TEMPEST STIRRED UP OVER STREETS

Lawyer Duniway and Mayor Lane "Speak Right Out in Meetin'."

CITY ACCUSED OF DELAY

War of Words Enlivens Executive Board Committee When Irvington District Improvements Taken Up—One Award Made.

Language, decidedly expressive and unmistakable as to meaning, was employed by Mayor Lane and Attorney R. R. Duniway while each paid his respects to the other at a meeting of the street committee of the Executive Board yesterday afternoon. Mr. Duniway reminded the Mayor and his associates on the committee that they were the "servants and not the masters" of the people. The Mayor retorted by saying that Duniway was no man to presume to lecture the members of the Executive Board as to their official responsibility. Mayor Lane further charged that Mr. Duniway and the interests he represented were laying a more "bum" quality of street pavement in Irvington than could be found in any other section of the city.

Wrangle Over Improvements.

The whole trouble arose from a discussion of street improvements in Irvington and resulted in the committee rejecting the bids for a number of streets and sending them back to the Council for further proceedings. At a prior meeting of the committee, bids for the improvement of a number of streets in Irvington addition were opened but of the number only one award was made, that for Stanton street, which was given to Elwood Wilds, who also was a bidder for the other improvement work. The award of the other contracts had been held up for some time and yesterday Attorney Duniway, representing Ellis C. Hughes and the Irvington Investment Company, principal owners of the addition in which the improvements were asked, appeared before the committee and protested against the dilatory manner in which the contracts were being considered.

At yesterday's meeting City Attorney Kavanaugh submitted an opinion holding that the contract for the improvement of Stanton street had been entered into with Wilds from the time it was awarded, although the Mayor had not yet signed the contract. In the same opinion, it was held that the improvement of that street at its intersection with other streets for the improvement of which bids had been asked, belonged to the holder of the original contract, even though his figures were slightly in advance of the other bidders, for that particular part of the work.

Wants Contracts Awarded.

Mr. Duniway appealed to the Executive Board to award the contracts for the improvement of the other streets to Wilds, submitting at the same time the unanimous waiver of the interested property-owners as to the slightly increased figure of Wilds' bid. He explained that the people of that addition were desirous of improving their section and wished to co-operate with the city officials and conform to the rules and regulations governing such work. He insisted that his clients were interested only in the improvement and beautifying of that district and since they were willing to stand the expense of the work as indicated in Wilds' figures that the committee should not longer delay the award of the contracts so long as the interests of the city were properly protected. He spoke with considerable warmth and charged the committee with shirking its responsibility which, he said, was to aid and encourage in every way property-owners who manifested a desire to improve their property.

"My clients own these streets, not the city," declared Mr. Duniway. "What is more, the members of this committee are acting only in a ministerial capacity. You are the servants not the masters of the people, and we have some rights. These improvements have been petioned for by the property-owners and it is only right that their petitions should be granted. Only a few minutes ago on the petition of 90 per cent of the property-owners in another instance this committee awarded a contract for the improvement of several streets to the highest bidder."

"Confine yourself to the truth as nearly as it is possible for you to," interrupted Mayor Lane.

"Was not that the reason for the award?" asked Duniway.

"No, sir, there were other reasons," came back the Mayor.

Mr. Duniway concluded by rebuking the members of the committee for holding up improvements in which, he charged, they had no right to interfere.

Mayor Lane Sarcastic.

Replying to Mr. Duniway Mayor Lane became decidedly causic. He charged that Mr. Duniway and his associates, who were now undertaking to dictate to the committee just how it should proceed in the award of street improvement contracts, had only a few years ago induced the old water board to lay several thousand feet of water mains in their addition for which the city had never been paid.

"I have absolutely no confidence in the highly benefactory instincts you profess to have," continued the Mayor. "You are building more 'bum' pavement in your Irvington addition than can be found in any other section of the city. Our inspectors are watching your work well and it is proper that they should. Your work and that of your contractor will bear the closest scrutiny and that is what we propose to give it, too. These private contracts you and your clients have entered into with your contractor will bear a close inspection."

Under the ruling of the City Attorney, the committee decided that it was powerless to recind its action at a previous meeting regarding the Stanton-street improvement and it was decided that it was up to the Mayor to sign this contract, which he has been holding up for some time. As to the improvements on intersecting streets, however, in which the contracts had not been awarded, the committee ordered them returned to the City Council with instruction that new plans and specifications be prepared and further bids asked.

EPWORTH LEAGUERS MEET

Second Annual District Gathering in Session at Sellwood Church.

Beginning at 9 o'clock this morning in the Sellwood Methodist Church and continuing with morning, afternoon and night sessions, the second annual meeting of the District Epworth League will convene. The morning session will be devoted largely to routine business. Papers dealing with the work of the league will be read by J. W. Larimore and Ernest Smith. At the afternoon session at 1:30 o'clock Miss Irene Ray, of Sellwood Chapter, will read a paper on "Training." Dr. D. L. Rader, of the Pacific Christian Advocate, will also speak.

The principal feature of the night session will be the address, "The Making of a Man," by Dr. Benjamin Young, of Taylor-street Church. There will also be three sessions tomorrow and Sunday, when the league's work will be presented in addresses and papers by members of the various chapters. At last night's social session M. A. Marcy, of Sellwood Chapter, delivered the address of welcome, which was responded to by District President William H. Warren. Following is today's programme:

Morning—Devotional services; business session; paper, "Attracting," by J. W. Larimore, superintendent of First (Taylor street) Intermediate League; paper, "Saving," by Ernest Smith, of Trinity Chapter; announcements.

Afternoon—Bible reading; paper, "Training," by Miss Irene Ray, of Sellwood Chapter; the Pacific Christian Advocate, by Dr. D. L. Rader; roll call of chapters; announcements.

Evening—Social session; address, "The Making of a Man," by Rev. Benjamin Young, D. D., of the First Methodist Episcopal Church.

TACOMA THUG SHOOTS

WOUNDS MAN WHO RESISTS HOLD-UP IN SALOON.

Seven Other Men Empty Their Pockets and Robber Then Loots Cash-Drawer.

TACOMA, Wash., May 20.—(Special.)—Shortly before midnight tonight a masked robber entered the Potomac Hotel saloon, 201 East Twenty-sixth street, and with a command to the eight occupants to throw up their hands, deliberately fired at Carl Glock, who showed a disposition to ignore the command. The bullet entered the right side.

Apparently struck dumb by the boldness and cold-bloodedness of the outlaw, the other men offered no resistance and quickly shelled out the contents of their pockets. After gathering up his collection of money, watches and valuables, the robber went behind the bar and tapped the cash register, securing about $10. With a bow and a "Thank you," he then disappeared through the doorway. The police have no clew, but believe he is the same robber who has been operating in the East End the past ten days.

Glock is foreman for the Coast Contracting Company, and rooms at the Potomac Hotel. His condition is serious although it is expected he will recover.

WIDOW CHARGES THEFT

ACCUSES C. M. M'ELROY, SAID TO BE PORTLAND LAWYER.

Mrs. Inez Valquez, of Tacoma, Alleges Her "Affinity" Took $500 of Her Money.

TACOMA, Wash., May 20.—(Special.)—Mrs. Inez Valquez, a pretty widow, has sworn to a complaint in Prosecuting Attorney McMurray's office charging C. M. McElroy, alias Valquez, said to be a Portland attorney, with desertion and theft of $500, which she alleges he took when he suddenly deserted her after a two months' honeymoon in Alaska. She claims that her "affinity" had a wife when he married her.

One day she was proudly showing his photograph to a friend. "Why, that's C. M. McElroy, of Portland," exclaimed the friend. "There must be some mistake or a wonderful resemblance. He is married to a stenographer in one of the city offices at Portland, though he hasn't lived with her for two years."

Mrs. Valquez went to Portland and met the other wife, who told her all about it, she says. She then returned to Tacoma and filed complaint, and the Pierce County authorities are now looking for McElroy, who is thought to still be in Juneau, Alaska. Mrs. Valquez has returned to Portland, where she is looking up the record of the man she married after a short courtship.

ELKS' JINKS BIG SUCCESS

Antlered Herd Hears Programme and Talks of Convention.

"Hellos, Bill! Welcome to our fair and beautiful city." That was the greeting heartily extended to visitors from outside Portland who attended the Elks' jinks last night. The occasion was the semi-annual entertainment given by the organization to bring the membership together and extend fraternal felicitations to visiting Elks. There was a full turnout of members of Portland Lodge No. 142 and a good sprinkling of visitors from all parts of the country.

Gus C. Moser, exalted ruler of Portland Lodge, presided and kept the entertainment moving along without hitch. He and Past Exalted Rulers D. Solis Cohen and Dr. Harry McKay spoke to the members of Portland Lodge on the importance of having a big representation of Portland at the coming grand lodge meeting at Los Angeles. Vancouver Lodge had a committee present to arrange accommodations in the special train that is to go from this city to California.

TWO UNIONS TO UNITE

Western Federation and United Mineworkers Will Be Allied.

SPOKANE, May 20.—"It is probable that working agreements will be made by the Western Federation of Miners and the United Mine Workers of America, bringing them in closer relations with each other," stated C. H. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, who is here tonight. "It is not probable that they will unite, as their fields of usefulness are different. In spite of all reports, the next convention of the Federation will show that it is stronger than ever."

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. George B. Cellars is rapidly improving from an operation at the Good Samaritan Hospital. If her improvement continues, she can be removed to her home the last of next week.

The friends of Mrs. John M. Rodgers will be pleased to know that she is recovering rapidly from the operation she underwent at St. Vincent's Hospital last Monday, and will be able to return to her home in a few days.

REUNION IS HELD

Benefits of Commercial Club Excursion Told by Pilgrims.

OPTIMISTIC TALKS MADE

Participants in Recent Journey Through State of Washington Agree Results Amply Repaid Them—Lessons Learned.

What was described by all the speakers as a "gathering of the famous 76" occurred last night at the convention hall of the Commercial Club. Most of the 76 participants in the business men's excursion through the State of Washington with a number of their friends were there to discuss the benefits and possibilities of the trip.

S. M. Luders set the ball rolling with a brief chat on "Public Improvements." Mr. Luders was particularly impressed with the hard-surface pavements in Tacoma. "For an hour," he said, "we drove in automobiles at high speed and only once for a few blocks did we cross car tracks. Paving in Tacoma is done on the district plan and the city insists on all improvements being put in ahead of the paving.

"One wonders why Portland, so beautiful, should be so far behind Tacoma in street improvements and particularly in the matter of paving.

"In Portland the streets are the only marring spot. Let us adopt the district plan. In Tacoma it was found the value of property increased by several times the value of the paving and improvements put in, and in Portland we shall find it the same."

Later in the evening the speaker reminded the audience that within 200 feet of the Commercial Club a wooden sidewalk could be found.

"The Booster Spirit" was touched on by W. A. Holt. "Nothing in the world does so much good as the spirit of boosting or commendation," said Mr. Holt. "On our trip little towns had not much, but they showed us their best and they boosted it along. On that account we appreciated what they had. Every town said it had something that was the best in the world of its kind. And I believe it had.

"Many people think boosting is hot air. If we live in a city we must think it the best place in the world or we would not live in it. Why should we not say so?

"Boosting can only come of a certain amount of good will. It is one of the finest attributes a man can have. It was particularly noticeable in our train and at the depots we visited.

"We have the good will of every place in Washington. Boosting is not confined to men—at one time we were met by a women's booster club.

"Knocking is a detriment—a nation cannot get along with interior strife—a town cannot get along if it contains knockers. There has been a little too much knocking in Portland but the spirit is passing."

Of expositions, the way they should be managed and the way they should be exploited, J. B. (Jack) Marshall spoke at some length. He told of traveling 57,000 miles in the interest of the Lewis and Clark exposition and of the experiences, the rebuffs and satisfaction he had received. He discussed the difficulty of getting the Liberty Bell and told why Portland had not had it for the exposition and would not have it for the Rose Festival. Regarding the exposition of today, he said:

"Yesterday it was a dream, today it is a realization and tomorrow it will be a commonplace. You can learn a whole lot at Seattle. You have invested money up there and you ought to get your money's worth.

"Help the fellows build their exposition, but be selfish. Then let's be magnanimous while we're selfish."

W. A. Averill told of the wonders of irrigation. Of the enterprise of the irrigated land farmers, he was particularly impressed, and he contrasted them unfavorably with the Willamette Valley farmers, who he said were able to leave a great deal to nature that the irrigated land farmer had to achieve by hard work.

"One of the most pleasing things we saw were the orchards—the garden spots of Yakima," he said, "all due to the benefits of irrigation. A few years ago these lands were sage brush. Twenty years ago 160 acres was sold for under $200. This land was right close to Yakima and now I could not purchase it for $1000 an acre. That is due to the benefits of irrigation."

YOUNG ELOPERS CAUGHT

Portland Couple in Tent at Moses Lake Surprised by Officer.

WILSON CREEK, Wash., May 20.—(Special.)—Love's young dream in a tent at Moses Lake was rudely shattered when an officer arrived from Portland with warrants for the arrest of the sloping couple.

The man was about 24 years old, named Lynn, a cook by profession. The girl was Miss Frances Prescil, and her age 15 years. The warrants were sworn to by the girl's mother. The couple asserted that they were married in Wenatchee on their way here.

Accompanied by the officer, the party drove to Ephrata, where they boarded a train for Portland.

MAUS IS NEW COMMANDER

New General at Vancouver—Other Changes in Army.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—Brigadier-General Marion P. Maus will be assigned to the vacant command of the Department of the Columbia, with headquarters at Vancouver Barracks, Wash., as the result of a series of Army changes announced today.

Brigadier-General John H. Kerr, recently detached from command of the mounted service and post at Fort Riley, Kan., was placed on the retired list on his own application. He will be succeeded by Brigadier-General W. S. Edgerly, now commanding the Department of Dakota, at St. Paul, who in turn will be succeeded by Brigadier-General Charles L. Hodges, recently detached from the command of the District of the Visayas, in the Philippines.

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PAINFUL TREATMENT OF SCIATICA

Left Patient in Worse Condition Than Before—When Blood Was Restored Health Followed.

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"Through overwork and a bad cold, which settled in my back, I was attacked by sciatica in my right leg several years ago. I was bent over with pain which was continually present. It grew so much worse that the doctor recommended a blistering plaster. Then my leg was lanced and the pain relieved by injections of morphine. After all this treatment for the sciatica I was left in a run-down condition and my doctor failed to build up my strength.

"My blood was in poor shape and I had no appetite. I was restless at night. There was a constant, dull ache across my back. During my sickness I was often confined to my bed and lost in weight from 168 pounds to 118 pounds.

"I was in despair of ever getting better but fortunately Dr. Williams' Pink Pills were recommended to me by some friends. The pills soon had my blood in good condition but, I took them steadily until I was fully restored to health. I am very grateful for the benefit Dr. Williams' Pink Pills gave me and always recommend them."

If you are suffering from sciatica and the treatment you are taking is not relieving you, or if you are actually getting worse while taking other treatment, then do not delay but give Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a thorough trial. The remedy that cures others will cure you.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are sold by all druggists, or will be mailed, postpaid, on receipt of price, 50 cents per box; six boxes for $2.50, by the Dr. Williams Medicine Company, Schenectady, N. Y.

"Comtesse Coquette" at the Heilig

BY ARTHUR A. GREENE.

To what base uses! To what base uses! Is all the world and his wife afflicted with parcels or is he becoming depraved from the feet up? A dirty little comedy—God save the mark—called "Comtesse Coquette," written by a ribald-minded Italian dabbler in perfumed smut and alleged literature, named Bracco and enacted by Alla Nazimova and others, polluted some two hours or more at the Heilig last night.

The actress who unquestionably is worthy the most careful and thoughtful attention, prostituted her marvelous gifts to a prostitution of what, we who love it, still call the drama. And, again, it seem no wonder that there are many people of intellect who insist that the theater is becoming merely a resort for perverts. If any member of last night's audience maintains that he got one second's clean entertainment or amusement from the piece or its performance, said party of the first part should be examined by a corps of alienists. The crowd cackled at times and frequently attested its knowledge of what was transpiring by grins. But it is to be hoped that none of them, returning to ordinary decency after the last curtain was down, so far forgot themselves as to tell what the play was about to those who try to keep mentally clean.

Mme. Nazimova did herself no credit. It is inconceivable that those who saw the wonders she wrought in her earlier performances here can be but thoroughly disappointed and discouraged after her offense of last night. Her acting was mediocre in the main, a few significant shrugs and nudges and moues, three or four bright speeches of the kind better left unsaid and then dreary, unsavory piffle through three acts. Some handsome gowns and scenery, nothing more that was good and much more that was positively bad. The family bath-tub was mercifully spared us, little else. There are some things too sacred and intimate let us hope, to be placed upon the stage for the well-dressed mob to giggle over.

A comedy, "Comptesse Coquette"—God save the mark.

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