

DAVIS'S PLUMBING LAW WORKS WELL

INSPECTOR T. E. HULME IN HIS ANNUAL REPORT GOES INTO THE CONDITIONS AT THE VARIOUS SCHOOLS—BROOKLYN ANNEX THE VERY WORST, HE SAYS.

Plumbing Inspector T. E. Hulme filed his annual report with City Auditor Devlin today and in it introduced the following into the conditions of the school buildings, as to sanitation, ventilation and plumbing. He also recommends that the present plumbing laws be not changed, except in minor particulars, and shows the large increase in work which the department has accomplished. The report is as follows:

"During the last year there has been more than seven miles of new sewer system installed in the city of Portland, which has greatly increased the work in this office. There were 272 entries on new buildings completed with plumbing systems and 688 alterations and additions up to December 1, 1903, showing an increase over past years. While there is a remarkable lack of study and knowledge of sanitation shown in our city, we must be fair and say that the defects have been pointed out in the plumbing and ventilating systems, they have been rectified in all cases.

Schools Improved. There have been a great many improvements made in the way of plumbing and ventilation in our public schools during the season. This has improved the sanitary condition of the buildings, but there are a large number of structures that stand in need of betterment. An example is found in the High School. There has been installed in the basement a modern system of automatic flushing toilets all constructed of enameled iron. The system of local ventilation, but the fixtures on the other floors have not received any attention, which is just as necessary as the other work and should be attended to without delay.

Brooklyn School Vaul. The most lamentable condition is found at the Brooklyn school, where the open vault system is still in use. The entire district, too, is in a very unsanitary state, being without any sewerage system.

Old Errors Corrected. When it is considered that systematic inspection of plumbing and drainage was not undertaken prior to 1892 it can be readily understood that there is a great deal of defective and dangerous work done in the past to be found and corrected. The work of this office is two fold; it undertakes to see that all new work is finished as required by the latest sanitary laws of our city, and also the correction of old work done before there were any sanitary laws. To this end our energies are constantly extended and while there is yet much to be done, progress in the right direction is being made.

Plumbing and Ventilation. The present law governing plumbing, drainage and ventilation has given generally satisfactory results. It protects the property owner or builder against inferior materials being used on his work and in many other ways improves the system of sanitation. I would recommend that with a few minor changes it be left as it now stands.

Going Tomorrow for Forger Parker. The police have already made application for requisition papers for the return to Portland of Thurlow W. Parker, alias T. Walter Brown, the young forger, who was captured at Helena, Mont., yesterday.

The papers probably will be forwarded to the Montana capital tonight and tomorrow Detective "Joe" Day will follow to bring back the prisoner. The local department received no further details of the arrest than the information that Parker was in custody.

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WINNISHET IS NOT GUILTY

NOT WINNISHET'S KNIFE SLEW PELATT, SHE SAYS, BUT HIS BELIEF THAT HE WOULD DIE LACKING HIS INDIAN CHARM—WITNESSES "FIXED."

Judge Bellinger of the federal court this afternoon instructed the jury to acquit Frank Winnishet, the Indian on trial for the murder of Indian Policeman Pelatt.

Was Frank Winnishet's knife responsible for the death of Pelatt or did the Indian policeman die because of his strong belief in a superstition of his race? Evidence has been introduced in the trial of Winnishet, the young Warm Springs brave, charged with taking the life of his cousin, Pelatt, which goes to show that the defendant accidentally struck the officer in the mouth with his knife in an attempt to cut his bridle rein, and escape from the policeman. The wound in itself was slight and bled but little, but notwithstanding, Pelatt, after mounding his head and riding to a friend's house, lay down and died.

Mrs. Nina Patt, a squaw, in whose arms Pelatt breathed his last, declared that the dying man said several times that the Indian doctors and not Winnishet were responsible for his death.

"They have taken away my tomvus," he said, "and unless it is returned I shall die."

This peculiar statement the interpreter could not explain.

According to those versed in Indian lore, when a young siwash reaches his majority, he takes himself to the mountains and remains for a certain length of time, alone and fasting. Upon his return to his fellows, the first living creature he sees is thereafter his good spirit, charm, or "tomvus." As long as this is with him he is free from harm, though he may work for either good or evil. What constituted the "tomvus" of Pelatt is not known, but whatever it was, he declared it was not with him and unless the Indian doctor returned it, he could not live.

Nina Patt said that when Pelatt declared that his "tomvus" was brought to him, the tribe doctors arose and left the room and did not return. Soon after the Indian breathed his last.

The government rested its case at 11:30 o'clock, and Attorney F. P. Mays, for the defense, moved for an acquittal. United States District Attorney John H. Hall, conducting the prosecution, said it was very evident that the witnesses had been "fixed," and that their stories differed from those told before the grand jury.

The jurors selected to try the case were: Amos S. Drabham, H. C. Lyttro, C. A. Dunnigan, William Sheehy, J. R. Rowland, W. R. South, D. B. Troutman, E. L. Barnett, R. H. Graves, W. A. Taylor, Joseph Hume.

Mr. Hall stated in his opening statement that it was not the desire of the government to convict Winnishet of murder in the first degree; that the case would be more a question of the degree of the defendant's guilt. There had been a gathering of Indians on the Warm Springs reservation on the day of the tragedy, said the district attorney.

Mr. Winnishet was first questioned on the young brave came up on horseback, somewhat under the influence of liquor. They created a disturbance and Pelatt, Abraham and another policeman attempted to arrest them.

"I do not believe that Winnishet meant to strike Pelatt with the knife," said Mr. Hall, "he meant the blade for another, and Pelatt got in the way. He struck down with the intention of cutting Abraham; the blade caught Pelatt in the mouth and the policeman bled to death soon after."

Mr. Mays said that Pelatt and Winnishet were cousins and friends and said the defense would attempt to establish the fact that Winnishet was attempting to cut his bridle rein that one of the policemen held when he accidentally struck Pelatt in the mouth.

"We will show," said Mr. Mays, "that Pelatt died of another cause and not from the knife wound. The Indian doctor," but Mr. Mays checked himself and continued his statements along another line.

FT. WARD TROOPS GET FIRST PAY

Maj. H. L. Rees, U. S. A., and Clerk Morey left this afternoon at 3 o'clock on a pay trip to the military forts of Puget sound. On this trip Major Rees will make the first payment to the garrison at Ft. Ward, situated near Bremerton, Ft. Ward was first garrisoned on November 25 of this year and is commanded by Lieutenant Colechett, with a detachment of men from the coast artillery. It required a number of years to create Ft. Ward, which formerly was known as Bean point, and no until report after report was made on the case would the government sanction it. Ft. Ward's strategic value is in its splendid position to protect the navy-yard at Bremerton. Besides paying Ft. Ward Major Rees will pay Forts Flagger, Worden, Casey and Lawton.

ARMED BANDITS IN ST. LOUIS ASSAULT

St. Louis, Dec. 15.—Four armed bandits murderously assaulted Manager Harding and Porter Dassen in a lodging house office at 4 o'clock this morning. They blew open the safe and got away with \$500. The skulls of both men were fractured, and they will probably die.

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HAMBURGER OR PORK SAUSAGE?

FRED NELSON SAYS HE ATE "A COUPLE OF SPOONFULS"—BECOMES AGGRAVATING AND IS SENT TO JAIL FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT.

Was it hamburger steak or pork sausage? This was the question that was up to Judge Hogue in the police court this morning when the case of Fred Nelson, charged with using abusive language, came to trial.

According to Nelson's witnesses the trouble arose in Pap's restaurant at Front and Morrison streets because he was served with pork sausage instead of the hamburger steak. On the stand Nelson was slow in answering and aggravatingly evasive in his answers.

Judge Hogue asked him how many drinks he had taken. "You'll have to ask Louis Trummer," said Nelson impatiently.

Judge Hogue ordered him to tell untruths he could be respectful to the court. His case will be heard tomorrow.

The trouble occurred about 2 o'clock Sunday morning and the evidence of the prosecution showed that Nelson and his employer, Joseph Reese, proprietor of the O. K. Barber shop at Sixth and Washington streets had refused to pay their restaurant bill and when B. L. Elkins, the waiter and the complaining witness in the case, demanded his money, there was an outbreak of hostilities.

During the fight a window was broken and the combatants were more or less bruised.

Reese, the proprietor, testified in Nelson's behalf. He said that instead of hamburger the waiter brought pork. This made both of them angry.

"Did you eat pork sausage?" inquired Assistant City Attorney Fitzgerald.

"Well, I took a couple of spoonfuls," he answered.

"You eat sausage with a spoon?" Mr. Fitzgerald ejaculated, and the lookers on laughed.

PRESBYTERY FAILS ON TECHNICALITY

BODY CALLED TO CONSIDER RESIGNATION OF ELDER TO RESIGN AFTER ITS ORDER TO DO SO DECLARED ILLEGAL BECAUSE OF AN ERROR IN THE CALL.

All the business transacted at a meeting of the Oregon presbytery this morning was declared to be illegal for the reason that the moderator, the head of the presbytery, had not stated in the call the special business before the special meeting, as required by the church rules. In a case like this it is necessary for the presbytery to vote unanimously to transact the business, otherwise the meeting is declared illegal.

Rev. J. H. Spear objected to the meeting on the ground that he did not know why the meeting was called, thus making the meeting powerless and compelling a postponement until December 30, when the presbytery will meet in Albany. These matters will be acted upon.

W. E. Spicer, Hugh Nesbit, Ralph Miller and R. G. Hamilton, four elders of the Grand-Avenue United Presbyterian church, wished to force the resignation of Pastor Gibson, who in the struggle that followed came out victorious. The elders in question refused to resign when requested by the presbytery, November 3; therefore the meeting of the presbytery was called to enforce its ruling.

Those present at the meeting were: Rev. J. H. Spicer, chairman; Rev. J. H. Gibson, clerk; Rev. McCracken of Oakville; W. P. White, Albany; E. E. Sox, A. W. Wilson, W. M. Lawton and Rev. J. A. Spear.

"I am one of the elders of the Grand-Avenue Presbyterian church," said Dr. W. B. Hamilton this morning, "but I am not one of those who have been asked to resign. I have kept out of this fight, although efforts have been made to draw me into it. I am still an active member of the session of Grand-Avenue church."

RUN DOWN BY A CAR.

Badly bruised and shaken up, J. R. Landers, a carpenter residing at Oregon City, is at St. Vincent's hospital. While on his way home last night, he was run down by an Oregon City car. He escaped instant death miraculously, but was thrown to the ground. He suffered general bruises about the body, but no bones were broken. Unless he has suffered internal injuries he will recover within a few days. Mr. Landers is 58 years old.

FUNERAL OF JOHN FROCTOR.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The funeral of John Froctor, president of the civil service commission, will be held this morning at 10 o'clock. He was held this morning, President Roosevelt, accompanied by his wife and sons, attended, also Mr. and Mrs. Lodge, Secretary Hitchcock and wife and a large representation from official circles.

SENATOR CLARK OUT OF BED.

New York, Dec. 15.—Senator W. A. Clark, who was operated upon for abscess, is out of bed today, and his physicians say he will be able to leave his apartments in two weeks.

READING POSTPONED.

The reading from Victor Hugo's "Les Miserables," which was to have been given by Mrs. Haskell at the Gillespie School of Expression tonight, has been postponed until tomorrow night. Mrs. Haskell is on a late train.

An Ambitious Woman.

A. V. Spencer in Lippincott's "My grandmother was an awful ambitious woman," said a native of a well-known island off the coast of Maine, "and when she was dying and the doctor had told her she had only about an hour to live she asked her daughter to bring her some green apples. She sat up in bed and pared two panfuls of them and then lay back with a satisfied sigh. 'Well,' said she, 'I'm determined that the folks that come to my funeral shall have enough apple-sass for once in their lives.'"

Politics in the Family. From the Washington Star. "Binks" closed his eyes and to treat him with the deference due a parent. "No. You see, Binks insisted on running for office, and his family has been reading the speeches of the opposition."

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DELEGATES FROM MISSOURI.

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FIRST TO HANG UNDER NEW LAW

C. D. EGBERT PASSES THROUGH PORTLAND ON HIS WAY TO THE GALLOWAYS AT SALEM—MURDERED TWO DEPUTIES WHO TRIED TO ARREST HIM AFTER ESCAPE.

C. D. Egbert, alias John H. Frost, is the first prisoner who has ever been sentenced to capital punishment in Harney county and he will also be the first man to be hanged at Salem under the new state law requiring all executions to take place at the penitentiary.

Egbert is in custody of Sheriff Thomas Allen and Deputy Sheriff J. W. Buoy of Harney county arrived in Portland this morning and was immediately taken to the county jail, where he will be held until the departure of the Southern Pacific train late this afternoon. His death warrant, which was signed by Circuit Judge Morton D. Clifford, well known in Portland, was shown about the court house this morning. It occupies three sheets of foolscap and is surrounded by a black border.

Egbert was convicted of the murder of Deputy Sheriff John G. Saxton and John Q. West. He had committed a burglary in Douglas county, and was arrested at Burns by Sheriff Allen in response to a telegram. He escaped September 28, and October 4 the two deputies located him. They attempted to capture him. He killed both Saxton and West. Burns on December 3 and sentenced two days later to be hanged at Salem on January 29, 1904.

Egbert was securely handcuffed and equipped with an Oregon boot. Allen declared that Egbert had tried to use a sledge-hammer on Deputy Sheriff Buoy, and said he had made an effort to escape.

Egbert said it did not matter to him whether he was hanged at Salem or lynched in Harney county, and he preferred the uncertainty of the former to the certainty of the latter. He might escape by judicial proceedings by being taken to Salem, but he was sure of short shrift if left in Harney county.

SISTER'S FUNERAL PUT OFF.

The solemn funeral mass for Sister Mary Agnetta, who died Monday, December 14, will take place at St. Mary's academy and college chapel Wednesday, December 16, at 3:30 a. m. Owing to the illness of Rev. Thomas Purcell and the mother of the deceased nun to make connections at Spokane, the funeral has been postponed. The remains will be transferred to St. Paul, Marion county, Thursday morning.

WANT AFFAIRS INVESTIGATED.

(Journal Special Service.) Denver, Dec. 15.—The executive committee of the Denver alliance has passed a set of resolutions favoring the appointment of a committee by President Roosevelt for the purpose of investigating strike conditions in that state. One section of the resolutions was a criticism on the action of Senator Patterson.

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