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### MAYOR'S VETO IS EXPLAINED

#### The Chief Executive Tells Why He Does Not Approve Contemplated Purchase.

#### THE CART BEFORE THE HORSE

Until Present City Hall Site is Sold New Building Could Not Possibly Be Erected Because of Lack of Funds.

At the meeting of the city council at noon tomorrow the veto filed by Mayor Suprenant affecting the ordinance passed for the purchase of the E. A. Taylor property at Sixteenth, Exchange and Duane streets will be brought up for disposal. If the veto is sustained the ordinance will be killed; should it be overridden, the purchase will be made.

Mayor Suprenant was seen yesterday by a representative of The Astorian and asked for a more thorough ex-

planation of his veto than appears from the legal document filed with Auditor Anderson. The mayor said:

"I have vetoed the ordinance for purely economic reasons. If there is an impression abroad that I have been actuated to veto the bill because of my personal preference for some other city hall location, I can say it is erroneous. While I have all along believed some other location would be better adapted to the requirement of the city, I feel that the council, having agreed upon the Taylor site, has settled that particular question. I would gladly respect its right in the matter.

"Let me say further that I am in favor of the construction of a new city hall. I have always favored the improvement, with proper consideration for our ability to spend the sum necessary to erect the structure. When we had an offer for our present site we were in position to proceed with the legislation for a new building, but the withdrawal of that offer has entirely changed the aspect of affairs. My veto of the bill resulted.

"Purchase of the Taylor property will necessitate an expenditure of about \$3500. The purchase price is \$4000, and besides there is a street improvement shortly to fall due of about \$1000. Another street adjoining must soon be repaved, and this will entail an outlay of \$200 more, so that in all the prop-

erty will cost the city \$5500.

"After this property is purchased, as will be the case if my veto is not sustained, the city will be no better off than is at present the case. We will merely have spent \$5500 for the Taylor site and still be confronted with the problem of better city hall facilities. It is utterly out of the question to talk of building a new hall if the present site is not sold, for we have no other resources from which to secure the necessary funds. By purchasing the Taylor property, then, we will accomplish nothing, but, to the contrary, will have thrown away, so far as solution of the city hall problem is concerned, the sum of \$5500.

"It is my opinion that the council has put the cart before the horse. After the present site is sold we may figure upon a new hall, but until this is done we must not make any such investment as that contemplated by the ordinance which I have returned without my approval. I am told that other persons are to make an offer for the present site of the city hall. Upon the presentation of that offer and its acceptance, it will be the duty of the council to arrange for a new site, but, pending sale of the property, we must not make other investments. I believe it will be generally agreed that the council has made an admirable showing during the past two years, and I dislike very much to see any laxity in the conduct of the municipality at this late date. I sincerely trust members of the council will realize the error made."

Mayor Suprenant added that, if the Taylor site were bought, the matter of repairing the present structure would still be before the council. These repairs will cost in the neighborhood of \$1000. The mayor believes that, if the Taylor property is not bought, the work of repairing the present building should be deferred for a few months, in order that the council may have an opportunity, if possible, of securing a purchaser for the present site. If it is impossible for the city to sell, then the present structure must be repaired.

The repairs will consist of removing the engine house to another location, the construction of an entirely new jail, the installation of a fire-proof vault and the renovation of the offices. Offices would also be provided for the city attorney and treasurer, and the auditor's office would be removed to the ground floor.

#### PERSONAL MENTION.

H. L. Knight has returned from his eastern trip.

Harry Sale, the Young's river farmer, was in town yesterday.

William Larson was in from his ranch on the Lewis and Clark yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Boyle, of the Lewis and Clark, were in the city yesterday.

Miss Ma Lelienweber is in Portland visiting with friends. She will return tomorrow.

Representative and Mrs. J. G. Møller were in the city yesterday from their home at Brookfield.

Alfred Schroder, grand sub-chief ranger of the order of Foresters for this state, will go to Portland Tuesday to be in attendance at the session of the executive council.

Henry Jordan returned to the city last night after an absence of four months in the larger cities of the east. Mr. Jordan went east in order to familiarize himself with the conduct of the large machine shops, and his trip proved an instructive and interesting one.

Prof. Round arrived in the city yesterday from South Bend, where he is principal of the public school. In the evening the professor went to Warrenton, where he formerly taught and where he has many warm friends. He will leave tomorrow for the Washington town.

#### Value of Silver Increases.

Washington, Jan. 2.—The quarterly statement of the value of foreign coins issued by the director of the mint, shows a net increase in the value of silver .02318 cents an ounce.

### MINERS KILLED

#### Met Foul Play While Carrying Out Court Instructions.

#### They Could Not Be Smoked Out and Dynamite Was Used With Bad Results.

Butte, Jan. 2.—After examining 14 witnesses this afternoon Coroner Egan continued the inquest over the bodies of Samuel Olson and Fred Divil who were killed in the Michael Devitt mine last night. It is alleged by dynamite in the hands of unknown persons, until Monday afternoon at two o'clock when the employes of the Montana Ore Purchasing Company will be questioned as to their side of the alleged underground dynamite battle.

One of the witnesses, H. V. Winchell head geologist of the amalgamated today testified to discovering vast amounts of hay in the raise just above the place where the amalgamated miners were working and this he declared was burned, the stifling smoke being forced in on the amalgamated men to prevent them from carrying out the orders of the United States court in making an inspection of the Michael Devitt to determine how much ore Heinze is alleged to have illegally extracted from the Michael Devitt veins.

All evidence adduced at today's hearing would seem to place the blame entirely on the men employed by the Rarus Company and probably is particular on Nick Treloar, foreman of Rarus and Thomas Knowles, shift boss of the same mine.

#### RAILROAD PRESIDENT QUILTS.

Head of Union Pacific, H. G. Burt, Resigns.

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 2.—Horace G. Burt, president of the Union Pacific Railroad, has handed his resignation to the directors. It is understood that it will be acted on at the next meeting of the board, which will be held in the near future.

At Mr. Burt's office it was stated that he will take an extensive trip with Mrs. Burt for the purpose of obtaining a rest. His active railroad service has extended over 25 years, and, it is stated he feels the need of a complete rest. The trip will be of several month's duration.

President Burt was appointed to his present position in February, 1898, shortly after the receivership of the road was dissolved. A large number of changes and improvements have been carried through him.

Previous to his appointment as president of the Union Pacific system, Mr. Burt was connected with the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad for nearly 30 years. He served in the capacity of chief engineer and general manager of the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley road, now part of the Northwestern system, and was later made vice-president of the latter road, in which capacity he was serving when he came to the Union Pacific. President Burt had nothing to add to the announcement already made of his resignation beyond saying that he expected to make his permanent home in Omaha. He also stated that he had no plans beyond his intentions of traveling for some time. His communication to the board of directors, it is said, mentioned no date on which his resignation is to take effect, leaving the matter with the board itself.

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