

BAKER FOR REFORM

Fathers Stringent Ordinance to Protect Public Health.

SWEEPING IN PROVISIONS

City Council Hesitates to Pass Measure So Radical and Refers It to Committee for Careful Investigation.

An ordinance, stringent in its terms and sweeping in its application, was presented by Councilman Baker at yesterday's meeting of the City Council. It is intended to regulate the sanitary conditions in the city and to vest in the City Health Officer and his assistants the authority to enforce to the letter its provisions. Inspired by the recent epidemic of spinal meningitis, which thrives best under unsanitary conditions, the author of the ordinance, assisted by Preston, made an earnest attempt to have the measure enacted yesterday, but Mayor Lane and Meneff and other members of the Council cautioned a more deliberate consideration of an important bill, inasmuch as it is so radical in its application and rigidly exacting in its requirements. Therefore the ordinance was referred to the committee on health and police, to be reported for final passage at the next meeting.

In presenting the ordinance, Baker explained that the measure had been suggested by Health Officer Wheeler and was drafted by City Attorney McNary. He said he felt satisfied the provisions of the measure were only such as are necessary to maintain proper sanitary conditions, and since the ordinance had been carefully prepared and drawn up, there could be no question as to its legality. "We certainly need some such law in this city and we should make it possible to enforce its provisions," said Mr. Baker. "Dr. Wheeler tells me Portland never needed such a law as badly as at the present time. I cannot see why there should be any delay in putting this ordinance to a final vote now."

Preston followed and urged the passage of the ordinance in the interests of the public health. He said the fatal experience this city had been having with spinal meningitis was conclusive proof that there should be no delay in enacting something that would tend to prevent such epidemics. But the friends of the measure were baffled and the ordinance was postponed.

The ordinance provides for better sanitary conditions in the growing, marketing, handling and exhibiting for sale of all meats, fish, fruits, vegetables and food products of all kinds. It also makes it a misdemeanor for any hotel, restaurant or boarding-house where meals are served to employ any person having consumption, or any other communicable disease. The use of any chemical deleterious to health in any food article is forbidden. Slaughtering must be done in every case be provided with a cesspool. No animal for food shall be killed within the city limits except by permission of the City Health Officer. Fines ranging from \$25 to \$500 are provided and the Health Officer and his assistants are empowered to enforce the provisions of the measure.

The warm weather of the last few days is believed to have brought the spinal meningitis germ and Dr. Wheeler says a continuance of present weather conditions for another week will rid the community of the epidemic. The number of the disease has been reported in the city in the last 72 hours and in the same length of time but one case has been received at the hospital, the victim being a 6-year-old boy. The epidemic is at its height, but the condition of the little sufferer was improved, with fair chances for recovery.

SURVIVORS ARE COMING

Those Who Escaped Injury in Honda Disaster Will Visit Portland.

Survivors of the terrible Honda wreck in Southern California, will reach Portland tomorrow morning, in the Pullman car Crooke. The car will be attached to the regular train from the South and will arrive here at 7:25 A. M. The car carries 15 Shriners who were in the smash-up but were fortunate enough to escape with little or no injury. The number is made up of those on the wrecked train who cared to continue their journey as originally planned. The remainder of the passengers on that train returned direct to Los Angeles and their proposed trip back by the northern route.

Yesterday was a quiet day among the Shriners in the city. No special trains arrived with returning delegations, though a few of the representatives to the Los Angeles Imperial Convention came in on the regular trains. In view of the fact that no specials were expected, but little could be done for the entertainment of yesterday's arrivals. However, as soon as their presence became known they were taken about town during the afternoon and at night enjoyed a theatrical party.

A rush is expected today, two special trains being expected this morning—one with delegations from Pennsylvania and another carrying Klismet contingent from Brooklyn, N. Y. The first special is to arrive at about 7:25 A. M., while the second is expected to arrive an hour later—at 8:30 o'clock.

Potentate Douglas W. Taylor requests members of Al Kader Temple and especially the committees to be on hand at the Union Depot at the time of the

NEW PLAN OF OPERATION

Cars on O. W. P. Division to Run on Second Street.

Plans to run cars of the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company division north on Second street from Madison to Alder have been made by operating officials of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company and as soon as tracks can be laid on Alder between First and Second and curves put in, this change in routing O. W. P. cars will be made.

A permit to build a track for this purpose on Alder street, between First and Second, was granted yesterday by the Council and work will soon be begun to make this connection. Only one block of track need be laid to complete this loop and curves will be running over the new route within a few weeks.

The purpose of the change in routing is to relieve First street of the present congestion of streetcar traffic. The double tracks along that thoroughfare are too crowded with cars to admit of the best service. As all the people for the First street car flock to First and Alder and First and Washington to take their cars, this causes a crush on First during the rush hours. Facilities for switching cars from the west end of the east at the end of the run at Alder street are inadequate and often cause considerable delay in the prompt dispatch of cars. With the proposed change, all this will be done away with and cars entering the city will go west on Madison street from the bridge to Second, where they will turn down Alder as far as Second, and then make a loop to First and leave the city by the Madison bridge without the necessity for changing headlights, controller cranks or switching levers. The change will be effected from changing ends with the motorman at the end of each run and there will be no further necessity for the conductor to go through the car and turn the seats.

California Business Men Coming.

California business men will return the courtesy paid them by the business men of the Pacific Northwest in making excursions south by a similar journey north in July. Visits will be made to all points in the Northwest and there will be 15 leading California business men in the party. Eugene, Salem, Portland, Tacoma, Seattle, Bellingham, Vancouver, B. C., will be visited. Plans are being made for the entertainment of the visitors while here. The exact date of their arrival has not yet been learned.

John Paul Jones Coming to Hospital.

John Paul Jones, traveling-passenger agent for the Southern Pacific lines in Oregon, will reach Portland today from California, where he was taken seriously ill. He will be taken to the hospital upon his arrival here. He is still at all points Assistant-General Passenger Agent Scott met Mr. Jones at Ashland yesterday and will accompany him back to Portland. Mrs. Jones is also coming with her husband. News that Mr. Jones had almost wholly recovered was a mistake. He may be kept in the hospital for some time.

Commission Postpones Inspection.

The proposed inspection of the Oregon Water Power lines by the Oregon Railroad Commission has been postponed and will not be held this week as planned. Commissioner Aitchison had arranged to go over the system with a cesspool. No animal for food shall be killed within the city limits except by permission of the City Health Officer. Fines ranging from \$25 to \$500 are provided and the Health Officer and his assistants are empowered to enforce the provisions of the measure.

ANSWERS MR. MURDOCK

A. Crofton Points Out Effect of Sellwood Voting Dry.

Vigorous contradiction is made by A. Crofton of the Municipal Association's statement that if Sellwood votes "dry" at Fall, after the time the new building expires. Plans are being drawn for a frame building of two stories with attic and basement for Lewis Montgomery, to be built at East Twentieth and East Salmon streets. This building, with some other improvements, will cost \$15,000.

Store for East Burnside.

Two buildings on East Burnside street, between East Sixth and Seventh streets, owned by G. O. Holmes, have been razed preparatory to the erecting of a store building. The upper portion will be occupied for offices.

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LOT BRINGS \$46,000

Property 25 by 50 at Second and Morrison Disposed Of.

BUYER MRS. E. W. PAXTON

North Pacific Dental College Buys Half Block at Holladay Avenue and East Sixth and Will Erect a Four-Story Building.

Yesterday's transfers included one that places a new basis of valuation on downtown property.

The southeast corner of Second and Morrison streets, fronting 25 feet on Second and 50 feet on Morrison, was sold through the agency of Wakefield, Fries & Company to Elizabeth W. Paxton, for \$46,000. The piece is improved with a three-story brick building and is part of the estate of the late Dr. Davenport, the last owners being John and Mary E. McDonald, now residents of England, who were among the heirs of Dr. Davenport. This property had not changed ownership for about 40 years, being part of the large estate Dr. Davenport left to his brothers in his will.

Other transfers of record yesterday were the lots on First street between Ash and Oak recently purchased by Dr. Cornelius for \$25,000, and the northeast corner of Flinders and Park streets, bought by A. C. Morier for \$30,000.

Dental College to Build.

East Portland is to have another important building on Holladay avenue.

The North Pacific Dental College, now occupying premises at Fifteenth and Couch streets, has purchased the half block at Holladay avenue and East Sixth streets, the deal being consummated yesterday.

Plans for the new building are completed and work is to be started at once on a four-story concrete structure that is to be occupied entirely by the college, and a department of pharmacy, that is to be added to the regular dental course. A dental supply depot also will be probably incorporated in the new quarters.

The college has rented the building now occupied, possession to be given next year, and work on the new building will be rushed to completion so that it may be ready for occupancy at the beginning of next year's term.

New East Side Building.

One of the largest building permits recently issued for the East Side for some time was the \$60,000 permit for erection of the new building, now being built by R. A. Proutfoot, at East Burnside and East Third streets. Work on the foundation is progressing rapidly. This structure will be three stories high. Steel rods for the reinforced concrete walls are being delivered. This will be the first building of the sort to be built on the East Side. Machinery is on the ground for mixing concrete.

Legg & Pugh are completing plans for the Masonic temple to be built on East Eighth and Burnside streets. It will be 100x50, two stories with basement, and will cost about \$125,000. The architects have been instructed to proceed with the plan and specifications, preparatory to letting the contract. The building will be modeled for the accommodation of the East Side Masonic lodges, and will be ready for occupancy some time in the fall, after the time the new building expires.

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At the Theaters

HAVE A SMILE WITH WEBB

San Francisco Opera Company Scores in "Fantana."

Seldom in the history of Portland has the public been offered such a feast of music and humor as the "Fantana" now giving them in the brilliant Japanese-American musical comedy. "Fantana." The San Francisco opera company, 45 artists in all, including the bewitching girl chorus, is the best popular-priced organization in the country.

"The New Dominion" a Favorite.

"The New Dominion," a classic play from the pen of Clay Clement, is the attraction at the Baker Theater this week, and is proving one of the most popular and enjoyable productions staged by the Baker Theater organization. Mr. Baume is in one of his very best roles, that of the

lovable German baron who loved flowers—and a sweet girl. Matinee tomorrow.

"The Whitecaps" by Seaman Co.

At the Empire Theater this week the Seaman Company is again winning its way into the hearts and fancy of the public by its marvelous production of "The White Caps." Every member of the organization is doing artistic work, and special mention can be made of Miss Pitt, Miss Jones and Mr. Whitaker. Matinee tomorrow.

"The Singing Girl," at the Marquam.

The second offering of the San Francisco Opera Company, which has scored such a wonderful hit at the Marquam, will be "The Singing Girl," at the Marquam. The singing girl, music lovers are familiar with the fascinating score, although it has never been sung in Portland.

"Behind the Mask."

There is a really successful melodrama at the Lyric this week; it is "Behind the Mask," and is presented in a charming manner by Miss Verna Felton and the Allen Stock Company. The scenes are thrilling and realistic. Matinee tomorrow and Sunday. Evening performance at 8:15. Reserved seats will be given its first performance on Sunday at the matinee.

COMING ATTRACTIONS.

A Hoyt Comedy Next Week.

Manager Baker has determined to give his patrons a genuine Hoyt comedy next week, and the selection of "A Contented Woman" is meeting with enthusiastic approval. This is one of the cleverest satires ever produced by that king of playwrights, and it is funny in every word, scene and action. First performance Sunday afternoon.

"Wicked London" Will Be Presented

The Seaman Stock Company is preparing "Wicked London" to present at the Empire next week, and the patrons of that popular house will have opportunity to see one of the most dramatic and weirdly fascinating stories ever put on any stage. "Wicked London" will be given its first performance on Sunday at the matinee.

"The Counterfeiters" Next.

"The Counterfeiters" is a highly realistic melodrama with an abundance of good, clean comedy. It has been selected for next week's bill at the Lyric, and Miss Verna Felton and all the members of the Allen Stock Company will be in the cast. Seat sale for the entire week opens Sunday morning. Get the Lyric habit.

AT THE VAUDEVILLE THEATERS

Breezy Bill at Pantages.

A breezy, up-to-date and thoroughly enjoyable show holds the boards at Pantages this week. If you are feeling blue or want a little healthy diversion, that's the ticket to read for right away. Jolly and Wild will jolly you into a good humor, and the other New York specialties will leave you in a happy mood. It's an all-good show.

LANE MEETING TONIGHT

Senator Gearin, Mayor Lane and Judge Pipes will discuss the issues of the Mayorality campaign at the Lane rally in the Armory tonight. Ladies as well as voters are invited.

DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

PORTLAND, Or., May 16.—Maximum temperature, 68 degrees; minimum temperature, 49 degrees. River reading at 8 A. M., 12.4 feet; no change in last 24 hours. Total precipitation since September 1, 1906, 47.71 inches; normal precipitation for same period, 1.106, 47.2 inches; deficiency, 1.03 inches. Total sunshine, May 15, 12 hours, 0 minutes; possible sunshine, May 15, 14 hours, 57 minutes. Barometer reduced to sea-level, 30.02 inches.

PACIFIC COAST WEATHER.

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WEATHER CONDITIONS.

The weather continues unsettled in the North Pacific states and small thunder showers have occurred at scattered places in Eastern Oregon, Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho, and thunder-showers will probably occur again Friday in the same localities and also in Southern Idaho. The temperature has fallen nearly everywhere on the Pacific Slope.

FORECASTS.

Portland and vicinity—Friday, probably fair; westerly winds.

Western Oregon and Western Washington—Friday, fair to clear.

Eastern Oregon, Eastern Washington and Idaho—Friday, showers and thunder-storms.

EDWARD A. BEALS, District Forecaster.

After May 1st The Oregonian will discontinue furnishing clippings of advertisements inserted under headings of New Today, or in the classified columns. Advertisers who do not keep a record of their advertising may check up their statements from the files of The Oregonian in business office.

Fine Rugs to Order. Any size. Any design and coloring. Without seams. R. C. H. WEBER, of Berlin and New York, will be at our store all day today with the full sample line of the celebrated Seamless Rugs, made by Koch & te Kock, of Oelsnitz, Germany.

J. G. Mack & Co. Exclusive Carpet House. 86-88 Third Street. Remember, CAPITOL HILL is on the West Side, the same side as is the entire business section of the City of Portland. Every lot has a commanding view, every lot cleared in grass plot.

CAPITOL HILL. The most beautiful and desirable of all West Side property. Only \$200 per lot now, but the price will be advanced on June 1, so if you want to wait and pay more after June 1, all right, wait.

CLOHESSY & SMITH. 401-2 McKay Building, Portland. Remember, CAPITOL HILL is on the West Side, the same side as is the entire business section of the City of Portland. Every lot has a commanding view, every lot cleared in grass plot.

Imperial Hotel Co. Seventh and Washington Streets, Portland, Oregon. European Plan. \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00 per Day.

AUCTION SALES TODAY. At Wilson's Auction Rooms, 208 First st., 10 A. M. Phone Main 1629. J. T. Wilson, Auctioneer.

FUNERAL NOTICES. McLANAHAN—At White Salmon, Wash., May 14, Johnson McLanahan, aged 74 years, 5 months and 29 days.

CLASSIFIED AD. RATES. (FOR CASH ADVERTISING.) Following rates will be given only when advertising is ordered to run consecutive days, Daily and Sunday issues.

McKinley Mitchell. 202 1/2 Stark St. 65x100. Between 37th and 38th on East Salmon, \$1000 Terms.

B. S. Cook & Co. 251 Alder St. WASHINGTON STREET. No inside 50x100 lot as good, slightly or as cheap as 20th on Portland's principal business thoroughfare.

AMUSEMENTS. MARQUAM GRAND. Phone Main 2929. SAN FRANCISCO OPERA CO. Presenting the Musical Gem.

Baker Theater. Phone Main 9. Geo. L. Baker, Gen. Mgr. Permanently located—The famous Baker Theater Company.

EMPIRE THEATER. Phone Main 117. Milton W. Seaman, Manager. Tonight—The greatest modern Melodrama.

LYRIC THEATER. Phone Main 4685. This Week the Allen Stock Company Presenting the New Sensational Melodrama Success.

THE STAR. Phone Main 5498. THE WASHINGTON STREET STOCK CO. Presents The Great Sensational Drama "DEVIL'S ISLAND."

PANTAGES THEATER. Bella Gordon. Leo White. Marie Sparrow. JOLLY AND WILD, the Noted Funsters.

BASEBALL Recreation Park. Corner Vaughn and Twenty-fourth. Portland vs. San Francisco. May 15, 16, 17, 18, 19.

Ladies' Day Friday. ADMISSION, 25c. GRANDSTAND 25c, CHILDREN 10c. NEW TODAY.

PLATTING PROPOSITION. 24 acres of the choicest and most sightly acreage in Rose City Park vicinity. Will plat into 160 lots that will sell at prices netting large returns on the investment.

O. L. FERRIS. Room 20, Washington Bldg. Acreage Acreage. Without question we have the cheapest buy on the market.

THE Family Didn't Agree About the Name of Portland's Youngest. The County Clerk had the Ruling Vote, so we Changed the Name from ENGLEWOOD to MENEFF. FOURTH AND STARK STS.

GEO. B. UNDERWOOD. THE OFFICE ON THE CORNER. MENEFF ADDITION. This New Addition is Made Up of Beautiful Home Lots. Come in and Let Us Take You to the Spot—TODAY.