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PILING PLAN IS ADOPTED

Commercial Street Improvement Will Be Made in a Most Substantial Manner.

ENGINE HOUSE TO BE BUILT

New Structure Is to Be Erected at the Foot of Tenth Street for Use of the Chemical Engine

The Commercial street improvement matter was settled by the council last night without the slightest ripple of excitement. After all that had transpired in the negotiations looking to improvement of the principal thoroughfare of the city from Fourteenth to Seventeenth, it was expected there would be a rumpus last evening at the adjourned session, but the substitute resolution went through and not a word was said for or against it.

At Monday night's meeting a resolution declaring the intention of the council to make the improvement was offered. The bill stipulated that the street should be supported by posts set upon sawed-off pilings, to which method Councilman Lebeck objected with all the force at his command. The resolution was voted down, and last night a new bill was presented. This measure provided for piling support, except beneath the sidewalks, and every member voted for it. The work will be undertaken as soon as the ordinance can be passed, it being the aim to complete the improvement before regatta week.

Will Build New Engine House. An ordinance to authorize the committee on public property to build a new engine house at the foot of Tenth street, to cost not more than \$450, provoked extended discussion. It was a windy meeting, for that matter, and even proposals of small consequence were argued out with great deliberation. Councilman Belland believed the ordinance should carry a stipulation for advertisement for bids. This aroused the ire of Councilman Hansen, chairman of the public property committee, who insisted that the committee could be depended upon to arrange for bids without fear of irregularity.

"I want you to understand that I am not a grafter!" exclaimed the alderman. "So far as the provisions of this ordinance are concerned, I had it drawn that way so we would lose no time. We must have an engine house, and we have no time to spare." Mr. Hansen was evidently pretty angry, although Mr. Belland's remarks were not intended to reflect upon the sterling integrity of the chairman of the committee. The ordinance carried, Messrs. Belland and Nordstrom, who seem to constitute the minority, voting against it.

The new engine house will be a sort of semi-temporary affair and will be built at the present foot of Tenth street. It will not be a sightly structure, but will fill the needs of the department. The chemical will be kept there, and the big fire bell will also be removed to a location at the foot of Tenth. For a time the committee

expected to put the chemical in the old brick engine house at Fourth and Astor, but the floor is in such bad shape that the building cannot be used without the expenditure of considerable repair funds. Mr. Schacht has prepared the plans and the contract will be awarded this afternoon.

Last night the council formally accepted the offer of the A. O. U. W. to rent the upper floor of A. O. U. W. hall for temporary city headquarters. Auditor Anderson will establish himself in the old church building, and will then be nearer heaven than ever before.

Minor Matters.

The committee on wharves and water frontage reported favorably upon the request of the Foard & Stokes Company for permission to repair the foot of Fourteenth street for use as a public landing place, and the report was adopted.

Liquor licenses were granted to Matt Sandstrom and Henry Disse.

The claim of Holmes Seibert, \$11, for repairing the city street roller was held up. It seems that contractors use the roller, and when the machine needs repair the city is asked to foot the bill. Mr. Hansen declared himself against allowing claims of this kind, and Mr. Leinenweber explained that it was agreed that contractors should pay rental for the roller and keep it in repair. The roller cost \$300 and the city has never received a penny for its use.

TARIFF AND RECIPROCITY.

Sub-Committee Makes a Report and Forms Plank.

Chicago, June 21.—The tariff plank agreed on by the sub-committee on resolutions declares for the "cardinal principles of protection," and further that the "rate of duty should be the difference between the cost of production in the United States and abroad. Rates of duty should be readjusted only when conditions have so changed that public interests demand it. All such changes should be made by the republican party."

A long paragraph was adopted in relation to reciprocity, after a very exciting and protracted contest, by a bare majority.

It is a declaration for "commercial reciprocity, which is possible only under a protective tariff and whenever reciprocity arrangements can be perfected without injury to any industry."

As the matter stands now, the sub-committee will report unanimously, and it is expected that its action will be ratified by the committee tomorrow.

MILES FOR PRESIDENT.

General Is the Choice of the Prohibition Party.

Chicago, June 21.—"There has been a wonderful change in the sentiment in our party ranks in the last ten days concerning the presidential nomination," said Alonzo E. Wilson, chairman of the Illinois prohibition executive committee, today. "Most all of our prominent men have declared for General Nelson A. Miles, and I predict his nomination."

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MORE BOTHER NOW BREWING

Third Ward Wrought Up Again Over Proposal for Sewer in Adair's Astoria.

WANTED: SOME EXPLORERS

Drain Is to Tap Wild Country Where Indians Lurk and the Topography Is Most Uncertain.

If Lewis and Clark were alive today they could get a job that would as completely immortalize them as their long jaunt across the country, the anniversary of which is to be commemorated at Portland town next year. Students of American history have supposed that Lewis and Clark discovered all the country hereabout, but it seemed the famous adventurers failed to explore the wilds of the Third ward—which is again in trouble.

After all of the regular business had been finished by the council last evening, Street Superintendent Kearney made a speech. He called attention to the fact that the Adair drain was not what it should be, as the country which it should drain was flooded, endangering the new street improvements there.

According to Mr. Kearney's vivid narrative, a terrible condition of affairs exists in the afflicted region, and he appealed to the council to do something for the sufferers. E. C. Ford, Samuel Adair and D. Malagamba were present to back up Mr. Kearney in his oratorical effort and to urge upon the council that some relief be granted. They explained that their property was flooded, and that, as new streets would soon be put in, the drain should immediately be provided for.

Mr. Nordstrom cast some light on the subject. He related that there are two different factions at loggerheads in the squabble over the drain—the people who live on Thirty-fourth street and those who live on Thirty-eighth. It seems the natural course of the water is down Thirty-eighth, but the people there will not stand for any proposal intended to send the torrent down their street. Mr. Nordstrom was charitable enough to content himself with the mere statement that the people could not agree.

"It's a peculiar country," said Mr. Belland, who hails from the Third ward, "and it ought to be explored. Nobody seems to know what is needed, and it is my belief the whole council and all of the city officers should get together some week and make the exploration. Then we could decide upon some plan of campaign and fight it out along that line if we never saw the back of our necks."

"Yes, we ought to send out a reconnoitering expedition," said City Attorney Smith. "We all ought to go up there—take camping outfits along and prepare for a stay. I am informed that it is a howling wilderness, and that many Indians may be encountered there."

Mr. Leinenweber discussed the proposal that a petition for the improvement be presented to the council. "Let the Thirty-fourth street gentlemen who circulate the petition go up on Thirty-eighth and ask for signatures," suggested Mr. Leinenweber, with an eye to starting civil war. "I venture the assertion there will be something doing if the petition is presented to those Thirty-eighth streeters."

It is a matter of record that when the Thirty-fourth street drain was put in the people living on Thirty-eighth street presented a long remonstrance against sending the water over their way, which would indicate that the proposed drain will stir up more strife than has already been created.

Finally a resolution was adopted instructing the city engineer and street superintendent to report the most feasible plan of draining that portion of the United States. This was done once before, but the plans are cached away in the auditor's office, a silent reminder of the utter inability of the good people of the Third ward to get together.

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Indeed, it has even been asked whether or not there is any general agreement in that part of town as to the time of day.

JEWISH COLONY.

House of Commons Discusses It at Length.

New York, June 21.—There has been considerable discussion in the house of commons, says a Times dispatch from London, over the projected Jewish colonization in East Africa. During the debate last night outspoken hostility to the plan was discussed by several members, who regard it in effect as a plan to establish an allied community on British soil. But the real interest in the debate was in what was said by Major Gordon and others as to the improbability of the scheme materializing on a large scale.

Major Gordon said the proposed settlement was a mere shadow at present. So enormous were the difficulties surrounding the scheme that it was doubtful whether a single Jewish family would be sent out. At any rate, entered upon, must be given in a very he declared, the movement, if ever small way.

WASHINGTON PARK CLOSED.

No More Races This Year on Famous Chicago Course.

Chicago, June 21.—There will be no more horse racing at Washington park this year, and the report was in circulation tonight that the track will be abandoned. The stand taken by city authorities prohibiting betting in any form at the track is responsible for the curtailment of the present meeting. With the elimination of bookmakers, race-goers refused to patronize the track, and during the last two days not enough money was taken in at the gates to pay the employes of the track, to say nothing of the purses for the races. The announcement was made by Secretary Howard that all stakes left to be decided had been declared off.

Railroad Officials Met.

New York, June 21.—At a meeting of the Denver & Southern Railway reorganization committee, it has been announced that only seven bondholders have assented to plans for rehabilitating the officers of the company. While definite action was not taken declaring the plan operative, it was announced that such action undoubtedly would be taken shortly and property sold at foreclosure for the benefit of the depositing, assenting bondholders. The next step will probably be taken about July 10.

Notice.

All fraternal organizations, labor unions and firms intending to participate in the Fourth of July parade, please notify the grand marshal at once, so they may be given place in the parade. O. I. PETERSON, Grand Marshal.

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COMMISSION APPOINTED.

Men Who Will Investigate Slocum Disaster for the Nation.

Washington, June 21.—A commission consisting of Lawrence O. Murray, assistant secretary of commerce and labor; General John M. Wilson, retired; Commander Cameron M. Winslow, Herbert Knox Smith, deputy commissioner of corporations in the department of commerce and labor, and George Uler, supervising inspector general of the steamboat inspection service, has been appointed to investigate the disaster to the General Slocum. The commission's investigation will be entirely independent of the inspection shortly to be made by the local board of steamboat inspectors.

FROM THE BOTTOM UP.

Young Gould Will Now Study Engineering.

New York, June 21.—In order to prepare himself for a responsible position in the railroad world, Kingdon, eldest son of George J. Gould, has appeared before the college entrance examination board at Columbia University to try for admission to the school of mines next September. He took the preliminary examination a year ago, passing with a high rating. He will take the course in mechanical engineering, which includes the study of machinery, the construction of dynamos and motors, industrial chemistry and the testing of materials. Jay, the second son of the railroad magnate, will study law.

Grasshoppers on Rampage.

Pendleton, Ore., June 21.—Grasshoppers have put in an appearance in the wheat belt of Umatilla county. Monrad Fix asserts that he suffered the loss of 500 acres in one day, and the estimated loss so far is \$10,000.

NATIONS ARE FRIENDLY.

Argentina and Italy Hand Each Other Bouquets.

New York, June 21.—The friendship between Argentina and Italy has received a most emphatic demonstration on the occasion of the dedication of a large equestrian statue of Garibaldi, erected at the entrance of Palermo Park, says a Herald dispatch from Buenos Ayres, Argentina. The ceremony was attended by President Roca, the members of his cabinet and about 100 Italian associations with flags and bands. Many representatives from Italian organizations in Brazil and Chile were present. Troops formed a guard of honor.

Clothiers Will Strike.

New York, June 21.—A strike of 50,000 persons employed here in the clothing trades has been called to take effect at once. Most of the tailors involved are employed by middlemen or contractors. Strikes of similar character are an annual fixture among the local garment workers, but the present one involves opposition to the "open shop" declaration of the Manufacturers National Association.

Treaty Arranged.

Mexico City, June 21.—The preliminaries of a treaty on quarantine between this country and the United States have been arranged and will be signed on the return of the American ambassador by the secretary of foreign affairs here for the Mexican government.

Not tomorrow or next week, but today. Two dimes and a nickel buys four boxes of "Hood River Berries." Let us have your order. Ross, Higgins & Co.

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