

TOPAVE WITH WOOD

Council Settles the Fourth-Street Question.

PROPERTY-OWNERS FAVOR IT

Dr. Dorn, an Unknown, Wants an Independent Telephone Franchise

Bond or no bond, Fourth street is to be paved with wood blocks treated with carbolicum

Veto Message From the Mayor.

Mayor Rowe returned the ordinance providing for the improvement of Fourth street with wood blocks, without his approval

Dr. Dorn's Application.

The petition of Dr. Emil Dorn, of Chicago, to be granted a franchise to construct, operate and maintain a telephone system in Portland was referred to the street committee

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A warrant for \$217.63 on the general fund to pay assessments for the construction of sewers on public property was passed.

For Sewer Construction. Ordinances declaring the proportionate share of the cost of constructing sewers in the following-named streets and making appropriations therefor as follows were passed: Commercial street, \$500.00; Sandy Road, \$250.00; Morris street, \$200.00; East Davis street, \$400.00; Michigan avenue, \$300.00.

An ordinance appropriating \$200.00 to pay for license tags and authorizing the drawing of a warrant for the same was passed.

An ordinance making a transfer of \$500 from the general fund to the bonded indebtedness interest fund to provide for the payment of interest due February 1 was passed.

An ordinance temporarily transferring \$200.00 from the general fund to the Fire Department fund as a loan was passed.

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BLOCKED ALL THE TIME

SIDEWALKS IMPASSABLE ON MANY STREETS.

Plain Language of the Ordinance Against Obstructions Seems to Be Greek to the Authorities.

No. 7100.—An ordinance to prevent the obstruction of streets.—The City of Portland does ordain as follows:

Section 2.—Awnings, erection of...

Section 3.—Signs and advertisements not to be suspended over sidewalks.

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APOLOGETIC, EXPLANATORY.

A Statement That Did Good—One Case Run Down and the Money Accounted For.

PORTLAND, Feb. 5.—(To the Editor.)—Your editorial in the issue of the 3d inst., relative to a certain tax reported delinquent upon property owned by a lady of this city, and for which she held a receipt, presents the case in such a biased way and reflects so unjustly upon the officials of this city, that we believe your generally fair and impartial treatment of such subjects will induce you to publish the facts in the case.

In the first place, if tax is unpaid, it should be collected. It is the duty of officers to collect it if possible, and because it has been delinquent a long time is a greater reason why prompt and vigorous action should be taken. To do otherwise is to offer a pre-

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HOW STUCKY MET DEATH

HIS CARELESSNESS DID NOT CAUSE POWDER EXPLOSION.

While He Was Playing Banjo in Bankhouse His Companions Left Thawing Explosive.

The father of Bernard Stucky, the young man who died from injuries received by powder explosion Sunday morning, came in yesterday from his home at Fernwood, near the Stucky, and took the body of his son there for burial at that place.

Funeral services will be held there some time today. The family are Swiss. Only recently they went into that district to make a short stay, and the deceased was working out to help along, James Lampert, a young man, employed as foreman in an Albina brickyard, is a brother-in-law of the deceased.

From later information received yesterday from that neighborhood, it appears the accident was not caused by the carelessness of young Stucky. He was employed by Groves & Yorker, who have a sawmill. The millmen were blasting out an excavation for a place for sawlogs.

Considerable of the blasting had been completed, but some work remained unfinished. Stucky had nothing to do with handling the dynamite. The powder, it seems, was kept in a case in the bankhouse, where he was stopping. The men who were doing the blasting put the powder in a bucket and were thawing it out.

The men were out of the bank, leaving Stucky playing on his banjo. He was thus engaged when the explosion took place.

W. E. Merkel, who lives at Pleasant Lane, four miles from the sawmill, said he heard the explosion very plainly. He also said that the report was heard at Gresham and in other places, 10 miles distant. There were about 40 pounds of dynamite in the lot that exploded, and the wonder is that Stucky was not blown to atoms.

The destruction of the shanty was complete. Parts were blown 50 yards away, and some clothing and other articles were found afterwards in the trees. It is not known whether any official investigation will be made or not into the accident. The first report was that it was caused by the carelessness of the young man who died from his injuries.

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