

SEA OF MUD ON THE HILL

Attention of the Council Is Directed to the Deplorable Condition of Eighth Street.

THE LAW TO BE ENFORCED

Property Owners Must Remove Dirt From Sidewalks if Ordinance Will Serve Its Purpose.

The council last night took steps looking to enforcement of the ordinance that requires property owners to keep sidewalks clear of dirt. In some parts of the city the property owners have been extremely careless, especially on Eighth street, where the mud is ankle-deep. About 100 school children are compelled to use this thoroughfare and unless the ordinance is enforced they will have to slop through the mud during the entire winter. A few days ago the street committee assembled for the purpose of opening bids for improvement of the street, but none was received. Chairman Burns explained that the contractors would not bother with so small a job and asked that the committee be authorized to readvertise for tenders.

Mr. Hansen wanted the ordinance enforced. He pointed out the condition of the street and expressed the belief that negligent property owners ought to be brought to time. He said there were many ordinances on the books that were not enforced, and he believed they ought to be replaced if they were invalid.

Mr. Belland characterize Eighth street as a disgrace to any civilized community. He had made an effort to visit that section of the city to investigate the request for more street lights, but had encountered a sea of mud and had been compelled to abandon his trip. He saw little girls tramping around in the mud on their way to school, and he regarded the negligence of the property owners as a shame.

Street Superintendent Kearney stated that he had poor success with the sidewalk ordinance. He once served notice on a man, who refused to clean his walk. When the superintendent reported the matter to the city attorney, that official said he supposed there was but one way out of the difficulty—that the street would have to be improved.

As there seemed to be considerable question as to the right of the council in the matter, the street committee and city attorney were instructed to hold a conference, decide upon a plan of campaign and act immediately and effectively.

Property Owners Careless.

Reporting upon the petition of several property owners to be allowed to take advantage of the installment plan for settlement of street assessments, the ways and means committee pointed out the failure of those assessed to make application within the time specified by the charter. After the confirmation of an assessment roll the council can not extend the installment privilege and if the property owners do not apply before the date of confirmation they can not enjoy the benefit. The requests were denied for this reason.

The ways and means committee re-

ported unfavorably on the protest of William Bock against the street assessment levied against him. It appeared from statements of councilmen that Mr. Bock had been unjustly assessed and the report was referred back. The correction will be made, but whether by directly reimbursing the petitioner or by reassessment is to be determined.

Not Satisfied With Work.

James W. Welch presented a protest against the manner in which Grand avenue is being improved. According to the protest, the specifications are not being followed in several respects, particularly as to the character of rock which is being put on the street. Objection is also raised against the manner of filling the park space. The objection was referred to the street committee.

Minor Matters Acted Upon.

The street committee was granted further time in which to report upon the requests for new street lights and permission to the Prael-Eigner Transfer Company to erect a platform underneath Duane street.

A liquor license was granted to Carlson Bros. and a request for a license was received from N. Simonson.

The public property committee reported that it had examined the Star theater building, as per the request of the carpenters' union, and that it had found the structure safe in every particular.

The committee on fire and water was instructed to make examination of engine house No. 3 and determine the nature of the repairs required there. If immediate repair work is necessary, the committee will advertise for bids for the work.

Ordinances were passed to pay T. Millhaupt \$1874 for improvement of one block on Duane street and to pay Birch & Jacobson \$542.70 for improving Duane street from Thirty-seventh to Thirty-eighth.

Ordinances providing for improvement of Thirteenth street from Duane to Commercial and Taylor avenue from Columbia to Hull avenue were passed under suspension of the rules, as was an ordinance accepting the improvement of Franklin avenue between Twelfth and Seventeenth streets.

Among the appropriation ordinances introduced was one to pay Ferguson & Houston \$4500 for work already done on the new city hall. The appropriation ordinances will be passed at the next meeting.

Resolutions were adopted as follows:

Providing for equalization of the assessments for improvement of Thirty-sixth street from Franklin avenue to Duane street, Franklin avenue from the west line of Adair's to Thirty-sixth street and Franklin avenue from Twelfth to Seventeenth street; directing assessments to pay for improvement of Duane street from Thirty-seventh to Thirty-eighth, at a cost of \$542.70, and Grand avenue from Twelfth to Seventeenth street, at a cost of \$8676. A resolution was also adopted to establish the grade of Kensington avenue between Eighth and Ninth streets.

The council adjourned to meet on Monday night, the 24th.

Curiosity Satisfied.

Astoria, Oct. 17.—(Editor The Astorian.)—For some weeks I have been very much bothered answering questions in regard to a handsome young girl, who passes my store several times a day, and I have at last gained her permission to state through your paper that she is Miss Grayson, one of Portland's social favorites, who has come to our city to spend the winter. She also states that she enjoys Astoria very much.

AN ASTORIAN.

WILL FIGHT LIQUOR LAW

Saloonkeepers' Association to Try and Head off Local Option Proceedings.

INJUNCTION SUIT PROBABLE

Effort Will Be Made to Enjoin County Clerk From Submitting Question to Voters of West End.

A meeting of the Astoria Retail Liquor Dealers' Association was held Sunday for the purpose of considering the local option proposition. Some days ago two petitions were filed with County Clerk Clinton asking that the liquor question be submitted to the voters of city precinct No. 1. It is said the law requires that such petitions shall describe the district by metes and bounds and that the petitions filed are delinquent in this respect. At the meeting of the liquor dealers' association it was decided to institute a fight against the petitions and an effort will be made to enjoin the clerk from putting the proposition on the official ballot. The association instructed the executive board to look into the matter and to engage attorneys to go ahead with the legal proceedings. Just what plan of action is to be followed has not yet been decided upon, but the lawyers will doubtless frame up plenty of technical objections to the law.

PERSONAL MENTION.

R. E. Price, of St. Paul, is at the Occident.

Miss Nellie Jeffrey is up from Seaside for a visit.

Miss Jennie L. Miller has returned from a visit to Seaside.

W. F. McGregor and family spent Sunday at their Seaside cottage.

F. E. Houston, of South Bend, registered at the Occident yesterday.

John Svenson returned from a business trip to Portland last evening.

Wm. Lindau has returned to his position with the A. & C. R. R., after a short vacation spent in the Willamette valley.

A. R. Cyrus returned yesterday from a trip through the eastern states, including a visit to the world's fair at St. Louis. Mrs. Cyrus will remain for about a month visiting friends in Ohio and Kentucky.

S. S. Johnson, an eastern newspaper man, arrived in the city last evening. Mr. Johnson has accepted a position as city editor of the Daily News. During the past few months he has been engaged in newspaper writing at Seattle and Spokane.

ABOUT ADVERTISING.

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No Danger of Disaster.

The weather was again very heavy yesterday and there was but one movement in or out of the harbor, the steamer Whittier, which arrived from the sound. Captain Bailey, of the tug Tatoosh, stated yesterday that there was no truth in the statement that the schooners Joseph Russ and Virginia experienced trouble in getting to sea Saturday. It was stated in The Astorian that seas swept both vessels and that their safe journey across the bar was remarkable. When the vessels were taken out the mate of the Tatoosh stood on deck and made soundings on the bar, and this could not possibly have been done if the weather was as severe as had been reported. Neither schooner took the least chance and there was not the slightest danger of accident at any time.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Parker House.

- J. Lunnberg.
- Thomas Smith, Fort Canby.
- Frank Mathieu, Fort Canby.
- R. M. Thornberg, Knappton.
- Bill Bailey and wife, Knappton.
- S. Wylie, Nasel.
- J. Lawrence and wife, Portland.
- J. Taylor, Portland.
- J. Kneal, Portland.
- W. E. Clancy, Chinook, Wash.
- George Hammond, Frankfort, Wash.
- J. P. Paul, Nahcotta, Wash.
- L. W. Strangeway, Lodi, Wis.
- Mrs. L. M. Strangeway, Lodi, Wis.
- Mrs. E. Strangeway, Yakima, Wash.
- H. J. Gregory, Portland.
- A. B. Ausherman, Portland.
- J. S. Reid, Heppner, Ore.
- D. McVean, city.

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