

### COUNCIL MEETING

#### City Fathers Transact Much Municipal Business.

#### LIGHTING CONTRACT PASSED

#### Council Passes Five-Year Electric Lighting Contract Over the Mayor's Veto—City Physician is Elected—Ordinances Considered

The city council met last night in regular session with all members present except Councilman Robinson, who is confined in the hospital with a case of blood poisoning. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, and the council proceeded with the regular order of business. The petition of Max Stral for a reduction in the license for auctioneers, was read and referred to the committee on health and police.

A communication from Judge Bowley relating to certain land was referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

A petition from the property owners on Melbourne avenue from Taylor to Alameda streets, asking that the street be improved to a width of forty feet, and sidewalks put in on both sides, together with other needed improvement, was read and referred to the committee on streets and the city surveyor.

A petition by eighteen property owners for the establishment of the grade on Hume street was referred to the street committee.

A communication was read from the East End Improvement Club asking that cows be kept from running at large in the city limits. The matter was referred to the Chief of Police.

The Woman's Club presented a communication asking that the petition of the Shively Improvement Club be granted. As no petition had been received from the club, the matter was referred to the committee on public property.

A communication from the West End Improvement Club opposing the granting of the five-year lighting contract, was read and filed.

Liquor licenses were granted to Laxell & Co., Charley Wise, Charles Wirkkila, John Harry, Peter Dourel, and M. G. Franetovich.

The following bills approved by the committee on health and police, were allowed: St. Mary's Hospital, \$1,000; H. Sanborn, \$10.88; and O. Peterson, \$24.15.

The committee on streets and public ways reported favorably on the following bills which were allowed: City Surveyor, \$130; Street Superintendent, \$133.75; Astoria Crushed Rock Company, \$17.00; and the Astoria Electric Company, \$408.50.

The following bills approved by the committee on Fire and Water were allowed: Astoria Electric Company, \$20.00; Foard & Stokes, \$1.40; S. Elmore & Company, \$7.50; Upperton Transfer Company, \$7.00.

Building permits were granted to S. H. Willets and J. A. Fulton.

The following bills which were ap-

proved by the committee on public property were allowed: Astoria Electric Company, \$46.20; Foard & Stokes, \$5 cents.

Certificates of approval for the improvement of Exchange street and of Harrison avenue were presented and filed.

The annual report of the Astoria Water commission was read and filed. The monthly report of the Auditor and Police Judge for February was read and filed.

The ordinance accepting the improvement of Exchange street from Nineteenth to Twenty-first was read and the required number of times and passed.

The oil tank ordinance came up at this time, and after being read and discussed generally was referred back to the committee on Fire and Water for further revision. The provision relating to the installing of oil tanks in the streets caused the trouble, as many of the councilmen were opposed to this. It is probable that a provision will be made in the ordinance regulating the size of any tank placed in the street, and also how close such tanks can be placed to one another.

The ordinance providing for the time and manner of selecting the city physician was read and passed. Later F. V. Mohn was elected by the council to serve for the ensuing year. R. J. Pilkington and F. V. Mohn were nominated for the position and on a vote Mohn was elected. Five voting for Dr. Mohn and three for Dr. Pilkington.

An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$680.75 to pay for the improvement of Fourteenth street was passed.

At this time a communication was read from Mayor Wise giving his reasons for returning the five-year contract for lighting the city, without his approval. A vote was then taken on whether the council would pass the measure over the Mayor's veto. Evidently there was no doubt in the minds of the councilmen present, as to what was best to be done, for when the roll was called every man voted aye, and the contract giving the Astoria Electric Company the five-year right, was passed.

An ordinance accepting the improvement of Harrison avenue from Thirtieth to Thirty-third street was read the second time.

The ordinance to pay W. A. Goodin for the improvement of Harrison avenue was read the second time.

A resolution to improve Bond street from the West line of Sixth to the West line of McClure's, was read and adopted.

An ordinance appropriating money for the improvement of Exchange street from Nineteenth to Twenty-first was read the first time.

An ordinance authorizing the committee on Ways and Means to enter into a contract with the Astorian Publishing Company for doing the city printing, was read the first time.

An ordinance providing for the selling at auction of all the real estate which the city has acquired title to under sales for delinquent street assessments, was read the first time.

A resolution to re-establish the grade on Irving avenue, from the East line of Twenty-fifth street to the West line of Twenty-eighth was adopted.

A resolution to construct a sewer on Eighteenth street from the North line of Grand avenue to the North line of Exchange street was adopted.

The matter of the dance hall, being in operation, contrary to the ordinance

recently passed by the city council, was brought up by Councilman Belland, but nothing was done. The council then adjourned.

### OPPOSE GILBERT BILL.

NEW YORK, March 5.—A resolution was adopted by the Central Federated Union yesterday, calling on the members of all central bodies and labor organizations throughout the country to ask the Congressmen in their districts to vote against the Gilbert bill relating to injunctions. Support was asked for an anti-injunction bill, fathered by the American Federation of Labor. Andrew Furuseth, President of the Atlantic Coast Seamen's Union said that the Gilbert bill ostensibly lessened the power of courts to grant injunctions in labor disputes, but legalized injunctions. It did this, he said, by providing that the court could grant injunctions in labor disputes after they were arbitrated.

### BURGLARS CAPTURED

#### Postoffice Robbers Apprehended By Postal Inspectors.

### HAVE STOLEN THOUSANDS

#### In Last Four Months Sixteen Postoffices Have Been Broken Into, and Thousands of Dollars Was Carried Away by Thieves.

NEW YORK, March 5.—In five men lodged on a technical charge of vagrancy in the Rockland county, N. Y., jail, at New York City, the postal inspectors of Orange, N. J., say they have captured some of the most daring and expert "Yegg" burglars that ever operated in the East. The burglars, whoever they may have been, say the inspectors, are responsible for the recent wave among postmasters in small towns on both sides of the New York-New Jersey line. In the last four months sixteen postoffices have been broken into, the safes cracked and thousands of dollars in money and stamps carried away. Inspectors Joseph E. Jacobs and Thomas Meyer of the New York office lay the whole series of crimes to the men lodged in the jail.

The men give their names as Patrick Burke, James Broderick, James L. Clark, James Harkett, and James O'Brien.

Inspector Jacobs says that Clarke, Burke and Broderick bear a remarkable resemblance to three men in the East wanted in half a dozen states for various crimes. They are known by the names, as "Amber Red," "Little Ed-Billy" and "The Brooklyn Kid."

Inspector Meyer applied to Judge Fallon of the county court for leave to bring the prisoners to New York at once, but Judge Fallon ruled that they must serve out their terms of thirty days for vagrancy. These will be up within ten days. Then the prisoners will be arraigned before a United States commissioner at New York.

### DENOUNCE ENGLAND

#### Irish Americans Would Gain Freedom From England.

#### HOLD IMPASSIONED MEETINGS

#### Speakers Denounce Redmond For Holding Over to Liberal Party, Irish Influence in Recent Elections, Exacting Irish Home Rule

NEW YORK, March 5.—There was denunciation of England last night at the Majestic theater, where the Clan Na-Gael of New York City gathered a big crowd to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the birth of Robert Emmet. A burst of applause greeted O'Neil Ryan of St. Louis, the speaker of the evening when at the climax of an impassioned speech he said:

"God's curse upon England, and give us strength to strike her down."

Resolutions were enthusiastically adopted which said that no concession had ever been granted to Ireland by England except through force; that Irish freedom can be gained only by physical force; that England is now down to a low point of weakness, her army being unfit and her navy in decay; that Ireland has 20,000,000 of its people scattered over the earth who command a great deal of moral, intellectual, and physical resources, and that the present Irish parliamentary party is unworthy of confidence or support.

Telegrams were read by the Clan Na-Gael secretary from similar meetings in Buffalo, Boston, Washington, St. Louis, Chicago, and other places, which seemed so far as could be gathered from the brief dispatches in some cases, to voice practically the same sentiment.

William Temple Emmet, a great nephew of the Irish patriot, presided over the meeting. Judge Ryan was down to speak on "Robert Emmet." The resolutions adopted proclaimed that an Irish republic would soon be realized, and the speaker voiced the same prophecy. He concluded his oration by bitterly complaining of the action of John Redmond in what he termed handing over the Liberal party in the recent English elections, the Irish influence without exacting pledges for Irish home rule.


### EASY ON HUSBANDS.

#### Women's Dress Will Be Cheaper This Year Than Ever Before.

CHICAGO, March 5.—Women's dress will be less expensive this year than ever before in the opinion of Mrs. Elizabeth A. C. White, president of the Dress Makers' National Protective Association, who arrived here last night to preside at the convention of that organization, which opens today.

As to colors, Mrs. White said white and gray will be stylish, but the plain black republican dress, combined with white lace, will be the "proper thing" for this season. White silk-gloves must be worn invariably.

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### The Newlyweds and The Silver Tray

"I must have cost a lot of money," remarked Mr. Newlywed.

"Yes, it's expensive, but it's quite the ugliest thing I ever saw," murmured Mrs. Newlywed.

"And the Browns have such good taste, as a rule. I'm really surprised that they should have sent such a thing." And both bride and bridegroom surveyed gloomily a silver tray covered with one of those designs that seem to rise up and stare one between the eyes.

"But, then, dear, it's really the only ugly thing we got," comforted the bride, "and I don't think what a terrible collection those Browns have received. And all the ugliest things were from their richest relatives, too, so they couldn't possibly exchange or hide them away."

"That's true." The bridegroom's gloom lifted. "And since the Browns have moved west, we can bury this in the back yard, and they'll never be the wiser."

"Bury it?" exclaimed Mrs. Newlywed in shocked tones. "Bury \$25 worth of silver, for it must be worth fully that. No, I'll tell you what we'll do." And a frown, the darkest and visible sign of an idea, crossed the bride's white forehead. "We will give the thing to Leg Schmitt. You know he is to be a physician next year, and he'll give it to his nursemaid. He'll spend the money we should have spent on a better piece of furniture, and in doing so, he'll really give it to the Browns."

"And it looks as though you engaged on it," added the bridegroom.

"But it's a silver tray, and it will stand having one engraved and another engraved," replied Mrs. Newlywed.

So the bridegroom went downtown next morning armed with the silver tray. He returned with it in the evening.

"My dear, we slandered the Browns," he said. "They haven't such poor taste after all. In fact, they have such excellent taste that they couldn't stand this thing in the house. When I took it to the silversmith he said the monogram had already been engraved once, and it couldn't be done again."—New York Press.

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