

# COURT GIVES MAINE TIME TO EXPLAIN

### Mayor Must Buy Fire Engines or Show Cause for Refusal.

## WRIT OF MANDAMUS GIVEN

#### American La France Company Sues to Force Executive—Legal Fight Promised, as Official Refuses to Sign Contract.

An alternative writ of mandamus was issued out of the Circuit Court late yesterday afternoon directing Mayor Lane to do one of two things—sign a contract for the purchase of two fire engines from the American La France Fire Engine Company or appear in court to show cause why he should not attach his name. The writ is returnable June 16.

Inasmuch as Mayor Lane stated last night his unwillingness to sign the contract, a lively legal fight is bound to follow. And Mayor Lane made it known that he intends to allege fraud and attempt to show that the Chief of Police Campbell made out the specifications to meet the needs of the fire engine company in the case.

The mandamus proceedings were brought by A. G. Long, as representative of the company. Through John F. Logan, his attorney, he presented a complaint narrating the company's grievances against the Mayor and asking the alternative writ. Circuit Judge Cleland, before whom the matter was presented, regarded the showing as sufficient to justify the issuance of a writ, and acted accordingly without delay.

The proceedings grow out of the Mayor's determined stand against what he alleges is a plan to railroad fire engines into the city's possession at a cost of \$12,000 when a better article could have been secured had not competition been eliminated. The company's bid seemed quite satisfactory to the Mayor's Executive Board and to all others concerned. After inquiring into the matter the members of the Executive Board accepted the contract and the transaction was seemingly closed when the Mayor suddenly decided to withhold his name.

In the fact, the American La France Engine Company was the only one to live right up to the city's specifications, the Mayor became imbued with the suspicion that the specifications had been made to order at the instance of the company. He was not loth to express these suspicions and to charge Chief Campbell with responsibility. The Chief, of course, indignantly denied irregularity in the drawing up of the specifications and demanded proof. Proof was not forthcoming.

"I will not sign that contract in this world nor yet in the next," was the determined way the Mayor afterwards replied to those urging him to sign.

In the complaint filed through Attorney Logan yesterday the company sets out in detail the facts of the advertisement for two fire engines of two-thirds size, a bid was made in accordance with specifications supplied by Fire Chief Campbell, who stated further that on April 20 the fire committee of the Executive Board recommended the drawing up of a contract with the company for the purchase of the two engines referred to; that a form of contract was formally drawn and approved; that the Mayor refused to sign the contract and that it is his duty by law to approve the bond submitted therewith and sign the contract.

### THREE WILLS UP FOR PROBATE

#### Ferdinand G. Ewald Left \$17,500 Estate.

Three wills were presented for probate in the County Court yesterday. Ferdinand G. Ewald, who died May 15, divided his estate of \$17,500 between his widow and children. The widow, Mrs. J. C. Cecille Ewald, gets the bulk of the property. The children are: Thusewilda Ewald, Charlotte M. Lansing and Gustav Ewald.

In the will of Colonel William Henry Jordan, \$5000 real property goes to the widow. West Point diplomas, drawing and army souvenirs and jewelry are divided among the children, Laura, Julia, William Samuel and David Jordan and Mary A. Kendall.

Able S. Watt divides an estate of \$20,000 among his children: Greta Watt Ross, Ella Watt Jackson, John F. Watt, Emma Trullinger, Agnes S. Watt and Edith Naylor Blosser. Two grandsons, A. M. Naylor and Fred E. Naylor are given "fatherly blessings."

### METSCHAN TELLS ATTITUDE

#### Thinks Bonded Debt Already at Limit, but Favors Broadway Bridge.

Early in the pending municipal campaign, Phil Metschan, proprietor of the Imperial Hotel, submitted a letter which was published in The Oregonian. In which he warned the voters against considering favorably all the proposed measures concerning bond issues and aggregating about \$6,000,000. For that letter he has been subjected to more or less severe criticism from the supporters of practically all of the bond-voting proposals. In further explanation of his letter and his attitude on the different measures involved, Mr. Metschan yesterday said:

"My only object in submitting the letter at that time was to caution the voters against saddling an additional bonded indebtedness of about \$6,000,000 on the taxpayers of this city. I felt that the people who pay taxes were entitled to some consideration, and that, unless some note of warning was sounded, there was great danger that all of the measures would be approved by the voters and the obligations of the city increased excessively. At the time I wrote the letter I firmly believed that every one of the improvements covered in the proposed bond issues could wait until another election, whereas, if all were voted at the election next Monday, the authorized indebtedness of the city would exceed the legal limit. I have since inquired into the different proposals and find that the measure for a high bridge at Broadway has merit. Very apparently there is immediate need for the construction of such a bridge."

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## ROUTS BIGGEST BID

### Mayor Refuses to Award Irvington Street Work.

### HE ANSWERS HUGHES' NOTE

#### Lane Declares a Private Agreement With Bidder Exists—Says City Cannot Legally Award High Contract, Despite Pact.

Mayor Lane issued a reply to a letter by Ellis G. Hughes, yesterday afternoon, concerning certain street improvements in the Irvington district, over which there has been considerable discussion for the last few weeks. As chief executive of the city, the Mayor refused to permit contracts for this district to be awarded to Elwood Wiles, the highest bidder. Mr. Wiles, states the Mayor, has some kind of private agreement with Mr. Hughes, by which both think Mr. Wiles should have the work.

The Mayor's reply is as follows: "Upon my return to the city from Seattle, a day or two ago, my attention was called to a communication from Ellis G. Hughes, in which he disputed the statements made by me in relation to the matter of some street improvements through a tract of land owned by himself and associates, and if you will kindly allow me to do so I would like to sum up briefly the facts as they bear upon the same.

"In what I have to say I will not intentionally do injustice to Mr. Hughes or any one else.

"These streets were ordered improved by the City Council in a certain specified manner and the Executive Board, as it always does and must do, advertised for bids for their improvement. When the bids were opened it was found that Elwood Wiles was the highest bidder.

"Mr. Hughes and his associates by their attorney asked that the contract be awarded to Mr. Wiles, and upon behalf of Mr. Hughes and his associates it was urged that they had some sort of a private contract or agreement with Mr. Wiles by means of which he would do the work for them for a less amount than he bid to do for the city. The Executive Board could not do this, and declined to do so.

"Mr. Hughes then refused to allow the lowest bidder to cross another street already under contract to Mr. Wiles, and, being within his rights, the matter was referred back to the City Council, in whose hands it now is.

"Neither the Executive Board nor the Mayor has the right, under the law, to recognize a private agreement between Mr. Hughes and Mr. Wiles, or any one else. After having advertised for competitive bids, in justice to other bidders, they must accept the lowest responsible competitive bid, else the act of advertising for such bids for public work would be a farce, and open to all kinds of fraud.

"The question reaches farther than this, for if the property is bonded to pay for the street improvements it must be bonded for the exact amount shown by the records to have been expended for such street improvements and for that sum only. If the amount named in the con-

tract and stated upon the bonds, which makes the record, is for a different amount and calls for more than Mr. Hughes and his associates have paid for the work, then the records are false, and if the Executive Board and the Mayor willingly consent to such a procedure, they become parties to a falsification of the city's record. Neither the Executive Board nor the Mayor has the right to do this nor should they be asked to.

"The arrangement of Mr. Hughes with Mr. Wiles is a private agreement and it may or may not be all right in every way as between themselves, but the city cannot in justice be expected to become a party to it officially or help to carry it out.

"These are the facts and they are of record, and if I have failed in my public duty in regard to them, I will acknowledge my error if some disinterested person will point it out to me.

"Just how much harm I have done to Mr. Hughes and his associates I do not know, for the reason that I have no way of ascertaining the terms of his private agreement with Mr. Wiles.

"With me it has at no time been a question of Mr. Hughes or his interests, but merely one of proper official procedure upon my part, for which I am responsible to the people of this city, and not to him."

## ASSEMBLY TO EXCEL

### NORTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION TO BE MOST IMPORTANT.

#### To Gather Here June 25—Legal Relations of Societies to Be Determined.

Undoubtedly the meeting of the northern Baptist convention to be held here June 25, will be one of the most important gatherings in the history of that denomination. Only once before, many years ago in San Francisco, have the denominational meetings been held on the Pacific Coast. The Portland convention will make the third and possibly the greatest step in the co-ordination of the denominational organizations.

At the meeting at Washington, in 1896, the temporary organization of the northern Baptist convention was effected. A permanent organization was formed at the 1898 meeting held at Muskogee, Okla.

MIND WORKS CLEAR

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Top 32x17, three large new Process burners, simmer burner, oven and broiler, 18 1/2-in.; 1-inch feed pipe, adjustable needle valves, steel body, 34 inches high.



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Among other subjects to come before the meeting will be: Social service, denominational newspapers, city missions, relation of state conventions to the northern Baptist convention, relief of aged ministers and ministers' widows, apportionment of the budget, consolidation of missionary periodicals and joint missionary secretaryships for all forms of missionary work. Under one or another of these heads will be considered nearly all those secondary practical denominational problems which have been bothering intelligent Baptists for the last five years.

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