

SYSTEM LACKING IN WATER OFFICE

Superintendent Dodge Admits Deplorable State in the Department.

PUMP "TESTS" FARCICAL

Chief of Service Declares Office Duties Keep Him From Personal Inspection of Plant—Investigation Is Concluded.

Superintendent Frank T. Dodge, of the City Water Department, was on the city before Mayor Lane and members of the Water Board for two hours yesterday morning. Mr. Dodge made admissions showing that there is no system whatever in vogue in his office; that every employe does as he pleases, simply reporting at his own sweet will whenever the spirit moves him, and at that the majority of the reports submitted appear to have been misleading and of worse than no account, so far as the good of the service is concerned.

At the conclusion of the session yesterday morning Mayor Lane announced that the investigation is completed and that the testimony will be considered and the findings reported later. It has been shown that the officials, upon whom the city is dependent for good water service, do not understand how to handle the system, and even at this moment, as was shown yesterday morning, the entire West Side may be impeded by a failure of the pumps.

Superintendent Dodge has been at the head of the water service of the city for 12 years, yet he was forced to admit that he does not understand the workings of the system; that he does not know what constitutes his duties and that he is absolutely dependent upon reports of subordinates for information concerning the various matters of vital concern in the department. He seldom, if ever, leaves his office at all, and he has never made personal inspection of various improvements being made throughout the city for the water service, and spends his time signing regulations which are called upon by his subordinates to do so.

It has been nine years since the pumps at Palatine Hill were called into service when the supposed emergency was a severe week ago, and Mr. Dodge had until then rested securely in the belief that all was in readiness to start the pumps and furnish the West Side with water from the River Water. However, contrary to the frequent reports of Chief Pump Engineer Sharp, the pumps were lamentable, with the refusal to work properly and Mr. Dodge frankly admitted yesterday, when pressed for an answer to the question, that he would not now accept without suspicion further reports from Mr. Sharp, and strongly recommended that an expert engineer be employed to "check up on Mr. Sharp."

Dr. C. H. Rafferty stands by Dodge. Dr. C. H. Rafferty appears to be the only member of the Board who is inclined to stand by Mr. Dodge, and the other "higher ups" in the service, and yesterday morning he had a slight clash with Mayor Lane after the latter had made it a strong point to question Mr. Dodge about the expenditures of the Water Department during the past nine years or so. Dr. Rafferty has been a member of the Board through all those years, and rather resented the inference, as he called it, that there may have been neglect or dishonest methods connected with the service. Mayor Lane said that all he meant was that there might have been neglect, which, he said, is in his estimation, dishonest. Dr. Rafferty replied rather heatedly that "this has yet to be shown."

While Mr. Dodge ranks as superintendent and is supposed to have absolute charge of the Water Department, he said yesterday morning that he does not really control the department as a subordinate, and that they consult over matters pertaining to the engineering, instead of Mr. Clarke taking orders from Mr. Dodge. In view of all that has been revealed, however, Mr. Dodge stated that he has no recommendations to make as to rearranging the employes for the good of the service.

MUCH TROUBLE OVER AUTO Question of Who Shall Pay for Repairs Gets Into Courts.

An order for a writ of review in the Justice Court of Lane County, filed against C. A. Alvord, was signed by Circuit Judge Brougham yesterday, upon petition of the defendant. Alvord says on January 2, H. F. McKinnis, manager of the Portland Auto Commission House, agreed to sell for Alvord a 1907 model automobile for \$1900. McKinnis was to exhibit it to intending purchasers, says Alvord, but instead of that

used it to give driving lessons to students, and rented it for hire. If repairs were to be made, they were to be ordered. The machine became out of repair, and when Alvord refused to pay the bills, Reed brought suit to recover \$22.25 in Justice Court on account of work performed.

Judgment by default was ordered by the Justice on April 23. A motion to vacate the judgment was filed on May 4, it being contended that it was erroneously taken while a motion to make the complaint more definite and certain was pending, and an effort was being made to settle the matter out of court. But Justice of the Peace Bell refused to reopen the case.

PUT WRONG BRAND ON RICE

S. H. Harris Fined for Selling American Grain as Japanese Article.

S. H. Harris, manager of the Louisiana Rice Milling Company, pleaded guilty before Presiding Circuit Judge Brougham yesterday afternoon to having sold a sack of American rice to M. J. Malley under the name "Imported Japanese Rice." He was fined \$25. He then pleaded guilty to a second charge, that of having sold a similar sack to Mrs. Hudson, upon which Judge Brougham decreed sentence. Harris' attorney passed up for the court's inspection a proof of the label now used by Harris on his American rice. It reads, "Satsuma No. 1, Japanese Rice. Grown in Texas, U. S. A."

Counsel asked that the second charge be dismissed, as he said there was no criminal intent, but Deputy District Attorney Page insisted upon a plea. The court was informed that if the grand jury undertook to indict Harris for every sack of American rice sold under the brand "Japanese," there would probably be a thousand indictments, and that the fines would be heavy. It was contended that the rice is imported, and the rice grown in the South. Other dealers in the same article are said to have been given an opportunity to change their brands, but Harris was not. "Mr. Bailey refused to tell us how these sacks should be branded," said counsel.

Hert Ward pleaded guilty to having stolen \$3.05 from Hardi Singh on April 21, and was sentenced to two months in the County Jail. Tony Pico pleaded not guilty to having held up and robbed J. P. Dow, May 2.

SAYS SHE SUPPORTED SPOUSE Mrs. Ruth E. Brink Asks for Divorce, as Do Two Other Wives.

After having tried it for 12 years, Mrs. Ruth E. Brink has grown tired of supporting both herself and her husband, she says. She has brought a divorce suit against Henry W. Brink in the Circuit Court. She alleges in the complaint that he has been intoxicated most of the time for the last two months. She married him at Bloomington, Wis., October 24, 1894. The couple have three children, of which she asks the custody. She owns property at Troutdale.

Hattie Troxel, who married James Troxel of Grant County, Wisconsin, in April, 1868, has filed suit in the Circuit Court for divorce. She says her husband left her in 1904. She asks to again take her maiden name, Hattie Ayers.

Undertaker Sues for Funeral Bill. Stories are told of the way in which the ghosts of the departed disturb the slumbers of the living, but trouble of a more sinister kind has come to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Peters and Mrs. C. H. Brown on account of a funeral which took place at Newberg in December, 1907. Hollingsworth, the undertaker, who furnished the casket, burial robe and carriages, brought suit yesterday in the State Circuit Court to secure the payment of the funeral bill. The items are as follows: Casket and outside box, burial robe and material for lining grave and lot in cemetery, \$65.50; six carriages, one hearse, one wagon, \$29.50; opening grave, \$5.

MAY SELL LIQUOR AS THEY CHOOSE

Restaurant - Keepers Cannot Be Curbed Under Present City Ordinances.

COURTS HOLD LAW INVALID

As Long as Food Is Served With Them, Drinks May Be Dispensed at Any Hour, Day or Night, Authorities Find.

Restaurant-keepers may sell liquor at any and all hours of the day and night, and without paying any license, either, so long as it is necessary to serve up a little something to eat and the act is not punishable. That is the condition the authorities face in dealing with restaurant-keepers who serve liquors at all hours of the day and night. For, in accordance with a recent decision by Circuit Judge Gantenbein, the ordinance regulating the restaurant liquor traffic is invalid inasmuch as it compels them to take out a license, without providing any procedure for securing a license.

Some time ago the City Attorney's office found itself unable to proceed against whisky-selling restaurants on this account. Now there is every likelihood that a test case as to the sale of liquor after 1 o'clock will fall through. The case is that of the city against Ed Johnson, proprietor of the Delmonico restaurant. Johnson is accused of having dispensed liquor at 1 o'clock, the hour long ago set for the closing of all saloons and the cessation of all liquor selling.

Neighbor With Cow THEN SENT FOR POUNDMASTER TO GET STRAY.

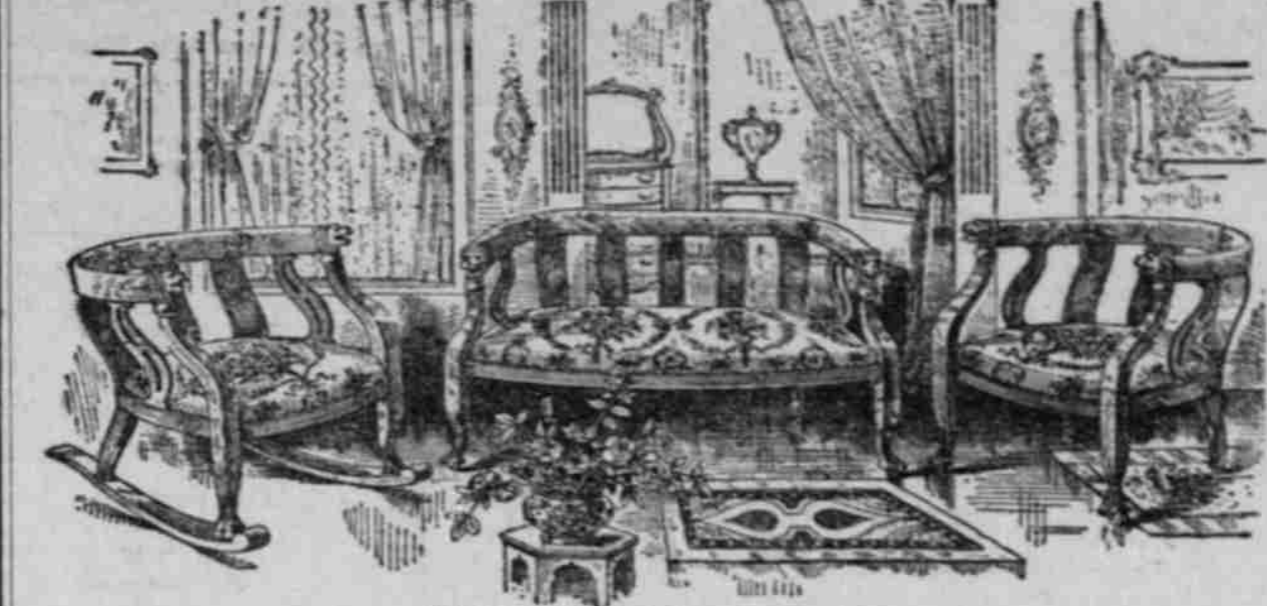
August Stoher Has Grievance Against Charles Werner and Later Is Lectured by Court.

Charles Werner, said by August Stoher to be the means man in Piedmont, was tried in Municipal Court yesterday on a charge of disorderly conduct growing out of Werner's practice of entering the Stoher cow and sending her to the Poundmaster.

BETTER SERVICE URGED Effort Being Made for Better Mail Facilities to Eureka.

CHURCH WILL CELEBRATE Fairview Methodists to Observe 40th Anniversary of Dedication.

Special Sale \$100 Parlor Suits



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MOTHER'S FRIEND advertisement with image of a woman and child, and text describing the product's benefits for women's health.

Fortune Telling advertisement with image of a woman and text describing the service.

THE PACKARD SHOE FOR MEN \$4.00 \$5.00 advertisement with image of a shoe.

PHILLIPS SHOE CO. advertisement with image of a shoe.

MOTHER'S FRIEND advertisement with image of a woman and child.

Fortune Telling advertisement with image of a woman.

Do it Now advertisement with text describing a product.