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## COUNCIL OVERRIDES VETO AND PLANS FOR PURCHASE OF CITY HALL LOCATION

**Ordinance Passed Authorizing Payment of \$4000 for Location at Sixteenth and Exchange Streets.**

**Only Two Members Vote to Approve the Mayor's Objection to the Bill—Measure Providing for Improvement of Franklin Avenue in East Astoria Finally Passed, to the Joy of the Third Ward.**

At noon yesterday the new city council organized for the year's work. All the members were in attendance with the exception of Mr. Kaboth, who is in Europe. The new members, Messrs. Lebeck and Belland, were seated, the retiring members being Messrs. Wright and Wilson. The meeting proved to be a busy one, and in the hour's session much business was transacted.

Upon calling the council to order Mayor Suprenant appointed Messrs. Nordstrom, Wilson and Wright as a committee on elections, and those gentlemen, with City Attorney Smith, examined the credentials of the newly elected councilmen. Mr. Hansen, one of the councilmen elected in December, continued his seat, and Messrs. Lebeck and Ballard were escorted to their places by the committee.

**The New Committees.**  
Mayor Suprenant announced his standing committees for the year, as follows:

Ways and means—Messrs. Nordstrom, Burns and Kaboth.  
Health and police—Messrs. Morton, Lebeck and Belland.  
Streets and public ways—Messrs. Burns, Robinson and Belland.  
Fire and water—Messrs. Leinenweber, Morton and Nordstrom.  
Public property—Messrs. Hansen, Kaboth and Lebeck.  
Wharves and wharves—Messrs. Lebeck, Belland and Robinson.

**City Attorney's Report.**  
City Attorney Smith presented a report of the litigation in which the city had been involved during the year. There were three suits against the city, two affecting the street improvements and the third that of John R. Bock vs. the city. All the cases were decided in favor of the city. The case of LeRoy Davidson, who claims damages for injuries suffered, is still pending in the courts.

Mr. Smith pointed out in his report the need for enforcing the ordinance with reference to the obstruction of the

streets and sidewalks, and suggested that a special officer be employed to enforce the laws.

**New Engine House Site.**  
The ways and means committee presented a report recommending the purchase of the property offered by Joseph Schamberger to the city as an engine house site and a connection so as to make Duane street a continuous thoroughfare. The property is the north 60 feet of lot 3, block 117, and the price asked was \$1500. An ordinance providing for purchase of the land was offered, but went over until Friday night.

**Report of the Auditor.**  
Auditor Anderson presented a report showing the receipts of his office for the month of December. On account of fines and forfeitures in the police court the city derived \$1120, and from sale of lots in Ocean View cemetery \$40, making a total of \$1160. The receipts for the year were \$11,060.80.

**New Building Ordinance.**  
An important measure regulating the construction of buildings and providing for entrances, exits and fire escapes at all public buildings was offered by Mr. Leinenweber. At present the city ordinances do not cover building matters and the new bill, which will unquestionably become law, will be of great benefit.

Section 1 provides that all public halls within the city shall have at least one entrance and exit eight feet wide on the first floor and on the second floor, while on third floors there shall be at least two such entrances leading directly to the ground floor, and a substantial iron fire escape from the third floor to within 10 feet of the ground. The fire escape must be placed directly over the sidewalk or street.

Section 2 specifies that persons owning, leasing or using any public hall after March 15 without complying with the provisions of the ordinance

shall be subject to a fine of from \$10 to \$100.

Section 3 provides that hereafter persons desiring to erect buildings shall make application to the council for a permit. The application must state the location of the building, its plan, the character of its plumbing and the number and size of the entrances and exits and the material of which the roof is to be constructed. If the plan of construction is in accordance with the terms of the ordinance the permit shall be issued upon the payment of a \$5 fee.

Section 4 provides a fine of \$10 to \$100 for failure to secure a permit.

The ordinance went over until Friday night, when it will unquestionably be passed.

**Job Printing Contract.**  
An ordinance empowering the ways and means committee to advertise for bids for job printing for 1904 was passed under suspension of the rules. The council will have printed 200 copies of the new charter, and it is specified that bids for job printing and for printing the charter may be separately tendered.

**No Raise For Fire Chief.**

At the last session of the council an ordinance was presented providing for an increase in the salary of Chief Stockton, of the fire department, from \$70.60 to \$85. Yesterday the measure came up for final passage, and Mr. Burns killed it. He said he believed the increase too great, especially as the fire chief had no more work to do than the other employees of the department. He was in favor of an increase of half the sum. When the roll was called on final passage the following voted against it: Messrs. Burns, Belland, Lebeck and Nordstrom. Four members voted for it. For the second time in two years Mayor Suprenant had the deciding vote to cast, and he unhesitatingly declared the measure lost. The defeat of this bill was a surprise, as Mr. Burns had not offered any objection to it at the previous meeting. It is probable that other proposed salary increasing ordinances will now be side-tracked.

**Improvement to Be Made.**

The long-drawn out proposal for the improvement of Franklin avenue from Thirty-sixth street to a point 40 feet east of the west line of Forty-third street was finally settled yesterday. The ordinance, amended so as to provide for one-half-to-one slope through the big cut, came up for third reading and final passage. Mr. Lebeck, the new member, expressed the opinion that the city could not afford to hear any portion of the cost of this or other improvements. He said Exchange street was in need of repair from Seventeenth east and was of the opinion such improvements should first be attended to by the council. Mr. Nordstrom replied to the gentleman from the Third ward with one of his convincing speeches, in which he said, among other things, that the cost of the work would be almost entirely borne by the property owners. County Assessor Cornelius, who was present, said that, if the improvement were commenced, it would be impossible for him to increase property valuations, but that no increase would be put through. He makes his next assessment in March. The vote in favor of the ordinance was unanimous. The bill provides that the work shall be completed by December 1.

**Veto is Overridden.**

Mayor Suprenant's veto of the ordinance for purchase of the E. A. Taylor property was overridden by the council, only two members, Messrs. Belland and Nordstrom, voting to sustain it. Before the vote was taken Mr. Nordstrom explained that he had voted for the ordinance at the previous meeting not because he was in favor of it, but rather because he alone opposed it and opposition would have accomplished nothing. He said there was no present need for the property and pointed out the past errors of the council in throwing away the people's money in reckless investments. So far as he was concerned, he would take the \$5000 and apply it to the bonded debt, that the interest account might be lessened.

The passage of the ordinance practically concludes purchase of the property.

**New Officials.**

The election of a board of assessors was then proceeded with, Mr. Burns naming Amos Brix, Mr. Nordstrom naming Maxwell Young and Mr. Robinson naming C. C. Utzinger. The vote resulted as follows: Brix, 8; Young, 1; Utzinger, 7. Brix and Utzinger were declared elected.

Mayor Suprenant himself nominated Councilman Hansen for president of the council, and the election of the Third ward member was unanimous.

There being a vacancy in the janitorship, Andrew Anderson was elected, no other name being presented. Charles Gibbons, the former janitor, has become physically unable to perform the duties.

## PRESIDENT TELLS OF PANAMA

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United States rests upon some novel theory. No assumption could be further from the fact. It is by no means true that a state in declaring its independence rids itself of all treaty obligations entered into by the parent government.

"It is on all hands conceded that treaties relating to boundaries and rights of navigation continue in force without regard to changes in government or sovereignty. This principle obviously applies to that part of the treaty of 1846 which relates to the isthmus of Panama.

"In conclusion let me repeat that the question actually before this government is not that of the recognition of Panama as an independent republic. That is already an accomplished fact. The question, and the only question, is whether we shall or not build an isthmian canal."

President Roosevelt transmits with his message copies of the latest notes from the minister of the republic of Panama to this government and of certain notes which have passed between the special envoy of the republic of Colombia and this government.

## MAYOR'S SISTER SWONS.

**Overcome By Recital of Horror, and Criticism of Brother.**

Chicago, Jan. 4.—The Rev. James Stone, of the St. James' Episcopal church, in a sermon has impeached official Chicago for its "easy going indifference to the observance of the law," which he characterized as the municipality's "prevailing and astounding sin." This he said after depicting the Iroquois theater horror, and the consequent woe of the multitudes. Impressive silence followed the sermon. Then the church choir began to sing the anthem. There was a stir in the front of the church. The voice of the choir was stopped and the audience dismissed.

The picture of the fire horror and the criticisms made by the pastor against the city administration had overcome Mrs. Heaton Owsley, sister of Mayor Harrison, and she had fainted in her pew.

## ALARM FOR SENATOR.

**Father-in-law of Florida's Governor May Have Perished.**

Chicago, Jan. 4.—Friends of Senator S. A. Mann, of Florida, who was in Chicago at the time of the Iroquois fire, have become alarmed and searched the hospitals without securing a trace of him. They will visit the morgue tomorrow.

Inquiries are also reported to have come from New York and from Tallahassee. Mr. Mann is the father-in-law of Governor Jennings, of Florida.

San Francisco, Jan. 4.—After a pursuit of three months, United States Secret Service Agent Hazen today arrested Thomas Davis accused of criminally assaulting Mrs. A. H. Ames, of Marshfield, Ore., while she was a passenger on the steamer Alliance. The night watchman of the steamer, who is held here as a witness, says Davis confessed the crime to him.

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