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CITY COUNCIL HAS ANIMATED CONTEST OVER ENGINEER

Pass Resolution Asking Him to Resign After Lengthy Battle of Words.

POWERS AND SAVAGE VOTE AGAINST MOTION

Action Taken Despite Mayor Straw's Insistence That Cause Be Assigned.

After one of the most lively and animated sessions the Marshfield city council has ever known, that body last evening adopted a resolution by a vote of four to two calling upon City Engineer P. A. Sandberg to resign.

The matter was sprung by Councilman Albrecht and came as a decided surprise to Mayor Straw and all with the possible exception of the three other councilmen who supported it.

The matter was brought up by Mr. Albrecht introducing a resolution that the city dispense with the city engineer until the council had adopted a definite plan of street work.

Mayor Straw immediately "went up in the air." He declared that if the council wanted to adopt that policy he would see that no streets were improved the coming year.

Councilman Cople said that he thought the council had something to say about that and would do about as they choosed.

Mayor Straw said that he had some rights in the matter and if the council wanted to be bull-headed and obstreperous, all they had to do was to start right in.

He said that if the council wanted to dispense with the city engineer, they would have to introduce an ordinance to that effect.

Councilman Cople demanded that Albrecht's motion be put and Mayor Straw refused, and then Mr. Cople appealed from the chair.

Mayor Straw asked Councilman Coke as president of the council to put it but before he did so, Councilman Powers tried to pour oil on the troubled waters.

He said that both the councilmen and mayor were doing wrong. He said he had come on the council a year and a half ago to try and straighten matters out and that affairs had gone along smoothly.

He declared that if the councilmen and mayor could not get along like gentlemen and do business like the directors of a corporation, that all should quit.

Mayor Straw's voice had shown traces of anger and some of the others also had and for a moment Councilman Powers' efforts at conciliation had some effects but it was not long.

Councilman Cople revived it by declaring that he would not be dictated to by the mayor or anyone else as he had been chosen to represent the people.

He said that he was for improvement and as a member of the Citizens' league he had so urged but at the same time had desired retrenchment.

Mayor Straw said that he was not courting courtesy or favor but that he was going to do right as he saw it. He made it rather strong by the use of explosives such as he sometimes injects into his remarks.

WED ON DARE.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 11.—"Anybody who will take a dare is a coward," declared Mrs. Mary Potter Batchelor of Lawrence, Ind., a pretty, dashing young widow, to her nephew, Walter R. Batchelor. "I dare you to marry me," he replied, and looked as if he meant it. "Why—why should I do that?" gasped the widow. "I want you—we want to keep you in the family," Walter asserted. "It's a dare; have you the nerve?" She had, and they were married twenty minutes later. The bride was the widow of the bridegroom's uncle.

FORTY KILLED BY LANDSLIDE

Gang of Workmen in Spain Struck and Only Five Injured Survive.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

CASTRO URDIALES, Spain, Jan. 11.—Forty persons were killed and five injured in a landslide that overwhelmed a gang of laborers, burying all.

games, everyone knew what was the outcome of the boy who insisted they play his way or he wouldn't play. Mr. Ferguson said that he didn't think the mayor was that kind. He said that the majority of the people of Marshfield had expressed themselves as favoring a change of engineers and so he favored it.

The mayor wanted when they had so expressed themselves and Mr. Ferguson said at the last election.

Mayor Straw wanted to know if the council wanted to get rid of Sandberg why they didn't say so instead of undertaking it in an underhanded way. Also he insisted that some cause should be given. He wanted to know if Sandberg was dishonest, if he was incompetent or if there was a reason why he should be let out.

The mayor's questions while for the whole council were especially directed at Councilman Cople who retorted that he didn't have to be catechized. Furthermore, Mr. Cople wanted to know if the mayor was the dictator of the council.

"No," responded the mayor "but if you fellows are honest, fair and square, come up and give a reason why Sandberg should be let out. Be open and above board about it and don't try it by an underhanded way."

"Well, if I was the city engineer I would have had the error in that Commercial avenue bridge near my home straightened out if it had to be done at my own expense," said Mr. Cople. "That proves conclusively to me that the city engineer makes errors and is unfit for the job. Besides, I think Mr. Sandberg knows of the criticisms of him and that many are opposed to his work."

Mr. Sandberg, who was present here arose and declared that the Commercial avenue bridge matter was due to a change made in the grades.

Here Mayor Straw broke in again and said that the councilmen should act as men about it and give Mr. Sandberg a hearing or at least give good reasons why he should be discharged.

Councilman Coke said that he didn't think it was necessary for the council to give any reason if they wanted to discharge the engineer. Mayor Straw differed with him and finally Mr. Coke said that Mr. Sandberg was incompetent and later added that this was his opinion. He

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LAWYERS ASK SEVERAL CHANGES

Coos County Bar Association Wants Coos and Curry Made Separate District for Prosecuting Attorney.

(Special to The Times.)

BANDON, Ore., Jan. 11. — The Coos County Bar Association at its annual meeting here yesterday launched a movement to have the Oregon State Legislature form a separate prosecuting attorney district to be composed of Coos and Curry counties. Coos, Curry and Douglas counties now compose a district with Geo. B. Brown, the prosecuting attorney residing in Roseburg. Resolutions asking the change were adopted.

A resolution asking Judge Coke to require attorneys to submit copies of instructions they ask to be given to the jury to the opposing attorney at the same time they presented the court was adopted.

Another resolution to the Oregon legislature recommends that any one

other than a party to the suit be permitted to serve summons. This is in accordance with the laws of other states.

Another resolution to the state legislature asks the legislature to provide for a second deputy sheriff in Coos county. This is to be without any additional expense to the county.

About twenty-five attorneys were in attendance. The business session was followed by a sumptuous banquet. A. S. Hammond was toastmaster and most of the responses were impromptu. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—Geo. Topping of Bandon.

Vice-president—C. F. McKnight of Marshfield.

Sec.—J. J. Stanley of Coquille. Treasurer—C. A. Sehlbrede of Marshfield.

Executive Committee—J. W. Bennett of Marshfield, and A. J. Sherwood of Coquille besides the above named officers who are ex-officio members.

FOURTEEN DIE IN DISASTER

Captain and Crew of Barges Lose Lives on Massachusetts Bar.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

HIGHLAND LIGHT, Mass., Jan. 11.—Fourteen men comprising the captain and crew of the coal barges Corbin, Pine Forest and Trevorton, bound east in tow of the tug Likens were drowned. The barges were driven ashore on the Peaked Hill bar early in the day and within a few hours had gone to pieces.

TO REPRIMAND SIMS.

President Decides On Punishment of Talkative Officer.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 11.—President Taft has decided that Commander W. S. Sims, the United States Naval officer, who at a recent dinner in London by the Lord Mayor of that city declared that if Great Britain ever was seriously threatened she could depend on "every man, every dollar, every drop of blood" in this country, should be publicly reprimanded.

CAPT LUBY IS DEAD.

Commander of Cruiser Des Moines Passes Away.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 11.—The Navy Department has been advised that Commander John F. Luby of the cruiser Des Moines, died on that vessel Sunday in the vicinity of the Cape Verde Islands.

MASTER AS DIVER.

Captain Olson of the Acme Tries New Stunt at Humboldt Bay.

Capt Olson of the steamer Acme is quite well known here as his vessel has made a number of trips here has been pulling off some new stunts at Humboldt Bay. The Eureka Herald has the following about it:

"Captain Olson of the steamer Acme who has a reputation as a ruster among seafaring men, performed a little stunt in Arcata bay while the ship was loading lumber there last week that won him admiration. The Acme's rudder had been endangered in maneuvering to a dock and Captain Olson became worried in his anxiety to know whether or not it was still in commission. Finding that the cost of securing a diver would be rather high and knowing that the ship was not drawing much water, Captain Olson decided to make an investigation himself. He dove beneath the stern of the Acme four times before he satisfied himself that the rudder was all right."

PETITION IS LAID ON TABLE

Marshfield City Council Decides Not to Call Special Franchise Election

After considerable discussion, the Marshfield city council last evening laid the initiative petition asking that the extension of J. M. Blake's street car franchise be submitted to a vote of the people March 16, on the table to be taken up at some future meeting.

The discussion of the matter was opened by Councilman Albrecht reading an article by G. A. Bennett which argued in favor of allowing the Blake franchise extension to stand to give the Coos Bay and Boise railway a chance. Mr. Bennett also intimated that the Southern Pacific boosters were the real opponents of the Blake franchise. He also took a few raps at the Southern Pacific for trying to prevent any railway getting to Coos Bay.

A. H. Powers said that he thought it would be squandering money to go to the expense of a special election to cut Blake's extension a few months. He said if anyone else was in the field to get it and was being held up, it would be a different thing. He said he was in favor of giving it to the opponents of the Blake franchise if they would accept a franchise as good for the city, that is if they want it when Blake's time is up and if Blake does not come through.

Councilman Ferguson said that he had been informed by City Attorney Goss that a special election would cost about \$600 and that it would take about ninety days to call it. He said this was too much to pay for cutting down the time a trifle. In the future, Mr. Ferguson said he would favor compelling applicants for a franchise to file a forfeit bond as a guarantee of good faith.

Councilman Savage said it looked to him as though someone was willing to spend about \$600 of the city's money to give Blake a kick.

Councilman Coke asked that the names on the initiative petition be read and after they were, he said he was willing to give the people a chance to vote on it and thought the council should when a class of citizens and taxpayers like the 150 or so on the petition asked it. He said that he had opposed the extension from the first because he thought Blake insincere.

Someone wanted to know if the council had to submit it to an election. Mayor Straw said the city attorney had informed him not because the petition contained a specific date. If it did not contain the specific date, the initiative law would require it to be submitted at the next general election.

Mr. Ferguson said that he believed

DIERINGER SALOON SCENE OF BOLD AND DESPERATE HOLDUP

CAN'T STOP TREATING.

FALLS CITY, Ore., Jan. 11. The saloonkeepers of this city are said to be eluding the anti-treating ordinance recently passed by the Council and made a part of the license provisions. They pass small change to the men to be treated by some patron, each pays for his own drink with the money thus passed over, and the entire amount is again paid by the man standing the treats. By this method, it is held, the man desiring to treat can do so without violating the law.

Proprietor Shot Three Times and Janitor Badly Beaten By Thugs.

TWO MASKED MEN PULL OFF STUNT

Escape With About \$45 Despite Owner's Hard Fight to Thwart Them.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 11. — A saloon at Dieringer was the scene of a desperate affair early yesterday. Two masked men swaggered into the place and ordered Fred Barnett, the proprietor, the barkeeper named McDonald and several patrons to hold up their hands. One was armed with two revolvers and the other with one.

All hands went up on the command but as one of the men started to search the cash drawer, Barnett seized the bandit by the hand that held the revolver. The bandit struggled and forced Barnett within range of his companion's revolver and yelled "shoot, Bill, while you've got the chance." And Bill shot Barnett in the stomach. The proprietor's hold weakened and as he sank to the floor the man with whom he had been struggling shot him twice from the rear, once through the waist and the other through the neck, the bullet coming out through the jaw. "Bill," continued on guard while the other ransacked the money drawer obtaining \$45.

At this moment the saloon janitor known as "Scolley," entered half awake and protested over the noise. He was knocked senseless, each of the bandits striking him on the head with the butt of a revolver. The robbers then escaped.

GIVE TROPHY TO AMERICANS

International Aeronautical Federation Will Not Heed Foreign Protest.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

PARIS, France, Jan. 11. — The International Aeronautical Federation which met here decided it had no authority to consider the protest against the award of the international balloon trophy to the Americans. Alan R. Hawley and Augustus Post, on the ground that the protest as it was made was irregular. The Federation declared the protest should have been made first with the sporting commission of the American Aero Club.

ed the petition would be a cloud on Blake's franchise that would have to be removed by submitting it to a vote eventually any way.

Previously Mayor Straw stated that he thought some of the people responsible for the petition should have been present and given a reason for it. He asked two or three who were present, whose names were on the petition to give their reasons for signing it.

Southern Pacific.

Councilman Coke said that the talk that the petitioners were Southern Pacific boosters was all "rot." He said that so far as he could judge, there were only two men on the petition whom were interested in the Southern Pacific welfare and he wasn't sure they were. He said these two were Dr. E. Mings and Wm. Grimes. He said that although he was a Southern Pacific employe, he had not been asked to act one way or another on the matter.

However, he said a few days after the extension had been granted, General Manager Mills of the Southern Pacific interests here had informed him that he thought the extension would mean another delay of six months in Coos Bay getting a railroad. Later, Mr. Coke said, he asked Mr. Mills what he meant but the latter said he didn't want to discuss it.

Mr. Cople said he thought the people would oppose the special election if they knew it would be so costly.

Finally Mr. Cople said that some of the men who had instigated the initiative movement had informed him that their object was to make Blake show his hand and that they were not particular about having the election March 16. In view of this, he said he thought it would be well to lay it on the table. This was done, Councilman Coke being the only one opposing it.

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WIRES GO DOWN UNDER SLEET

Severest Winter Storm In Long Time Causes Inconvenience Here.

One of the most severe snow and sleet storms that has struck Coos Bay in a long time arrived last night paralyzed long distance phone and telegraph wires.

The long distance phone lines between North Bend and Gardiner, between Roseburg and Myrtle Point and between Coquille and Bandon went down. It is expected that service to Roseburg will be restored sometime this afternoon. The Bandon service was restored this forenoon.

The Western Union is out of commission and owing to the heavy snow in the mountains it is uncertain when service can be re-established. The line came up for about ten minutes late yesterday afternoon and Operator Carleton was able to get part of The Times' Associated Press report and it went down again.

Aside from the damage to the wires, the storm did no damage in this vicinity. The sleet and snow melted rapidly today and the youngsters didn't even get good snowballing out of it.

Owing to the inclement weather, the mail was late again today, not reaching here until after 2 o'clock.

MANY ARE KILLED.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

BUENOS AYRES, Argentina, Jan. 11.—Many fatalities resulted from an explosion in a gun powder factory at San Martin. Twelve bodies were recovered.