

PAVING WAR GOES ON AT CITY HALL

Street Committee Issues an Edict Against Agents of Companies.

HASSAM WINS ONCE MORE

Improvement of Thoroughfares in Many City Districts Considered at Turbulent Session of Municipal Fathers—Bids Laid Over.

Councilman Vaughn, chairman of the street committee of the City Council, announced a new and stringent policy when the committee met in regular session yesterday afternoon. No agent of any firm or corporation or any individual not employed by the city or a newspaper is to be permitted inside the room of desks where the committee meets, but will be obliged to remain outside and address his remarks from a distance. This ruling, it is understood, is made because of the fact that every paving corporation maintains an agent to watch its interests and they flock around the committee table and make statements without obtaining the privilege of the floor. When Mr. Vaughn stated the new policy, the members of the committee endorsed it heartily.

Paving Matters Discussed.
Paving matters of great importance claimed the attention of the committee for more than two hours. One of the chief items of interest in this respect is the fact that the Oregon Hassam Paving Company was its adversary. A big victory when the committee favorably passed several petitions for that brand of material up to the Council. These are in the Holladay and Irving districts. The Belgian block and vitrified brick petitions for a big district in North Portland were postponed two weeks in order to receive an opinion from City Attorney Kavanaugh on some features of that matter.

A significant communication from Everding & Farnell was read, stating to the committee that the firm will contest payment of the assessment for bitulithic pavement on West Park, between Yamhill and Taylor streets, and on the ground that this was laid, it is on the ground that the street was in very good condition before being hard-surfaced with bitulithic, and on the further ground that the pavement named is a patented article and is laid in violation of the city charter, which provides that there must be "open and competitive bids" for street improvements. The remonstrance was referred to the committee on judicially.

Object to Bitulithic.

A remonstrance from the trustees of the Good Samaritan Hospital against a bitulithic pavement on Lovejoy street, on the south side of the hospital building, was up for consideration. At the previous meeting, Rodney L. Gibson, representing the hospital, said that if the pavement should be laid, Councilman Driscoll declared that the pavement should be laid, but the other members believed otherwise, and voted against it. Mr. Driscoll will present a minority report.

Wants Belgian Blocks.
Mr. Dunaway was present to urge that the committee recommend Belgian blocks for the North Portland district, in place of vitrified brick, but the matter was laid over for two weeks.

Petitions for both Hassam and bitulithic on Holladay, between East Eleventh and Larabee streets, created considerable discussion among the members. A communication from the City Engineer, explaining the reasons for the number of petitions and other matters for the guidance of the committee, was handed in and Councilman Driscoll, in answer to an objection to having it read, he said that Mr. Vaughn had ruled at the opening of the meeting that there shall be no more informal items come before the committee. Mr. Vaughn ruled that the letter was germane to the subject under consideration, and Mr. Driscoll appealed, or endeavored to appeal, but was second to his motion and the ruling of the chair stood. The matter was discussed at length and upon motion of Councilman Rushlight, was referred to the City Engineer, who is to report as to whether the street is now in good condition, as asserted by two property-owners.

Hassam Wins Again.

Other Hassam petitions came up and were granted, as follows: On Broadway, from Thirty-fourth to Thirty-seventh; on East Twenty-fourth, from Carter's Addition to Tillamook street; Thirty-seventh from Sandy road to Hancock street; East Twelfth, from Multnomah to Halsey; East Fourteenth, from Multnomah to East Fifteenth streets. The petition for Hassam on East Sixth street, from Holladay to Broadway, was referred to the City Engineer.

A petition for bitulithic in a big district on Williams Heights was presented by R. R. Dunaway, and was referred to the City Engineer. The streets named in the petition are as follows: Twenty-eighth street, from Sawyer to Raleigh streets; on Raleigh, from Twenty-eighth to Twenty-ninth; on Twenty-ninth, from Quimby street to Fall street; on Quimby, from Twenty-ninth to Fall street; on Fall street, from Quimby to Sawyer street, from Twenty-ninth to lot 12.

Councilman Kellaker, who has been rather friendly to the Hassam pavement as a material heretofore, announced himself yesterday as opposed to it on the ground that it is just like the bitulithic—owned by a monopoly.

David Stops War on Standard.

FINDLAY, Ohio, Dec. 4.—Standard Oil Company property in this county came to a sudden termination today when at the request of Prosecuting Attorney David all the indictments were nolle prossed. Prosecuting Attorney David's action resulted from the fact that alleged illegal practices that he sought to correct have

all been eliminated and that suits against the Standard are now being prosecuted by the Attorney-General of the United States and the Attorney-Generals of Ohio and Missouri.

CHURCH IS PROSPEROUS

Annual Meeting Held by Mississippi-Avenue Congregational.

Reports submitted at the annual meeting of the Mississippi-avenue Congregational Church Thursday night, showed the church to be in a prosperous condition. For the year ending in November, the membership gain is 42. The Junior Endeavor Society made 42 calls on the sick with flowers, rendered aid to the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society and delivered many baskets of provisions to the poor. The trustees'



Rev. David T. Thomas, Pastor of the Mississippi-Avenue Congregational Church.

report showed total amount raised for last year to be \$1173.87, and expenditures all met, leaving 10 cents on hand. The estimated amount needed for the coming year is \$1500. The Christian Endeavor Society raised \$50.00, the Ladies' Social Circle \$188.73; the Sunday-school, with a membership of 174, raised \$196.90, with \$104 pledged, making \$290 for the top floor of the church. Officers were elected as follows: Trustees—David Dupee, one year; W. R. Ogden, two years; E. V. Ross, three years; L. B. M. Campbell, three years; church treasurer, W. K. Ogden; Sunday School superintendent, M. E. Thompson; organist, Miss Ruth Thomas; assistant, Miss Sadie Thompson; clerk, Miss Beulah Dupee; ushers, L. M. R. Campbell, E. S. Ricketts, Clifford Ziegler, Ray McKelton, Ernest Simmons, William Pederson, Arthur Thompson. Work on new church on Shaver street and Missouri avenue, which will cost \$11,000, is progressing and the building will be completed February 1, 1909. It has full basement of artificial stone, and an auditorium that will seat 500 people. The building will be brick veneered. Rev. David T. Thomas has become the permanent pastor, and there is general satisfaction with his work.

HIGH MASONS WILL DINE

Annual Banquet of Royal Arch Masons This Evening.

Washington Chapter No. 18, Royal Arch Masons, will hold its annual banquet this evening at 6:30 o'clock at the Portland Commercial Club, corner Fifth and Oak streets. This is the largest chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Oregon, with a total membership approximating 350. All of the main dining-rooms on the top floor of the club will be used by Washington Chapter this evening for its annual dinner. In addition to this, the club will place at the disposal of the chapter the large reception parlors on the seventh floor for the use of the chapter members and the few in the visiting Royal Arch Masons from other chapters. Music will be furnished by a full orchestra. A feature of all the banquets given by Washington Chapter has been the number of able addresses delivered by prominent Masons of the state. The principal addresses of the evening will be delivered by Judge Charles E. Wolverton. The committee in charge of this event has spared no effort to make the annual banquet for 1908 the most notable in the history of Washington Chapter. H. H. Parker, E. H. P. will be toastmaster, and the program of speaking will be as follows: "The River Route," Professor D. A. Grant; "The Symbolic Teachings of Masonry," E. G. Jones; "The Harvest Festival," H. B. Adams; "Song," Judge S. Bullock; "Masonic Building Material," Professor J. B. Ackerman; "The Spirit of Masonry," Dr. Norris R. Cox; "Masonry's Priesthood," Judge Charles E. Wolverton.

LEAVE FOR THEIR HOMES

Delegates to Northwest Fruitgrowers' Convention Disperse.

Prominent horticulturists of the Pacific Northwest departed for their homes yesterday after attending the annual meetings of the State Horticultural Society and the Northwest Fruitgrowers' Association. These conventions were pronounced the most successful gatherings of horticulturists ever held in the West. In addition to the many interesting papers that were read on different phases of the fruit-growing industry, an excellent display of apples was made as convincing proof of the adaptability of this section to horticultural pursuits.

Thursday night the visiting fruit-growers were the guests of the Portland Commercial Club at one of the most elaborate luncheons ever served in this city. Following the feast addresses touching on the horticultural industry were made by E. L. Smith, of Hood River, retiring president of the Northwest Fruitgrowers' Association; W. K. Newell, of Washington County, president of the State Board of Horticulture; and D. H. Shepard, a leading Hood River grower. Yesterday the visitors were entertained with a trolley ride under the auspices of the Commercial Club. Mr. Shepard and several other growers left last night for Spokane, where they will attend another convention of fruit-growers, which will be opened today.

Next year the Northwest Fruitgrowers' Association will hold its annual meeting at Tacoma.

WRAPPER SALE.

Ladies' home wrappers—2 great special. Percale wrappers, 72c; heavy flannellette, 97c. On sale today at McAllen & McDonnell's. No branch stores.

SEVERE PROVISIONS GREATLY MODIFIED

Charter Commission Does Not Adopt Stringent Planks of Franchise Committee.

REGULATION IS DESIRED

Votes to Allow Grade Crossings for Railroads and Re-refers Tearing Up Pavements—Corporations' Quarterly Reports Wanted.

The Charter Commission last night modified some of the most stringent provisions contained in the report of the committee on public utilities and franchises. The report was finished, with the exception of a few clauses which were postponed for future consideration. Dr. C. H. Chapman, chairman of the committee, made no effort to secure the adoption of the provision forbidding surface railroad crossings and providing for a penalty of \$200 for tearing up hard-surface pavements, as he declared these are two matters that he knew the Commission would never pass, although both, he declared, should be adopted for the good of the public.

Frederick V. Holman attacked nearly every clause of a stringent nature contained in the report, although he said he was acting in the capacity of a private citizen and not in favor of any corporation. The sentiment of the members of the Commission, however, seems strongly in favor of pretty strong regulation of public service corporations, and it appears to be the policy of the majority of them to require to the city the power to regulate matters so as fully to protect the public.

Henry Attacks Chapman.

Charles K. Henry appeared before the commission and sought the privilege of the floor. This was granted upon motion of Frederick V. Holman, and Mr. Henry said that he had caused a search of the records of the city and county to be made in regard to "a certain gentleman of this commission," and had found that "the gentleman" is not a resident of the city or a taxpayer. Dr. C. H. Chapman is the member referred to by Mr. Henry. The latter objects to the participation by Dr. Chapman in the compilation of the charter, and served notice that he will "take action in the courts," if it is fully established that Dr. Chapman is not a taxpayer.

Dr. Chapman Is Taxpayer.

Dr. Chapman is a taxpayer, as required by the resolution of the City Council authorizing the charter commission, although his residence is in Woodland, Wash. He is employed in Portland and has many interests here. The commission heard the statement of Mr. Henry, but took no action whatever.

Holman Enters Debate.

Mr. Holman took a leading part in the debates on all points in relation to franchises, and said that, although he is counsel for the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, he is acting in the capacity of a private citizen in matters pertaining to the charter. Mr. Holman also objected to the word "shall" in the clause providing that the council "shall" submit to the public the question of taking over any public utility at the expiration of a grant. He and others thought the word "may" would give the city sufficient power. The matter was finally continued until the next meeting.

Quarterly Reports Wanted.

The Commission voted favorably on a section providing that all corporations shall submit quarterly reports of their business to the City Auditor.

Mr. Holman moved to strike out the provision in the report which forbids railroads at grade crossings. He said if such a provision is passed it will work great hardship on the mercantile business.

Common-User Clause Adopted.

The "common-user" clause also met with the opposition of Mr. Holman. He declared it unfair and impracticable, and that, to operate two or more street-car systems over one line would result in much trouble and many accidents. The clause was adopted, however, and Mr. Holman attacked the clause in the report which said the Council "shall" have the right to regulate fares and to regulate all lines of business conducted under any franchise. He said it would lead to graft. The word "shall" was stricken out and the word "may" was substituted. This gives the Council the same power it now possesses.

VOTES FOR CHARTER CHANGES

Adopts Several Recommendations.

At the meeting of the Charter Advisory Committee Thursday night, at Sargent Hotel, resolutions declaring for several charter provisions were adopted. L. E. Rice presided, and ex-City Attorney L. A. McNary was present by invitation, and talked briefly. With the assistance of Mr. McNary the following provisions were introduced, and will be submitted to the Charter Revision Commission by Mr. Rice and Mr. McNary.

Providing a method of bonding property assessed for street improvements and other local assessments without application of property-owners, thereby modifying article 2 of the charter and the assessed property chapter 5 of title 25 of Beilleville & Co.'s Annotated Laws of Oregon, commonly known as the Hancock Bonding Act as amended. Also imposing a penalty for failure to pay or bond within 30 days after publication of the notice of assessment for a local improvement.

Providing for the letting of street im-

provement contracts for the whole of each being a modification of Section 379 of the present charter. Also requiring contractors to proceed with street improvements in such a manner that not more than a stipulated part of each street shall be blocked during the course of the improvement.

Providing for an orderly system of laying of water, sewer and gas mains prior to the improvement of the roadway, and also having application to telephone, railway and other wires as far as practicable.

Providing an amendment to Section 412 of the present charter so that the city may bid upon property offered for sale on account of benefits assessed for the opening, laying out or widening of streets.

Providing for the laying of all large water mains above certain dimensions for distribution of water in large district by district taxation, and mains on streets for direct distribution of water to be paid for out of the water fund.

Providing for power on the part of the Council to construct and maintain a rock-crusher for the supply of crushed rock in the improving of streets of the city. Directing the revenue from said business to be paid into the general fund and the operation of said business to be maintained from said general fund.

ALL COMPLICITY IS DENIED

Answer Filed in \$200,000 Damage Suit of Suzanne D. Jacobs.

Answering the \$200,000 damage suit of Mrs. Suzanne D. Jacobs, in which she charges her parents and other relatives with alienating her husband's affections, Isaac Jacobs, Clara Jacobs, his wife, and their children say they had nothing to do with the estrangement between their son and daughter-in-law. They say that it was on account of mutual disagreements between the husband and wife both before and after their marriage that the separation took place, and also urge in defense the statute of limitations, on which point they were defeated when it came up on demurrer. Besides the father-in-law and his wife, the defendants are: Alfred C. Jacobs, Gaston Jacobs, Carrie Jacobs and Mrs. Lillian Lang. The estranged husband is Morton B. Jacobs.

KILLS MAN; SUES FOR COIN

Wife Who Slew Husband Now Demands His Insurance Money.

BEILLINGHAM, Wash., Dec. 4.—(Special.)—Suit was brought today by Mrs. Frank Eggleston to recover from the Macabees lodge of this city \$500, the amount of a policy taken out in that order by Frank Eggleston, her husband, whom she shot and killed last July. The lodge refuses to pay her the money on the ground that it is invalid, since the death was caused by the act of the beneficiary.

Mrs. Eggleston committed the viricide in self-defense, as her husband at the time she shot him was dragging her out of her children's bedroom, with the intention of shooting her when he got her out of their sight. Arrested on a charge of murder, she was afterward dismissed.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Oswald West, State Railroad Commissioner, came down from Salem yesterday and is at the Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Hunt, of Walla Walla, are at the Portland. Mr. Hunt is a leading capitalist and politician of Eastern Washington.

Secretary H. W. Stone, of the Y. M. C. A., William E. Sweet, president of the Denver Association, Rev. D. L. Rader and E. W. Peck, of Minneapolis, state secretaries of the Minnesota Y. M. C. A., left yesterday afternoon for McMinnville, to attend the ninth annual convention of the Oregon-Idaho Y. M. C. A., which opened there yesterday.

Bishop Robert L. Paddock, of the Missionary diocese of Eastern Oregon, is in Portland and is the guest of Bishop Scadding at Bishopscourt. Bishop Paddock is attending the Woman's Auxiliary of Trinity Parish on the subject of "Missions," yesterday afternoon and last night spoke at St. Matthew's Church in South Portland.

UNDERWEAR SALE.

Men's heavy wool shirts and drawers, 35c; heavy wool socks, 12c; ladies' heavy fleeced vests and pants, 15c; extra fine grade, 47c; silk and wool vest and pants, 97c; ladies' heavy lamb's wool socks, 12c; madras shirts, two great specials at 55c and 60c; four-in-hand silk ties, double-faced, 17c. On sale today from 8 A. M. to 8:30 P. M. McAllen & McDonnell, Third and Morrison.

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