

STREET PAVING MAY WIN ITS FIGHT

Belgian Block Paving Between Tracks Not Insisted On by Council.

NORTHWEST WORK HELD UP

No Decision on Material to Be Used in Improvement of Streets in Terminal District—Matter Referred Back.

COUNCIL MEETS THIS MORNING.

Owing to the great amount of business that was up for consideration yesterday, the City Council was unable to complete its work, and will meet again this morning at 9:30 o'clock. There are a large number of ordinances, which under the decision of the Supreme Court and subsequent ruling of City Attorney Kavanaugh, must have emergency clauses in order to make them effective at once. For this reason a great volume of work has devolved upon the City Auditor's staff, and it is necessary to adjourn at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon to give time to draw up the emergency clauses. Unless an ordinance is formally declared to be an emergency, and urgency needed, it cannot go into effect for 30 days, in order that any who desire may apply the referendum.

The City Council yesterday afternoon voted to grant a portion of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company for a change of specifications for its portion of the improvement of Belmont street, from East Portland to East Sixty-seventh streets. The material ordered under the present contract is Belgian blocks, against which the company officials set up serious objection, and was assisted by the City Engineer, Vice-President F. L. Fuller, of the railway company, was present to speak against the Belgian blocks being used for paving between the tracks on Belmont street, contending that it is an unnecessary burden. He declared that the cost of the stone is so great that the company cannot afford to bear so much expense. He also stated that he had before the Executive Board last week and asked that it be laid over until such time as the Council could hear the facts, and decide upon a course of action. Councilman Kellaher, who is in charge of the company for the year, and showing a great increase in the profits, and declared that the company can well afford to put in stone. Councilman Vaughn declared it is unfair to compel the laying of Belgian blocks so far out of town. Councilman Cottel said he was supported by City Engineer Taylor's advice, and Mr. Taylor told the Council Belgian blocks are superior to any material for the work under consideration.

Hassam Paving Ordered.

The Council acted upon several petitions for Hassam pavement yesterday, granting the following: On Broadway, from Thirty-fourth to Thirty-seventh streets; on East Twenty-fourth, from Carter's Addition to Tillamook street; Thirty-seventh from Sandy road to Hancock street; East Twelfth, from Madison street to East East Fourth; from Madison to East East Fourth; from Madison to East East Fourth.

Northwest End Held Up.

Councilman Kellaher is advocating Belgian blocks for a hard-surface improvement now, because it is the brand of material that is not patented, he states. Therefore he endeavored during the afternoon session of the Council to secure adoption of the Council to grant the petition for a district improvement in the Northwest end of the city. The effort failed, because the majority of the members were of the opinion that it is too important a matter to be passed over without further consideration. It was therefore left with the committee and the City Engineer. Councilman Cottel introduced a resolution instructing the City Engineer to prepare figures for presentation to the Council to show the expense of operating a municipal paving plant. There was some discussion over the matter. Councilman Vaughn and Councilman Cottel contended that the Council should investigate and secure the data, but it was finally adopted as introduced. Councilman Cottel does not believe the city may move by establishing its own plant, but many of the other Councilmen do. Mayor Lane is also strongly in favor of the city doing its own work, or at least that the city maintain its streets and cut off the heavy maintenance that are now being carried by the city for ten years each.

May Avoid Charter Provision.

City Attorney Kavanaugh submitted a very important opinion to the Council yesterday, in which he held that the city may escape the provision of the charter which has hitherto been construed as binding the city to pay a heavy maintenance for its improved streets for ten years. In brief, the opinion is that the best means to be adopted is an amendment to the charter, but that it is not necessary for the city to let the maintenance contract, but that the city may maintain the work itself or employ some contractor to do so. The maintenance "raft," as it has become known in the Council, is rapidly assuming proportions so great that Mayor Lane and the majority of the Council who are fighting for improved conditions declare the city cannot bear the financial burden. It is estimated that, with the present number of hard-surfaced streets, the city must pay out in ten years for maintenance the sum of \$200,000. This is done whether the streets have or not; but City Attorney Kavanaugh holds that this can be avoided; that, at least, the time of maintenance can be cut down to one or more years. The matter was referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Brick Men Win Point.

During the morning session there was a lively tilt among the Councilmen over the proposed improvement of North

Fourth street, from Burnside to Glisan streets, with vitrified brick, to be furnished by the Denny Renton Clay & Coal Company, of Seattle. The specifications had to be changed so that the brick will be laid on a softer foundation than concrete, which was originally specified, and Councilman Kellaher took advantage of the occasion to say that the brick are worthless; that they are too soft and not durable. However, the improvement will go through, usually ordered with the specifications changed, as stated.

NO WINE BOUGHT, HE SAYS

COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL CALLS EVENING PAPER LIAR.

Lively Scene in Council When Matter of Restaurant Liquor Licenses Is Brought Up for Action.

Mayor Lane created a most unusual scene in the City Council session yesterday afternoon by sending a policeman to his office and sending a copy of an evening paper in which was published a sensational account of conditions alleged to exist in the Louvre, a fashionable restaurant at Fourth and Alder streets, in the heart of the city. He then ordered Clerk Grutze to read the account to the members of the Council, but before the reading Councilman Driscoll took the floor and acknowledged that he was the Councilman alluded to in the paper as mingling with the gay throng in the cellar of the establishment named, and as having purchased wine for women there last Saturday night. He denied the statements contained in the article, and branded the author "a liar."

Mayor Lane then instructed Clerk Grutze to read the article, which was lengthy and full of the most scandalous statements, all of the allegations being against the Louvre as a resort, which it charged is a breeding-place for immorality, where for the asking men may secure women companions. The account charged that women in North End houses of ill repute now frequent the cellar department of the Louvre nightly, and that the place is one of the centers of the vice in the city. A certain Councilman was included as "among those present" on Saturday night, and Mr. Driscoll said he was the member referred to.

After the reading of the article, Councilman Driscoll arose and declared that the whole account was false; that he was the whole account, which he read for just three minutes, and saw nothing like that which was depicted by the writer of the article. "The whole thing is a lie from first to last, and the man who wrote it is a contemptible liar," declared Mr. Driscoll. "From what I have heard, I believe the article is true," said Councilman Belding. "The fact that, since the passage of the Cellars ordinance, the condition of morals in this city is growing worse all the time."

"I will wager \$100 to \$10 that there is not one word of truth in that story," declared Councilman Baker, in whose ward the Louvre is located. "Such a scandalous article should not be permitted to be published in any paper in the city, and it is a shame that any paper would publish such a falsehood, which is absolutely untrue. The man who wrote it is a liar who wrote it, and that the paper can't prove one word in the whole yarn."

"I want to say one thing to you gentlemen," said Mayor Lane, who left the chair in order to speak, "and that is, if there is any semblance of truth in the article, this Council should never grant any license to the Louvre. You should not place any barriers in the way of the police in their efforts to enforce the law."

"How do you know the shooting galleries?" inquired Councilman Belding. "I understand they are filled with immoral women, and that the police are doing nothing about it."

"I said that this Council should not grant licenses for those questionable places, and thus interfere with the police in trying to enforce the law," said Mayor Lane. "You do hinder the police when you give these places licenses to operate."

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. J. Mattson and Mrs. A. Green, both of Seattle, are visiting their mother, Mrs. J. A. McKinnon, of this city, for a short time.

Rev. Henry A. Barden has so far recovered from his serious illness that he hopes to be able to resume his active work by the first of the year.

Dr. J. N. Ettelson returned yesterday from St. Paul, whether he accompanied Congressman William Lorimer, of Illinois, who was stricken with blood poisoning in Portland. Mr. Lorimer was compelled to remain in Portland for nearly a week before leaving for Southern California. He was accompanied south by Dr. Ettelson, who also went as far east as St. Paul with his patient.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—(Special.)—The following Northwestern people registered at New York hotels today: From Portland—S. R. Winch, at the Cumberland. From Seattle—W. E. Saumans, at the Albemarle; E. C. Niles, W. M. Williams, at the Grand Union.

CALLS IT ROBBERY

Light Question Moves Mayor to Strong Words.

WILL KEEP COUNCIL AT IT

Chief Executive Determined That Monopoly in Illumination Shall Be Curbed—Urges Distributing Plant for City.

Mayor Lane made a strong effort yesterday afternoon to obtain from the City Council repeal of the ordinance which authorizes the Executive Board to let a contract for five years for city lighting, but the Council adjourned without doing anything further than to send the matter to the committee on lighting, without calling for an immediate report.

Mayor Lane, it is said, will therefore issue a call for a special meeting of the Council for next Wednesday, for the purpose of hastening action. He plainly told the Council, during the closing moments of the afternoon meeting, that he intends to force the Council to make it possible for the city to have a distributing plant.

"I am in earnest about this," said the Mayor in a speech to the members of the Council, "and I tell you right now that it is not going to drift along until it is forgotten; but I am going to call it to your attention just as long as is necessary. I will not be a party to having the city held up and robbed by a corporation, and as a public servant, I now call upon you to do your duty by the people of this city, and to representatives, and not allow the robbery that is being attempted."

Councilman Kellaher, who is in hearty accord with Mayor Lane on this matter, introduced an ordinance repealing the ordinance that was passed by the Council eight months ago, authorizing the Executive Board to let another contract for lighting the city's streets and public buildings. Mayor Lane wished the ordinance repealed, so that the Executive Board will not be forced to let the contract, which, under existing conditions, it will be compelled to do. The majority of the members, however, refused to allow this to be done, and it remains to be seen what will become of it.

Councilman Baker announced himself as opposed to municipal ownership of a lighting plant, but he said that he would not object to the Mayor Lane, as the latter had been studying the subject and is prepared to meet all persons for argument. Councilman Kellaher, after the proposed repealing ordinance had been referred to the lighting committee, tried to get the Council to instruct the committee to make its report at the adjourned session this morning, but failed. Councilman Cottel, who is chairman of the lighting committee, declared that the subject is one of such great importance that it will be necessary to report upon it within two weeks.

Mayor Lane assured the members of the Council yesterday afternoon that there will be an opportunity to secure competitive bids for electric lighting within a year, and pleaded for action that will make it possible for the city to own its distributing system, so that it may call upon the market for electricity, he thinks, get a much better rate.

The contentions of Mayor Lane in regard to the situation are set forth in the following communication, which he sent to the Council yesterday morning: "An ordinance was passed by your honorable body, authorizing the Executive Board to enter into such a contract, and acting in conformity with the provisions of said ordinance, I have twice advertised for tenders for such service, and each time have received but a single bid, which was submitted by the same company. From what information they are able to furnish, it appears that the price asked (\$3.30 per month) for each arc lamp, is, under the circumstances, in excess of what the city is able to pay. The terms offered are such also that the city will be confined to a distance of 600 feet in making its connections, while under the old contract (at present operative) such connections may be made by a contracting company for cost at each foot of cost to the city."

Under the terms of the tender, if it is accepted, it will cost the city not less than \$200,000 a year to light itself with anything like an adequate system, and if it is properly lighted, the cost will be increased. The cost of producing electric current and the cost of the operation of electric arc lamps has materially decreased during the past five years, yet despite these facts the city is being asked to pay an increased price for light.

Dunne Denies He Will Resign.

UNITE COAST FOR HEALTH

State Boards of Medicine to Meet Here Next Week.

Members of the state boards of health of California, Oregon, Washington and British Columbia, and city physicians of the principal cities in the same section of the Coast, have received notice from Dr. N. K. Foster, secretary of the California State Board of Health, that a meeting is to be held in Portland, December 15 and 16, for the purpose of effecting a permanent organization.

The meeting will be held in the rooms of the City and County Medical Society in Portland, located in the Medical building. A small attendance will probably convene at this preliminary meeting, interested in the movement that hereafter the conference will be largely attended, not only by those named, but by officers of the United States Marine Hospital Service stationed on this coast, and others who may from time to time be invited to the meeting to give their views on subjects brought up for discussion. The subjects will cover sanitary measures, proper care in preventing the introduction of contagious diseases from Asiatic ports and countries, and kindred matters of like interest and importance to every coast state and province.

PORTLAND CHANCE TO BID

Lumber for Manila Probably Shipped From Sound.

Senator Fulton has undertaken to secure a modification of the terms upon which the Quartermaster-General is advertising for 2,000,000 feet of lumber for Manila. However, his efforts up to this time have not been greatly encouraging to him. Yesterday he notified the Chamber of Commerce of the progress of his efforts in the following telegram: "Chamber of Commerce, Portland, Or. Have been unable to secure any additional modification of the terms upon which the Quartermaster-General says he will allow this lumber to be bid for delivery at Portland with the Department's contention being that they expect to take the lumber on one of the Government ships, which is loading with other material at Seattle."

Amusements

"Where Dreams Come True." The beautiful musical extravaganza, "The Land of Nod," which is drawing packed houses at the Baker all this week, is a veritable land "where dreams come true," as seen in the magnificent chorus gorgeously costumed.

"The Rose of the Rancho." Letitia Jewell, charming leading woman of Baker stock company, is making the biggest hit of her Portland career this week in "The Rose of the Rancho." Sydney J. Bayne, equally talented American, who loves the equatorial Juanita, also has a role to which he is peculiarly suited.

"A Struggle for Gold" at the Star. A. H. Couger's comedy-drama which is the attraction at the Star this week. The story is especially elaborated and is situated in picturesque California, affords ample opportunity and scope for the scenic artist and stage mechanic.

COMING ATTRACTIONS. Real "Devil" Coming. The attraction at the Helix Theater, Fourteenth and Washington streets, for three nights, beginning next Sunday, December 13, is the sensational and sensational company of players in Henry W. Savage's authorized version of "The Devil." This interesting drama has had the sensation of two continents the past year.

Murray & Mack Next Week. Murray & Mack are coming back, and these two intangible Irish comedians will appear all next week at Baker's. The latest in the musical glee show, "The Sunny Side of Broadway." The company is composed of 40 players.

"In Wyoming" Coming. "In Wyoming," which comes to the Star Theater next week, is a splendid comedy. It might be led to suppose, but a striking story of "Wyoming ranch life" by Willard is seen in a splendid Western atmosphere.

Barnum & Bailey Circus—Orpheum. The famous Barnum & Bailey Circus, "Silver" in his new pantomime, "The Ball Game," assisted by Arrie Nelson, the world's greatest female juggler, will appear at the Orpheum next week. "Silver" Oakley, is one of the most funny men that ever worked in a sawdust ring.

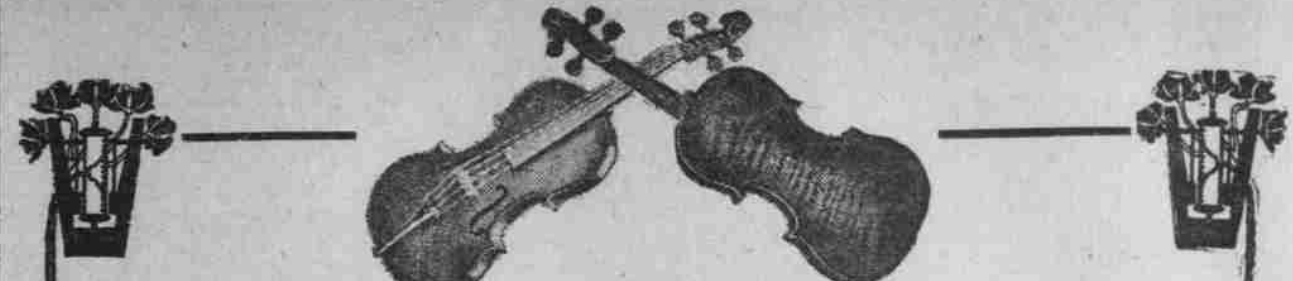
"A Jay Circus." "A Jay Circus," the laughing success on the Oregon coast, is now at the Orpheum, presented by Sherman and De Forest, comedy acrobats, assisted by half a dozen other comedians. It is a most unusual interest in Professor Patterson's bronze art studies. Half a dozen other specialties.

AT THE VAUDEVILLE THEATERS. The Actor-Singer—Orpheum. The great baritone, Homer Lind, now appearing at the Orpheum, is not only a wonderful singer, but is a splendid actor, as is shown daily in the production of "The Opera Singer." The little one-act playlet has many situations calling for real dramatic effect.

Delightfully Amusing. There is a comedy sketch, "Pantages" which went out of the ordinary. That is Eugene O'Rourke and Nellie Eitinger's presentation of "Panties A." Mr. O'Rourke covers a state of originality and his naturalness brings him instantly into the good graces of the audience.

"Hypnotizing a Wife." Dolph and Levine will bring their celebrated comedy sketch, "Hypnotizing a Wife," to the Grand next week, commencing Monday afternoon. The act is one of the strongest of recommendations and will be surrounded by an exceptionally talented collection of specialty artists.

MEN'S WOOL COATS, \$1.00. If you are at all interested in buying your clothing at half price, don't delay in visiting the closing-out sale of the wholesale clothing stock at Front and Oak streets. Men's wool coats, \$1.00; men's wool vests, 50c; men's good pants, \$1.00; boys' knee pants, 35c; men's wool suits, \$5.00. On sale at northwest corner Front and Oak streets, the center of the wholesale district, where rents are low.



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Some time ago Madame Nordica acquired 40 acres of land at Harmon, on the Hudson, a few miles above Tarrytown. This tract is a part of the old Van Cortland estate and one of the most slightly properties along the classic river. Here the madame contemplates establishing a school for ambitious young men and women who are desirous of acquiring a musical education. Extensive plans have been prepared which include a beautiful opera-house, a number of college buildings and dormitories and a handsome administration building, the latter having been completed some time ago. This conservatory, as yet unnamed, the madame holds dearest among the ambitions which she cherishes, and all her attention that is not occupied with her professional work is centered upon it. "For years we have been sending our young men and women abroad to acquire the musical training deemed nec-

essary to enable them to earn their living on the operatic or concert stage, and I believe the time has come when we should keep them at home, under our own vine and fig tree, as it were, and give them the same advantages as they enjoy in Europe.

"We are no longer elementary. What they can do for our boys and girls in Europe we can do here, and for the girls particularly it will be a genuine boon. They go to the European musical centers and extend their means and energy in an effort to prepare themselves to make music their life work. Too often they meet with disappointment and failure and often disgrace. The surroundings are not at all what they should be.

"This thought of keeping them at home and providing a place where they may develop their talents, or finding that they have mistaken their ability, has been uppermost in my mind for several years and I determined to make an effort to do something for them. To that end, I bought these 40 beautiful acres and commenced the erection of conservatory buildings. The administrative building is already completed and before long we expect to be able to receive pupils. The conservatory will be governed by a committee of distinguished American musicians, like Walter Damrosch, David Bispham, Madame Dames and others, and all applicants will be called upon to meet certain requirements which they may provide. Then it is planned to have

musical societies, and even municipalities throughout the country establish scholarships for deserving and talented young aspirants who will be admitted and given the course provided they are able to meet the requirements. "I cannot say just how soon my dream will come true, as it is something that cannot be done in a day, but as matters now stand it will be but a comparatively short time until the conservatory will be ready to begin its work, which I fondly hope will be the greatest ever undertaken in a musical way in this country. I have referred to it as a dream of mine, but it is a much more material thing now, for with the ground already in the hands of the gardeners, and one of the buildings completed, it already approaches an actuality. When the course is completed I shall no longer go about singing. I expect to devote my entire life to it and I hope through its agency to do something that will make for permanent good in the realm of American music."

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