

COMMON COUNCIL'S REGULAR SESSION

Question of Police Commission's Power Raised, and Other Interesting Matters Acted Upon

At the meeting of the common council last night the question of the breadth and a scope of the power of the board of police commissioners in making appointments came up for discussion. The matter was broached by Councilman Fred Karinen.

"I rise for information," said Mr. Karinen. "We have all read in the newspapers that the police commissioners at their last meeting appointed a man to act as a sort of detective and desk sergeant. What I would like to know is, has the police commission the unlimited power to make appointments as it pleases? Can it appoint detectives and sergeants at will?"

"It appoints; we pay," replied someone, succinctly.

"That seems to be the status of the matter," said Mayor Wise.

"The commission has the appointing power, while we pay—or refuse to pay."

Mr. Karinen further asked if the charter warranted the commission in making appointments of others than "police officers"—considering that a detective or desk sergeant may not be exactly a "uniformed police officer." Some of the councilmen seemed to think that perhaps the power is a limited one, and several indicated that it should be a limited one if it isn't now.

"I have not the slightest personal objection to the appointee," said Mr. Karinen. "I don't even know him. But it seems odd that such an appointment is made now, after the busy season is all over and the quiet season coming on. As the matter stands a commissioner might have a man appointed simply to give him a job, or because he simply thought he would make a good man."

The councilmen reached no definite conclusion on the question, other than the knowledge contained in the statement that "they appoint—we pay." The fact that there is a serious movement to curtail the present powers of the commission, and perhaps to remove it altogether as an elective and independent body, evidently was in the minds of the councilmen and for that reason no effort was made to arrive at any further understanding in the premises. The meeting last night passed off quickly through a goodly amount of business was acted upon. Very little important new business arose. An ordinance was introduced to pay Attorney A. M. Smith the sum of \$350 for his legal services in preparing the bulkhead amendment to the charter. Councilman Logan also made an interesting motion, and one in line with the defense that the city will make in the action instituted by Miss Anna Anderson to recover the sum of \$20,000 from the city for alleged personal in-

juries received at the river end of Eleventh street. The city will endeavor to prove that the place where she was injured, if at all, was not on city property. Councilman Logan's motion was that the A. & C. Railway should be notified of the action that has been instituted against the city, but that the railway is the real defendant and should be so notified. This motion was adopted.

The question of the alley abutting on property belonging to M. J. Kinney and others also bids fair to be now settled. Mr. Kinney offers to dedicate certain portions of his lots, as others do, and the proper committee will take action to definitely settle this matter.

Drains may come and drains may go, but the Adair drain flows on forever. Whenever the Adair drain is mentioned some of the councilmen frown and others smile as at an old friend. There has recently been an effort made to have it repaired. Half a dozen of the council "took a shot" at the question again last night, and the consensus of opinion seemed to be that there is nothing left to repair. Several stated that the planking is virtually all gone. There appears to be hardly anything left to make repairs on. It was agreed that the only proper thing to do is to create a new system of drainage, and in the meantime, during the winter, for the street superintendent to keep watch and do what he can to aid in the flow of the drains, and then next summer to commence proceedings to have a new system. Some wanted to commence the proceedings now, so as to be in readiness for the summer season when it comes.

Superintendent of Streets Kearney also brought up another matter. At 37th street and Franklin avenue the ground has slid down from the adjacent slopes until the street is pretty well filled up. Mr. Kearney stated that a grader had offered to remove the dirt for \$96, and the council authorized him to make a contract for the removal of the dirt at a price not exceeding this sum. There has been no slide there, but a constant falling of the loose earth.

PETITIONS.
Carlson Bros. petitioned for Sunnyside saloon license; granted.
Petition for arc light at corner of 12th and Grand avenue; refused.
Petition from P. Ringville and others in regard to repairing drains through alleyway from 35th to 34th streets; refused.
From Standard Oil Company for permission to build additional tank for storage of oil; granted.
From Mary Sabo asking permission to exchange a lot in old cemetery for lot in the new or Ocean View cemetery; granted.
From B. E. Lester to transfer saloon license from 7th and Astor to 8th and Astor; referred with power to act.
From John Laine for license for the Midway saloon; referred.
Petition from Harry Christensen for saloon license on Commercial street; referred.
For arc light at 44th street by P. A. Berglund and others; referred.
For an arc light at 28th and Franklin by Charles Laity and others; referred.
From S. A. Gimre and others for a street arc light on West Duane street in the Hinman tract; referred.
From H. Lorentsen and others asking that Irving avenue be planked 16 feet through the center from 33rd to 35th street; referred.
Petition from John Waters, rector of St. Mary's Catholic church, asking permission to construct cement sidewalk, curb and gutter in front of the church property on 14th street, south of Grand; referred. Petition granted.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.
Accepting bid of Leander Lebeck to improve 46th street from alleyway to a point 905 feet north thereof, known as the public wharf, improvement, for price of \$4565.
Directing board of equalization to meet October 31 on assessment for improving Grand avenue, 6th to 5th streets.
To repair alleyway from 35th to 44th where street cars run.

STREET WORK.
Certificate of approval of improvement of Ninth street, Jerome to Kensington, worked performed by W. A. Goodin, contractor at contract price of \$1400—remonstrance filed by A. Scherneckau.
City Surveyor Tee in accordance

with instructions submitted grades for Cedar street, 51st to 54th.
City Surveyor Tee reported that Heckard Bros. have completed improvement of Harrison avenue, Tenth to Eleventh, and that they are entitled to 80 per cent of the contract price of \$1920.
John Dahl, John Edwards and Mrs. P. E. Swanson tendered \$1 in full payment of assessments against their property for improving Irving avenue. This was done in accordance with a suggestion made by the assessors. By an oversight they had been included in the Irving assessment, while their property had already been assessed for another improvement; referred.
Assessment roll for proposed improvement of Grand avenue, 6th to 5th, filed by the assessors, Asmus Brix, C. C. Utzinger and A. S. Tee.
J. Jackson, owner of lots 11 and half of 12, block 1, Taylor's Astoria, tendered \$15 in full payment of assessment of \$110.07 made against him, on improvement of Columbia avenue, and asked that the \$15 be accepted because street in front of his property was never improved, there being a house standing upon it. It is occupied by a woman, the petitioner declares. Referred.
Ida R. Thompson stated in a communication that she is taxed too high for improvement of Lincoln street, Columbia to Duane. She was taxed \$66.94 and said she is willing to pay \$10, "as some are paying who are closer to the street." Referred.

ORDINANCES PASSED.
Providing for construction of a sewer on 51st street Cedar to Birch.
Providing for construction of a sewer on Irving avenue from 11th street to a point 150 feet east.
Appropriating sum of \$888.47 out of general fund for payment of Schofield Mattson & Co., for supplies to fire department.
Ordinance reducing license of auctioneers to \$25 a year; from \$100 a year.
Ordinance paying Reckard Bros. \$1256 for improving Tenth street, Irving to Kensington.
Ordinance paying Heckard Bros. \$1536 for work on Harrison avenue; 8th to 12th.

CLAIMS ORDERED PAID.
John Svenson, supplies, \$2.75; O. W. Whitman, supplies, \$4.40; O. Anderson, postage stamps for city, \$10; various claims of Astoria Budget; Central Drug Store, supplies, \$3.75; Judd Bros., \$1.50; Chas. Rogers & Son, \$1; Postal Telegraph Co., \$1.56; Pacific Iron Works, \$4.80; Fisher Bros., \$7.08; R. M. Gaston, \$8; E. F. Liekbe, \$1.10; Buffalo Pitts Co., \$17; C. W. Holmes, \$4; Sherman Transfer Co., \$1; Leo Grammas, \$1; Ross Higgins Co., \$15.45; Prael, Eigner Co., \$1; Crushed Rock Co., \$14; City Lumber & Box Co., \$16.75; Prael-Eigner Co., \$1.50; John Corno, \$2.75; C. W. Holmes, shoeing horses, \$21.50; Steel & Ewart, 25 cents; W. R. Smith, \$2.50.

OVERCOME ALL THE RHEUMATISM
EASILY PREPARED AT HOME—FORCES THE KIDNEYS TO FILTER URIC ACID AND WASTE FROM THE BLOOD.

The following prescription for the cure of rheumatism and kidney and bladder troubles has no doubt been filled millions of times, viz: Fluid Extract Dandelion, one-half ounce; Compound Kargon, one ounce; compound Syrup Sarsaparilla, three ounces. These simple, harmless ingredients can be obtained at any good prescription pharmacy at little cost and are mixed by shaking well in a bottle.

The dose for adults is a teaspoonful after each meal and at bedtime, drinking a full tumblerful of water after each dose. It is stated that this prescription is a positive remedy for kidney trouble and lame back, weak bladder and urinary difficulties, especially of the elderly people, and one of the best things to be used in rheumatic affections, relieving the aches and pains and reducing swellings.

A well-known authority states that this mixture acts directly upon the eliminative tissues of the kidneys; cleanses these sponge-like organs and gives them power to sift and strain the poisonous waste matter and uric acid from the blood which is the cause of rheumatism.
If your back or sides ache and you suspect kidney trouble it would be wise to try this for a few days.

MILLION OF MONEY TO BE SPENT AT ONCE
SOUTHERN PACIFIC CO. WILL ERECT FINE PRE-COOLING PLANTS FOR FRUIT, ETC
PROCESS BEATS OLD SYSTEM

Riper and Better Fruits on the Markets One of the Anticipated Results by the Company—Interests Fruit Raisers.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 19.—The Southern Pacific Railroad Company has announced its determination to expend a million dollars in the near future in the construction of plants for pre-cooling fruit and vegetables, according to the Ray Sprague system, the object being to permit of long hauls of perishable freight with little risk of decay. The company has been experimenting with the Sprague device for a year and has found it satisfactory. Two large plants, one at Roseville, and one at Colton will be erected, the first capable of chilling 20 carloads in four hours and the latter having a capacity of forty carloads in the same time. To accomplish the same result in an ordinary ice plant would require four days. The company's scientists have demonstrated that the sudden chilling of vegetable matter causes an absolute suspension of the process of decay and the company announces that the new method practically does away with the loss of time and consequent loss by decay in shipments of California fruits and vegetables to eastern markets.

The Sprague device consists of a plant equipped to force through the loaded cars under vacuum pressure blasts of air that have been previously passed over ice. The vacuum removes the warm air.
The plants are within 24 hours of any part of the state and it is believed that by means of the better preservative methods it will be possible to pick the fruit when much riper than has been the custom, thereby securing a better flavor and consequently higher value.

The plants will be operated in conjunction with the new refrigerator cars adopted by the company recently.
Green deciduous fruit shipments this year are three thousand carloads in excess of those of any previous year, according to railroad figures and it is thought that the use of the Sprague process will raise the price.

"THE BRIDGE OF SIGHTS."
A Rare Gem in Moving Pictures That is Drawing Large Crowds to the Grand Theatre.

"One more unfortunate,
Weary of breath
Rashly importunate
Gone to her death!"

THE WHOLE WORLD KINHOOD'S poem, so universally appreciated, has inspired a picture that grasps the heart, compels our sympathies, and draws the ties of the human family closer.

A LITTLE EDEN—"Far from the maddening crowd"—A peaceful country home—A devoted father—The "Serpent" enters—A stranger at the gate—A glass of water, and a chat—Innocence flattered.

IN THE TOLLS—Stranger lingers—Father forbids him coming—Clan-destine meetings—Girl infatuated—Elopement planned—Girl leaves home—He swears eternal constancy—They depart for the city.

THE GIDED CAGE—Rooms in the city—A false life—Hollow happiness—Neglect and indifference—Promises broken—Final desertion—A dark future.

THE DREAM ENDED—Alone in a great city—Helpless, friendless, inexperienced—Everything sold, or pawned for food—She seeks work—Turned into the street.

"HOME—SHE HAD NONE!"—Hopeless wandering—Sinks lower and lower—The bitter dregs—She sees her lover, and his new mistress—Her last appeal roughly repulsed.

"THE BRIDGE OF SIGHTS"—Crouching in dark corners—The gay throng passes heedless—Bitter memories, and keen remorse—Starvation weakens—The rushing tide invites to rest—The plunge made.

AT REST!—Borne onward by the river—Rough, but sympathetic hands left her tenderly—Past human help—

To the Morgue—Young clergyman reverently crosses her hands—Peace at last!

THE GOOD SHEPHERD—The cold moonlight streams across her moonlight streams across her face—It face—It is transformed—As the moon light fades, the vision of Christ appear with an attitude of infinite pity, and a look of Benediction.

The above is a synopsis of "The Bridge of Sights" a beautiful picture that is now being shown at the popular Grand moving picture house. In addition to this feature film the following program is presented:
At the Dentists; Joys of Tight Boots; Electric Current; illustrated song, "Just a Little Rocking Chair and You," and views of "A Trip Through France." Price of admission, 10 cents; children, 5 cents.

Japan Gives Reception
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presses the keen appreciation of traditional friendship between the two countries. It is uncertain what answer the Emperor will make but it is believed he may break his rule and make some statement in terms similar to those used by the President.

PEACE IMPENDING.
PARIS, Oct. 19.—It is announced that the French government has been officially informed that Czar Ferdinand intends to give a convincing manifestation of his pacific sentiments in the shape of a letter to President Fallieres. The Turkish government also, it is stated, is aware of his intention and this has helped to assure the porte of the sincerity of the new czar's desire to maintain peace. A special dispatch from Sofia says that rumors are current that the ministry is to be remodeled owing to international dissension. M. Danell, who was minister of foreigners, several years ago, is again to assume that office and M. Poprikoff the present foreign minister takes the portfolio of public works.

THE GREEK TEMPER.
CHICAGO, Oct. 19.—As he was about to average the theft of three apples from his fruit stand by hanging seven-year-old Eugene J. O'Brien, George Pappas, 16 years old was overpowered in his room yesterday by a policeman who was compelled to break down the door of the house to get admission. Within a few minutes from the time the Greek had been seen to seize the boy in the street, a rope was found with one end about the child's neck and the other placed over a transom.

STORMS EVERYWHERE.
From All Sections of Country Come Tales of Bad Weather.

DENVER, Oct. 19.—A storm, accompanied by rain which changed frequently to snow, has prevailed throughout northeastern Colorado for nearly 48 hours. In sections of the mountains heavy snow has fallen. Considerable damage was done to electric wires and telephone and telegraph lines are seriously affected. Railroad and interurban electric lines have been interrupted and at places completely blocked. Several accidents and at least one death have resulted from persons coming in contact with broken electric wires. J. J. McCloskey, bookkeeper for the Northern Colorado Paper Company at Louisville, who was assisting in the repair of snapped wires, received a shock which caused instant death. He came to Louisville from Philadelphia.

To Cure a Cold in One Day
Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine Tablets. Druggists refund money if which caused instant death. E. W. GROVE'S signature is on each box. 25 cents.

BALKAN SITUATION.
LONDON, Oct. 19.—The latest phase of the Balkan difficulty points to the possibility that the most serious issues were to be settled before the proposed international conference meets.

Confirmation is had from Vienna that negotiations have been opened between Turkey and Austria concerning Bosnia and Herzegovina with fair prospects of success. While dispatches are more hopeful that Turkey and Bulgaria will reach an understanding on Oriental railroad and Rumelian tribute questions.

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VARIOUS ORDERS MADE IN PROBATE COURT

THREE FERGUSON ESTATES DECLARED SETTLED—APPRAISERS APPOINTED.

The proceedings in the three estates of Earnest Edward Ferguson, Wylton C. Ferguson and Fanny C. Ferguson came to an end yesterday when Judge Trenchard made an order adjudging that the estates had been fully and honestly administered, and declaring them settled and the administrator, J. E. Ferguson, discharged.

In probate court yesterday an order was issued appointing Sam Harris, H. J. Wherity and W. T. Schofield appraisers of the estate of Harry Tutjer, recently deceased.

In the matter of the estate of James E. Campbell, an order was made setting November 23 as the date for hearing on the final accounting.

In the estate of Christ Olsen an order was made appointing Nils B. Olsen administrator, under bond, and appointing Franz Kankkonen, Chas. Wilson and Frithoff Kankkonen appraisers. The estate consists of personal property and is valued at about \$3750.

An order was made approving the final accounting in the estate of Aleck Iverson, and ordering that the estate be declared settled.

A BAD NEGRO.
Georgia Coon Kills Two Men Wounds Third And Escapes.

LITHONIA, Ga., Oct. 19.—Charles Mitchell, colored, shot and killed T. L. Peek, a bailiff, and C. F. Argo, a young white man, and after badly beating C. S. Elliott, deputy sheriff, over the head with his gun, made his escape. The officers it is said, had a warrant charging the negro with an attempt to murder G. W. Brooks, a white man, Saturday and went to his home near here to arrest him. When the negro saw the officers accompanied by Argo approaching, it is said he opened fire on them. The officers returned the fire and attempted to rush at the negro. Peek and Argo were killed almost at the door of the house. The negro then attacked Elliott and dealt him several hard blows on the head with his pistol, knocking him down. Mitchell then escaped.

Several posses are in pursuit of Mitchell. Bloodhounds have been secured from Decatur and Conyers. Elliott is seriously hurt, but it is thought he will recover.

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