its information was mentioned, Mr. Tooze said it was very plain to him where the foundation for the report had come from.

Dr. L. A. Morris, in defense of the committee, explained that a special sub-committee, consisting of himself, Dr. L. L. Picketts and Dr. H. S. Mount, had been named to investigate a complaint.

"Dr. Picketts went with me," said Dr. Morris, "and we found a decided odor. The condition was such that it ought to be remedied. The former city engineer, Mr. Montgomery, told me that before the connection was made the stench was so bad that the workmen threatened to quit. We are not going to fight anyone on personal grounds, but we are going to publish facts. We are looking for violators and we don't care whether the violators are the most prominent citizens or the poorest people in the city. We are not playing favorites and we stand pat on the report."

After some discussion participated in by Mr. Cross, T. W. Sullivan, Dr. van Brakle, L. Stipp and J. E. Hedges, it was stated by Mr. Tooze that he was satisfied that Dr. Morris was making a personal fight on him. This was emphatically denied by the Doctor.

Finally, after a session lasting until after 1:30 o'clock, the Live Wires adopted Mr. Sullivan's resolution authorizing the publication of the names and locations of the reported violators that had not complied with the law after one week's notice had been given. The organization also endorsed the work of the civic improvement committee, upon an amendment submitted by Jesse Harrell.

The committee also presented a supplementary report, declaring its intention to take steps to prosecute offenders. This report follows:

"Friday, February 28, the committee made a reinspection of the ground covered in a detailed report sent in to the health and police committee February 18. We found a number of places that had already been cleaned up, but a majority of those mentioned in our first report have evidently not been touched. We took from our first report a series of five cases which warranted special report to the health and police committee, which we made March 1. These cases include Nos. 32, 34, 46, 84 and 86 in the original report. In our communication to the council committee we suggested that unless the proper authorities secured the removal of these items which constitute violations of city ordinances, following Friday noon, March 7, 1913, the various members of the committee would consider it necessary to file complaints against the owners and see that they are prosecuted."

Among those from Twilight who have joined the Farmers' Society of Equity, are A. H. Harvey, J. C. M. Dodds and the Laxelle dairy. The organization of the farmers is certainly a step in the right direction and is much needed by this class of people, who are giving their support to a worthy cause even if they cannot have a local in their own community. George Schneider is much improved in health. George Schneider made a business trip to Portland one day last week. That the dairy industry is making rapid headway in this section is quite evident. Several more silos will be built this summer and are in readiness to be filled with corn the last of September. Among those to be built will be L. E. Bentley, Mr. Reed, Laxelle Dairy Co. and J. M. O. Gold. Quite a number of cows have been purchased and all of the farmers are raising their milk values. The improvement of the stock in this community is largely due to the interest of W. J. McLeod, the veteran Jersey breeder, who has brought some very fine class cattle into the neighborhood. With the organization of the Laxelle Dairy Co. and the moving of their herd of registered Jersey cattle into this district to increase their herd to fifty cows of the very best producing strain, Twilight will grow fatter, faler and corn to perfection. Why not have a hundred dollar cream check at least every county papers presumably made mention of a common thief in a common way and in fact make the name of one of our most respected citizens, Thomas Kelland, in bold print who had been arrested for stealing wood. Mr. Kelland sold some wood to some certain people in Canemah by the name of Lamb, who would not pay for same. Mr. Kelland informed them that he would have back his property which he did and later was arrested on the complaint of such people for stealing wood. Of course the judge dismissed the case but not until after his neighbor was at considerable expense for attorney fees while the other parties were at no expense as the case was instituted by the district attorney. This does not seem like justice but it only proves that honest labor is fined on every hand.

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Miss Eleanor Brodie, of Portland, who was formerly a teacher in the Twilight school, called on Mrs. La. Belle last Monday.

Thomas Kelland and Charles Schmeldecker, with their families called on Wallace Johnson, of Canemah last Sunday.

Miss Alta Ransley, teacher of the Twilight school, is much improved in health and has resumed her duties.

CORRESPONDENCE

LOGAN.

These balmy breezes cause two hens to cackle where only one did before, and the housewife with hoe in hand, and packet of lettuce seed in her pocket, it is safe to say, Spring is here.

H. C. Hawley, of Corvallis made a visit here and attended Grange Saturday.

Mrs. E. Griffith, of Creswell, Oregon, is home on a visit.

W. P. Kirchem went to Albany Tuesday to attend the Creamerymen's meeting at that place.

The annual meeting of the stock holders of the Clear Creek Creamery will be held Monday, March 17, at the Creamery.

Heavy traffic on the gravel road is getting the road in bad condition. If teams did not follow the same track the damage would not be so great.

Miss Bachman, of the Lower Log school is preparing to give an entertainment on March 29, at the Grange hall.

Saturday last was the regular monthly meeting of Harding Grange, an interesting discussion of subjects was had during the afternoon.

Monday, the 15th, will be a general clean-up and work day for all and members are requested not to forget the lunch basket.

Geo. Reed, who formerly lived here and was the victim of a peculiar accident, being struck on the head by a trolley rod and killed in Portland, was laid to rest beside his parents here Tuesday afternoon. The funeral rites were conducted by the Masonic fraternity.

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TWILIGHT

A very pleasant dinner party was participated in by Mr. and Mrs. Schmeldecker, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Harvey and B. L. Harvey at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kelland last Saturday evening.

Mr. Jack, who has purchased the farm of Charles Schmeldecker, will make extensive and immediate improvements on the place, among which will be a new garage, electric light generating plant, alterations to the barn and house and all of the buildings on the place will be thoroughly repainted. Such improvements will not only benefit Mr. Jack's farm but will be a stimulus to the entire community towards better buildings and improvements.

Mr. and Mrs. Killings, of Salem, are visiting with the former's parents in this neighborhood.

George Laxelle and M. J. Laxelle were among those who attended the Commercial Club smoker in Oregon City last Tuesday evening. They report a most enjoyable time.

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Civic Committee, In Sensational Report, Says Many Places Are Not Kept Clean

The civic committee of the Live Wires February 18 made the following report to J. F. Albright, chairman of the health and police committee:

A few weeks ago the undersigned were appointed a committee on civic improvement by the Oregon City Live Wires. Our instructions were that the efforts of the committee were to be directed toward a general improvement in conditions in the city, especially as regards health and sanitation and cleanliness. We have noted in the newspapers the efforts being made along these same lines by the committee on health and police, and it our desire to be of just as much assistance to your committee as possible in carrying out its work. We trust that if we are any way in which we can help you, you will feel entirely free to call upon us.

Shortly after the organization of our committee we made a tour of the city, going over the whole territory as thoroughly as possible, and making notes of the points which might not seem to be in a proper condition and which might constitute a menace to the health or safety of the people.

We are enclosing herewith a list of these items with the hope that it may be of use to you and also that it may possibly save you some time and effort in locating the various places that need attention.

We propose to make occasional inspection trips in the various sections of the city in order to keep in touch with conditions and locate any new points of escape which have previously escaped your attention. If you so desire we would be very pleased to supply you with lists of the items noted on each of such trips.

Our work is directed toward a cleaner, healthier, and more beautiful city, and we hope to cooperate with all who are working in the same direction.

Yours truly,

Dr. A. J. Van Brakle, J. L. Hedges, M. L. Latourette, Dr. L. A. Morris, Dr. Clyde Mount, F. A. Olmsted, Dr. L. L. Picketts, E. Kenneth Stanton, Live Wires.

By F. A. Olmsted, Secretary.

The following is a list of items noted by the civic improvement committee of the Oregon City Live Wires as in need of attention:

In addition to the specific items noted below, large accumulations of manure were noted on roofs in various parts of the city, which indicate that a general campaign is necessary in this direction.

1. The city alone, the railroad needs cleaning up, with the removal of painted signs and the remains of the old Fifth Street levee.

2. Railroad Avenue contains garbage, dirt and trash and needs cleaning up.

3. The barn or shed on Railroad Avenue between Sixth and Seventh Streets constitutes a fire risk and should be condemned.

4. The old tramway over the railroad on Railroad Avenue should be removed, as it is not now used, and the adjacent property cleaned up.

5. Fifth Street between the railroad and Main Street is in an untidy condition.

6. A manure pile was noted at the back of G. F. Anderson's place in block 27.

7. A shed on Tracy's place constitutes a fire menace and should be condemned.

8. The blacksmith shop on Fourth Street, East of Main Street, is in an untidy condition.

9. A broken drain in a yard in the rear of the laundry constitutes a menace to health.

10. A large amount of rubbish was found in the rear of the two food barns between Third and Fourth Streets on Railroad Avenue.

11. The freight yard of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company is dirty and muddy and should be fixed up with crushed rock.

12. The setting bees on the railroad should be made to clean up the right of way back of Healey's mill.

13. The Canemah board walk by the railroad siding is in need of repair.

14. The Oregon City Laundry should clean up its accumulation of rubbish on the back and side of their property.

15. An empty barn in the rear of the laundry should be condemned.

16. Broken down warehouses on both sides of the old ice works should be condemned.

17. There is an accumulation of rubbish in back of houses occupied by Chinese.

18. The sidewalk should be kept clear on Fourth Street West of Main alongside Page's Hardware store.

19. Water Street between Fourth and Fifth is in bad condition, including sidewalks.

20. The end of Fifth Street at Water is filled with material evidently owned by private parties.

21. Materials in the street by the Oregon City Foundry should be kept in neat condition and not spread all around.

22. An open box filled with garbage was noted on the sidewalk on Water Street near Fifth.

23. A manure pile was found near the stables at Fifth and Water Streets.

24. The river bank in front of the Eika's building should be cleaned up and improved.

25. An accumulation of boxes, etc., in the rear of Levitt's store constitutes a fire menace.

26. The property belonging to Mrs. Fuch, corner Seventh and Railroad Avenue, should be cleaned up.

27. Numerous dirty bill boards were noted near the railroad.

28. The bluff north from Seventh Street carries a large accumulation of trash.

29. Railroad Avenue alley is in very untidy condition.

30. Surroundings of the water tower are dirty.

31. Conditions in the rear of the Weinhard building are very unsanitary, there being manure, rubbish, etc., which should be removed.

32. The rear of the Publicity building of the Commercial Club is filled with rubbish.

33. A manure pile and unsanitary yard located on the Moreland property, block 23.

34. The rear of the Samsen property is in bad shape.

35. The Cheney yard should be cleaned up.

36. The surroundings of the railroad house should be improved.

37. Moss Street, beside the Congregational Church is dirty and in bad condition.

38. A lot at the corner of Eleventh and Main Streets is being used for dumping purposes.

39. The plant of the Ice Company is in unsanitary surroundings, with manure, etc., which is especially undesirable in consideration of the nature of the business.

40. The alley beside the garage at Twelfth and Main Streets is filled with trash.

41. The river side from Ninth Street to the sawmill is an intermittent dump heap, and should be kept free from both rubbish and garbage.

42. The bank to the river near (back) is a hill of drift wood.

43. The river bank back of the court house is being used as a general dump.

44. One of the worst alleys in town is in the block between Seventh and Eighth Streets, West of Main.

45. The barn at sixteenth and Main Streets is unsanitary and the chimney out of the side of the barn constitutes a fire risk.

46. A manure pile was found by the barn at Fourteenth and Water Streets.

47. Fourteenth Street should be scraped by the contractors before Main Street is accepted.

48. The retaining wall on the East side of Monroe Street, between Twelfth and Thirteenth on the Cross property is rotten down and mud and dirt cover the sidewalk and much of the street.

49. The manure pile and unsanitary conditions were found in the vicinity of a cow barn at Twelfth and Van Buren Streets on the place owned by J. D. Wilcox.

50. A manure pile was found near a barn on the East side of Taylor Street between Seventh and Eighth Streets, also another on the West side.

51. A barn in the rear of Nash's place at J. Q. Adams and Seventh Streets was found in an unsanitary condition.

52. A barn and alley back of Red-daway's, next to the Mayor's house, between Eleventh and Eighth Streets, was found in an unsanitary condition.

53. There is an accumulation of rubbish back of the Seventh Street Hotel.

54. Jack & Albright's barn, between Sixth and Seventh Streets, on Main Street, was not in a proper condition.

55. An old orchard and broken down fence at Jefferson and Fifth Streets presented an unsightly appearance.

56. An improvement in conditions is needed around the Williams Brothers' barn on Fifth Street between John Adams and Washington.

57. The corner lot occupied by the telephone company near Williams Brothers' barn was covered with old wire rubbish.

58. An old shed and chicken yard in the Northwest corner of Fourth and Washington Streets was in an unsatisfactory condition.

59. The bank at the North end of Monroe Street is apparently being used as a dump for cans and garbage.

60. A manure pile was found in the middle of Thirteenth Street near Mr. Tooze's residence.

61. A barn at the corner of Thirteenth and J. Q. Adams Streets was in filthy condition and the whole lot was unsanitary and untidy.

62. A manure pile was found at the Southeast corner of Twelfth and Van Buren Streets.

63. A barn at the rear of the Whitlock property, between Twelfth and Thirteenth Streets, East of Jackson, was in unsanitary condition.

64. A manure pile was found in the rear of a barn at the East side of Taylor, near Seventh Street.

65. A manure pile was found in the rear of Everhart & Hall's barn.

66. A manure pile was also found on Mt. Hood Street, near Everhart & Hall's store.

67. The cemetery fence needs repairing and repairs.

68. A manure pile was noted back of the pool hall on Molalla Avenue.

69. There was a manure pile back of Beverly's grocery store.

70. The old pump factory on Molalla Avenue and Logus Street should be condemned.

71. A manure pile was noted on John Fairbrough's place.

72. A manure pile was seen in the rear of a barn at Ninth and Jackson Streets.

73. A manure pile and unsanitary conditions were found in the rear of the Callig place on Ninth Street between Monroe and Jackson.

74. Eighth Street in the vicinity of Monroe and Jackson Streets, was in bad condition and needs cleaning up.

75. Unsanitary conditions were found in the rear of the Transient Feed Stores on Seventh Street.

76. Manure pile was found between Second and Third Streets on Jefferson Street (Phillips' place).

77. Old cans and other rubbish were found on High Street.

78. A walk on High Street, near Fourth, was in need of repairs.

79. Three barns were found on High Street between Fifth and Sixth which were not in a satisfactory condition.

80. Schmeppert's barn on the alley back of C. G. Miller's place was in unsanitary condition and there was considerable garbage in the alley.

81. Alley in the block between Center and Washington, and between Sixth and Seventh Streets, was in bad condition and also the barns on the North side of this alley.

82. Unsanitary conditions were found around the house at 711 John Adams Street, and water was draining directly under the house.

83. The surroundings of Schroder's factory were unclean and unsanitary.

84. Eighth Street, between Washington and John Adams Streets was full of brass and some rubbish.

85. A manure pile and unsanitary conditions were found around a barn at D. C. Latourette's.

86. A drain pipe was discharging under the sidewalk and the premises were in bad condition at 1212 Madison Street.

87. A barn at John Adams and Fourteenth Streets was in poor condition.

88. The property along the railroad tracks between Twelfth and Fourteenth streets was in bad condition.

89. The discharge of sewage in an open sewer from John Adams and Fourteenth Streets into the Abernathy should be prevented as soon as possible.

In addition to the foregoing, there were numerous instances where retaining walls were either badly needed or were not doing their proper work, and where mud and dirt covered portions of the sidewalk and street.

KELSO

Mr. Schimmel who had his leg broken recently by a fall on the ice is steadily improving.

Saturday evening, March 8th, was the closing meeting of the Kelso debating society. Instead of a debate an excellent program was rendered. A large attendance was present.

In the near future a parents-teachers meeting will be held at the school house with the object of arousing interest and furthering plans for the juvenile fair next fall.

EAGLE CREEK.

A. J. Chapman, of Pendleton, is the guest of his daughter, Mrs. R. B. Gibson.

Ed Douglas, who has been ill with the measles the past week, was able to ride out on Monday.

Miss Maud Murfin is at present working for Mrs. H. G. Huntington.

Mr. and Mrs. Howlett entertained A. J. Chapman and Mrs. R. B. Gibson at dinner the other day.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Douglas made a business trip to Estacada on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Udell visited with James Gibson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Gibson Sunday evening.

H. S. Gibson was a Portland visitor the first of the week.

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