

SETTLER SUES TO TEST LAND GRANT

Claim Holder, Defying Railroad, Seeks to Compel Acceptance of Payment.

\$2.50 AN ACRE OFFERED

W. R. Smith, Who Refuses to Vacate Land Near Silverton, Now Prepares to Move Against Southern Pacific.

W. R. Smith and the northwest quarter of section 27, township 7 south, of range 1 east, Willamette meridian, collectively make a big thorn in the side of the Southern Pacific Company. Smith has persistently held down the 160 acres of land, as technically described, laughed at threats of the Southern Pacific to oust him, parried the innuendoes and suggestions of astute attorneys and field agents of the railway company, and not only continues holding his homestead down, but says he will see the big corporation to compel it to accept \$2.50 an acre as payment for the land and give him title.

Smith on July 13, 1907, located on 160 acres eight miles east of Silverton on the Cedar Camp road between Silver Creek and Abiqua. It was a portion of the land grant to the Oregon California Railroad Company, which carried with it a contract to sell the 6,995,600 acres given the railroad company at a maximum rate of \$2.50 an acre. Smith began chopping trees and clearing the land and erected a house. He then made a trip to San Francisco and tendered the Southern Pacific Railroad Company, successor to the Oregon & California Railroad Company, \$400 in gold in payment for the land, or the maximum rate specified in the land grant. The company refused to accept the money and told Smith to vacate.

Railroad Is Defied.
Instead of vacating, Smith returned to the homestead and began cutting more timber. About a year after he located a field agent of the Southern Pacific called upon him and suggested that he vacate the land.
"I told the agent," said Smith, who is in Portland to institute proceedings to compel the railroad company to take his money and give him title to the land, "that he was a private citizen, and, as such, had no right even to interview me about my private affairs. I told him not to trespass on my property, that if he did I would cause his arrest. I also told him that if the Southern Pacific had any claim on the land the proper place to present it would be in the courts. I defied him and the railway company to bring proceedings to oust me or have me arrested for holding possession of the land. At that time I had cut 20,000 feet of timber and built a house. He told me to stop cutting the timber, and I told him I would continue cutting timber, and I have done so."
"Then the company sent its lawyers to see me and I told them the same thing. The last lawyer asked me if I would use a shotgun if he trespassed on the land. I told him I would not, but that I would arrest him myself. If I could not get on process, and take him before the court."

Land Cleared, Orchard Planted.

"Up to the present time I have cut 150,000 feet of timber, have 100,000 feet stacked up, and propose to cut more. I have cleared five acres of land and set out an orchard and now I am going to get title to the land. The railroad company has refused to tender the payment for the land twice and this time I am going into court to compel the company to take my money and give me title."

Smith has not only been a settler, but has made considerable money locating other settlers on the railroad company's land grant. He has furnished lumber to build their houses from timber cut on his land, and has sold what he had left in the open market or to sawmills. There are now 15 settlers in his neighborhood, who are looking to Smith to pilot them through, and he came to Portland this week to bring suit and set a precedent to give others encouragement.

"Representative-elect Lafferty has brought suit against the Southern Pacific to return the land to the Government," said Smith, "but that does not alter my status. If the land goes back to the Government my claim is still good. I took the land in good faith, under provisions of the Government contract with the Oregon & California Railroad Company, and the Government is back of me."

Smith Quiet Under Fire.
Smith is not an ordinary settler, as representatives of the Southern Pacific have recognized. He is quiet-mannered, but determination is written across his countenance. He has shown no violent temper and has been calm under fire. During the controversy Smith has consulted lawyers and judges of the Superior and Supreme bench, and conducted a voluminous correspondence with various departments of the Government. In this manner he gathered an abundance of legal information with which he has backed his defiance of the big corporation.

Free Water Should Be Given for Sprinkling, Say Councilmen.

That water for sprinkling and beautifying lawns should be furnished free by the city was the sentiment expressed yesterday by Councilmen Ellis and Belding.

"People should be encouraged to beautify their lawns," said Mr. Belding. "It is the way the city grows, an attractiveness that increases the value of real estate and draws many residents to the city."
"Many people when a family rent a house with a lawn they refuse to go to the expense of buying water for keeping it up and the grass dies and the beauty of no new lawn. The city could furnish water for lawns free, almost every residence in the city would be beautified by grass and flowers."

FLOWERS BLOOM IN NORTH

Forecast Winter One of Mildest Ever Known in Alaska.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 29.—The present winter has been the mildest ever known in Alaska. Many of the gold dredges have only recently ceased work and gold is still on the way to Seattle. Captain G. B. Baughman, of the steamship Humboldt, reports that when he was at Wrangell a week ago flowers were blooming in the gardens.

DYING WOMAN MAKES PLEA

Hopeless Paralytic Asks to Be Sent to Home of 40 Years.

Deserted here by her daughter, cared for by the county at the County Farm since last April and feeling the approach of death, Mrs. D. C. Courtney appealed

WOOL MEN POOR, SAYS MR. WALKER

Secretary Ridicules Magazine Muckrakers and Tariff Reformers.

PROGRAMME IS PRAISED

Guest Says if Sheepmen Had Their Way They Would Always Meet in Portland, Where People Are "All-Wool-Yard-Wide."

WOMAN STILL GUARDIAN

MRS. M. C. MCCOMMON MAY BE CALLED TO PAY \$675.

County Court to Investigate Petition for Release Asked After Exposition Fire.

Release of the guardianship of Mrs. Mina C. McCommon over the two Muligan children is still withheld by County Judge Cleaton, pending further investigation. Another hearing will be held next week when it will be decided whether Mrs. McCommon will be allowed to retain \$675 belonging to the children for their keep during seven years or whether she will be compelled to return it to them. At the hearing next week Attorney J. N. Peary will represent the children and ex-county Judge Webster will be called to testify under which Mrs. McCommon received the estate of the children when they were placed under her charge.

It is understood that Mr. Webster will oppose retention of the money by Mrs. McCommon on the ground that she was authorized to spend only the interest and had pledged herself to return the principal when the children became of age. Annual reports on the estate made by Mrs. McCommon in the administration of Judge Webster indicate that this agreement was in force. Mrs. McCommon reported later that she had sustained great loss in the fire that destroyed the Exposition building and was compelled to seek authority of the court to hold the money borrowed from the children as payment for board and lodging during the seven years under her supervision.

Z. Zimmerman, stepfather of the children, says they insisted upon returning the money to the McCommon home to be with their mother and that the difficulty over the money may be the outcome of the children's alleged objection to Mrs. McCommon's guardianship.

BRIDGE BIDS DUE TODAY

CITY TO RECEIVE OFFERS ON BROADWAY SUBSTRUCTURE.

Intention Is to Build Piers in River Pending Settlement of Rights of Way.

Bids for building the substructure of the Broadway bridge are to be opened today at noon by City Auditor Barber, who later will place the bids in the hands of the bridge committee of the Executive Board.

Almost every effort that has been made by the city toward the construction of the bridge has been opposed by some obstacle placed in the way of the project by the opponents of the bridge. Whether this antagonism to the bridge will affect the bids to be received for the work is the subject of some speculation among city officials.

LAWNS HELP CITY GROWTH

Free Water Should Be Given for Sprinkling, Say Councilmen.

That water for sprinkling and beautifying lawns should be furnished free by the city was the sentiment expressed yesterday by Councilmen Ellis and Belding.

"People should be encouraged to beautify their lawns," said Mr. Belding. "It is the way the city grows, an attractiveness that increases the value of real estate and draws many residents to the city."
"Many people when a family rent a house with a lawn they refuse to go to the expense of buying water for keeping it up and the grass dies and the beauty of no new lawn. The city could furnish water for lawns free, almost every residence in the city would be beautified by grass and flowers."

NEW YEAR AT THE IMPERIAL

Dinner will be served Sunday, January 1, from 5 P. M. to 8 P. M. Table d'hôte \$1.50. Reservations can be made by telephone or in person.

WELSH ANTHRACITE HEATS BEST

and Last Longest, E. 303, C. 2332.

WOOL MEN POOR, SAYS MR. WALKER

Secretary Ridicules Magazine Muckrakers and Tariff Reformers.

PROGRAMME IS PRAISED

Guest Says if Sheepmen Had Their Way They Would Always Meet in Portland, Where People Are "All-Wool-Yard-Wide."

WOMAN STILL GUARDIAN

MRS. M. C. MCCOMMON MAY BE CALLED TO PAY \$675.

County Court to Investigate Petition for Release Asked After Exposition Fire.

Release of the guardianship of Mrs. Mina C. McCommon over the two Muligan children is still withheld by County Judge Cleaton, pending further investigation. Another hearing will be held next week when it will be decided whether Mrs. McCommon will be allowed to retain \$675 belonging to the children for their keep during seven years or whether she will be compelled to return it to them. At the hearing next week Attorney J. N. Peary will represent the children and ex-county Judge Webster will be called to testify under which Mrs. McCommon received the estate of the children when they were placed under her charge.

It is understood that Mr. Webster will oppose retention of the money by Mrs. McCommon on the ground that she was authorized to spend only the interest and had pledged herself to return the principal when the children became of age. Annual reports on the estate made by Mrs. McCommon in the administration of Judge Webster indicate that this agreement was in force. Mrs. McCommon reported later that she had sustained great loss in the fire that destroyed the Exposition building and was compelled to seek authority of the court to hold the money borrowed from the children as payment for board and lodging during the seven years under her supervision.

Z. Zimmerman, stepfather of the children, says they insisted upon returning the money to the McCommon home to be with their mother and that the difficulty over the money may be the outcome of the children's alleged objection to Mrs. McCommon's guardianship.

BRIDGE BIDS DUE TODAY

CITY TO RECEIVE OFFERS ON BROADWAY SUBSTRUCTURE.

Intention Is to Build Piers in River Pending Settlement of Rights of Way.

Bids for building the substructure of the Broadway bridge are to be opened today at noon by City Auditor Barber, who later will place the bids in the hands of the bridge committee of the Executive Board.

Almost every effort that has been made by the city toward the construction of the bridge has been opposed by some obstacle placed in the way of the project by the opponents of the bridge. Whether this antagonism to the bridge will affect the bids to be received for the work is the subject of some speculation among city officials.

LAWNS HELP CITY GROWTH

Free Water Should Be Given for Sprinkling, Say Councilmen.

That water for sprinkling and beautifying lawns should be furnished free by the city was the sentiment expressed yesterday by Councilmen Ellis and Belding.

"People should be encouraged to beautify their lawns," said Mr. Belding. "It is the way the city grows, an attractiveness that increases the value of real estate and draws many residents to the city."
"Many people when a family rent a house with a lawn they refuse to go to the expense of buying water for keeping it up and the grass dies and the beauty of no new lawn. The city could furnish water for lawns free, almost every residence in the city would be beautified by grass and flowers."

NEW YEAR AT THE IMPERIAL

Dinner will be served Sunday, January 1, from 5 P. M. to 8 P. M. Table d'hôte \$1.50. Reservations can be made by telephone or in person.

WELSH ANTHRACITE HEATS BEST

and Last Longest, E. 303, C. 2332.

WOOL MEN POOR, SAYS MR. WALKER

Secretary Ridicules Magazine Muckrakers and Tariff Reformers.

PROGRAMME IS PRAISED

Guest Says if Sheepmen Had Their Way They Would Always Meet in Portland, Where People Are "All-Wool-Yard-Wide."

WOMAN STILL GUARDIAN

MRS. M. C. MCCOMMON MAY BE CALLED TO PAY \$675.

County Court to Investigate Petition for Release Asked After Exposition Fire.

Release of the guardianship of Mrs. Mina C. McCommon over the two Muligan children is still withheld by County Judge Cleaton, pending further investigation. Another hearing will be held next week when it will be decided whether Mrs. McCommon will be allowed to retain \$675 belonging to the children for their keep during seven years or whether she will be compelled to return it to them. At the hearing next week Attorney J. N. Peary will represent the children and ex-county Judge Webster will be called to testify under which Mrs. McCommon received the estate of the children when they were placed under her charge.

It is understood that Mr. Webster will oppose retention of the money by Mrs. McCommon on the ground that she was authorized to spend only the interest and had pledged herself to return the principal when the children became of age. Annual reports on the estate made by Mrs. McCommon in the administration of Judge Webster indicate that this agreement was in force. Mrs. McCommon reported later that she had sustained great loss in the fire that destroyed the Exposition building and was compelled to seek authority of the court to hold the money borrowed from the children as payment for board and lodging during the seven years under her supervision.

Z. Zimmerman, stepfather of the children, says they insisted upon returning the money to the McCommon home to be with their mother and that the difficulty over the money may be the outcome of the children's alleged objection to Mrs. McCommon's guardianship.

BRIDGE BIDS DUE TODAY

CITY TO RECEIVE OFFERS ON BROADWAY SUBSTRUCTURE.

Intention Is to Build Piers in River Pending Settlement of Rights of Way.

Bids for building the substructure of the Broadway bridge are to be opened today at noon by City Auditor Barber, who later will place the bids in the hands of the bridge committee of the Executive Board.

Almost every effort that has been made by the city toward the construction of the bridge has been opposed by some obstacle placed in the way of the project by the opponents of the bridge. Whether this antagonism to the bridge will affect the bids to be received for the work is the subject of some speculation among city officials.

LAWNS HELP CITY GROWTH

Free Water Should Be Given for Sprinkling, Say Councilmen.

That water for sprinkling and beautifying lawns should be furnished free by the city was the sentiment expressed yesterday by Councilmen Ellis and Belding.

"People should be encouraged to beautify their lawns," said Mr. Belding. "It is the way the city grows, an attractiveness that increases the value of real estate and draws many residents to the city."
"Many people when a family rent a house with a lawn they refuse to go to the expense of buying water for keeping it up and the grass dies and the beauty of no new lawn. The city could furnish water for lawns free, almost every residence in the city would be beautified by grass and flowers."

NEW YEAR AT THE IMPERIAL

Dinner will be served Sunday, January 1, from 5 P. M. to 8 P. M. Table d'hôte \$1.50. Reservations can be made by telephone or in person.

WELSH ANTHRACITE HEATS BEST

and Last Longest, E. 303, C. 2332.

WOOL MEN POOR, SAYS MR. WALKER

Secretary Ridicules Magazine Muckrakers and Tariff Reformers.

PROGRAMME IS PRAISED

Guest Says if Sheepmen Had Their Way They Would Always Meet in Portland, Where People Are "All-Wool-Yard-Wide."

WOMAN STILL GUARDIAN

MRS. M. C. MCCOMMON MAY BE CALLED TO PAY \$675.

County Court to Investigate Petition for Release Asked After Exposition Fire.

Release of the guardianship of Mrs. Mina C. McCommon over the two Muligan children is still withheld by County Judge Cleaton, pending further investigation. Another hearing will be held next week when it will be decided whether Mrs. McCommon will be allowed to retain \$675 belonging to the children for their keep during seven years or whether she will be compelled to return it to them. At the hearing next week Attorney J. N. Peary will represent the children and ex-county Judge Webster will be called to testify under which Mrs. McCommon received the estate of the children when they were placed under her charge.

It is understood that Mr. Webster will oppose retention of the money by Mrs. McCommon on the ground that she was authorized to spend only the interest and had pledged herself to return the principal when the children became of age. Annual reports on the estate made by Mrs. McCommon in the administration of Judge Webster indicate that this agreement was in force. Mrs. McCommon reported later that she had sustained great loss in the fire that destroyed the Exposition building and was compelled to seek authority of the court to hold the money borrowed from the children as payment for board and lodging during the seven years under her supervision.

Z. Zimmerman, stepfather of the children, says they insisted upon returning the money to the McCommon home to be with their mother and that the difficulty over the money may be the outcome of the children's alleged objection to Mrs. McCommon's guardianship.

BRIDGE BIDS DUE TODAY

CITY TO RECEIVE OFFERS ON BROADWAY SUBSTRUCTURE.

Intention Is to Build Piers in River Pending Settlement of Rights of Way.

Bids for building the substructure of the Broadway bridge are to be opened today at noon by City Auditor Barber, who later will place the bids in the hands of the bridge committee of the Executive Board.

Almost every effort that has been made by the city toward the construction of the bridge has been opposed by some obstacle placed in the way of the project by the opponents of the bridge. Whether this antagonism to the bridge will affect the bids to be received for the work is the subject of some speculation among city officials.

LAWNS HELP CITY GROWTH

Free Water Should Be Given for Sprinkling, Say Councilmen.

That water for sprinkling and beautifying lawns should be furnished free by the city was the sentiment expressed yesterday by Councilmen Ellis and Belding.

"People should be encouraged to beautify their lawns," said Mr. Belding. "It is the way the city grows, an attractiveness that increases the value of real estate and draws many residents to the city."
"Many people when a family rent a house with a lawn they refuse to go to the expense of buying water for keeping it up and the grass dies and the beauty of no new lawn. The city could furnish water for lawns free, almost every residence in the city would be beautified by grass and flowers."

NEW YEAR AT THE IMPERIAL

Dinner will be served Sunday, January 1, from 5 P. M. to 8 P. M. Table d'hôte \$1.50. Reservations can be made by telephone or in person.

WELSH ANTHRACITE HEATS BEST

and Last Longest, E. 303, C. 2332.

The Meier & Frank Store Sale Hand-Colored Mt. Hood Calendars for This Week Only

FOR the rest of this week we offer special prices on beautiful hand-colored Calendars of Mount Hood. Very appropriate as New Year gifts, souvenirs for Eastern friends, etc. They consist of hand-colored photographs of Mount Hood, mounted on fine marble cardboard. Fifteen different subjects to choose from, one like the illustration here shown.

This Week Only Special at 25c, 35c and 50c Each
See the Big Window Display
SALE ON FIFTH FLOOR—SEVEN ELEVATORS

NEW PLANS FILED

Three Stories to Be Added to E. G. Campbell Building.

DEMANDS GROW RAPIDLY

Present Structure Seemed Sufficient for Present Tenants Less Than Two Years Ago—Day's Permits Are \$800,000.

Three stories will be added to the E. G. Campbell building at the southeast corner of Fifth and Ankeny streets. Plans have been filed in the building inspector's office by MacNaughton & Raymond, architects, and a permit was issued yesterday. The building, which is now three stories high, was completed less than two years ago at a cost of \$400,000 and the estimated cost of the three additional stories is \$200,000. The exterior of the building, which is now red pressed brick, will be faced with terra cotta tile.

All the additional space will be occupied by the present tenants of the building, D. N. & E. Walter & Co., the Brunswick-Balke-Collender Company and the H. H. Holmes Company.

"How rapidly Portland and the surrounding country is growing is shown by our experience," said H. W. Harrison, general agent of the first-named concern. "When we moved into this building less than two years ago we thought it would be a long time before we would need all the space that we had engaged. Already our quarters are too small, but the proposed addition to the building will suffice for the present."

Alexander Taylor, three-story brick apartment-house, on Twelfth and John; cost \$100,000. This building is now under way.

Portland & Stevens, four-story brick apartment-house, on Twelfth street, between Harrison and Hall; cost \$60,000.

J. W. Adams, three-story brick veneer apartment-house, on Harrison street, between Eleventh and Twelfth; cost \$30,000.

Alexander Taylor, three-story brick veneer apartment-house, on East Fifteenth and Belmont; cost \$30,000.

Portland Hotel Company, alterations to Portland Hotel, involving building of stores on Morrison street; cost \$75,000.

Mrs. Caroline A. Trimble, four-story brick hotel, on Seventh and Oak streets; cost \$50,000.

City Elevator Company, four-story brick warehouse on Thirteenth and Stark; cost \$70,000.

James Cummings, two-story frame flats, on Everett street, between Twenty-first and Twenty-second; cost \$50,000.

Arata Brothers, two-story brick store, on Sixth street, between Oak and Pine; cost \$20,000.

Olin F. Ford, two-story frame store, on East Thirty-third street, Belmont and East Yamhill; cost \$60,000.

J. Solomon, three-story brick apartment-house, on East Twenty-third street, Belmont and East Yamhill; cost \$25,000.

Jones & Frazer, four-story brick hotel, on Front and Columbia; cost \$35,000.

D. McKee, two-story frame flats, on Belmont, between East Twenty-sixth and East Twenty-seventh; cost \$70,000.

City Elevator Company, four-story brick warehouse on Thirteenth and Stark; cost \$70,000.

NEW PLANS FILED

Three Stories to Be Added to E. G. Campbell Building.

DEMANDS GROW RAPIDLY

Present Structure Seemed Sufficient for Present Tenants Less Than Two Years Ago—Day's Permits Are \$800,000.

Three stories will be added to the E. G. Campbell building at the southeast corner of Fifth and Ankeny streets. Plans have been filed in the building inspector's office by MacNaughton & Raymond, architects, and a permit was issued yesterday. The building, which is now three stories high, was completed less than two years ago at a cost of \$400,000 and the estimated cost of the three additional stories is \$200,000. The exterior of the building, which is now red pressed brick, will be faced with terra cotta tile.

All the additional space will be occupied by the present tenants of the building, D. N. & E. Walter & Co., the Brunswick-Balke-Collender Company and the H. H. Holmes Company.

"How rapidly Portland and the surrounding country is growing is shown by our experience," said H. W. Harrison, general agent of the first-named concern. "When we moved into this building less than two years ago we thought it would be a long time before we would need all the space that we had engaged. Already our quarters are too small, but the proposed addition to the building will suffice for the present."

Alexander Taylor, three-story brick apartment-house, on Twelfth and John; cost \$100,000. This building is now under way.

Portland & Stevens, four-story brick apartment-house, on Twelfth street, between Harrison and Hall; cost \$60,000.

J. W. Adams, three-story brick veneer apartment-house, on Harrison street, between Eleventh and Twelfth; cost \$30,000.

Alexander Taylor, three-story brick veneer apartment-house, on East Fifteenth and Belmont; cost \$30,000.

Portland Hotel Company, alterations to Portland Hotel, involving building of stores on Morrison street; cost \$75,000.

Mrs. Caroline A. Trimble, four-story brick hotel, on Seventh and Oak streets; cost \$50,000.

City Elevator Company, four-story brick warehouse on Thirteenth and Stark; cost \$70,000.

James Cummings, two-story frame flats, on Everett street, between Twenty-first and Twenty-second; cost \$50,000.

Arata Brothers, two-story brick store, on Sixth street, between Oak and Pine; cost \$20,000.

Olin F. Ford, two-story frame store, on East Thirty-third street, Belmont and East Yamhill; cost \$60,000.

J. Solomon, three-story brick apartment-house, on East Twenty-third street, Belmont and East Yamhill; cost \$25,000.

Jones & Frazer, four-story brick hotel, on Front and Columbia; cost \$35,000.

D. McKee, two-story frame flats, on Belmont, between East Twenty-sixth and East Twenty-seventh; cost \$70,000.

City Elevator Company, four-story brick warehouse on Thirteenth and Stark; cost \$70,000.

SHIP CANAL IS PRIEST RAPIDS PLAN

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Dec. 28.—If the United States will pay the cost of the locks, there will be a ship canal at the so-called Strahorn ditch at Priest Rapids. A ditch is now under construction, 200 feet wide at the bottom, 300 at the top and of sufficient depth to carry any vessel that can navigate the Columbia either side of the house.

Masonic Lodges Banquet.

ELGIN, Or., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—A joint installation of Masonic and Eastern Star officers was held at Masonic Hall Monday night, after which a four-course banquet was served. Those present pronounced the event most successful and the banquet the best ever served in Elgin.

Gary Drives Out Gamblers.

GARY, Ind., Dec. 28.—Gambling-houses and kindred resorts have been ordered out of Gary as menaces to public safety and morals. The public safety board, in directing that they be ousted, declares the order is permanent.

DEMANDS ABSORB FUND

MONEY FOR STREET CLEANING WILL FALL SHORT.

Superintendent Says Department Cannot Do Work on Allowance Council Offers.

How to reduce the expenses of the City Engineer's Department and the Street Cleaning Department, to make it possible for the general fund of the city to cover them, was considered yesterday by Mayor Simon, City Engineer Morris and Superintendent Donaldson, of the Street Cleaning and Sprinkling Department.

While the Council has decided the appropriations for the departments which are a part of the city's expenses, nothing has been done to fix the appropriations definitely for the departments, which are conducted at the expense of the general fund. The City Engineer and the heads of the departments are trying to make the estimates conform to the revenue.

When the present charter was adopted, the City Engineer's Department was sufficiently large to handle the work of the city, but the general fund has not increased as rapidly as the expenses of the departments. It supports, and for next year it will fall far short of the original estimates for the expenses of the Street Cleaning and City Engineer's Departments.

A proposed charter amendment is being prepared by the City Attorney providing for a tax for the support of the Street Cleaning and Sprinkling Department.

At a meeting of the street-cleaning committee of the Executive Board yesterday, Alex. Donaldson, superintendent of the street-cleaning and sprinkling department, presented figures to show that his department could not do its work on the allowance suggested by the Council. Mr. Donaldson asked for an appropriation for next year of \$325,556.50. The Council is threatening to cut this amount in