

### FAVORITISM CHARGE RAISED IN COUNCIL

#### Proposed Iron Pipe Deal Causes Hot Debate.

### EASTERN AGENT PROTESTS

#### Acceptance by City of Higher of Two Bids, That of Oregon Concern, Is Vigorously Opposed.

Charges of favoritism in the awarding of municipal contracts and assertions that a firm which was recommended for a large contract was widely known for its defective and faulty work caused a heated debate in city council chambers yesterday and resulted in instructions to the commissioner of finance to make a thorough investigation of the matter.

The claim followed the report of the purchasing agent on bids for supplying cast iron pipe for the water bureau. In his report the purchasing agent recommended that the contract be awarded to the Oregon Iron & Steel company, whose bid amounted to \$75,924. This amount was the lowest of the bids from E. G. Alm, representing R. D. Wood & Co. of Philadelphia, who had submitted a bid of \$75,924 for furnishing the pipe.

"Not only is our bid lower by more than \$1000," insisted Alm, "but I assert right here that the product which we supply is of much higher grade than that supplied by the Oregon Iron & Steel company. That concern is notorious for the poor quality of its pipe. I can cite instances to this body where that firm's pipe has proved greatly defective, where it has burst times and again. We were invited to bid on this contract; we did not solicit the order, and for that reason I am here to protest against the awarding of the contract to the Oregon Iron & Steel company."

**Itemized Bids Cited.**

In support of his contention, Mr. Alm produced the itemized bids and called the council's attention to one item for 800 tons of eight-inch pipe, class B, for which his company had submitted a flat bid of \$75,924 a ton. The Oregon company, he asserted, had divided that item into two equal parts, bidding on 400 tons of the article at \$74 a ton and on the other 400 tons at \$75 a ton.

"On that one item we would save the city \$1000," Mr. Alm declared.

In defense of the concern denied that it produced inferior pipe, and urged that if the contract were awarded to his firm it would create work at the Oswego plant for nearly 50 men now out of employment.

"In these precarious times," commented Commissioner Bigelow, "I think that if the quality is the same we can afford to shade the price a bit in favor of a local concern, especially since thousands of Oregon men are out of employment."

It was on the suggestion of Mayor Baker that the matter was referred to Commissioner Pier of the department of public finance for investigation.

**Quality Important Matter.**

"As I view the situation," the mayor said, "there is one serious thing to be considered. That is the quality of the pipe. A public statement has been made here that the Oregon pipe is not of the quality that it should be. Our first duty as public officials is to encourage home industries. But it is not good public policy to accept inferior goods, if such is the fact."

Commissioner Pier said the Oregon company had formerly supplied much pipe to the water bureau which had proved very satisfactory, and that he was satisfied in his own mind as to the quality of the product.

The councilmen again waxed warm over the report of the city engineer on the proposed extension of East Salmon street from the east line of Sunnyside addition to the west line of Gloucester park. The street would cut through the two-acre farm of Allan Diller, taking more than one-third of the property, according to the owner.

Diller, who is a civil war veteran and has lived on the land for 17 years, was allowed \$5000, exclusive of a \$2000 benefit, by appraisers. He appeared before the council to ask that this be raised to \$4000.

**Mr. Bigelow Protests.**

Commissioner Bigelow dug up the assessed valuation of the property, and promptly made a motion, to reduce the allotment, declaring that Diller was getting four and seven-tenths times the assessed valuation for the land. After considerable argument Diller withdrew his request, but Bigelow galloped along with his reduction proposal.

"I want to be fair in this matter," said Mayor Baker, addressing no one in particular. "I don't believe in getting a man on the ground and then kicking him."

Over Bigelow's vote, the other three commissioners, Diller, Pier and Barber, voted to approve the award. Commissioner Mann was absent. Residents of the district accused in the price.

**WINDOW WASHING FLOPS**

**HIGH COST OF WORK CRASHES AND COUNTY GETS BENEFIT.**

Commissioners Deny \$10,000 Loan to Public Welfare Bureau to Care for Needy.

One indication that the cost of labor has taken a flop in the frantic effort of courthouse window-cleaners to get back to a pre-war level. Or it may be that the introduction of healthy competition alone is responsible.

During 1920 the board of county commissioners paid \$110 a month to have the windows of the courthouse cleaned under the direction of a cleaning company. At the opening of the present year, another company entered the field on a bid of \$80 a month for the same work. As a direct result the company which had demanded \$110 a few months ago cut its estimate to \$60 a month, and the bid was committed yesterday, and won the contract for the year.

The public welfare bureau informed the county commissioners that it would be willing to take over the work of the defunct board of county relief in an advisory capacity, the commissioners to reserve the right to reduce, increase, deny or approve all recommendations in concrete cases. The board accepted the proposal. Commissioner Hoyt voting in the negative. The \$10,000 loan asked by the bureau to help out until the community chest is organized was denied. The commissioners voted to take up with W. A. Marshall, chairman of the

### INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT COMMISSION, THE POSSIBILITY OF HAVING COUNTY EMPLOYEES COME UNDER THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT.

#### On the ground that it would set a bad precedent, the commissioners refused the compromise offered by Oskar Huber, a contractor, in which he agreed to maintain the Linnton road with the exception of 7500 feet ruined. It was charged, by creosote dressing carried on it from wood block paving, if the county would release him from his maintenance contract for that stretch.

### BALLET RUSSE ARRIVES

#### ANNA PAVLOWA OPENS HER ENGAGEMENT TONIGHT.

#### Fifteen Brilliant Dance Artists to Appear in Four Programmes at Hellig Theater.

Mlle. Anna Pavlova and her ballet russe will open their Portland engagement tonight at the Hellig theater. Pavlova will be seen in four different and distinctive programmes.



Anna Pavlova, who opens Portland engagement tonight.

With her come 15 brilliant dance artists, besides her ballet of 40 and a special symphony orchestra.

The programme chosen for the opening performance includes two complete ballets, besides the programme of dance divertissements. The costumes and stage settings have been worked out with careful regard to detail by skilled artists and will present a colorful picture when the curtain goes up at 8:30 this evening.

Tonight's programme includes: Overture "El Dano" (quintet), Orchestra Egyptian ballet (music by Verdi and Lullu), Marie Olneva and H. Stowits and the company.

"Showpieces," a ballet in one act, (Music from Tchaikovsky "Nutcracker Suite") Valse of Snowflakes—Mlle. Buzova, Lindowska, M. Courtney, Stuart, L. Courtney, Barriett, Cole, Planowski, Lewonavki, Barre, Krasovitch, Stoukoff, Stepanoff, Prince, Allen.

Pas de Deux.....Anna Pavlova and Alexander Volinine  
Pas de Trois.....Mlle. Buzova, M. Courtney, Stapanova, Stuart and Lafanchi.  
Pas Variations.....Anna Pavlova and Alexander Volinine  
Pas de Cinq.....Mlle. Buzova, M. Courtney, Stapanova, Stuart and Lafanchi.

Divertissements—  
Overture (Polish dance)—Mlle. Saxova, Lindowska, Verina, Sheffield, Stapanova, Mm. Valinski, Zaleski, Demostavki, Allen, Krasovitch.  
Voices of Spring (Strauss).....Mlle. Buzova and M. Barre  
Gavotte Pavlova (Lincek).....Anna Pavlova and Alexander Volinine  
Pasodoble (Strauss).....Mlle. Stuart and M. Stewits  
Holland dance (Grieg).....Mlle. M. Courtney and M. Valinski  
Andra's dance (Grieg).....Marie Olneva  
Moment Musical (Schubert).....Mlle. Stuart, M. Courtney, L. Courtney  
Russian dance (Kallinkoff).....Anna Pavlova and Alexander Volinine

### DEALERS ARE OPTIMISTIC

#### HARDWARE MEN URGED TO CO-OPERATE WITH OTHERS.

#### Washington Association Director Tells How to Improve Business, Merchandising Methods.

Members of the Oregon Retail and Implement Dealers' association at the Imperial hotel last night were urged by W. J. Hindley, educational director of the Washington State Retailers' association, to co-operate with other retail associations.

Mr. Hindley said that co-operation would improve the business methods of the hardware dealers and correct wrong impressions regarding their merchandising procedure.

In his lecture on "The Modern Retail Store," Mr. Hindley drew an allegorical interpretation for the hardware men of today from the story of the ancient Hebrew family. Elements giving rise to hope for a rapid readjustment of business were pointed out by John R. Whitaker, professor of the University of Oregon school of commerce. Large crops, the proved strength of the federal reserve system, improvement in the transportation system and increased building were shown as bright spots in the present state of affairs. Credit and the value of local exchanges of credit information were also discussed by Professor Whitaker.

The place of the college trained in business was outlined by E. C. Robbins, dean of the school of commerce, University of Oregon. Business men trained to take an active part in state and national politics to overcome ignorance and inefficiency are the ideal of the colleges, Professor Robbins said.

Today's programme includes an address by Paul V. Mareis, extension service director, Oregon Agricultural Experiment Station, and an address by Herbert P. Sheets, secretary of the National Retail Hardware Dealers association.

The convention of the hardware men will end Friday night with a banquet at the Multnomah hotel.

**Climate to Be Combated.**

BEND, Or., Jan. 26.—(Special.)—To cope with existing climatic conditions in central and southeastern Oregon, the experts will endeavor to develop an early heading spring wheat, a late heading winter wheat, and a winter-resistant potato. George R. Hyslop, of the Oregon Agricultural college faculty, declared here today. Professor Hyslop and Professor R. V. Gunn lectured here today before an audience of Deschutes county farmers, and were guests at a Bend commercial club luncheon.

### AUTHORITIES SEIZE 43 CASES OF DRUGS

#### Contents of Bottles Said to Be Alcoholic Beverage.

### GROCERY STORE RAIDED

#### Distributor of Product Declares It Was Intended Only for Medicinal Purposes.

It looked like, smelled like and tasted like good sherry wine and it was labeled "Wine of Pepsin." The bottle confessed to an alcoholic content of 25 per cent. It retailed for \$2 per pint.

Following an investigation by John Mowry, special agent, District Attorney Evans yesterday obtained a search warrant and sealed 43 cases of the wine held in the storeroom of H. L. Hamlet & Co., distributors, at 443 Stark street. Hamlet insisted that the wine of pepsin had been imported in good faith and was being distributed to local drug stores with the understanding that its sale was not in violation of law. He said he had taken the matter up with federal agents and received their approval.

**California Sales Big.**

"There is a big sale for it in California," he told the district attorney, pleading to be allowed to return the goods to that state if found to be in violation of the Oregon prohibition law.

"How long has this wine of pepsin been manufactured?" Evans asked Hamlet.

"About a year," was the reply.

"Obviously for the purpose of sale as a medicine where sale as a beverage was forbidden by law," commented Evans. Superficial analysis of the contents indicated that it was chiefly sherry wine in which a little alcohol had been poured—together with dissolved pepsin, which gave it an aged flavor, said the district attorney.

**Grocery Store Raided.**

Armed with information that wine of pepsin and various other alcoholic beverages were on sale by the Basket Grocery & Delicatessen company at 245 Alder street, Special Agent Mowry and Deputy Sheriff Christofferson conducted a raid there, after cleaning out the Hamlet store room.

Sixty-five bottles and several cases of assorted drinks were confiscated at the grocery store. Among them was a vermouth "compound" and bitter wine, the latter being rated with 49 per cent alcoholic content. In addition to wine of pepsin there was found "Horkie Wine," put out by the Druggists' Wholesale Supply corporation of California, as was the pepsin wine, under the registered trademark of "Payko."

The labels on these bottles produced by the California concern naively averred that the wine was not to be sold for beverage purposes and warned dealers that such sale would leave them open to prosecution for violation of liquor laws. Some of the concoctions were labeled, "Sold in bottles only for medicinal purposes only."

Charges of selling intoxicating liquor may be made against the distributor and the grocer, said the district attorney last night.

### ADVERTISING LAW ASKED

#### CITY COUNCIL WILL VOTE ON ORDINANCE WEDNESDAY.

#### Mayor Introduces Strict Measure by Request of Members of Portland Ad Club.

One of the most stringent set of regulations for all forms of advertising ever compiled in the country was contained in an ordinance submitted to the council yesterday by Mayor Baker, at the request of the Portland Ad Club. The ordinance will be considered by the councilmen Wednesday. Under the emergency clause, it can be passed at the time of first reading.

The proposed ordinance would make it unlawful to circulate or cause to be published, misreading and untrue advertisements, and would compel any advertisement of defective or blemished goods to state in a clear manner that the goods were "seconds."

Conviction of violation of the ordinance would carry with it a fine of not more than \$500, imprisonment of not more than six months, or both. The new ordinance came as an amendment to Ordinance No. 3164, which carried the penalty provision.

The proposed ordinance stated that it should be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to make, publish or circulate in a newspaper or in the form of book, circular, handbill, letter, etc., any advertisement which contained any assertion, representation or statement of fact which was untrue, deceptive or misleading.

It would further make it unlawful for any person or firm, through any advertising medium whatsoever, to call attention or give publicity to the sale of any commodity which is used or secondhand or defective, without conspicuously displaying directly in connection with the name and description of the commodity a direct and unequivocal statement which will directly indicate the nature of the merchandise.

Under the proposed ordinance, any person or firm engaged in the posting or distributing of advertising matter, and any person or firm engaged in the distribution of samples of goods, except articles of home manufacture and advertising matter which are exempt, would be compelled to obtain from the city a badge issued by the bureau of licenses, and to wear this badge while pursuing his occupation.

**Ring Presented J. Weston Hall.**

A gold signet ring bearing the ancient Hebrew coat of arms of the Hall family was presented Tuesday night to J. Weston Hall, formerly manager of the Wood ship construction division for the shipping board in this district, by his friends and employees in this division.

**Send to Eat Oregon Food.**

BEND, Or., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—Preparations were completed today for a "made-in-Oregon" banquet to be given by the women's civic league of this city tomorrow evening. The menu will consist solely of articles of food grown or produced within the state.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON MEN'S GLEE CLUB AT MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM TOMORROW  
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**Charge Purchases Go on the February Statements, Dated March 1**

Today and This Week While Lots Last  
Annual Sale of "HURT GOODS" Continues  
—Meier & Frank's Household Utilities Section, Basement

## Waist Surprise: Half Price and Less

In addition to having every woman's waist in our stocks at a substantially reduced price during these January Sales, we have arranged for today and while quantities last some extraordinary lots of waists at HALF PRICE AND LESS. We have tried to provide adequate quantities of these waists, but, of course, early comers will get the choicest bargains. Sizes 36 to 54 included. Some of the waists will be displayed in two of our Fifth-street windows today. See them . . . and then visit the department. YOU'LL BE SURPRISED.

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Will Come to an End

Today Tomorrow Saturday  
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Store-Wide Clearance  
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Will Come to an End

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**DRESS DECLARED SIMPLE**

High School Dean Approves Costumes Worn.

Miss Caroline Holman of Jefferson Says Drastic Regulations Are Not Needed.

The average Portland high school girl dresses simply and economically, and does not need drastic regulations, in the opinion of Miss Caroline Holman, who has been dean of girls at Jefferson high school for six years. She is the pioneer dean of girls in Portland, and the sensible attitude toward dresses taken by many high school girls is attributed by many to her influence.

The dresses worn at graduation time are given by Miss Holman as examples of the attitude of the girls.

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