

LANE REFUSES TO ASK FOR OFFICERS

Council Also Refuses to Accept Responsibility for North End Crusade.

MATTER STILL AT ISSUE

City Legislators Formally Offer Mayor All Help He Requires and Will Now Await Action on His Part.

Mayor Lane and members of the City Council, during a session of the legislative body yesterday afternoon, discussed at considerable length the proposed experiment of ridding the city of all women known as disorderly characters and keeping them away from Portland. The point at issue was as to whether or not the Mayor wants ten extra policemen to clean up the city. When asked point blank by Councilman Collins, the executive refused to answer directly. He simply said the situation, as explained by him in an official letter, is as well known to the Councilmen as to him and for them to do as they deemed proper in the circumstances. After much talk, Councilman Bennett introduced a resolution calling for a communication to the Mayor. In which it will be set forth that the Council stands ready at any time to furnish the Mayor with all the assistance he may require to enforce the laws.

Several Councilmen, during the exchange of words, expressed their opinion as opposed to any campaign to drive out the disorderly women. They declared that it cannot be done and that if the women are ordered out of the North End and other districts where they are now located, it will scatter them in all portions of the city and thus result in a condition far more deplorable than any heretofore or at present known in Portland.

Doubts Wisdom of Policy. Mayor Lane himself said frankly that he is in doubt as to the advisability of trying to rid the city of the women, but that certain persons had invoked the law and that, if the Council should see fit to grant him extra help, he will try to clean the North End.

When Mr. Collins asked if the Mayor wished to have ten more policemen, Mayor Lane replied that the Councilmen were in full possession of the facts in the case, and were at liberty to do as they wished. He did suggest, however, that the Council let the question go over for two weeks and refer it to a committee to consult with the Mayor. This suggestion was not heeded by the Council, as it is purely a matter for the Mayor and the Executive Board, and not properly a duty of the Council.

The matter came up on an ordinance introduced by Councilman Kellaheer, which carried with it an appropriation of \$4000, to pay the salaries of ten more policemen. During the discussion Councilmen Collins, Cottle, Kellaheer, Driscoll, Bennett and Vaughn took part, and each expressed the belief that the Mayor should be left to drive out and keep away all of the disorderly women now in Portland, would be attempting an utter impossibility.

Mayor Lane, when pressed to say whether he was asking for extra policemen, said:

Leaves All to Council. "Gentlemen, vote me ten policemen, and within ten days I will invoke the law and endeavor to enforce it strictly. Do whatever you see fit, right now. It's up to you to do as you think best."

Expression of opinion on the subject by members of the Council were as follows: Dr. Cottle—in a seaport city, like this, the social evil cannot be eradicated. We can only restrict it, drive out these women and keep them out, is an utter impossibility. We ought to be conservative and make them stay in some convenient locality.

Mr. Driscoll—it is not the women of the North End that make the trouble for the police, but the younger girls and women. They are the kind who make the trouble. I know that it is useless to attempt such a reform as driving the women out of the North End, and will vote against granting extra policemen to believe in forcing the Mayor to do something just because a few people are agitating it.

Mr. Bennett—as members of the Council, we are not supposed to know what the Mayor is going to do with extra police, and I think we should vote him the man asked for, the understanding to be that he shall direct them to any duty he may deem fit.

Vaughn Sides Against Mayor. Mr. Vaughn—Yes, we do, too, know what the Mayor wants to do with the extra police, if we grant them. We know that he intends to drive out the women from the North End. I want to say right now that it can't be done with 1300 policemen. What has never been accomplished in the history of the world can't be done in Portland.

Mr. Kellaheer—I will vote to give the Mayor all help he may require, but I am opposed to driving the women from the North End district to the residence sections, which would probably result if he issues the order to drive them out of town.

The action of the Council, in ordering a letter sent to the Mayor, will save off any contemplated action on his part, in all probability, until the next session of the Council. Unless he decides to proceed with the execution of an order now under consideration, closing up all disorderly houses and banishing the women inmates from the city, without awaiting further action by the Council, nothing will be done for two or three weeks.

At the morning session of the Council, the Mayor introduced a supplementary letter to the Council, explaining that he did not mean to be understood as needing extra policemen merely to close up the houses, but that he meant it to be known he needed them for further execution of the plan, if put into effect. He also said there is no political significance in the matter and no intention to embarrass the Council.

LANE TO REPRESENT CITY

Council Fails to Vote Funds for Trip to Regatta.

Councilman Vaughn introduced an ordinance before the City Council yesterday

afternoon appropriating \$300 to defray the expenses of the Mayor, members of the Council and the Executive Board on a trip to the Astoria regatta. Councilman Cannon objected, however, to the final passage of the ordinance, which effectively killed the measure. Mr. Vaughn urged that it would be only right and proper for the city to be officially represented at Astoria to show the good will of Portland.

"Who it seems to me that \$300 should be appropriated and as many city officials as can should go," said Mr. Vaughn. "I have just been visiting in Seattle and got a little whiff of that spirit they boast of over there. And even a little place like Walla Walla is active and very wide awake. I also stopped over there a day, and found that the Mayor and Council there are very much alive. Now, as the metropolis of the Northwest, we should be well represented at the Astoria regatta."

Mayor Lane left the chair at 5 o'clock and proceeded to Astoria, where he will officially represent Portland. So far as known, Mr. Vaughn is the only Councilman who will attend. Although others favored the passage of the ordinance, they said they could not get away from business.

SALE OF BONDS DELAYED

COUNCIL POSTPONES ACTION ON BRIDGE PROJECT.

City Attorney and City Engineer Will Consult as to Proper Procedure.

The sale of \$450,000 of bonds for the construction of a bridge at Madison street was not authorized by the City Council yesterday, although several of the members and City Treasurer Werlein made strong efforts to secure the adoption of a resolution instructing the City auditor to advertise the bonds for sale. There is a movement on, led by Councilmen Kellaheer and Cottle, to hold up the project and to arrange to have the money used in the proposed high bridge, for which the City Attorney Kavanaugh and City Engineer Taylor will consult as to the proper course to pursue and will probably report at the next session.

There is a difference of opinion as to whether a bridge such as will be required can be built for \$450,000, the amount authorized in the act. Some contend that it is impossible to put up a first-class steel structure of the kind needed for that amount, and are urging that another method of seeking to have the bridge built across the Willamette River farther south.

There are many who wish immediate action on the construction of a new bridge, the Structural Iron Workers' Union, the representatives of which have been endeavoring for a long time to get speedy action on the second bridge, the pipe line project. It has been urged by them that the Council lose no time in advertising for bids for the bridge, and that they should not be ordered to wait. Among those most enthusiastic over the project is City Treasurer Werlein. He was present yesterday afternoon and spoke in favor of immediate action. He was asked at one time, and that some arrangement should be entered into whereby the city could sell what amounts to a bridge and whenever it desired, and said that, so far as the bridge itself is concerned, there is the most urgent need for quick action.

Councilman Wills put in a resolution, authorizing the Auditor to advertise for bids for the sale of the bonds, but this was not adopted. A. Van Hens, a resident of South Portland, made a speech, in which he declared that the bridge should be located farther south than Madison street, as the Morrison-street bridge is too near to have another structure at Madison street. He also expressed the opinion, based on his own data gathered by him, that the bridge cannot be built for \$450,000.

Another Bridge Meeting Tonight.

A special meeting of the Brooklyn Republican and Improvement Club will be held tonight in the club hall on Milwaukee and Powell streets to consider further the question of location of the new Madison bridge. This club has already shown on record as favoring the bridge between East Mill and Second and Clay streets, three blocks south of the present location, and tonight the plans of a bridge at this point will be considered. These plans are the same as those prepared for the bridge on Hawthorne avenue and Madison street, only they have been adapted to the new location, showing a higher elevation than can be had at Hawthorne avenue. It will also be decided at this meeting whether the repeal of the \$450,000 bond issue for a bridge at Hawthorne avenue and Madison street will be undertaken. It is admitted that if the location be changed the bond issue must be repealed and a new one called for. As the club has authorized a change of location it will either have to undertake the repeal of the bond issue or drop the whole matter. A. Van Hens, the chief promoter of the change, is working industriously for the change. Invitations have been sent to several other organizations to be represented at the meeting. In view of the action of the United East Side Push Club Tuesday the outcome of the meeting tonight will be watched with interest.

Bridge Steel Cheap Now.

O. E. Heintz, manager of the Pacific Iron Works of this city, who recently investigated conditions in the East in the iron business, expresses the opinion that now is the time to let the contract for the new Madison bridge. Mr. Heintz says that at present the iron concerns are seeking contracts to supply structural and bridge steel and believes that if bids are asked for now the bridge can be put up probably for \$50,000 less than six months later, when there will be a revival in the steel business.

SEE TO IT TODAY.

If your home is without a piano you can readily remedy the situation by attending the Piano Sale at Ellers Piano House, where fine, brand new warranted instruments can now be had for \$6 down and \$6 a month. Not only are payments arranged with easy reach, but prices have also been reduced enormously. The instruments usually retailed for \$250 go now for \$125, while \$245 secure choice of many magnificent brand new instruments that could not ordinarily be obtained in this or any other city for less than \$400.

This is not an exaggerated advertisement, but a statement of fact, as scores of buyers during the past few days will testify. We are determined to make up for lost business during the hot Summer days, and must bring our sales record up to normal by the close of this month.

Profit is not the consideration now. We must dispose of pianos, and the only way to do so is if low prices and little payments will do it. Remember the address: Ellers Piano House, Washington Street, above Seventh. \$6 down and \$6 a month does business here now.

We sell Talking Machines and supplies, this being the only establishment in Portland where all makes are carried, in stock, affording buyers opportunity for careful comparison.

COPY PROTEST BEFORE BOARD

Property-Owners Determined in Fight Against Proposed High School Site.

WILL DEMAND HEARING

Deny Need of Additional Building, and Besides, Oppose Location in Exclusively Residence District.

Refusal of the Board of Education at its last meeting to consider the protests of taxpayers against the purchase by the Board of another site on the West Side for a proposed new High School has served only to increase the opposition of these property-owners to the purchase that has been made.

The objecting taxpayers have now resolved personally to demand a hearing and present their grievance to the members of the Board of School Directors, from whom a fair and equitable adjustment of the matter is expected. Objection to the purchase of the new site and the erection of a proposed building at a cost of probably \$250,000, is based on several grounds. In the first place, the protesting property-owners are representative taxpayers of the district, who contend that they are particularly concerned in that the proposed action of the Board of Education contemplates the construction of a High School building in an exclusive residence district, without their knowledge or consent.

It is contended that the need for the additional building is lacking in view of the three High School buildings, two of which already are occupied, while the third has been ordered to be constructed. It is especially urged by the objecting taxpayers that for several years to come the needs of the district, so far as High School facilities are concerned, could be provided by remodeling the present West Side High School building without going to the expense of purchasing an additional site and constructing thereon another expensive building. It is contended also that the proposed action of the School Board would inflict an unnecessary expense on the taxpayers of the district who already are being taxed sufficiently for school purposes.

Action Hasty, Taxpayers Say.

It is insisted vigorously by those who have raised the voice of protest that the School Board has acted hastily and ill-advisedly, and it has been intimated that some ulterior purpose is being served rather than the real needs of the district for improved High School facilities. This implication, however, is resented strenuously by the members of the Board, who profess to be actuated only by the public interest and the needs of the district. But, at any rate, there exists a serious question as to the advisability of the action of the Board and the consummation of its plans will be opposed to the end by the interested property-owners.

"Comparatively speaking, I am a new resident of Portland," said Richard Wilson yesterday, "having lived here only about seven years. But when I invested in the block on which my home is located at Seventh and Davis street, it was with the understanding that I was investing in a district that would remain permanently an exclusively residence district. I heartily concur in the objections to the action of the School Board that have been suggested by Judge George H. Williams, Paul Westingler, Colonel David M. Dunn and other prominent citizens, and am not only convinced, without unduly criticizing the Directors, that the members of the Board of Education have acted more hurriedly, and perhaps indiscreetly, than the circumstances warranted."

Block Too Small for Purpose.

"As has been suggested by Judge Williams, Philip Lowengart and the other objectors, the block on which it seems to me that the needs of the district might be provided by increasing the capacity of the West Side High School building. That, at least, would be done at a less expense than erecting a few blocks further and purchasing a larger block on which a new building of the necessary capacity might be erected, and at the same time leave some space for shrubbery and other ornamental decorations. As we understand it, even if the Board decides to retain the block that has been purchased and construct a building thereon, the circumstances would be entirely warranted and justified."

I Join with my neighbors in the hope that the Board of Education may be induced to rescind its action and decide on some other course, which will better meet the needs of the district and at the same time evade the objections of property-owners, which, under the circumstances, we consider as entirely warranted and justified."

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COMING ATTRACTIONS.

Seat Sale Today. The Cameron Opera Company will open the season at the Baker Theater next Sunday. Miss Cameron, who is known the country over as one of the foremost all comic opera stars, is at the head of the organization, which in many ways exemplify successful success, "Little Dolly Dimples." Seat sale opens today.

Cressey and Dayne Next Week. Next week at the Orpheum Will M. Cressey and Blanche Dayne will be seen in one of the most successful musical comedies of the day, "The Village Lawyer." Probably no figure in present-day vaudeville presents so picturesque a picture as that of the musical comedienne, "The Village Lawyer." This is strictly a musical novelty act.

"A Hit of Blarney." "A Hit of Blarney," a lively little playlet, will be the headline attraction at the Grand next week. It will be offered by Edwin Kessler and company, the foremost musical comedienne, which is a musical novelty act.

At the Grand. Polite vaudeville, the specialty of the Grand, is made this week in an attractive programme. Barney Page and Miss Hen-Cotta Bryn will give the comedy of the programme. This is one of the best-known dancing acts in the country and, as a professional act, is a rapid fire of telling jokes and comic songs.

Fun at Follies. The Wandoo Quartet of unbeaten Americans from Dixie's Land are creating a furore of fun for the Follies patrons this week. The quartet consists of four young men, who are positively marvelous. The aerial work is especially brilliant and is duplicated and must be seen to be appreciated.

PREVENT FRAUD IN ALASKA

L. R. GLAVIS PRAISES PUBLIC LAND SYSTEM.

Chief of Field Division, on Return From Sitka, Lauds Administration of Fred Dennet.

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Personalities Enter Into Colloquy of Councilmen.

WILLS HIDES KELLAHER

Takes Colleague to Task for Selling Liquor in Grocery Store—Kellaheer Retorts, Calling Wills Poor Reformer.

That a grocer who will sell liquor as Councilman Kellaheer does is "stooping pretty low," is the candid opinion of Councilman Wills, publicly expressed in the Council yesterday afternoon during discussion as to the ordinance proposed to increase the yearly fee of retail liquor dealers from \$300 to \$500. And Councilman Kellaheer's opinion of a Councilman who admits witnessing frequent violations of the liquor law at a public resort, as admitted in public by Councilman Wills, is that any reform measures proposed by such Councilman "are with exceeding poor grace and to be regarded with suspicion by all good people."

During the heated discussion of the subject Councilman Wills made an attack upon Councilman Kellaheer, who is a grocer and sells liquor for family trade. Prior to this there had been up for action a petition for a liquor license at the Oaks Tavern, which was not granted because of the opposition of the Council to a saloon at the amusement resort. When that matter was under consideration, Mr. Wills remarked that he had personally visited the Oaks when a former proprietor of the restaurant was selling liquor with meals, and that he frequently saw the law violated as to serving liquor without a meal.

"It seems very peculiar to me," said Councilman Kellaheer, "that Mr. Wills, if he witnessed such violation, does not come in here with a resolution to revoke their license, instead of arguing for a straight out-and-out saloon license. It's poor argument."

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Kellaheer Retorts With Spirit.

"All such talk as that coming from a man who admits he saw the law violated repeatedly at the Oaks, comes with mighty poor grace," replied Mr. Kellaheer, "who says Mr. Wills has seen fit to attack me. I don't care about that; but when a man like him undertakes to peddle out the hot air of reform and introduces such measures to regulate saloons as he has recently done, of course, he has to do it, having a political bee buzzing in his bonnet. He was elected to reform things, but he has failed to deliver the goods. With one breath, he introduces a reform measure, to regulate saloons and improve morals, in that he says he will see to it that the Oaks people violating the law and then recommends a liquor license for the Oaks. What do you know of any other place where saloons are being run in this city? I have seen them in June that they will be able to hear it clear down to Astoria."

The report that liquor license committee recommending the passage of the ordinance increasing the license fee as stated was adopted by the Council, but later, when the ordinance came up for action it was laid on the table. It will receive attention perhaps at the next session of the Council.

SWALLOWS CARBOLIC ACID

CONTENTS OF THREE BOTTLES KILL AUGUST MILLER.

Out of Work and Believing Wife Had Ceased to Love Him, He Decides to End All.

August Miller, 34 years old, a blacksmith, lately out of work and despondent because he thought his wife no longer loved him, committed suicide yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in his room at 52 1/2 First street, where he and his wife were lodging. Miller had threatened to take his life several days before the act was committed and prepared for his deed by purchasing three bottles of carbolic acid from a drug store. He had written a note for his wife which was written in his native language, Norwegian. He merely said he could not live without her and bade her good-by.

Deputy Coroner Dunning went to the scene and took charge of the remains, having them removed to his undertaking establishment on Seventh street. Miller was 34 years of age and had been in this country a number of years. He had been a steady worker until a few months ago when his wife, who is 25 years of age and comely, went back to her native land, Sweden, for a visit to her parents. During her absence he brooded terribly, so his friends say, and maintained that his wife would never come back to him. She returned two weeks ago to find that he had lost his work and was drifting down hill. A fierce quarrel ensued. Mrs. Miller, who was in hysterics when the Deputy Coroner called on her, said that she had done all in her power to persuade him from his rash act. Neither of them have any relatives in this city. An inquest will be held today.

MOVES TO DENY PERMIT

Kellaheer Tries to Kill Automatic Fire-Alarm Franchise.

Shortly after Mayor Lane left the Council chambers for Astoria yesterday afternoon, Councilman Kellaheer moved that the Council deny the application of the Automatic Fire Alarm Company for a franchise to operate in Portland. Councilman Wallace at once interposed an objection, saying that the matter has now advanced to the stage of advertising the complete franchise, and that it would be an injustice to take "snap judgment." The matter was postponed.

"The reason I called up the matter at this time," said Mr. Kellaheer, "is that the city is now laying its wires in the underground system, and I thought it possible the