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HOW TO CONDUCT FARMING ON LARGE SCALE ON TWO BY FOUR LOT IN EAST END

Deplorable Sanitary Conditions Result From Ambition of Astorians to Keep Cows and Fowl.

Committee on Health and Police Wrestle With Problem—Ordinance Providing for Hunter Fenders for Street Cars Passes—Councilmen Captivated and Won Over by Superintendent McGuire's Attractive Oratory.

Last night's session of the city council was devoted largely to discussion of the troubles of the Third ward. For some reason or other, the Third ward is always in trouble. If it isn't one thing, it's another—and sometimes, as was the case last night, it's both. Up in the east end it's a difficult matter to satisfy property owners who want streets improved, and it's quite as difficult for the council to settle the sanitary problem that has developed there. Between the Third ward and the health and police committee's troubles in getting another city pound, the council had its hands full.

Last night the sanitary problem came up in its most virulent form. A communication from prominent residents of the east end precipitated the bother. They pointed out that some of the premises occupied by residents of the Third ward were positively filthy, and that there was so little effort on the part of the people to guard their health that the entire city was subjected to disease epidemics at all times. These good people wanted the council to afford some relief—wanted the council to require the careless ones to "clean up." The communication was referred to the unfortunate committee on health and police.

Urban Stock Farms.
Councilman Nordstrom thought the council should take the bull by the horns and require a general cleaning up of the Third ward. He said he knew an east ender who owned two horses, four cows, a million chickens, two million geese and other animals and fowl that rightfully should wait their end on some quiet farm, and that the resident in question did business on a lot 75x100. He told of the flies that this ranch attracted—great flies, as big as a man's fist and as capable of making war on the human race as New Jersey mosquitos. And he told of the odor that went up from these ranches. The odor was bigger than the flies and more of an enemy to humanity.

"Yes; I've been there too," chipped in Councilman Burns. "A day or two ago it was necessary for me to penetrate the east end wilderness, and, while I stayed as long as I could stand it, I did not finish my work. It's awful, gentlemen; it's awful."

The discussion brought out the fact that the people of the east end generally go in for dairying and chicken and geese raising. If the man with the geese has no pond in which to keep them, he dams a sewer and makes one. Members of the council say an east ender who doesn't own a flock of geese is ostracized from exclusive society, although in exceptional cases the offending party is excused by the elite if he keeps six or eight horses and 10 or 12

cows on a real small lot. This well established custom the council must abolish if possible, and that's why councilmen look weary and downcast. The health committee is wrestling with the problem, and by the next meeting the committeemen will either have committed suicide or else formulated some scheme for cleaning up the Third ward.

More Trouble.

A resolution by Mr. Burns for the improvement of four blocks of Franklin avenue, from Thirty-sixth street west, resulted in another long discussion. It seems that the owners of the property on two blocks have already graded the street in front of their property, and they object to being included in the entire district to be assessed for the improvement, as the remaining two blocks will require considerable filling. The matter was referred to City Attorney Smith, who said it could be adjusted by the street assessors, as they were authorized to make assessments in accordance with the benefits accruing to the interested property owners. There is a big hole to be filled on this street and the land holders do not relish the idea of paying for the work.

Fender Ordinance Passed.

The ordinance requiring street car companies to provide cars with Hunter drop fenders was passed last night. Two weeks ago it was held up by councilmen who thought projecting fenders should be used. Manager Coolidge, of the A. E. Co., was present last night and explained that all of the cities of Oregon used the Hunter fender. He said the projecting fender was impracticable in Astoria because of the character of car used and the condition of the streets. He believed the council would make no mistake in passing the ordinance, and the bill went through without a dissenting voice.

Mr. McGuire's Speech.

Superintendent John McGuire, of the A. & C., was there to defend the good name of his company and tell the council what he knew about stopping cars on crossings. He made a very interesting speech, in which he spoke of the untiring efforts of his department to accommodate the people of the city, and, like Charlie Coolidge, completely won over the council to his side. Mr. McGuire said he appreciated that Dr. Earle had cause for complaint because of his failure to reach his dock and board the quarantine tug Electro, but he was sorry the incident had occurred. He wanted to do just what the council instructed him to do, but did not want to be in the dark. He wanted the council to let him know just what crossings he could stop cars on. He told of his company's great interest in Astoria and its efforts to make matters convenient for the merchants and manufacturers here, and in a great many

other ways put up the neatest little speech which has been delivered in the council chambers for quite a while. The enthusiastic manner in which the council voted "no" when the ordinance was called up for final passage brought a pleasant smile to the superintendent's face, and he went away convinced of the powers of oratory.

Other Matters.

A liquor license was granted to P. S. Kenney and application for licenses were received from A. Seafeldt, C. Wesche, M. Franciscovitch, Chesshire & Brakke and Axel Jaconsen.

A petition from property owners for a street improvement on Third from Franklin to Grand avenue, Franklin from Third to Fourth, and Grand avenue from Third to the McClure claim line was referred to the street committee.

The letter of Superintendent McGuire of the A. & C., for information relative to the sidetrack into Oceanview cemetery was referred to the public property committee.

The ladies of the library returned their thanks for the appropriation of the half mill levy which the council made for them.

The contract for the improvement of Fifteenth street was awarded to J. McGuire and that for the Ninth street improvement to S. S. Dill, of Portland.

The reports of the treasurer and auditor were referred to the ways and means committee.

The following ordinances were passed under suspension of the rules: Confirming the assessment for the improvement of Thirteenth street from Duane to Exchange; confirming the assessment for the improvement of Duane street from Twelfth to Thirtieth; providing for the construction of a sewer on Grand avenue to connect with the Twelfth street drain.

The ordinance increasing the salary of the street superintendent from \$75 to \$85 monthly was passed, Councilman Belland voting against it.

Resolutions were adopted as follows:

Declaring the intention of the council to improve Franklin avenue from Twelfth to Seventeenth street with crushed rock and cement sidewalks; declaring the council's intention to establish the grade of Grand avenue from the Shively line to Seventeenth street; directing the city attorney and street committee to report to the council the conditions under which the O. R. & N. Co. uses the foot of Fifteenth street and also Sixteenth, and to ascertain what rental can be secured for a 20-year lease, and whether or not the company would extend Fifteenth street from its present foot to the dock.

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Absorbing Powder Company.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 4.—Francis J. Dupont of Wilmington, Del., is here. He is a member of the big powder company which has recently absorbed the California Company, Vigor Company and three fuse companies on this coast, and is reputed to be making a deal to absorb the only remaining company here outstanding. Besides owning 34 American companies this combine has just succeeded in purchasing all but 20,000 of the 180,000 shares of the International Powder Company, which has valuable plants in Europe.

SETTLEMENT NOT IN SIGHT

Contractors Make No Move to Accede to Demands Made by Carpenters.

MEN ARE NOT WORRYING

Laugh at Report That Non-union Carpenters Are Taking Their Places—May Take Contracts Later.

There is no material change in the carpenters' strike situation. On Saturday the prospects were favorable for settlement, but nothing has yet developed to make it appear that the contending interests will get together within the next few days. The union men are confident of winning, and the contractors seem to be having all kinds of trouble to get men to take the places of those who quit work.

A typographical error in Sunday's Astorian resulted in an injustice to Mayor Surprenant in the statement of the representative of the carpenters' union as to his responsibility for the present strike. It appears that when the union fixed its \$3 scale, the mayor was paying his men \$2.75 a day, while the other contractors were paying only 30 cents an hour, or \$2.70 a day. The other contractors were notified of the increased wage demanded, but the union foreman neglected to notify Mayor Surprenant, who for a year paid his men \$2.50 and \$2.75, enjoying just that much advantage over other contractors. The fault, it appears, resulted with the union men in his employ, and not with Mayor Surprenant.

Unable to Get Men.

That the contractors mean to hold out is evident from their effort to secure the services of non-union men. Ferguson & Houston and C. G. Palmberg are said to have found three men to go to work, but the union carpenters laugh at this. They say one of the men is an erratic individual, who has been twice discharged by one firm, but who is now given work because of the shortage of help. This man is said to have announced his determination of going to work, and to have made the statement he would arm himself so as to meet any possible interference on the part of members of the union.

"We are not worrying because of the effort of the contractors to get non-union help," said the union's representative last night. "We are satisfied the people of this city want to employ union labor, and we know our demands are not unreasonable. The contractors may try to get men to take our places, but we are of the opinion the effort will prove unsuccessful."

No Change in Situation.

"The situation remains practically unchanged. Neither side has made any advances and there have been no developments that would tend to indicate that settlement is at hand."

"Thus far there has been no effort on the part of the union to engage in contracting. We will wait several days before resorting to this means of compelling the contractors to meet our demands. In cases where work can not possibly wait we will attend to small jobs, but in all cases thus far reported we have requested the persons desiring the work to wait a few days. We want the work done as it ought to be done—by the contractors—and until we are satisfied the strike will not be settled we will not interfere with them in this manner."

Headquarters for Chicago.

Omaha, April 4.—As the result of the referendum vote which has been in progress for several months and is practically counted, the national socialist headquarters will be removed to Chicago from Omaha in about two weeks.

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