

AMENDMENTS TO CHARTER

Outline of Proposed Changes Before Council This Afternoon.

PROVIDE FOR BRIDGE ON HAWTHORNE AVENUE

Salaries of the City Attorney, Engineer and the Municipal Judge increased; according to the proposed amendments.

At the meeting of the council this afternoon a number of amendments to the city charter will be brought up for consideration and for submission to the vote of the people at the June election.

They will provide for the improvement of streets by the assessment of defined districts.

For the funding of the bonded indebtedness of the former cities of East Portland and Albina, and for the disposition of bonds in the sum of from \$100 to \$1,000 as the purchaser may require.

That no mechanic or unskilled laborer shall be employed who has not resided within the city at the time of his employment for one year, and who is not a citizen of the United States or has not declared his intention to become such. Eight hours shall constitute a day for all laborers, and for all employees of public contractors, and all contracts entered into by the city shall contain the eight-hour clause.

For Hawthorne Bridge. That \$275,000 be appropriated for the construction of a second, fireboat and the building of dry docks on both sides of the river, \$125,000 of the sum to be for the building of the fireboat and the remainder for the mains.

That \$250,000 be appropriated for the purchase of lands for docks.

That \$450,000 be appropriated for the building of a new bridge at Madison street. Bonds are to be issued in sums ranging from \$500 to \$1,000. The new bridge is to be known as the Hawthorne bridge. The car company at present operating over the bridge must pay a tax of 5 cents on a car of less than 38 feet in length. The rates on longer cars may be agreed upon later, but in no case is the annual rental to be less than \$15,000 a year. If an agreement should not be reached with the railway company, the executive board is authorized permanently to discontinue the work upon the new bridge, and it then may proceed to enter into the name of the city of Portland all franchises, easements, leases, approaches, structures and tracks of the company under condemnation proceedings.

The board is also authorized to enter into contracts with other companies, granting them the same rights. It is provided that no exclusive option shall be granted to any company. If the bridge should be destroyed by fire all contracts will cease and must be renewed with the rebuilding of the bridge.

Increase in Salaries. That the salary of the city engineer be increased from \$2,000 to \$3,500 a year, and that no deputy receive a salary more than \$1,000 annually.

That the salaries of the councilmen be increased from \$25 to \$50 a month, the larger sum to be paid when the legislators are in regular attendance.

That the salary of the city treasurer be increased from \$2,400 to \$3,000 a year, and that he be required to give a bond in the sum of \$100,000.

That the salary of the city attorney be increased from \$2,400 to \$3,500 a year.

That the salary of the municipal judge be increased from \$1,800 to \$2,400 a year.

Section 27 of the charter be so amended that four fifths instead of two thirds of the property-owners in an assessment district may file a written objection or remonstrance with the auditor, and that he stand on a bar to the improvement for a period of six months, unless one half of the owners of the property aforesaid petition for the improvement. The objections and remonstrance must be filed within 70 days after the date of the publication of the notice.

GRITZMACHER GETS AN ODD ANONYMOUS LETTER

A most peculiar anonymous letter was received by Chief of Police Gritzmacher this morning. The letter, which is still pending over the mischief. Pinned to the communication was a clipping from The Journal relative to the municipal court receipts for the month of March. The letter was mailed, somewhere in the vicinity of Sunnyside, the postmark of Station C appears on the envelope and reads as follows:

"Dear Sunday. The enclosed account is O. K., but you have made a few 'anarchies'." There is no signature and the police believe it to be the work of some practical joker. Chief Frank Hennessy is of the opinion, however, that some of the alleged 'anarchies' in the city may have been responsible for the letter and contemplate blowing up the jail.

UNCLE JOE DIDN'T SWELL UP A BIT

(Special Special Service.) Havasa, April 1.—The "Uncle Joe" Cannon has a joke on the United States navy. Seventeen guns broke loose as he steamed away from the cruiser Commodore, this morning. The law one gives a royal reception by all the officers on board.

"Whom are they shooting at?" asked the speaker, between puffs from a 12-inch cigar.

"Commander Beatty," replied Representative Tawney, proudly, "knows what is proper. He is born on a farm in my county. He is firing a regulation salute to the speaker of the house of congress and the new congress hasn't met yet. So your navy has been shooting up a tree."

Society Notes of Newberg.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Newberg, Or., April 1.—The W. W. C. A. high school girls gave a fancy dress social Friday night. The teachers were invited, and some of their costumes were very striking. Light refreshments were served.

Miss Maybelle Edwards gave a delightful reception on Friday evening in honor of her visiting friends, Mrs. James Jackson and her family. The law one went out with the last congress, and the new congress hasn't met yet. So your navy has been shooting up a tree."

HUNTING SITE OF NEWLY FORMED C. A.

Demand That It Be Centrally Located—W. M. Ladd to Tender Banquet.

A budding air exists around the T. M. C. A. building today compared with the bustle and hurry of last week when members were coming and going constantly in their efforts to raise the money necessary for the erection of the new home of the T. M. C. A. W. C. A.

The excitement of the last week of the campaign, when everybody was striving with might and main to secure the funds, has given way to a feeling of satisfaction and elation. The members are now trying to find out who location the boards of directors for the associations will determine upon for the new structure.

A meeting will probably be called for the purpose of deciding this matter this week. All the members are anxious that the building be located centrally and it is certain that such will be done. The membership, which is in excess of that of any city in the country west of Chicago, will be a factor that will make such a demand imperative.

Included in the roster are clerks, business men and employees of downtown stores. The day and night workers during the day and away it placed where it will be easy of access for all.

New that the work is done, the members of the "Everybody Gives" committee are looking forward to a good time Friday night when they will be the guests at a banquet at the Portland hotel given by W. M. Ladd in appreciation of the work done by its members in raising the necessary funds. While the arrangements for the affair have not been completed, it is said that it will be one of the most elaborate banquets ever given in the city.

That no expense will be spared in giving the diners the time of their lives.

SPECIAL LETS BURGLAR ESCAPE

Morgan Thought Tailor's Cry of "Stop Thief" Was Joke and Did Nothing Harmful Too Late.

Charles R. Wagner, a tailor, at 324 Stark street, had an exciting encounter with a burglar at 3 o'clock yesterday morning and as the result is now mourning the loss of his watch and \$5 in cash.

Wagner upon entering his establishment, thinking the matter a joke, did not make any attempt to apprehend the fellow and when the affair was explained to him the burglar had made his escape.

Wagner states that inasmuch as several suits in the place bore evidence of having been tried on, the housebreaker had undoubtedly entered the tailorshop to secure new wearing apparel. On the morning following the theft, the tailor hastened out of the place. Wagner rushed to the door and spying Special Patrolman Morgan shouted to the officer to stop the thief. Morgan, thinking the matter a joke, did not make any attempt to apprehend the fellow and when the affair was explained to him the burglar had made his escape.

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FORMER CLERK HITS PAUL STRAIN ON JAW

John C. Hertz, a salesman employed in a store at Third and Burnside streets was arrested this morning by Detective Hill on a charge of assault and battery. Paul Strain is the complainant in the case and alleges that Hertz without provocation struck him in the face.

It is understood that the clerk and his employer had a disagreement last Saturday and Hertz was discharged. Upon leaving his departure Hertz was told to surrender the keys on the ground that Strain owed him back salary. He returned this morning to collect the money and during the argument which ensued Strain struck Hertz on the nose with his fist. Upon orders of Judge Cameron Hertz gave up the keys and the case will be tried tomorrow morning.

SNEAK THIEF GETS AWAY WITH GOLD JEWELRY

Mrs. Van Winkle, residing at 848 Couch street, reports that a sneak thief entered her apartment yesterday afternoon and carried away a gold watch, a pair of diamonds, an opal pin, three rings and a gold brooch. The police have been unable to find a clue that would lead to the capture of the burglar.

The proprietors of the Hill restaurant, 3 1/2 Second street, have notified the police that their night clerk, who camped yesterday with \$5 from the Hill. The fellow had been employed in the eating house for two days and his name is unknown. Detectives Jones and Tichenor have been detailed to make an investigation.

COMMENCEMENT WEEK FOR CARLISLE INDIANS

(Special Special Service.) Carlisle, Pa., April 1.—This is commencement week at the Carlisle Indian school, and many visitors are here to attend the exercises. The program of the week provides for many interesting features. Drills and calisthenic exercises take place in the gymnasium. Tonight tomorrow night the Puritan opera "Pricilla," by Robert Surette, will be given, the first musical play given entirely by Indians. The graduation exercises will take place Thursday afternoon.

While feeding his horses last Friday night T. Mayhew, an employee of the H. E. Edwards company, residing at 347 Jackson street, discovered a suspicious-looking fellow in the lot of his barn and promptly jabbed him in the leg with a pitchfork. Mayhew assisted the intruder to bandage the wound, and then the fellow made haste to leave the place. The stranger asked the man driver not to call for assistance, and so threatening was the man's attitude that Mayhew complied.

Church Damaged by Fire.

The roof of the Church of God, East Seventh and Hawthorne streets, was destroyed by fire at 10:25 this morning. The interior of the church was damaged by water. A detective flur is given as the cause.

LOSS OF LIFE CAUSED BY EARTHQUAKE IN ASIA

Constantinople, April 1.—A severe earthquake accompanied by heavy loss of life is reported at Edlis.

New York, April 1.—The American Missionary society has been notified that the earthquake at Edlis destroyed the homes of the American missionaries and they are camped in the snow with many of the natives.

"The Origin of Evil."

Dr. I. D. Fowler will speak at the Y. M. C. A. tonight at 8 o'clock on the subject "The Origin of Evil."

SETTLEMENT OF STRIKE PROBABLE

Trammen Willing to Make Some Concessions, Railroads Expected to Make Others.

(Special Special Service.) Chicago, April 1.—The ultimate settlement of the trouble between the railroads and trammen is thought to be possible now. Commissioners Knapp and Neill met the railroad managers this morning, and are in session with the trammen's managers this afternoon. It has been reported that the men have waived some of the minor demands and it is expected that the managers will yield on others, thus making a compromise possible and averting the threatened strike, which, it is recognized, would amount to a calamity at the present time.

By yielding some points from the stand they had taken the trammen feel that they have gained a decided advantage and that should a strike be called their action will swing public sentiment to their side, since it would put the railroads in the position of balking the peace negotiations.

Should the efforts of the commissioners stop here, they will have to report that while the employees were willing to make concessions for the sake of peace they could do nothing because the railroad managers would yield nothing from the stand on which they were decked with the men before they asked the intervention of Knapp and Neill. The trammen feel that the railroads should make some concessions, particularly since it was they who asked arbitration under the Erdmann law.

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CONSIDER PLANS FOR CREMATORY

Health Board Meets Tomorrow for That Purpose—No Danger of Spinal Meningitis.

After a session of about 10 minutes this morning the health board decided that the building of a new crematory was a matter that required a great deal of consideration, and upon motion of Commissioner Gleason an adjournment was taken until 1:30 p. m. tomorrow. Plans submitted by all contractors will be considered at that time.

The report of Health Officer Wheeler showed that during March a well-defined (clinically) case of cerebro-spinal meningitis was reported to his office. The patient died 12 hours after the case had been reported. The house was fumigated. The case did not reveal the deplorable intracranial, but did show the pneumococcus. During the prevalence of this disease in Washington and its liability to enter Portland at any time, Dr. Wheeler requested all physicians to report cases promptly. Dr. Wheeler did not believe there was any great danger of the disease becoming epidemic in Portland, but he deemed it necessary to exercise every precaution.

The report of other transmissible diseases of 13 patients died of diphtheria, ten residents and three who were brought here from other cities suffered from typhoid fever. There was one death. The scarlet fever patients numbered four, chicken-pox 11 and erysipelas 2, with no deaths.

A syndicate of local Chinese took a 20-year ground lease on the site in 1903, and built the two-story brick building, now being overhauled. This lease expired March 1 last. Up to the expiration of the lease, the building had never been occupied except by Chinese.

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(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Salem, Or., April 1.—Governor Chamberlain today honored requisitions of Governor George L. Sheldon of Nebraska for the return of Daniel Westerman, charged with forgery committed in Knox county, Nebraska, December 1905, and of Governor Wood of Washington for the return of "Scotty" Fagin charged with maintaining a gambling resort at Walla Walla, Washington, and arrested at Portland.

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STREAMS ARE TOO SWOLLEN FOR GOOD TROT FISHING

There is one great inconvenience in having the first day of April fall on Monday. Many who are not able to make the annual exodus to the fishing grounds on any other day than Sunday were deprived of that enjoyment yesterday. However, it is great for the fish. It is not altogether certain, though, that many were able to resist the temptation to whip the streams while "only preparing for the morrow's sport."

The deputies were carefully instructed to keep watch and it is thought that it is not probable that any violations of the law could have taken place near the city. No reports to that effect have been received at any rate. It was too cold for good fishing yesterday. Many who were contemplating a trip to the country postponed it to a later time.

Alfred Gebhardt, an authority on the science of angling for Oregon trout, says that the season has not opened ideally; the streams are swollen and muddy; the weather has been cold and miserable. He is of the opinion that the streams west of the Willamette will yield the best results in the early part of the season while the eastern streams will be better later in the summer.

Dairy creek, the Tualatin river and other Washington county streams are favorites and will show up with the biggest catches this month. Johnson creek near Lent is a favorite with the city fishermen but is nearly fished out. Later when the weather warms and the mountain streams are less tumultuous the sportsmen will go to the Willamette and Tillamook county, where the trout fishing is unequalled.

VERILY 'T WAS A SAD DAY FOR THE OWNERS OF NEW HATS

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AGED SHACKS MAKE WAY FOR AN EIGHT-STORY BUILDING

The contracting firm of C. J. Cook & Company went to work this morning on the old frame buildings on the Gearin property at the northwest corner of Fourth and Washington streets. The foreman on the job, expects to have the lot entirely cleared by Wednesday noon, when the big steam excavator will be put to work excavating for the foundation of the eight-story office building to be erected on the site by Rothchild Bros. It is the intention to begin putting in the cement foundation next Monday.

The contractors tearing out the frame buildings have a gasoline wood saw on Fourth street and are cutting up the old lumber into stove lengths as fast as it is torn out.

PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS ON SECOND STREET

Building at Second and Alder Remodeled and Chinese Must Move. Pacific Northwest Champions to Meet Best of Rocky Mountain District.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) University of Oregon, Eugene, April 1.—The debate between the University of Utah and the University of Oregon at Salt Lake City, April 28, will be for the championship of the Pacific northwest and the Rocky mountain district, for Oregon has won the championship of its league in the northwest, and Utah has beaten most of the institutions of the mountain district. The stakes that will represent Oregon will probably be composed of J. C. Veatch and F. V. Galloway, the two leaders of the teams here, affirmative and negative, respectively. Each speaker will have a 15-minute speech and a five-minute rebuttal. The question will be "the same as debated with Washington and Idaho, the fifteenth amendment. Oregon will have the negative, and she believes that in the stronger side, her students are well satisfied.

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TURN EYE ON MINNEAPOLIS LABOR PEACE

Bristol Declares the Federal Commissioner There at Fault in Alaska Case.

Arguments in the habeas corpus proceedings instituted by S. F. Kildall, who is resisting removal to Alaska in the federal court on a charge of conspiring to defraud the United States, revealed the information on the part of United States Attorney Bristol that official influence opposed to the public good had been brought to bear on the United States commissioner at Minneapolis who heard testimony in regard to the case in the Minnesota city.

The statement made by Bristol called forth a retort from J. N. Teal, who is appearing with Judge Munly in Kildall's behalf in the case. That if the commissioner at Minneapolis was at fault he could refer to the method of dealing out justice in Alaska, stipulating that he had no reference to United States Attorney John J. Boyce, who is acting with Bristol in securing Kildall's return to Alaska. Teal's remarks were taken to mean that Kildall feared he would not receive justice in the Alaskan courts.

Like Oregon Cases. The case at issue has many points in common with the efforts made by many influential citizens living in other states who were indicted in Oregon for attempting to defraud the government out of its public lands in this state. In nearly all of these cases the indicted men fought the efforts of Mr. Bristol to bring them to this state for trial, but in most of them the United States attorney won out.

The most notable instance was in the California cases, where some of the defendants appealed to the supreme court. Several of these men are still fighting their cases in the federal court, but were indicted with them have been compelled to come to Oregon and deposited bond guaranteeing their presence in Portland when their cases come up for trial.

Tax Conspiracy Alleged. Kildall was indicted with several other Alaskans belonging to the West Coast Fishing company for conspiring to defraud the government out of certain fishing taxes. The defense is that Kildall was only an employee of the company and did not take part in the conspiracy if one was attempted.

Mr. Teal said that it was ridiculous to connect Kildall's name with the secretary of the treasury, the inference being that the inference is drawn from the fact that the official presser brought to bear on the Minneapolis commissioner.

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