

### LETTER OF MAYOR STIRS UP COUNCIL

#### Members Resent Attempt to Fasten on Them Blame for Bad Saloons.

### STRIKE BACK WITH HEAT

#### Declare Responsibility for Conditions Lies With Municipal Judge Van Zante, Lane's Appointee. Vaughn Defends Mayor.

Mayor Lane's habit of addressing communications to the City Council on the liquor question, asking the members to revoke licenses of "certain saloons," landed him in a lot of trouble yesterday morning during the session of the Council. In a hot debate, in which Councilman Cellars led, the Mayor was badly worsted. While attacking the Council in what was declared by Mr. Cellars to be "a letter written by the Mayor," he "intended to force the Council to shoulder blame that the Mayor's own Municipal Judge should take," the Mayor was unable to restrain the Council from taking action which puts upon Municipal Judge Van Zante responsibility for the presence of "drives" in this city.

### Mayor Defends His Position.

The criticism of the communication, and the open charge by Councilmen that it was not in good faith was so fierce that Mayor Lane was forced to ask permission of the Council to defend his action, after several Councilmen had finished their denunciatory remarks. The Mayor declared that he wrote the letter in perfect good faith, simply performing what he regarded as a part of his official duty, in an effort to close out certain alleged bad saloons.

### Why, Mr. Cellars, I cannot dictate to the municipal judge, quickly replied the Mayor.

"No, you cannot dictate to the municipal judge—your own judge—but you can hammer this Council with communications," retorted Mr. Cellars. "No, you cannot dictate to the judge, neither to this Council, but have you ever tried directing a communication to Judge Van Zante, as you have to this Council?"

### Collars Is Sarcastic.

"Well, it could be published with great glaring headlines in the newspapers," replied Mr. Cellars. "It would serve the same purpose, but the Mayor would then have a head like this: 'Mayor Lane handles his Municipal Judge for crimes in Portland saloons.' I would like to see you address a letter to your judge and see what effect it has."

### Vaughn Stands Up for Lane.

Councilman Vaughn, Democrat, and political lieutenant of Mayor Lane, defended the Mayor and Municipal Judge Van Zante, also a Democrat. Councilman Baker, in a sarcastic, brief speech, called attention to the fact that Mr. Vaughn's remarks seemed to be largely for the purpose of "defending the Democratic party."

### VAN ZANTE SCORES COUNCIL

#### Declares Resolution Imposes Unnecessary Burden of Work.

Municipal Judge Van Zante discussed yesterday the resolution adopted by the Council in which he was requested to supply that body with information regarding the cases in which he had imposed the maximum fines on saloonkeepers for violation of the laws. Judge Van Zante scored the Council for requiring him to furnish long searching of the records, for which it declined to give any assistance whatever.

"If the resolution stands," said the judge yesterday, "it will require a prolonged search by my clerk, whose hours at present average from 8 A. M. to 10 P. M. There are at least 35 to 40 cases a day and probably but two a week relate to saloonmen and these would have to be carefully sorted out and the city cases segregated from those brought by the state."

Judge Van Zante said he had in no case given the maximum fine in city cases, owing to the amount being very heavy. He had, however, always fined saloonmen who appeared before him in a manner that seemed to him to be commensurate with the offense.

### ENGAGEMENT OF PROMINENT PORTLAND SOCIETY YOUNG PEOPLE ANNOUNCED



MISS HAZEL BLUMAUER, WHO IS TO MARRY HARRY LITT.

Letters from Florence, Italy, yesterday, announced the engagement of Miss Hazel Blumauer, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Blumauer, to Harry Litt, Miss Blumauer, who is a handsome and popular girl, has been abroad for some months with her parents making a tour of Europe and they are now in Italy. Mr. Litt is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Litt, and is the acting manager of the H. B. Litt Co. He is a member of several clubs, a former Stanford man and has played both end and quarterback on the Multnomah football team. The wedding day has been set for June 14 and is to take place in Paris. The wedding journey will include a trip around the world.

### WAY OPEN FOR BATY

#### Police Sergeant May Now Be Made Captain of Detectives.

### RILEY WITHDRAWS NAME

#### Resigns From List of Eligibles for Position, Giving Executive Board Opportunity to Name Its Choice for Position.

The way is at last clear for the promotion by the Mayor's Executive Board of Sergeant Batty to the position of captain in the police department, which will make him in reality captain of detectives. Yesterday afternoon, when the Civil Service Commission held its regular session, a communication was received from Police- man Harry Riley, requesting the Commission to permit him to withdraw his name from the list of eligibles for the position.

"I withdrew from the list of eligibles entirely on my own account, and without any suggestion from any one, and even without any consultation with the Chief," said Policeman Riley, in explanation of the matter. "I have waited six months for the appointment, and it was never made. I saw plainly that it was not for me to have, and I decided to stop aside the job. I know nothing of what the heads of the force desire, but if they want to promote Sergeant Batty, it suits me. He is a first-class man, a fine officer and is worthy of the position."

"I knew nothing whatever of the withdrawal of Riley," said Mayor Lane. "He withdrew, if at all, on his own purely his own. I have no knowledge of it personally. I do not care who is captain, as long as some good man is named." "I did not know that Riley had withdrawn," said Chief of Police Gritzmacher when asked regarding the matter. "He has said nothing to me about it. I cannot say what will be done, if anything, about naming a captain. It is a matter for the Police Commissioners to settle."

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### Suit Over Damage to Well.

Charging Henry Richelieder with having poured into a well which they were boring about two and a half miles west of Wasco something which caused the drill to become wedged in, and immovable, E. B. Moon and Blaska Shaw have brought suit in the Circuit Court for damages. They seek to recover \$600, a portion of which is for their work upon the well, and the balance for the loss of the drill. They accuse Richelieder with having interfered with their work from the start, compelling them to remove their machinery frequently that he might ascertain the amount of water which was flowing into the well.

Muscataine, Ia.—Trey Jones, on trial here for the murder of Mr. and Mrs. Van Winkle, committed suicide in the Court Jail Wednesday by hanging himself with his bedclothes.

### NO MONEY YET TO REPAIR BRIDGE

#### City Has Not Realized on Bonds Sold Here Last January.

### MAY DELAY CONSTRUCTION

#### Old Structure Has Been Condemned but There Is Not a Cent on Hand to Build New Span Across River.

While the Executive Board has ordered condemnation proceedings in the case of the Madison-street bridge, City Attorney Kavanaugh having been for some time preparing for such action in the courts, as a matter of fact there is no fund on hand to be used in the construction of the proposed new span across the Willamette River at that point. The bond issue of \$460,000, sold January 27, 1909, to O'Connor & Kahler, of New York, has not yet been paid for. The City Council, at its session yesterday afternoon, passed certain resolutions, asked for by the attorney for the purchasers, and consent was granted to the principal and interest at New York, without additional cost to the municipality. It is said that everything is regular, but that the city has no fund with which to build the proposed new bridge.

There is said to be no doubt that the money will be forthcoming soon, but it is said that never before has just such a situation as this presented itself. The city, through the Executive Board, is proceeding as rapidly as possible under the charter to build the proposed new bridge, but without a cent on hand with which to do the actual work. City Attorney Kavanaugh has been directed to institute condemnation proceedings to condemn the rights of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company thereon; City Engineer Taylor has been instructed to prepare plans and specifications for the new structure, and has also been ordered to cause a minute examination of the old bridge to be made, which he will do at once, the Council having granted the necessary funds for the purpose.

After having taken all of this procedure and having closed the old Madison-street structure to all kinds of traffic, the city now finds itself without a penny with which to build the proposed new bridge. As a contrast, it may be said that the same firm that purchased the bridge bonds also took over the \$500,000 of parks and boulevard bonds, and paid for the entire issue the following day. City Auditor Barber, however, states he is confident that everything is now all right and that the funds will be available within a brief time. He states, also, that the city is saving quite a sum in interest by not having the large sum of money on hand while the procedure is in operation for the new bridge.

The Council yesterday afternoon passed an ordinance fixing the request of the purchasers of the bonds, satisfying the sale as made by the committee on ways and means, and also approved the request for the payment of interest and principal at New York.

Strong pressure is being brought to bear upon the members of the City Council to use the influence of their office to hasten the closing of the old bridge, and to have the new bridge opened as early as possible. Portland Railway, Light & Power Company officials are also using every effort to have the old bridge closed as early as possible. The Council passed an ordinance appropriating \$300 with which to put divers, who are immediately to be put at work making an investigation of the condition of the piers.

### Board Makes Costly Mistake.

The Council administered a rebuke to the members of the City Water Board for their manner of purchasing property for the new water tower. The rebuke came in the form of a letter from the City Engineer, who pointed out a mistake in the purchase of one tract. It was declared by City Attorney Kavanaugh that the city lost \$200. The piece was supposed to be 100 acres, but actually did, and the owner refused to accept any reduction in the lump sum asked for it, refusing to return any portion of the money. The mistake was discovered. It was only after a survey was made by the City Engineer that the error was learned.

"My youngest boy, 3 years old, was sick with fever last June, and when he got better the doctor prescribed Scott's Emulsion, and he liked it so well that he drank it out of the bottle, and is now just as plump and strong as any child of his age anywhere... two bottles fixed him OK."—MR. JOHN F. TEDDER, Box 263, Teague-Freestone Co., Texas.

### Hunt Club Plans Saturday Ride.

The Portland Hunt Club will hold a cross country ride next Saturday, at which is expected an unusually large turnout of the club members. The route over which the riders will travel will be selected by Mr. and Mrs. James Nicol, who have been selected as hosts for the occasion. The start will be from the head of Johnson street.

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