

QUESTIONS LEGAL POSITION

Marshall Street Improvement May Be Held Up Because the City Council Cannot Grant a Request.

Residents Petitioned for a Certain Brand of Pavement, Which Is Held to Be Against City Statutes.

In the proposed improvement of Marshall street, which involves the placing of about eight blocks of thoroughfare with a certain style of paving, the City Council is facing the question of whether that body can legally grant the request made by the residents of the district yesterday for the laying of Warren's bituminous macadam from Twenty-second street to the Cornell road. This point of specifying a certain style of paving material places the Council in an awkward position. But one property owner in the district affected failed to sign the request.

When the ordinance was read at the Council meeting the point was raised that it would mean practically the giving of a monopoly in violation of the provisions of the city charter. All such work, it is claimed, must be competitive and while the members of the Council felt that it was a good idea to try the experiment of using a new kind of paving material, they were also in doubt as to whether such a procedure would not be a violation of the statutes.

Improvement Badly Needed.
The legal status of the question becomes all the more embarrassing from the fact that the improvement is admitted to be badly needed and the sooner it is completed the more speedily will the congested condition of the district become relieved. At the present time there is only one street in that section of the city which extends clear through to the Cornell road and by making the improvement on Marshall street the facilities for traffic to that locality would be doubled.

The signers of the petition also have more than the Council's attitude to combat in gaining their ends, for the owner of property on both sides of the street from about Twenty-second street to the Cornell road, Mr. Ed Smith, filed a protest against the improvement. From Twenty-second street to the point where his property begins the people are unanimous in favor of the work, but he insists on no advance in continuing the pavement through his land and is said to be decidedly opposed to the scheme.

In view of this squabble about the proposed paving the Council thought best to refer the question to the street commission, which is to be organized and investigated thoroughly before a report is made.

Other Improvements Requested.
In addition to the Marshall street petition the Council considered many other street and sewer improvement petitions. Most of the petitions were referred for investigation, the only exceptions being those for the improvement of East Ninth street to East Twelfth from Thompson to Tillamook, which were ordered.

The city officials filed their semi-annual reports with the Council, excerpts of which were published in The Journal yesterday.

An ordinance which regulates the driving of cattle, swine and other livestock through the public streets was referred to the street commission. The ordinance providing for the licensing of stationary engineers and authorizing an examination board was sent to the committee on health and police. It aroused some opposition and it is said to be a chance of it falling to pass.

Zimmerman Is President.
Councilman Zimmerman was re-elected President of the Council for the ensuing year.

Among the minor ordinances were: Appropriating \$2,000 from the general fund for the purchase of stationery; amending cement sidewalk ordinance by limiting repairs to wood walks not to exceed one-sixth of the original plank covering; authorizing the owners of block 13, Couch's addition, to construct a cement walk one foot above the established level and establishing the grade of Madison at Ford, Schuyler Karl and Hancock; vacating alley in block 18, Central Albion addition; transferring \$1,255 from general fund to fund for the sewer in Bellwood street, and appropriating \$2,000 from park fund for the expense of concerts.

Ordinances Passed.
Ordinances were passed providing for the time and manner of improving the following streets: First street, at Arthur, by a steel bridge; East Thirty-fourth street, from Hawthorne avenue to Division, by gravel; Sixth street, from Morrison to Irving, by asphalt repairs; Park avenue, from Ford to City Park, by bituminous macadam; Belmont street, in Sunnyside third addition, by gravel; East Eighth street, from Thompson to Tillamook, by sewer; San Rafael, from Union avenue to East Seventh, by sewer; East Yamhill street, from East Thirty-seventh to East Thirty-ninth, by sewer; Minnesota avenue, from Hawthorne avenue to Beech, by sewer; Tillamook, from Union avenue to East Seventh, by sewer; East Seventh, from Thompson to Hancock, by sewer, and East Fifteenth, from Broadway to Hancock, by sewer.

Ordinances were passed assessing the cost of improving the following streets: Union avenue, from East Oak to East Morrison, \$2,608.86; East Nineteenth, from Multnomah to Welder, \$2,093.91; Multnomah, from Holladay Park to East Twenty-fourth, \$6,409.12; Clackamas, from East Fifteenth to East Twenty-fourth, \$7,033.89; East Twenty-first, from Multnomah to Welder, \$3,968.74; East Washington, in Sunnyside third addition, \$932.25; East Alder, in Sunnyside third addition, \$1,214.38; East Thirty-seventh, from East Yamhill to Base Line road, \$1,638.44; East Morrison, in Sunnyside third addition, \$409.55; sewer in East Glisan, from Hawthorne addition to East Twenty-eighth street, \$1,372.75, and sewer in Knott street at Union avenue, \$407.40.

LOW RATES TO THE EAST.

O. B. & N. Announces Low Fares With Long Time Limit and Stop-over.
Those who expect to go East this summer will be interested in the very low excursion rates offered by the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company. The following figures covering the round trip from Portland to Chicago, \$11.50; St. Louis, \$27.50; Peoria, \$26.25; Cairo (Ill.), \$72.15; Memphis (Tenn.), \$73.50; New Orleans, \$116.25; Kansas City, \$20.50; Atchison, Leavenworth, Omaha, Council Bluffs, Sioux City, St. Paul, Minneapolis, all \$20.50; St. Paul, June 15, August 26, 28. Limit: Going, ten days from date of sale; return, ninety days from date of sale. Stop-over privileges will be allowed within limit in either direction west of Missouri River at St. Paul. For particulars ask at O. B. & N. ticket office, Third and Washington streets, Portland.



MR. N. C. GOODWIN.
Who begins an engagement of two nights at The Marquam Grand Theatre tonight, presenting "The Altar of Friendship," tomorrow night, "When We Were Twenty-one."

THEATRICAL OFFERINGS

Shields' Popular Vaudeville.
Shields' Park vaudeville goes on with the same degree of popularity and patronage that has characterized it since the opening nearly a dozen years ago. The bill this week is filled with features of undisputed merit and the eight distinct acts are appreciated fully by the patrons. For next week there has been a program prepared which Mr. Shields is ready to back up with his reputation. With two exceptions all will be new acts and a diversified entertainment will be the order. It is believed by the management of the park that summer weather will soon begin and it will be then that patrons will have no objection to sitting in the park during a lengthy program. Consequently quite an extensive arrangement has been made for the beginning of the week's series next Sunday night.

The Empire.
At The Empire Theatre this week, at least four or five acts of such merit that they press Budd Brothers, the headliners, closely for the most applause. Among those features are the singing of Arthur Hahn, who is really worth going to see; the novel sketch done by Budd Brothers; the prickly prattle of Raymond and Clark, and the amazing shooting of Coleman and Metis, the rifle and pistol experts. Nor are these the only acts that claim the close attention of the fashionable audiences who gather nightly at The Empire. The sweet-voiced cantatrice, Brooke Estym, receives an ovation at each appearance and there are other acts also clever.

Mr. N. C. Goodwin Tonight.
An excellent company, will present for the first time in this city tonight at the Marquam Grand Theatre his latest success, "The Altar of Friendship," a play in which love is the dominant factor, the love of a true man for a pure woman. It can readily be realized that a play with such a motive appeals to the clientele of Mr. Goodwin, as it gives them ample opportunity to see him display those deft touches of humor, of love and of pathos that makes all his creations so humane. He brings with him a cast of competent players and will stage his play here with the same magnificent settings that aided in making its run in Chicago and New York so successful. Tomorrow (Friday) night "When We Were Twenty-one" will be the play.

"The Arabian Nights."
"Arabian Nights," at the Baker Theatre this week, continues to draw large audiences which it deserves. Comedy as presented by the Baker Stock Company is always good, and in "Arabian Nights" they have a brilliant

PORTLAND POLICE AFTER A FORGER

Thought that Benjamin Hands May Come to City from California.

The Portland police and detectives are on the lookout for Benjamin Hands, said to be an expert forger. He is thought to be coming this way, after having turned a trick in Southern California. He jumped out of San Bernardino, forfeiting \$1,000 bail.

The full particulars of Hands' alleged crime have not been received by the local police, but it is understood that he made several thousand dollars by it. Detective Joe Day knows something of Hands' record, but not in full detail. The fugitive is noted for his utter recklessness regarding bail money. Rather than spend time in prison he will forfeit his last cent, and has done so on many occasions.

Detective Day says that once when arrested in Boston for a trick he turned in, just as he did in San Bernardino. Hands is said to have worked all over the country, and he is said to have met with remarkable success in passing bogus checks. On account of the fact that he would rather sacrifice large sums of money than to be imprisoned, the officers expect him to turn some big tricks in order to reimburse his slender pocketbook.

If you have a trip East in view this summer, write or call on A. D. Charlton, assistant general passenger agent of the Northern Pacific, 255 Morrison street, corner of Third, and he will be pleased to give you full details in connection with lower excursion rates that will be placed in effect by this company in June, July and August.

WATER FIGHT AT WALLA WALLA

Mud Is Being Scattered Right and Left in Municipal Campaign Now On in the Garden City of Washington.

"Boxer" Faction Is Out to Break the Power of the "Ankeny Machine" and No Quarter Is the Cry.

(Journal Special Service.)
WALLA WALLA, Wash., July 2.—Today when the followers of Miles C. Moore and Levi Ankeny pass each other on the street they do not speak or touch their hats.

The bitter political fight now raging for control of the city offices has fanned the long smoldering coals into such a fierce flame that any minute is expected to usher in personal encounters between the leaders of the factions.

Mayor Gilbert Hunt is up for reelection and his opponent is Frank S. Dement, a former member of the Board of Education who resigned from that body because he was not in harmony with the members and objected to what he considered improper use of school monies and the action of the board in electing F. M. Burke City Superintendent of Schools. Dement is one of the most bitter of the so-called "Boxer" Republicans of the city and will undoubtedly poll all of the vote of that faction.

Gilbert Hunt is a Christian Scientist, and as such many voters will not cast their ballots for him. Still it is predicted by his supporters that he will be elected by a fairly large majority.

The center around which the fight is raging fiercest is the Marshallsburg. Deputy Sheriff A. F. Kees, Legislative Representative from the First District, is one candidate for the office and Alvah Brown, a clerk in R. B. Caswell's cigar store, is the other. Kees is receiving the support of the "Ankeny machine," while Brown has behind him the full strength of the "Boxers," who are fighting tooth and nail to get him into office. Both men are qualified for the position, but it is doubtful which will receive the plums.

A third candidate is in the field for the office but stands no chance of being elected. J. C. Hillman, formerly Constable, is running and will probably receive a large portion of the church vote, as he is a strong anti-alcohol man. One vote in favor of Kees, as it will reduce the Brown ballot. Whether Hillman can be induced to abandon the race by the "Boxers," or whether the machine is strong enough to force him to continue the contest, remains to be seen. The election will be held July 13 and by that time it will be ready to pass down in the annals of the city as one of the "muddiest" ever waged in Walla Walla.

The spirit of the struggle is reflected in the columns of the leading newspapers of the city. The Evening Statesman is backed by the "Boxers" and its editorial is the bitterest ever printed in Walla Walla.

The Morning Union is the machine organ and is not lacking in spirit in its replies to the Statesman. To assist the machine in its fight the Weekly Argus was yesterday converted into a daily paper.

It is set up by the Union plant and its policy is dictated by the men behind the machine throne. It is but one of the many cards the machine will probably play before the struggle ends. Raulo P. Reynolds is candidate for reelection to the office of City Clerk and nobody has entered the field against him yet.

The fight in the wards has commenced to cause some stir. The Ankeny candidates are A. J. Gillis, J. Z. Smith, present incumbent, and Henry Osterman. Opposed to them are Eugene Boyer, J. C. Scott and William Glasford, all strong "Boxers."

Over the offices of City Treasurer and City Attorney there will be no fight.

RECEIPTS ARE GROWING

The quarterly report of Postmaster Bancroft of the Portland postoffice shows an increase in postal receipts of \$14,664.75 for the quarter just ended over the second quarter of last year. For the month of June, 1903, over June, 1902, increase was \$5,409.53, or over 25 per cent.

Postal business continues to grow and with the addition of four new clerks and five new carriers the officials of the local post office feel that they will be able to handle the work, but that it will be only a short time until more help will be necessary.

The quarterly comparisons show:
April, 1902—\$22,715.07; April, 1903—\$27,323.82; total, \$4,608.75.
May, 1902—\$21,708.07; May, 1903—\$26,355.05; total, \$4,646.98.
June, 1902—\$20,444.14; June, 1903—\$25,853.73; total, \$5,409.59.

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DEVELOPMENT WORK UPON THE GOLCONDA MINE AT MISSOURI PLAT IS BEING PUSHED WITH VIGOR. The company is now working a double shift of men, night and day, and have a shaft down 200 feet and now are drifting on a vein that carries a body of ore six feet thick.

The Eldorado Ditch and Mining Company of Malheur county began piping on Big Creek this week. There is an abundance of water which is carried through a ditch 135 miles long. The mine will be worked day and night until the water freezes up.

Lon Simmons and William Myers have sold their copper property on Big Creek, Eastern Oregon, consisting of eight claims, to a syndicate financed by Indiana capitalists for \$75,000. This deal has been pending for some time, but was finally closed. It is understood that the new owners will begin the work of developing the property at once. A considerable sum of money is to be expended for surface improvements.

A nugget worth \$522 was recently found in the Johnson placer mines in Mole Gulch, Grant county. The spect men had some quartz mixed with it and prospectors are not hunting for the ledge from which it came.

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