

MUNICIPAL PAVING PLAN PROPOSED

East Side Taxpayers Vote to Invoke Initiative to Secure Desired Change.

COMBINATION IS ALLEGED

Charter Amendment to Be Asked to Include \$1,000,000 Bond Issue. Hassam Representative Takes Exception to Charges.

At a meeting of the property owners and taxpayers of the East Side last night in the rooms of the East Side Business Men's Club, Grand avenue and East Alder street, it was decided unanimously to initiate a measure to establish a municipal paving plant, and the measure will carry with it authority to issue bonds to the amount of \$1,000,000 to be used in the erection of the plant.

Martin Watrous, an attorney employed by the property owners, outlined in his address the details of the measure. Mr. Watrous said that after careful examination of the present charter covering paving operations in Portland he had come to the conclusion that it was impossible to establish competition in the paving business.

"The present paving companies," said Mr. Watrous, "have a strange hold on the people of this city, and the only way that this hold can be broken is by the establishment of a municipal paving plant, which will pave the streets of the city at about the cost of the material and work."

"We propose to follow the present charter in the proceedings. There will be petitions for pavements. The City Engineer will prepare plans and specifications for the pavements and the contract will be let to the city. It is further proposed in this amendment that after the streets have been paved and paid for by the property owners they shall be taken over and maintained by the city without further cost to the property owners, as it should be done. We think that \$1,000,000, or less, will establish the paving plant."

"Under the present system the paving companies have the city districts—some company has one section, and property on the streets is being confiscated by the terrific charges for improvements, which a municipal plant will eliminate."

George M. Hyland, manager of the Hassam Paving Company, protested against the statement that the paving companies had Portland in a stranglehold and challenged proof of the combination. He declared further that Portland is getting its hard-surface pavements for less money than nearly any city in the United States. Mr. Hyland called attention to the fact that before Portland pavement was laid here Portland was paying 50 and 60 per cent more than it is at present. He also said that the old Hassam Paving Company had lost \$50,000 and had retired from the business.

After debate Mr. Watrous was instructed to proceed at once to prepare the amendment proposed with the initiative petitions, which will be circulated at once. Representatives were present from different portions of the city, and the sentiment of the meeting was the further extension of the measure that a petition for an improvement should contain 25 1-3 per cent of the property owners, and that the amount of the improvement should be 50 per cent of the present cost, as at present. A considerable sum was subscribed at the meeting to defray the expenses of circulating the petitions.

\$1200 JUDGMENT IS LOST

Case of Operator Who Won Over Western Union Reversed.

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 27.—(Special.)—After winning a verdict of \$1200 against the Western Union Telegraph Company in the King County Superior Court, the case of J. W. O'Brien, a discharged operator, who lost his position in Bellingham with the United Press Service through activity of the Western Union, is reversed and dismissed by the Supreme Court in a decision handed down today.

DINERS MUST NOT TREAT

Tacoma Official Says Restaurants Are Under Law.

TACOMA, Mar. 27.—In reply to a request from Mayor Fawcett for a construction of the anti-treating ordinance as to cafes and restaurants, City Attorney Stiles says the word "premises" in the ordinance means the entire area over which the licensee of liquor may sell lawfully under his license.

STORM HITS QUAKER CITY

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was crushed beneath the trucks of a Hammond car. He died on the way to the hospital.

A tall end of the storm that hit Missouri killed the heralded peach crop of that state as dead as if the buds had been snipped by shears instead of frost.

Sweeping toward the East, the storm piled up its death list rapidly. In St. Louis a 40-mile-an-hour gale wrought havoc. Two persons were killed and a score hurt in Alabama, where the storm manifested itself in the guise of a cyclone. An unknown man was killed by falling wires at

Oltrad, Ohio, and heavy financial loss was sustained throughout that state, in West Virginia and in Pennsylvania.

OHIO VALLEY LASHED BY WIND

One Person Killed, Many Buildings Damaged Around Pittsburgh.

PITTSBURGH, March 27.—A wind storm throughout Northeastern Ohio, a portion of West Virginia and Western Pennsylvania late today caused at least one fatality, injured several persons and resulted in heavy financial loss.

Steubenville, O., was struck by the gale. The roof was blown off the County Infirmary and the walls of several other buildings were blown down. The wind here reached a velocity of 52 miles an hour. Many wires, billboards and plate glass windows suffered.

OIL DERRICKS ARE LEVELLED

Wind Blows Tombstones From Cemetery Into Road.

WASHINGTON, Pa., March 27.—A blizzard swept Washington County today and tonight and the thermometer dropped 20 degrees in eight hours. Sixty oil derricks at spectacular electrical effects and downpour of hail.

NO PASSENGERS TAKEN IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, March 27.—Pennsylvania Railroad officials declined to accept passengers for Philadelphia on the express leaving here at 3:44 tonight, as the train for the West, officials said, were being operated over cut-offs.

The tail end of the storm whirled over upper Manhattan with spectacular electrical effects and downpour of hail.

HEAD OF DUMA QUILTS

OCTOBERIST PARTY LEADER RESIGNS AS PRESIDENT.

Opinion in St. Petersburg Is That Stolypin's Position Is So Weakened He Will Resign.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 27.—A. J. Guchnikoff, leader of the Octoberist party, has resigned as president of the Duma. A few days ago he announced at a meeting of the Octoberist group that he intended to take this action. On that occasion the Octoberist Deputies intimated they would resign their seats in the Duma, but on advice of their central committee at Moscow they will retain their seats for the present.

A long council was held today. The Duma was very weak, owing to the critical political situation, and a panic developed in the Moscow Duma is so opinion in that Stolypin's position is so weakened that his resignation is the only alternative to the dissolution of the Duma.

Rumor of greater powers than he has yet exercised. It is asserted that he has powers to suspend the 25 members of the Council of the Empire, including Count Witte, if he finds it necessary. He has suspended Treppoff and Durnovo and indignation is rapidly rising among all parties.

Another report current is that the Minister of Marine, Voovalsky, had resigned.

AT THE THEATERS

"THE DAWN OF TOMORROW."

A Play in Three Acts by Mrs. Frances Hodgson Burnett. Presented at Heilig Theater by Miss Gertrude Elliott.

Sir Oliver Holt Fuller Mellich
Oliver Holt Sydney Booth
Mrs. Huntington Guy Phelps
Doctor Heath George Farnen
Doctor Satterley Roy Barnes
Lord Tommy Philip Leslie
Dandy Sam Peare
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Sam Sam Peare
Jim Arthur Barry
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Fossil Sam Peare
Inspector Barnes, of Scotland Yard C. J. Jinks
Inspector Murray, of Scotland Yard Harry Chester
Polly Miss Angela Ogden
Feathers Miss Anna Wolfe
Bet Mrs. Julia Biance
Miss Miss Carrie Merrilee
Madge De Lorma Miss Suzanne Perry
Billie Miss Maud Nissell
Clad Miss Elliott

"The Dawn of Tomorrow" is better than a tonic. It is infinitely better, for it makes the fact altogether clear that tonics may fail, whereas cheerfulness has limitless possibilities.

Gertrude Elliott and a strong supporting company brought Mrs. Frances Hodgson Burnett's compelling message message to the Heilig last night in an effective presentation of a very useful and much-talked-of play.

And such hypercheerfulness as were present must have left with a new hope. Not, of course, that the piece is a sort of special treatment for neurotics. But in the stress of existence possibly all of us become overcast, and at least touch upon the path that the wreck in "A Dawn of Tomorrow" trod to the bitter end.

An English barrister with millions, a great name, everything to live for—and yet nothing to live for. That is the picture that the curtain rises upon. Life is detestable, unbearable, impossible to him. His nervous system is gone. He has starved himself of the real things of life until a joyous or happy impulse has become impossible.

RESTRICTIONS BAR TO PARK PROGRESS

Board Needs to Be Unhindered in Operations, Is Declared.

MORE MONEY NECESSARY

Civic Council Hears Criticisms of Methods of Improving and Extending Park System—City Is Said Behind Other Places.

Asserting that it would take from \$2,000,000 to \$4,000,000 to make "any showing" in park building in Portland, leader Lang and Dr. J. R. Wetherbee, gave the members of the Civic Council, at a meeting last night in the convention hall of the Commercial Club, a review of the faults and trials of park operations in the city.

It was tentatively suggested that it would be a good idea for the Civic Council to perfect plans for the reorganization of the park laws and secure a continuous plan of operations for the development of a park system in Portland.

Leader Lang declared that he had been a member of the Park Board for four years and that he had seen the progress that had been made in the work. This, he thought, was due to causes over which the members had no control.

Portland Lags Behind.

"Portland," said the speaker, "is behind in the park progress of the country for cities of the same class. I visited Kansas City 16 years ago and at that time it had only two and one-half acres of park area. Today it has 5000 acres. In the last 12 years it has expended \$12,000,000. Four years ago Seattle, at the same time that Portland started upon its policy of increasing its park area, began a new policy with reference to its parks. In that time it has expended \$10,000,000. Denver has given millions to the same purpose in the last few years.

"The people of Portland must realize that to build a park system it must expend money and lots of it. It must be spent in a continuous manner. In every city where I have visited the work is performed by a board, appointed by the Mayor, but once appointed has authority to act upon its own initiative. Unless the charter of Portland is changed there will always be an unsettled policy and the city can never get results.

Cost Will Be Great.

"Furthermore, I am convinced that the city cannot get more than 2,000,000 for less than \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000. Then it will only begin to show what can be accomplished by the right sort of park construction."

Dr. J. R. Wetherbee began by saying that in his opinion it would be necessary to have from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000 a year for the next ten years to put the city in the right sort of a position with regard to parks.

"I believe it is not so far distant when the people here will see 2,000,000 in the minds of many of the business men that they contributed \$1,000 out of their own pockets for the purpose of securing plans drafted by the best architect the country affords upon the basis of a city containing 3,000,000 people. If the city will have to have parks and plenty of them, including playgrounds and such other accessories, are required to meet the social conditions of a metropolis.

Adequate Facilities Needed.

"It is necessary for the proper housing of the conventions which are held here that we have adequate facilities. It is absolutely necessary to construct an auditorium. There is to be submitted at this coming election a bond issue of \$600,000 for this purpose and it is the duty of this body to endorse this proposition.

"The City of Portland owns 22 parks. The demands for the care and maintenance of these parks requires a considerable sum of money and while we have not made money out of the expenditure of the money given to us to expend it is largely because the public is not well acquainted with our work.

"I would like to mention before going any further the purchase of Council Crest for a park and why it has not been done. Every member of the Park Board is in favor of the purchase of this slightly location—the best in the world, I believe. The reason is this:

Price Asked Too Great.

"We found upon securing options on the property that the price asked was nearly twice what it was worth. In the first place, the land occupied by Council Crest for an amusement park today is 20 acres and the price asked by the property owner is \$210,000. To make the view secure for all time it is necessary to purchase the whole. What that can be bought for I do not know. Then there are 20-year leases given. Options upon these, two of them, were secured by street carmen who operates the amusements, except the scenic railway, wants \$50,200. L. A. Thompson, of Chicago, who is the owner of the scenic railway, wants \$25,000. That means \$95,000 more.

"We appointed three men to make an examination of the property as to its real worth and they reported that the land was worth at \$5000 an acre. That would be \$100,000 for the 20 acres, or nearly \$150,000 for 29.4 acres. The difference between this price and the \$210,000 asked was the reason why we did not buy the property."

"The speaker then outlined the work of the Park board, pointing out that the delay in spending the additional \$500,000 in bonds was because the board did not desire to sell the bonds until the money was needed, and that the purchase was contemplated. He arranged for, would take all of the sum.

One feature pointed out was that the Park Board was now compelled to pay out of the bond issue all street improvements and that during the past year that amounted to \$1,000,000 and would be equally as much for the next year. These followed an explanation of the sum to be expended in the construction of the boulevard, which will connect with the Terwilliger estate and the boulevard to be city and other tracts upon which the board has options.

Just before adjourning the council passed a resolution condemning the School Board for seeking to secure from the City Council the passage of an ordinance which would permit them to build frame additions to school buildings where the present portion is already constructed of wood.



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SENIORITY MUST GO

SUNNY MONDAY

Bryan Proposes to Depose Standpat Senators.

PUBLIC INTEREST FIRST

Commoner Sues Progressives of Both Parties Must Take Hold of Committees Without Regard to Personal Vanity.

LINCOLN, Neb., March 27.—Concerning reorganization of the Senate, William J. Bryan said today:

"The Democrats of the Senate have a duty to perform at the very opening of the extra session, namely, the reorganization of that body. The Democrats are still in the minority, but they will make the selection of the Democratic members of the various committees and, setting with the progressive Republicans, they can not only secure increased representation on the committees, but they can make the committees represent the sentiment of the Senate.

There are some standpat Democrats in the Senate, whose sympathies are with the standpat Republicans. More than that, there are not so many of these standpat Democrats as there were before the Fourth of March, and there will probably not be so many two years from now as there are now.

"The standpat Democrats and Republican control of the best committee assignments and they expect to keep them, in spite of the fact that they no longer represent the sentiment of the majority in that body. It seems likely to be a question of seniority versus public interest, a question of individual ambition versus the welfare of the people.

"It is not difficult to determine which side to take in such a controversy. It may flatter a man's vanity to allow him to misrepresent his party or his country, but it is not democracy. If public officials—even Senators—are public servants, if they are selected to do for the people what the people want done, then there can be no question that committees should be made up, not merely to pay personal compliments but to carry out the people's will."

Third Explosion Victim Dies.

CHESTER, N. H., March 27.—A third name was added tonight to the death list resulting from an explosion of a steamship at the new powerhouse of the Amoskeag Manufacturing Company today. Six persons were injured, but it was said tonight all would recover. The explosion was due to the blowing out of the "dead" end of a 32-inch steampipe.

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