ERROR HOLDS UP BRIDGE CONTRACT

Wakefield Makes Mistake of $10,000 in Bid, but It May Be Rectified.

ACTION PROBABLE TODAY

Madison Span Will Cost $433,017 if Lowest Offer Can Be Accepted. Pacific Bridge Company Is Next at $450,471.

A contract for the construction of the steel bridge across the Willamette River at Madison street will be awarded by the Executive Board at 4 o'clock this afternoon, unless something very unexpected happens. The bids of Robert Wakefield and the United Engineering Company, and of the Pacific Bridge Company come within the appropriation of $450,000 and it is probable one of these concerns will receive the contract.

All bids are held up, together with certified checks for more than $1,000,000, pending the special session of the Board this afternoon, because of an alleged mistake of $10,000 by Mr. Wakefield. Reference of this matter had to be made to City Attorney Kavanaugh for a legal opinion before further action could be taken.

The combination of Robert Wakefield and the United Engineering Company, of which Drake C. O'Reilly is president, worked out very satisfactorily, insofar as the Board was concerned, but Mr. Wakefield's bid of $94,750 for the construction of the substructure, he declared, was a mistake by $10,000, for which he accounted by charging that a clerical error was made in his office. His certified check was for $11,000, an evidence, he said, of the fact that he intended to bid more than $94,750. Checks are to be for not less than 10 per cent of the total amount of the bids.

Mayor Suspects Collusion.

However, Mayor Lane and some of the members of the Board suspect that Mr. Wakefield intended to complicate matters in this manner in order to, perhaps, bring about legal difficulties and throw the contract to the Pacific Bridge Company, which, if done, will cost the city $35,000 more for the bridge. The Mayor and Mr. Wakefield had a hot tilt over the bid, but it was finally ordered that all matters connected with the span be laid over until 4 o'clock this afternoon, when City Attorney Kavanaugh will render an opinion on the question as to whether the Board can let the contract for the substructure to Mr. Wakefield at his orginal figures and arrange some means of righting the mistake. It is thought that perhaps, he being the lowest bidder even with the extra $10,000 added to his first figures, the city can enter into a contract with him without inviting litigation. If this can be done, he will be awarded the work of building the substructure and the United Engineering Company the superstructure, bringing the total amount for the job, including the commission of Waddell & Harrington, consulting engineers, up to $433,017.

If the contract cannot be awarded to Mr. Wakefield by some means such as that outlined, it is probable that the contract will be let to the Pacific Bridge Company, the next lowest bidder, for the sum of $450,417. Mayor Lane and the members of the Executive Board are so anxious to proceed with the construction of the bridge that they desire to award a contract this afternoon.

There were several other bids, but none which, when tabulated and computed under the direction of City Engineer Taylor and J. Lyle Harrington, consulting engineer, would work out a completed structure, and these will not, therefore, be considered.

Report Made to Board.

The bids were opened at a special session of the Executive Board, Monday noon, and were then referred to Messrs. Taylor and Harrington for checking over. The two officials worked hard until late Monday night and finished up their task early yesterday afternoon, being able to render a complete report to the Board at 4 o'clock. When the reading of the proposals and the figures attached was completed, it was evident that the Mayor and members of the Board felt disappointed.

"All of which is perfectly plain to me," remarked Mayor Lane abruptly, after reading of the bids by Clerk Wiegand. Whereat, there was general laughter among the members of the Board and the contractors. "I guess it is about time for you to say something," concluded Mayor Lane, pointing toward Mr. Harrington.

"We all know there is a certain sum of money available for this work," was the significant statement of Mr. Harrington, as he arose. He then proceeded to explain the figures, and there were sufficient expressions from members of the Board to show that they felt suspicious about the bids. There followed a recess of 20 minutes, during which the Mayor and members of the Board, with the various contractors, discussed matters informally. After the recess, Thomas G. Greene moved to lay the matter over until this afternoon, which was carried, and in the meantime Mr. Kavanaugh will prepare an opinion on the bid of Mr. Wakefield.

Mr. Wakefield said that, if he can change his figures and insert the $10,000, as he declares he originally intended to do, he is willing to sign the contract and proceed with the work; otherwise, he says, he will lose money, and does not think he should be forced to do the work at a sacrifice, simply because he made a mistake.

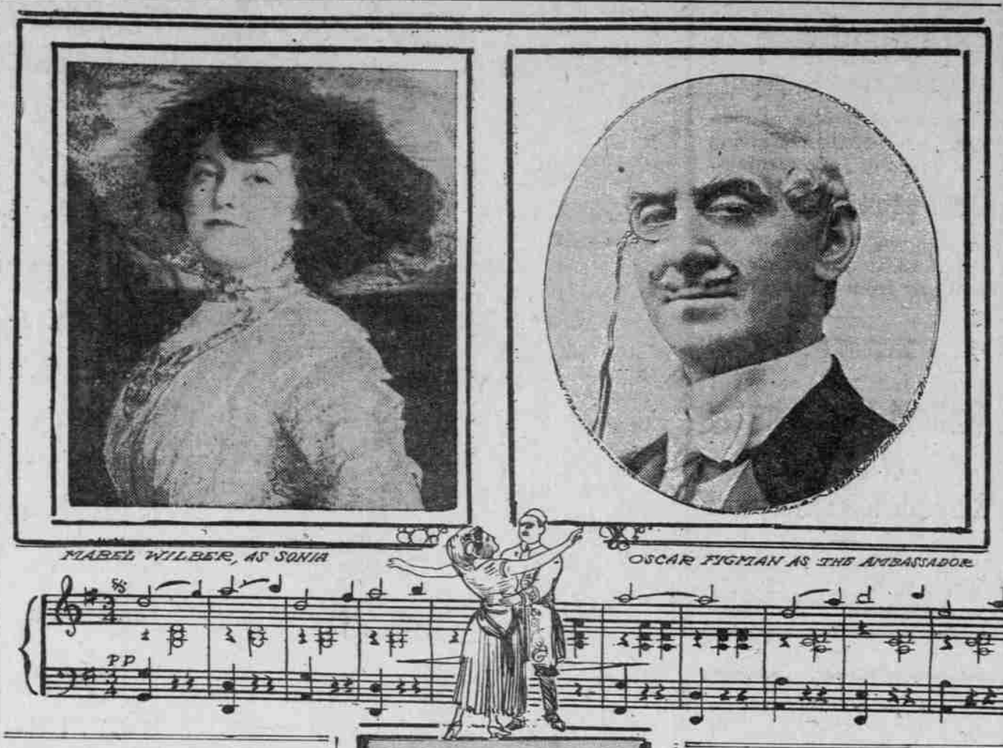
WEARS TOO MANY CLOTHES

Chinaman Thought to Be Illegally in Portland.

Had it been the belief of the Immigration officials that the cool Spring and Summer weather this year was responsible for the four coats and three pairs of trousers which they found Che Wing Dock wearing yesterday, they would probably have allowed him to go his way in peace. As it was, the man was arrested by deputies under Immigration Inspector Barbour, and is now in the County Jail. It is believed he entered the United States unlawfully, either as a stowaway on the Norwegian steamer Selja, or over the Canadian boundary line. It is thought the alleged stowaway used his back for a trunk.

The man said he was acquainted with Choy Chin, a Portland Chinese, but Choy said he had never seen the fellow. The Oriental also said he was known at the store of Sing Chong, on Morrison street, but here again he was repudiated. The immigration officials think Chinese are being smuggled into the city, but say that if such is the case it will soon be detected, and the offenders punished.

A GROUP OF PRINCIPALS OF "THE MERRY WIDOW" COMPANY



HOSTS ARE COMING

Baptist Delegates Arriving for Convention.

SESSIONS BEGIN TOMORROW

Women's Meeting in Afternoon Will Open Great Gathering—Among Entertainment Features Will Be Auto Ride About City.

Already delegates have begun to arrive for the great Northern Baptist convention, to commence tomorrow at the White Temple. The Baptists of Portland are looking forward with delight to welcoming the Baptist hosts which will pour into the city today and tomorrow from all corners of the United States.

Dr. Brougher, with his characteristic aggressiveness, is pushing the work incident to the preparations for the convention. The convention will begin with a women's meeting at 2 o'clock Thursday. It is planned to issue every day a bulletin giving in detail the following day's events, and also various instructions for the guidance of the visitors.

The delegates will occupy the entire main floor of the church, but visitors are extended a cordial invitation to occupy the gallery and listen to the addresses.

At an expense of $30, 2000 badges have been provided for the delegates. These badges will distinguish the delegates from the different states, as well as the members of the three different societies represented, the American Baptist Home Mission Society, the American Baptist Missionary Union and the American Baptist Publication Society. These societies have prepared elaborate exhibits to be shown in the basement of the church.

Standards will be placed about the main floor of the church, giving the names of the various states which the delegates represent. These will indicate the seats which each separate state delegation is to occupy.

Arrangements have been made to give all the visiting delegates an automobile ride on Monday, June 28. The machines will be at the White Temple at 4:30 P. M. The trip will be taken through various points of interest in the city and the outlying suburban districts. The Portland Automobile Club will furnish a large number of machines. Notices have been sent out that a mistake was made in the date of the excursion, which was first set for June 30.

The Baptist Young People's Union will have the floor on Monday. Their annual convention was dispensed with in favor of meeting in joint session with the Northern Baptist convention.

The lists of names on the various committees in charge of work of the convention have been enlarged and changed somewhat. Following are the committees as they are now working:

Executive committee—Rev. J. W. Brougher, chairman; Major J. A. Sladen, vice-chairman; Rev. John Bentzien, secretary; C. A. Wooddy, D. D., W. O. Hains, Rev. W. T. Jordan, E. M. Runyan, James Edmunds.

Transportation committee—W. O. Hains, W. R. Litzenberg, W. K. Hall.

Entertainment committee—Mrs. H. M. Clinton, Miss Marion Cole, Mrs. W. S. McGuire.

Publicity committee—Dr. C. A. Wooddy, Messrs. James Edmunds, Riley.

One thousand laymen committee—E. M. Runyan, J. A. Sladen.

Finance committee—W. T. Jordan and all pastors.

Subscription committee—Dr. J. W. Brougher, Morgan, Knapp, Stone.

GEO. DAMERAL, AS PRINCE DANILO.

Reception committee—James Edmunds, J. T. Butler, A. B. Minnaker, J. C. Gibson, F. L. Bunting, C. A. Alford, A. Scott, W. B. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Runyan, Mr. and Mrs. O. P. M. Jamison, Rev. B. C. Cook, Rev. J. F. Heacock, Rev. D. W. Thurston, F. E. A. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Morgan, Mrs. John Bentzien, W. R. Litzenberg, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Armstrong, James F. Failing, Mrs. A. S. Dresser, Rev. M. M. Bledsoe, Mrs. A. E. Patch, Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Butler and E. H. Marvin.

Ushers and pages—Rev. E. A. Smith, Fred Johnston, J. E. Magers, J. H. Howell, E. C. Stockton, H. Gantenbein.

Building committee—Major Sladen, C. E. Wightman, James Failing.

Health and comfort committee—Mrs. H. D. Gates.

Evangelistic committee—John M. Linden, E. A. Smith, C. H. Hart, M. M. Bledsoe.

Outside meetings and banquet—Rev. R. Schweder.

Music committee—J. W. Belcher.

Pulpit supplies—W. H. Stone.

Social functions—Mrs. C. A. Dolph.

Enrollment committee—Rev. F. C. W. Parker.

Credentials committee—C. A. Wooddy, D. D.

Rose committee—W. E. Keeler.

Information committee—F. B. Cason.

TWELFTH GRADE IS ADDED

Forest Grove Votes for Full Four-Year High School Course.

FOREST GROVE, Or., June 22.—(Special.)—By a decisive majority the taxpayers of Forest Grove school district decided yesterday to add the 11th and 12th grades to the curriculum of the local high school.

H. T. Buxton was for the third consective term elected a member of the school board and L. J. Corl was chosen school clerk for another year. The sentiment for an accredited high school to meet the co-entrance requirements to the colleges of the state is strong. For the past three years the ninth and tenth grades have been established.

Gaiety of "Maxim's" Is Shown in "Merry Widow"

SINCE the phenomenal success of Franz Lehar's brilliant opera, "The Merry Widow," interest in Maxim's, the famous cafe of Paris, has been stimulated in this country, both among the traveled and the untraveled.

Maxim's is a place by itself, unique and essentially Parisian. There is nothing just like it anywhere else in the world, and in Paris itself is distinctive. Primarily, it is a cafe like many others, but with a distinctly good and justly famous cuisine and wine cellar. In many respects it does not differ essentially from the multitude of first-class cafes in Paris. But Maxim's is not only a first-class cafe, but something more, much more. There is an indescribable air of jollity and good fellowship about it. The utmost liberty is allowed, but there is little or no vulgarity.

It is along toward midnight and afterward that the fun at Maxim's waxes fast and furious, and a strange and motley assemblage it is collected there. Here flock artists in very line, poets, painters, story-tellers, actors, singers—celebrities of all nationalities—everything that is smartest and most chic among the demi-mondaines, and, of course, the inevitable American and English sightseers.

Today it is no longer necessary to take a long and expensive journey to feast one's ears and eyes with the entrancing delights of Maxim's. "The Merry Widow" reproduces the celebrated cafe in all its froth, all its gaiety, all its ineffable charm. The third act is an exact replica of it in locale, in environment and the producers have even caught to a remarkable degree its elusive atmosphere. There is everything here that the real Maxim's possesses. The Hungarian orchestra, the troubedours, the attentive waiters, the fascinating and exquisitely gowned Fi-Fis and Zo-Zos, and Jou-Jous and Frou-Frous, the parties of society people "out on a lark," the gay young men about town and still gayer old beaux; even to the lounging, bored Englishman, regardless of evening dress because he is not in the right-little, tight-little island, but what to him is a barbarian country so far as the social amenities are concerned, because it is, not England. Here in your very midst is Maxim's. Maxim's in all its glory, all its fascination. And added to this is what Maxim's never has had—the exquisite music of Franz Lehar's marvelous achievement, and dancing which is the perfection of agility and grace.

LANE'S FINAL BOW

Mayor to Preside Today at His Last Council Meeting.

HEAVY GRIST OF BUSINESS

Election of Successor to Bennett May Go Over to Next Administration—Three Citizens Are After the Position.

Mayor Lane will today preside for the last time during his term of office over a regular session of the City Council. The meeting will begin at 9:30 o'clock this morning, and will probably continue all day. A big grist of business is on the table, including the election of a successor to Councilman Bennett, who will become Judge of the Municipal Court July 1. He represents the Eighth Ward. There was some talk among the members of the Council yesterday that they will not act on the matter today. It may be left until the new administration, when several new Councilmen will be in office.

Mr. Bennett's resignation is in the hands of the Council, and he desires it accepted today, as he wishes to relinquish the affairs of the Council to take up his duties as Municipal Judge. However, it is improbable that any one will be elected to the vacancy today, as several of the members stated yesterday afternoon that they feel this important matter should be left for the incoming Council to settle. The new members, who will have to serve four-year terms, it is felt, should be given an opportunity to vote on the question. The names of Frank Motter, K. K. Kubli and W. Y. Masters are mentioned for the place.

The various Council committees have met for the last time in this administration, winding up the affairs assigned to them. Yesterday afternoon the street committee held a special meeting to clear up matters that have accumulated during the year, and brief farewell remarks were made by Councilman Vaughn, the chairman, and by Dr. Cottel, Councilman from the Fifth Ward, who go out of office July 1. Mr. Vaughn thanked his colleagues for their uniform courtesy and kindness during his chairmanship of the committee, and the committee gave him a vote of appreciation for his services. Dr. Cottel was also given a vote of thanks for his services.

The general license committee also met yesterday afternoon, and finished up the business left in the box of that department. A recommendation to revoke the license of Mme. Anna Lucky, proprietress of a massage parlor in the Columbia building, was voted. This was at the request of Mrs. Lola G. Baldwin, who has charge of the police bureau for the protection of girls. Mrs. Baldwin presented sufficient evidence against the woman to satisfy the members of the committee that she is unfit to have a license. That the establishment is one of the very worst in the city, was the conclusion reached by the committee.

An ordinance, regulating the massage business and making it a misdemeanor for one sex to administer massage treatment to the other, was also recommended by the committee at the request of Mrs. Baldwin and Assistant City Attorney Sullivan. Both stated that something must be done to stop the growing evil of these places, where, it is declared, many young girls are ill-treated and where former North End women operate.

The applications of a number of men to have licenses for the operation of pawnshops and auction rooms were denied, as it is now the policy of the committee to license no more of these places. There has been too much complaint against the carrying on of these businesses.

INDIANS THREATEN FIGHT

Prince Rupert Hears Rumblings of Uprising on Skeena River.

VICTORIA, B. C., June 22.—(Special.)—Alarming advices have reached Prince Rupert of conditions at the headwaters of the Skeena River, where a general rising of the Indian tribes against the incursions of white settlers is seriously apprehended. The town and district of Hazelton would seem to be in greatest danger, the Kispiox tribes, inhabiting the valley of that name, having declared their determination to rid the entire country of the hated whites unless what they claim to be grievances are immediately adjusted. Several of the settlers of the outlying districts have already come in to Hazelton for greater security, and all available police in the North—both special and regular—are being hurried to the danger point.

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EXECUTIVE BOARD REJECTS BIG TUBE

City Refuses to Accept Brooklyn Sewer Because of Reported Defects.

AX READY FOR INSPECTORS

Greene Says Men Employed on $250,000 Project Should Be "Fired at Once"—Will Be Given Hearing Today.

Following the rejection of the big Brooklyn sewer by the Executive Board yesterday afternoon, Thomas G. Greene moved that City Engineer Taylor report the names of all inspectors employed on the work at a special session of the Board this afternoon and that they all "be summarily dismissed from the city's service." This motion carried, and at 4 P. M. today the names of Jesse S. Hannam, engineer in charge of the work; B. E. Trump, Harry Gurr and G. A. Wright, inspectors, will be before the Board for action. Mr. Taylor, however, will probably say something in behalf of these men, as he says "there are two sides to the story."

"Every man employed on that sewer long enough to know the conditions should be fired at once," declared Mr. Greene.

"Now you're talking," remarked Mayor Lane pleasantly. "I was just going to say something like that myself."

Mayor and Esterly Report.

A long report, detailing the conditions as found by Mayor Lane and H. M. Esterly, a member of the sewer committee of the Board, was read by Deputy City Auditor Wiegand. This was adopted, carrying with it the rejection of the sewer, which is three miles long and cost the city about $250,000.

"There is not going to be any sewer scandal left by this administration, a la the Tanner Creek sewer," declared Mr. Greene, after listening to the report of the committee. "We are not going out of office with anything like that hanging over us, and we will go out that way unless some further action is taken by this Board, in addition to what is contained in Mr. Esterly's report. I move that the City Engineer be instructed by this Board to give the list of names of inspectors on that sewer who were there long enough to know of the conditions, and when we get the list, I want to move that every one of them be discharged summarily."

The defects in the big sewer are faulty construction of the bottom, soft brick in the walls and failure to comply with the city's specifications in laying the blocks on the bottom, according to the report. The tube was dug through solid gravel for a considerable distance and the earth was full of water, so that streams were formed and flow constantly through the sewer.

Solid Gravel, Says Taylor.

The water also runs under the blocks, it is said, making it dangerous to the life of the sewer, as viewed by Mayor Lane and the members of the Board. City Engineer Taylor says the stones lie on solid gravel, so that there is no danger of them washing out and ruining the work.

"I think there will be two sides to the matter when it comes up before the Board," said Mr. Taylor last night. "I think the contractors intended to give the city a good job, and also think the inspectors tried to do their best to that end. There was an unusual condition to be met when the water was encoutnered—something unlooked for, and which must be solved some way."

The contractors are Paquet, Giebisch & Joplin. They were to have completed the work and turned the sewer over to the city for action 18 months ago, but not until recently did they complete the sewer as it is now reported on. They admit that there is water running through it from the bottom and that this was not permitted by the specifications of the city, but declare they cannot remedy it.

One particularly bad feature in connection with the matter is that the district to be drained by this sewer is urgently in need of it, and every delay means much to thousands of residents.

The action of the Executive Board puts the matter up to the contractors. It is expected they will either make a proposition to the city agreeing to remedy the defects or sue for their pay on the ground that the big tube was constructed under direct supervision of the city's inspectors.

Peters Brings Another Suit.

R. F. Peters brought suit in the Circuit Court yesterday against the Northwest Investment & Construction Company, H. M. Fancher, T. C. Bernard and E. T. Eames. Judgment was obtained by Peters in a former suit against the Investment Company for $522, but no property was found on which the Sheriff might levy. Fancher, Bernard and Eames own $8000 worth of stock, it is alleged, and should be required to pay the company's debts.

Toledo, O.—Mrs. Levi Tyson, of Helena, O., received probably fatal injuries, and four others were slightly injured when an automobile was struck by a Big Four freight train on the Hocking Valley Railroad, at Bradner, Monday night.

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