

COUNCIL MEETS

Regular Session of the City Fathers.

INSPECTOR IS IN IT

No Ordinance Defining His Duties, But He Draws His Salary With Regularity.

SEVERAL ORDINANCES PASSED

Protests From Property Owners Against Accepting Certain Street Improvement, Which Do Not Please, Filed.

The common council met in regular session last evening, Mayor Surprenant and all the councilmen being present.

Petitions for liquor licenses from Laxell & Co., and John O. Tyberg were referred to the committee.

A protest from Alex Gilbert against the improvement of Grand avenue was referred to the street committee.

Protests from D. H. Welch against accepting the improvement of several streets upon which he owns property were turned down.

Councilman Burns stated that these protests coming from property owners who seemed anxious to avoid street assessments were enough to give a man that tired feeling.

Protest from Margaret A. Ball against accepting the improvement of Ninth street, was filed.

Communication from Alex Gilbert relative to Grand avenue improvement was read. Burns stated that the committee had examined the improvement and accepted it, and there was no cause for complaint.

A communication from the Civic Improvement League, via the water works, was read. It was addressed to the water commission requesting them to purchase several lots for a city park (not hotel). The petition was referred to the public property committee.

Petition from Martin Franetovich asking for transfer of his liquor license was granted, as was a petition from Ed Edling for a liquor license.

The committee on streets reported on the protests of Pather Walters, P. L. Cherry and F. C. Reed.

In the matter of the petition of D. Malagamba and others for a drain in upper Astoria, the committee reported that a meeting of the committee and citizens was held, and the citizens prefer to build a drain and save the expense of advertising and surveying.

The payroll of the street superintendent amounting to \$321.75 and engineer's payroll, \$268.25, were ordered paid.

The committee on public property reported on the building of a spur to Ocean View, cemetery, recommending that it be built, and estimating its cost at \$2,000, asking that the report be forwarded to the railroad officials, was adopted.

An ordinance appropriating \$5000 out of the city hall fund for the benefit of Houston & Ferguson was read a second time.

An ordinance confirming the special assessment for the improvement of Duane from Twenty-seventh to Thirty-seventh streets, was passed.

An ordinance confirming the assessment for the improvement of Commercial street from Fourteenth to Seventeenth, was passed.

An ordinance appropriating \$34.80 for the benefit of Wm Bock was read a second time.

An ordinance extending the time for the improvement of Duane street from Fourteenth to Seventeenth to February 1, was passed.

An ordinance confirming the assessment of Grand avenue from Seventeenth street to the west line of Shively's was passed.

An ordinance accepting the improvement of Ninth street from Franklin to Jerome, was passed.

An ordinance appropriating \$175 for the benefit of J. C. Barneburg for repairing fire alarm was passed.

An ordinance authorizing the committee on ways and means to advertise for bids for the city printing was withdrawn to fix the time of opening bids. It will come up at the meeting next Monday night.

An ordinance appropriating \$1945 for the benefit of J. A. Fastabend was passed.

An ordinance appropriating \$2955 and \$1095.40 for the benefit of N. Clinton, was passed.

A resolution instructing the city attorney to draw a resolution for improving Birch street from Fifty-first to Fifty-third streets was adopted.

A recess of 15 minutes was taken to give the council an opportunity to get their second wind to tackle the plumbing inspector. Councilman Hansen

started the ball rolling by a motion that the city engineer discharge the man that was receiving \$3 per day for inspecting the Sixth street sewer, and instructing the plumbing inspector to inspect it.

Burns objected, as he considered it the duty of the city engineer to see that the sewer was properly constructed, as he was the person to accept it.

Kaboth stated that the plumbing inspector was a friend of his, but wanted to know what he was drawing \$25 a month for. Burns asked for the reading of the last report of the plumbing inspector, but was informed that no report had ever been filed, but he had always signed the payroll for his salary. Burns then asked for the reading of the ordinance defining the duties of the inspector. He was informed that there was no such ordinance in existence. The only ordinance was one providing a salary of \$25 a month. Mayor Surprenant suggested that it was not the duty of the plumbing inspector to construct sewers. Kaboth stated that if the salary was too small it ought to be raised to \$75 a month, especially as he had nothing to do. He stated that he wouldn't work for \$25 a month, as that was less than Chinaman's wages.

After a discussion participated in by all the councilmen, Hansen's motion prevailed, and Jimmy will now be plumbing inspector and sewer inspector as well.

Kaboth stated that the matter of substituting plate glass windows in the new city hall had been suggested and he desired to present it to the council. The difference in the cost was \$700. No action was taken. Morton suggested that the city printing contract ought to be let by the yard instead of the inch, and the council immediately adjourned until next Monday night.

LADINGS NON-NEGOTIABLE.

Decision of Bankers is of Interest to Eastern Shippers.

New York, Dec. 5.—At a conference of bank presidents, it has been decided, according to the Journal of Commerce, that the uniform bill of lading which the Trunk Line Association of railroads proposes to put into general use in the east on January 1 is not negotiable. Following this decision announcement was made to shippers that the banks represented at the meeting will not accept the bill of lading as collateral for loans.

It could not be learned just what bank officers were present, but it is known that the president of one large institution recently submitted a copy of the new bill to the bank's legal representatives and got the opinion that with the words "non-negotiable" printed on it the bill most certainly could not be accepted as collateral.

This opinion will be submitted to the interstate commerce commission during its investigation into the workings of the uniform bill of lading in Chicago this week.

HIGH PRICED PICTURES.

Romantic Discovery of a Genuine Romney Painting is Made.

New York, Dec. 5.—What is believed to be a genuine Romney, done in that artist's best period, has just been sold at auction for \$34,000, says a London dispatch to the Times. The painting was part of the estate of a man who lived in a miner's cottage at White Haven, Cumberland, and who had a hobby for buying and cleaning pictures. Every picture he cleaned, he spoiled. For some reason he did not clean the Romney, and after his death it was found tied up with two other pictures which, with the Romney, he had bought for less than \$5. One of the three is believed also to be a Gainsborough, thought it brought only \$200 at the sale.

The Romney canvas measures 60x47 inches. It is a portrait of two children walking in a landscape, accompanied by a little terrier.

After the Dough.

San Francisco, Dec. 5.—The detectives of Wells Fargo & Co., have been turned loose in search of the man or men guilty of stealing the \$15,000 which mysteriously disappeared a week ago from the forwarding department of the Express company. Reports have been received from all points to which coin safes were shipped on the day the coin disappeared. The money has not been accounted for.

The detectives are said to be working on the theory that some one from inside is to blame as the officials are positive in their statements that it would be practically impossible for an outsider to get at the money in any way.

Successful Air Ship.

Alameda, Cal., Dec. 5.—George E. Heaton, the inventor and designer of the airship "California Messenger," has demonstrated not only that his flying machine will fly, but likewise that it will go where it is bidden, regardless of conditions of wind. The airship made another ascent Sunday, Heaton spending an hour in the air and traveling at will in any direction he desired. The mechanism for directing the ship worked without a hitch of any sort.

S. A. D. Puter, prominent in the land fraud cases, will doubtless drop the periods from his numerous initials after the trial is over.

BOUNDARY DISPUTE

Spirited Fight Commenced Over Location of State Line.

TERRITORY WORTH MILLIONS

The Case is One of Which the United States Supreme Court Has Original Jurisdiction.

Jackson, Miss., Dec. 5.—The attorneys engaged in the celebrated Mississippi-Louisiana state boundary dispute completed the preparation of their briefs, and are in readiness to deliver arguments before the United States supreme court setting forth the contentions of the two commonwealths.

Beyond any doubt, this will be the most notable controversy submitted to the nation's highest tribunal during the present term, and the arguments will attract widespread attention. The case involves disputed territory estimated to be worth from \$8,000,000 to \$10,000,000, the value being chiefly represented by some of the world's most valuable oyster reefs, to which both states claim title.

The controversy is also of exceptional interest on account of the fact that the oyster beds of the Atlantic coast, especially in the vicinity of Chesapeake bay, are being rapidly depleted, and the United States is now looking to the Mississippi sound for its principal supply of the luscious bivalves. The oyster output of the gulf coast has shown an enormous increase during the past few years, due to the inability of the Baltimore market to furnish its usual supply, and the Bayou Cook species is becoming almost as well-known as the famous Blue Point.

The Mississippi-Louisiana boundary dispute has been in progress nearly three years, although it assumed a tangible shape and reached the courts less than a year ago. The case is one in which the United States supreme court has original jurisdiction, and the taking of testimony on behalf of the two commonwealths was before special commissioners appointed by the supreme courts.

Not only is the testimony to be submitted before the tribunal at Washington very voluminous, but it is accompanied by hundreds of maps of various sorts and sizes, many of them dating back more than a hundred years, and the supreme court justices will have nearly a carload of stuff to examine before they reach a decision and establish the title to the territory in dispute. The maps will be submitted in their original form, a motion having been granted by the supreme court setting aside the usual rule which required printed copies in reduced form to be made of maps submitted as exhibits in evidence. This not only save Louisiana several thousand dollars in printer's fees, but enables the judges to obtain a nearer and more comprehensive view of the disputed territory. However, the maps will fill every bit of wall space in the supreme court consultation rooms at Washington, and the nation's great jurists will not be able to consider many other cases while this case is under deliberation.

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A Pithy Statement.

Mr. Chas. Rogers Gives an Apt Illustration.

His views on Vinol worth learning.

This is the Preparation That is Being Much Talked About.

A reporter asked Mr. Rogers the same question that hundreds have asked him in the last few days. "Just tell me precisely, please, why Vinol is better than cod liver oil?"

Mr. Rogers replied in his genial way. "You have given me a rather difficult task. I can explain to you in a few minutes the advantages of Vinol, but to do it in a half dozen words would hardly be possible. Perhaps I can illustrate its value, however, in a brief manner. Suppose you had never seen a hen's egg. A man who knew of them should tell you to eat three every day. I do not say that you would, mind you, but I am inclined to believe at the start you would make an heroic effort to get away with the whole thing, shell and all. The meat of the egg would be what you needed, the shell rather superfluous. In fact, as a matter of nourishment not quite the thing for your stomach.

"There you are with cod liver oil. In it you have a medicine, or rather in the liver of a live cod there is a medicine known to be valuable for certain forms of wasting disease, a great reconstructer. Doctors have administered it for years. They were like the man who had never seen an egg before. They gave it to their patients just as they found it. The grease was useless

and as bad for the stomach, almost, as would have been the shell of the egg. The kernel, or the meat of the remedy, the vital principles that they were after, were contained in it. Science has stepped in and done exactly what the man with the egg might have done—found a way to separate the healthful interior from the worthless husk.

"Now we have the active medical principles of the cod's liver. We have thrown away the useless encumbrances that formerly encloaked it, namely, the objectionable fat. We have taken this extract, placed it in a delicious table wine, and there you are. Patients who have needed cod liver oil and could not take it, have no trouble in taking Vinol. Why, you would enjoy drinking it yourself, so pleasant is it. If I did not tell you it was anything but a mild table wine. If you needed it however, for a medicine, you would soon find it to be something different. The medicinal properties of the cod's liver heal damage done by diseases that are of a wasting nature, and the same principles give strength to the weakened digestion and enables the poor sufferer's worn out stomach to digest and obtain nutriment from everyday food. These same principles are also active disease germ annihilators.

"Yes, I am glad to have you come any time that you care to learn anything more about Vinol. It has already proved itself to be a winner."

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