

DR. P. H. WHEELER'S PREDECESSOR

Declares Dr. Wheeler Was Careless and Negligent as Health Officer.

DEFENDS POLICY IN OFFICE

Health Department Estimates Are Slightly Reduced by Councilmen. Appropriations Also Fixed for Parks and Streetcleaning.

ACTION OF WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

Health Officer—Continues school inspection, but is given four inspectors, who will work only during forenoon; salaries \$20 a month; one school nurse allowed, one bacteriologist at \$300 a year; \$2500 allowed for East side bathhouse; \$2000 for bathing expense; no changes in salaries or in number of assistants. Total appropriation recommended, \$22,087.

City Health Officer Pohl, in defending her department before the ways and means committee yesterday afternoon, charged Dr. C. H. Wheeler, her predecessor in office with gross carelessness and neglect of his official duties and a disregard for the compilation of statistics that make up the records of this office.

Dr. Pohl was plainly angered by reference to her predecessor in office and by the declarations of Mr. Wallace and Mr. Bennett that she had expended too much money in conducting the department. She produced facts to show, in her opinion at least, that the city has never had a more health department before; that she has it so thoroughly organized that the death rate has been materially lowered; attendance at the public schools is better than ever; and that general health conditions have improved wonderfully.

Charges of Dr. Pohl.

"These things may all be due to the grace of God, but if so, I earnestly thank him," said Dr. Pohl, "but I think it is due to my own efforts. You speak of the money expended in the department. I want to tell you that with his salary at \$20 a month, Dr. Wheeler got just what he paid for. His statistics were not being tabulated; wrong; they are not to be relied upon at all. He was also grossly negligent in his health department; people kept on quarantining cases; people fled with contagion released themselves when they felt like it. In fact, there was really no health department under his supervision. When I was parceling medicine, no representative of the Health Officer ever came near my contagious disease cases. You talk about economy, but I tell you right now, that the city could not have any better service than it got, and it got just what it paid for."

Expenditures High, Says Wallace.

"My opinion is that the city is spending too much money on the Health Officer," was the opinion of Mr. Wallace, which started the discussion. Dr. Wheeler ran it on one-third the amount we now require. There is no necessity for it, but you talk about economy, but I would send over a policeman with a gatling gun to relieve the situation and keep people in or out of the house, as might be desired."

Increase Was for Wheeler.

Mr. Wallace remarked that, to the best of his recollection, the Council increased the salary of Dr. Wheeler from \$200 a month, only upon the understanding that Dr. Wheeler would remain, and that he did not think, in all respect to Dr. Pohl, that the salary was intended for her or any other successor. There is some talk that the pay may be decreased by the Council next Wednesday.

Eisen Verdict Reversed.

The Supreme Court has reversed the verdict of the Circuit Court convicting D. William Eisen, former Danish Vice-Consul, of contributing to the delinquency of 7-year-old Nelson S. Eisen. The Supreme Court has declared the indictment upon which Dr. Eisen was tried to be worthless because it does not state that the girl was unmarried. Dr. Eisen was convicted before Judge O'Day and fined \$500. District Attorney Cameron filed a motion for a rehearing.

MAKE MORRISON THROUGH STREET

Plan to Open Thoroughfare From Mount Tabor to West Side Hills.

DETAILS OF NEW PROJECT

Property-Owners Interested in Movement to Give Portland Magnificent Business Street—Petition Being Signed Up.

Wakefield Sued for \$10,000.

A \$10,000 damage suit against Robert Wakefield, proprietor of the Portland Bridge & Building Company, was filed in the Circuit Court yesterday by Joseph R. Bell, former partner. Judge says that he was crushed under the railroad track of a Clackamas River bridge near Oregon City, December 8, 1907. The track, he claims, was raised several feet with jackscrews, which gave way while he was at work.

Sues on Big Lumber Bill.

The Beaver Lumber Company has filed suit in the Circuit Court against the Oregon City Planning Board to recover \$123.54, alleged to be owing on a lumber bill.

STOOD OFF BY BONAPARTE

SENATE COMMITTEE CAN'T GET FACTS ON STEEL DEAL.

Invitation to Testify Meets With Evasion—Relations Courteous but Not Cordial.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—A highly developed order of courtesy is being maintained between the Senate committee on Judiciary and Attorney-General Bonaparte over the question whether the Attorney-General should appear before the committee to explain the merger of the Tennessee Coal & Iron Company and the United States Steel Corporation.

WILL END RACE-BETTING

GILLETT WILL SIGN BILL LEGISLATURE WILL PASS.

California House Disposes of Measure and Senate's Adoption Sure to Follow.

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 21.—Development of the fight being made by the race-track interests to prevent the enactment in this state of the law passed in New York, known as the Hughes law, prohibiting betting upon races, slowly but surely is being broken down.

MONTANA RACERS GET JOLT

Long Meets and Bookmaking Declared Destructive to Sport.

HELENA, Mont., Jan. 21.—The statement that the abolishment of long race meetings without gambling would destroy or injure horse breeding throughout the state, made by a prominent horse breeder, the hands of W. H. Knight, secretary of the American Trotting Association.

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Circuit Court. Another case against the South Portland packing plant was appointed from the Circuit Court to the Supreme Court after having been decided adversely to the defendant.

Picture Men Escape Trial.

Fred Fritz and J. J. Russell will not go to trial on the indictment filed by ex-District Attorney Mannington charging them with having unlawfully exhibited obscene photographs, which contained the phrase "Mary displays the end of the lower court. Judge Gantenbein, in the present case, held in accordance with the Supreme Court's ruling.

OUR \$10,000 STOCK OF FURS at 1/2 PRICE. Grand Leader Fifth and Alder Sts. Value to \$10 at \$2.65.

Friday Bargain Day and Saturday Specials

Woolen Suits At \$10.75

Our First Advance Sale of Spring Suits

It must still be fresh in the minds of the shrewd buyers what our first Advance Sale means by looking back to last Fall, when all those who were fortunate enough to obtain the greatest values ever offered in Portland.

See the suits—the price tickets will turn your thoughts from anything like pedigree. Here are styles of the period in choice all-wools of the favorite colors and weights that you want. Eighteen seventy-five—they should be \$50.

Remember, these values at \$50 will be on sale Friday at \$18.75

SEE OUR WINDOWS—COME EARLY AND AVOID THE RUSH

HIGH OFFICIALS CALLED

Britain, France and Germany have laws necessitating great expense upon American inventors.

SECRETARY ROOT AMONG THOSE SUMMONED.

Assistant Attorney-General and Senator Knox Also Must Tell of Canal Label.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—Secretary Root, Senator Knox and Assistant Attorney-General Russell, of the Department of Justice, were served today with subpoenas to appear tomorrow before the Federal grand jury, now investigating the publication of alleged libelous articles in the New York World and Indianapolis News, concerning the names of Charles F. Taft, Douglas Robinson and William Nelson Cromwell with the Panama Canal purchase.

Secretary Root will appear before the jury at noon, which will necessitate his leaving the regular semi-weekly Cabinet meeting before it is concluded.

Assistant United States Attorney-General McNamara will read to the jury the full text of the articles containing the alleged libelous statements.

Attorney-General Bonaparte conferred today with President Roosevelt in regard to the statement that Mr. Bonaparte has declined to authorize Mr. Bonaparte in this case. This statement, it is now said, will not be made until next week.

QUIZ SEVERAL ON CANAL TALE

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—Several witnesses appeared today before the Federal grand jury which is investigating the charges of criminal libel against the New York World growing out of its articles, alleged libelous statements, Edward F. Cragin, a writer for magazines.

It was reported today that Charles P. Taft would appear as a witness before a special grand jury of New York County, which is directed by District Attorney Jerome is expected to begin an inquiry to ascertain whether criminal libel had been committed against an individual in this state.

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PROTECT AMERICAN INVENTORS.

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