

PROBE WILL PRECEDE CITY PAVING PROJECT

Commissioner Barbur's Plan Starts Council Row.

ESTIMATES HELD FAULTY

Contention Made That City Cannot Do Work at Figure Indicated in Barbur Statement.

When City Commissioner Barbur brought to a head yesterday his plan of having the public works department enter into the paving business, he stirred up a councilmanic row that culminated in hot words and a decision on the part of the council to test the accuracy of estimates of cost made in Commissioner Barbur's department.

Mr. Barbur submitted a report in which he recommended that the city execute agreements with property owners on East 52d street to lay asphaltic concrete pavement at a price not exceeding \$1.30 a square yard.

Commissioner Mann started the fire-works by demanding of Commissioner Barbur who made his estimate of \$1.20 a yard, "I am informed," said Mr. Mann, "that this was not made by any of the engineers in your department and that they have said that it cannot be laid for this price. Why should you do a little investigating before we jump into this proposition?"

Council Would be Shown. "I'm telling you that the estimate was made by the engineers," replied Commissioner Barbur.

"Bring your information before the council," said Acting Mayor Bigelow to Commissioner Mann. "We want to see your informant."

"I got it from a reliable source," said Mr. Mann. "Let's call the engineers down and ask them if they made the statement. Call Mr. Dulin."

"Sure," said Commissioner Barbur, and he left the council room to call Mr. Dulin, who heads the city's paving plant.

Commissioner Mann began questioning R. E. Kromer of the maintenance department, who said that neither he nor City Engineer Laurgaard had made the estimate. In the course of his questioning, Acting Mayor Bigelow "called" Mr. Mann for asking the questions while Mr. Barbur was out of the room.

"If you had any respect for your fellow commissioner you would keep quiet while he is out," said Mr. Bigelow.

Estimate is Questioned. When Mr. Barbur returned with Mr. Dulin the latter declared he had made an estimate of \$1.30 a yard for asphaltic pavement on a crushed rock base, but said the pavement could not be laid on a bituminous base for that price.

It developed that A. J. Johnson of the public works department, who is not an engineer, made the estimate. "There you go," said Commissioner Mann. "That's your proof. Now why should the city make a payment to pave for \$1.30 a yard when it can't be done. I think this needs a little investigating."

"Investigate all you please," retorted Mr. Barbur.

The council decided to look into the question while proceedings for the improvement are going through their regular course.

ATTORNEY DENIES GUILT

G. A. HALL FILES SUIT TO HALT EXTORTION CASE ACTION.

Good Faith in All Transactions With Mrs. Tyler Asserted—Accounting Is Requested.

George A. Hall, an attorney who was co-defendant with John N. Sievers, Harry L. Henderson and Ethel Henderson in the \$24,000 damage suit brought last March by Mrs. Permella L. Tyler to recover the money alleged to have been extorted from her by fraud, filed an action in the circuit court yesterday asserting good faith in all transactions in which he was involved and seeking to restrain prosecution of the Tyler suit until he is given an opportunity to prove that he had no personal liability. An accounting from all parties involved is asked.

In his suit, Hall asserts that every cent of the \$24,000 was paid for legal settlements of claims, with the exception of \$800 bail money, said to have been returned to Mrs. Tyler by the state. Further, he asserts he did not receive more than \$1,000 of the \$20,000 paid to him and Sievers, and that he had no personal interest in that amount, receiving it merely as an attorney for Ethel Henderson.

Hall received \$1500 on January 21, 1918, for which he introduces a release to claims made by Ethel Henderson for services during the time she served as housekeeper for Captain William Tyler. It also refers to Mrs. Henderson as the common law wife of Captain Tyler during that time. The attorney points out that the \$20,000 was paid in settlement of the \$100,000 alienation suit filed by Henderson against Mrs. Tyler, mother of Captain Tyler, on January 31, 1918.

BURNSIDE STREET BLAMED

HUB "DRUNK ALL TIME" WHEN AVENUE WAS "OPEN."

Pretty Willa E. Walker Is Granted Divorce—Several Other Plaintiffs Are Released.

"Burnside street was 'open' then and he lived there," explained pretty Willa E. Walker yesterday when Circuit Judge Gatens asked her why her husband was "drunk all the time." They were married in Vancouver in 1913 and lived together only six months, she said. She was 15 and he 23 years old. It is now three years since she has even heard from him, she told the court. A decree was granted.

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Elks Flag Day Celebration, Saturday Evening

Public Cordially Invited to Attend

PROGRAMME

- 1 Organ Solo.....Bro. Ralph W. Hoyt
Portland Lodge No. 142
- 2 "Star-Spangled Banner".....Elks Band
Portland Lodge No. 142
- 3 Introductory Exercises.....J. J. Berg, E. R.,
Exalted Ruler and Officers
- 4 Prayer.....Bro. Arthur C. Dayton
Chaplin Portland Lodge No. 142
- 5 "Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean".....R. L. Crane
Of Portland Police Quartet
Accompanist, Bro. Harry Thorn
- 6 Ruth St. Denis.....IN PERSON
- 7 History of the Flag.....Bro. Gus C. Moser, P. E. R.,
Portland Lodge No. 142
- 8 Altar Service.....Esquire and Officers
Portland Lodge No. 142
- 9 "Auld Lang Syne".....Officers and Members
Portland Lodge No. 142
- 10 "Elks Tribute to the Flag".....Bro. C. E. Cochran
Baker Lodge No. 338
- 11 "Carry Me Back to Old Virginia".....Mrs. Mischa Pelz
Accompanist, Mischa Pelz
- 12 Selection.....Elks Band
Portland Lodge No. 142
- 13 Patriotic Address.....Bro. J. E. Gratke, P. E. R.,
Astoria Lodge No. 180
- 14 "America".....By the Audience
- 15 Exit March.....Bro. Ralph W. Hoyt
Portland Lodge No. 142

The Officers and Members of the Portland Lodge B. P. O. E. 142 extend an invitation to the public to attend our annual Flag Day exercises to be held at the Public Auditorium Saturday evening, June 14th. Admission free.

evening, having left Prineville at 5 A. M.

Mr. Harnot reported the road over the pass in fair condition, but said there was considerable snow yet at the summit. The cars came through with but little difficulty.

SALARY PUZZLE DUE SOON

Question Uppermost in Minds of City Employees to Be Heard in 2 Weeks.

The salary question in connection with city employees will come to a head in two weeks. The city council yesterday took from the table the various applications, petitions and ordinances concerning increases and put them over for final passage in two weeks. Plans of some of the commissioners to have the increases granted earlier were blocked by Commissioner Bigelow who objected to emergency clauses which would enable immediate passage.

CARS GO OVER CASCADES

First Autos of Season Negotiate McKenzie River Pass.

EUGENE, Or., June 12.—(Special.)—The first cars to cross the summit of the Cascade mountains by way of the McKenzie river pass this year were driven by M. E. Harnot of Pendleton and J. H. Harnot, an eastern Oregon man. They arrived in Eugene last evening, having left Prineville at 5 A. M.

BERRY HARVEST AT HEIGHT

Hood River Valley Is Interesting Scene for Motorist.

HOOD RIVER, Or., June 12.—(Special.)—Strawberry harvest is at its height in the Hood River valley now, and motorists contemplating a weekend tour will find the Hood River valley as interesting at present as during the blossom season. Scores of tent-

dwelling crews may be found scattered through the Oak Grove, Dee Flat and upper valley sections. More than 1500 pickers are here, many of them Indians.

The trunkline road to Dee has been improved materially the past week, and routes through the Dee Flat section into the Upper West Fork region are good. The fish are biting on the West Fork, and the picknicker there may also gather a bouquet of rhododendrons.

"Knockout" Brown Gets Decision.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., June 12.—

"Knockout" Brown of New Orleans was awarded the referee's decision over Earl Murphy of St. Louis after the bantams had engaged in ten fast rounds of boxing at Camp Pike last night.

Woodland Teachers Chosen.

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C. C. Rullison Buys Kelson Business.

KELSO, Wash., June 12.—(Special.)—C. C. Rullison of Carrolls, has bought C. J. Shipley's half interest in the Kelson Feed & Fuel Co., established this spring by Messrs. Shipley and H. Jaspersen. The Feed & Fuel company built a warehouse, installed a feed grinding plant and has been doing a heavy business. Mr. Rullison was in business for many years at Carrolls. He will probably move to Kelso.

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