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THE BEE HIVE

After Lingered Near Death's Door for Two Weeks Pontiff Summoned To His Final Rest

End Was Calm, Serene, Grand, His Last Words Being Blessings Bestowed Upon Devoted Churchmen Who Kneelt By the Bed of Death

Rev. Father J. Waters, pastor of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Astoria, has penned the following tribute to the dead pontiff. Father Waters states that upon receipt of official notification of the death of Pope Leo, special prayers and services will be said in the Astoria church: Leo XIII is no more! After a quarter century reign—the longest in the list of popes—after a most remarkable struggle with the grim destroyer, the Grand Old Man of the Vatican has succumbed. On the morning of February 20, 1878, when Joachim, Cardinal Pecci had received more than the two-thirds vote required and was proclaimed pope, Cardinal Ferrier, who had opposed the nomination of Leo, exclaimed: "This is not an election but a divine inspiration." When we glance back through that long, marvelous reign and weigh the momentous topics dealt with and the undeniable results achieved, we find it difficult to call in question the literal correctness of Cardinal Ferrier's declaration. Dark and trying was the outlook when Leo ascended to the throne of Peter, owing to the attitude of European powers. But with a skill unsurpassed in a statesmanship, he surmounted every obstacle and directed the church onward to the great success which she has attained during the past 25 years. The life of Leo XIII has been an inspiration to mankind. His charity, meekness, candor, tenderness, solicitude for humankind touched a responsive chord throughout the world. He was a man born for preeminence; his intellectual, executive, and spiritual qualifications were of the first order; his far-reaching encyclicals, on the great burning questions of the age, social, religious, and political, are monuments of his genius.

I cannot close without calling attention to Leo's great love, admiration and interest in this country and her institutions. In this instance in very truth, all the world may rise up and say, "This was a man." May God rest his soul.

Rome, July 20.—Pope Leo XIII is dead. The last flicker of life expired at four minutes past 4 o'clock this afternoon and the pontiff now lies at rest. The period of over two weeks that Pope Leo passed in the shadow of death was no less wonderful than his life. His splendid battle against the disease was watched the world over with sympathetic admiration and ended after tremendous efforts to conquer the weakness of his aged frame by the marvelous power of his mind. Pleuro pneumonia, with which his holiness had been suffering, was scarcely as responsible for his death as the inevitable decay of tissue which ensues upon 93 years of life. The tested steel which had bent so often before human ills, was bound to break at last.

Tonight the emaciated and lifeless frame lies on a bed in the Vatican. A red damask coverlet rests over the body. A cardinal's scarlet cape is about the shoulders, while on his head has been placed the papal hood of velvet bordered with ermine. A silk handkerchief is bound about his chin and in the hands that have blessed so many thousands has been placed the crucifix. So the pope will remain until tomorrow, watched by uniformed officers of the Noble Guard and rough clad Franciscan penitents, who will keep a ceaseless vigil until the burial ceremonies. Tomorrow the Sacred college of cardinals will assemble for the official duty of pronouncing the pope dead. After this sad function has been performed, the body will be taken to the small throne room adjoining the death chamber, where it will be embalmed.

The funeral ceremonies will extend over nine days, the remains being removed to St. Peter's, where they will lie in state. The ultimate resting place of the dead pontiff will be in the magnificent basilica of the St. John Lateran.

His was no easy death. The hour before he died, turning to Dr. Lapponi and his devoted valet, Bio Contra, he murmured: "The pain I suffer is most terrible." Yet his parting words were not of the physical anguish he suffered, but were whispered benedictions upon the cardinals and his nephews, who knelt at the bedside, and the last look of his almost sightless eyes was toward the great ivory crucifix standing in the death chamber. Practically all the cardinals now in Rome, kneeling at the bedside, watched the passage of his soul. Earlier in the day, Cardinal Lerafin Van Nuteili had impressively pronounced absolution in articulo mortis. Wishing to relieve him, Dr. Mazzoni suggested morphine be administered, but Dr. Lapponi did not agree, fearing the end might be quickened. Of this supreme moment, Dr. Lapponi gives minute description. He said: "Death occurred through exhaustion, although in the last two hours Pope Leo made a supreme effort to gather together all his energies. He succeeded in recognizing those about him by the sound of their voices, as his sight was almost entirely lost. Still, he made a marvelous display of his energy and even death was really grand. It was resigned, calm, and serene. I approached a lighted candle to his mouth three times, according to traditional ceremony, and afterward declared the pope to be no more. I then went to inform Cardinal Oreglia, dean of the Sacred College who immediately assumed full power.

Meantime events of momentous importance to Catholic Christendom were occurring. The death of the pope meant passing of supreme power into the hands of the Sacred College of cardinals as its temporary custodian during the interregnum. Perfect administrative machinery of the church provided against the slightest interruption of government authority. As senior member of the Sacred College, Cardinal Oreglia, to whom the pope today solemnly confided the interests of the church, has now become exponent of the cardinals until Pope Leo's successor has been elected. This has brought forth Cardinal Oreglia as the striking personality of the hour.

Pool Room Not In Great Favor

Council Votes Down Ordinance to Repeal License on Tables—Routine Business

The city council last night dealt a blow to the ordinance to repeal the license fee on pool tables. Burns, Hansen and the other voters in favor of its passage, and Leinenweber, Morton, Nordstrom and Wright lining up against it. In the discussion that preceded the walloping Chief of Police Hallock was prodded for not using more discretion and less partiality in the performance of his duty. Burns said that the license fee on pool tables is an imposition on the owners inasmuch as there are not enough devotees of the game in the city to make the tables pay, and he inferred that only a few of the operators are compelled to contribute to the coffers of the city for the privilege of running the tables in connection with their business. He also hinted that it is possible to get something that they make in the mountains of Kentucky "not very far from here" and he said that he had never heard of that institution paying for the privilege. The same institution also owned pool tables, too, he said. Hansen said that if the councilman knew of places where pool tables are running and not paying license it was his duty to see that such licenses are collected. "If the chief of police won't collect them I suggest that we take steps to have them collected, and if necessary, to cut his salary off until he does collect them." This was the substance of the remarks of the gentleman from the First ward and Leinenweber backed him up with an emphatic approval. Then they nailed the ordinance.

Property owners on Franklin avenue between Eighth and Ninth streets petitioned the council to improve that thoroughfare with macadam instead of plank and Mrs. Matilda A. Berendes also petitioned for the privilege of putting in a cement sidewalk and curb on Ninth street, and to be exempt from paying for that portion of the improvement.

Dr. J. A. Fulton and A. V. Allen also petitioned for a similar privilege in front of their property on Franklin avenue between 11th and 12th streets. The petitions were referred to the proper committee.

City Surveyor Alfred S. Tee reporting on the most practical grade for the improvement of Ninth street between Franklin and Irving recommended that the grade of Ninth street be established with the certain avenues the grades of which are already established. He also recommended that Ninth avenue be not included in any contemplated improvement owing to the steep grade, but that the block between Irving and Jerome be included for the utilizing of the excess of excavations from the portion of the street between Harrison and Irving avenues.

Reporting on the resolution to ascertain the most practical manner of improving Franklin avenue, City Surveyor Tee in a communication stated that the ordinance passed in June 1891 is signed by Isaac Bergman, president of the council and is an illegally established grade, which would have to be re-established prior to any improvement on the street.

The ordinance providing for the conveyance to Cushing Post, No. 14, G. A. R., of lots in Ocean View cemetery was passed on a suspension of the rules.

An ordinance was passed providing for the payment of \$1,000 for 1,000 feet of hose recently purchased for the fire department.

Fourth street from Bond to Astor; Eleventh street drain; Seventh street, Bond to Duane; 15th street from Jerome to Niagara avenue.

Resolutions were introduced as follows: To establish the grade of Ninth street from Franklin to Jerome; to equalize the assessment rolls of the following districts: Fifth street, from Commercial to Astor; 14th street, Commercial to Bond, and 51st street east. The board of equalization will meet on August 1, at 2 o'clock, to pass on these matters.

Owing to the heavy amount of street work on hand, the council adjourned to meet again next Monday night.

ROUTINE BUSINESS.

The following claims were ordered paid: Olaf Peterson, \$50; Mrs. H. H. Shea, board of county prisoners, \$19.46; Gutta Percha and Rubber Manufacturing Co., \$19.90; Andrew Asp, \$13.10; Prael & Cook Transfer Co., \$6; Scholfield & Hunke, \$6.20; Uppertown Transfer Co., \$7.25; Eagle Drug Store, \$4.35; John H. Clay, \$34.55; W. Fredrickson, \$8; Astoria Electric Co., \$5; Fisher Bros., \$10.50; A. G. Long, \$36; J. Hanson, \$4.5; Holmes & Siebert, \$18.75; Reliance Electric works, \$3.80; B. F. Allen, \$4.60; Clatsop Mill Co., \$6.70; Prael & Cook Transfer Co., \$35.91; J. C. Clinton, \$22.50; Sherman Transfer Co., \$5; Uppertown Transfer Co., \$2; board of assessors, \$40; Board & Stokes Co., \$5.40; board of street assessors, \$20; J. C. Clinton, \$4.56; board of St. assessors, \$20; J. C. Clinton, \$2.50; Ast. Box Co., \$23.76; Andrew Asp, \$5.25; Holmes & Siebert, \$11.50.

Liquor licenses were granted to R. L. Jeffrey, Bond street; John Harry, Eagle saloon; John Stephenson, Horseshoe.

Ten Years For Smith and Lane

Judge McBride Imposes Maximum Penalty on Perjurers—Motion for New Trial Overruled

Ten years imprisonment in the state penitentiary, the maximum penalty under the statute for the crime of perjury, was imposed on Josiah S. Smith and Charles B. Lane by Judge McBride yesterday afternoon. Attorneys W. J. Donovan and George Noland filed a motion for a new trial and arrest of judgment in behalf of Smith, which were overruled. The court allowed them 90 days in which to prepare and present a bill of exceptions.

In passing sentence Judge McBride characterized the offense of the defendants as the highest degree of perjury and said that he could not find a single extenuating circumstance that suggested any reason why he should not impose the severest penalty permissible under the law.

Attorney W. J. Donovan made an eloquent plea to the court on behalf of Smith. He reviewed the previous good character borne by his client for a period of 30 years in Contra Costa county, Cal., and said that the superior judge and sheriff of that county had expressed a willingness to subscribe their names to depositions testifying to his good reputation in the community. He told of misfortunes that Smith had borne during the past few years, which included that loss of his farm and improvements through some technical flaw in the land laws of the United States.

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CONTRACTOR DROPS DEAD

N. S. Johnson of Portland Dies Suddenly on the Street at Seaside.

HIS FAMILY IN THIS CITY

Deceased Was at Coast for Purpose of Building Cottage—Coroner Summoned.

A telephone message from Seaside last evening announced the sudden death on the street of N. S. Johnson, a Portland contractor, who had gone to the coast for the purpose of building a cottage. Mr. Johnson had not been well for the past few days, but yesterday morning was feeling better and the members of his family, who came down from Portland with him, left Seaside for the purpose of going to Long beach, after which they intended to return to their home in Portland. Mrs. Johnson and her son and daughter stopped at the Parker house and were making preparations to leave for the north shore when the sad news reached them. They returned to Seaside on the evening train.

The death of Mr. Johnson occurred on the street in front of the Johansen store. He was seen to fall, his face striking heavily on the sidewalk. When assistance arrived he was found to be dead.

Coroner Pohl was notified. He went down in the evening and is expected to return today with the body, which will be taken to Portland for burial.

States. This farm represented the toll of 30 years, at the end of which he was dragged into an endless chain of litigation involving the title of the place and which was not settled until the highest court in the United States had passed upon it. Then his wife became sick, and is today suffering from the effects of a fatal disease. Mr. Donovan pleaded for a lighter sentence than was imposed on Lane.

The court stated that he could not differentiate between the two crimes. Smith, he pointed out, was not an ignorant man. He knew the law and understood the seriousness of his crime. Despite this, however, he came to Astoria to fabricate the case for the purpose of obtaining money by such fabrication, and he did the same thing in other cities. Continuing, the court said:

"My mind instinctively goes back to the transaction with Mrs. Hinton, in which these men forced her to give them a note for \$300. This was a poor woman, yet Bock told her a story, as crocodile tears ran down his face, of having received painful injuries by falling on the sidewalk in front of her property. There is nothing in the case that appeals to my sympathies for the men, and I must impose a sentence of 10 years in the penitentiary on Josiah S. Smith."

The motion for a new trial was based on the following grounds:

1. Insufficiency of the evidence to justify the verdict, and the said verdict is against the law.
2. Error in law occurring at the trial.

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