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BOND ISSUES INVALIDATED BY DEVLIN'S NEGLIGENCE

AUDITOR FAILS TO ADVERTISE ELECTION AS REQUIRED BY LAW

Carelessness in Not Publishing Notice,
Although Attention Was Called to It,
Jeopardizes Securities to Be Voted
Upon and Forces Special Election, Even
if Bonds Are Carried, at Heavy Cost

Portland City Charter:

Section 26. The auditor, under the direction of the council, shall give 10 days' notice by publication in the city official newspaper of each general city election, the officers to be elected at the same and the place or places in each ward designated for holding the election therein.

Owing to gross carelessness on the part of City Auditor Thomas C. Devlin in failing to cause publication of the city election notice, although the attention of his office was called to the matter over two weeks ago, the validity of \$5,000,000 worth of municipal bonds to be voted upon next Monday has been jeopardized. The only remedial course open is to call a special election after next Monday at an expense to the taxpayers of \$5,000.

Both Democrats and Republicans, including City Attorney McNary, concede that the oversight, although not affecting the election of city officials, is of serious consequence to the proposed bond issue for various municipal improvements. City Attorney McNary reluctantly admits that he believes it will be necessary if the voters view the proposed bond issues favorably, to throw the city into the heavy expense of a special election in order to rectify the defect emanating from the city auditor's office.

Will Not Affect Officials.

Election of city officials will not be affected because the date of their election is fixed by general law, while on the other hand a bond issue is in the nature of a special election which must conform to all the special charter laws governing it.

Section 26 of the city charter provides that the city auditor, under the direction of the council, shall give 10 days' notice by publication of impending elections. To him is given the initiative to act in the matter, and heretofore the council has relied upon the city auditor to perform the work required by law.

Although the attention of the auditor's office was called to the matter over two weeks ago, no notice for publica-

tion was printed until this morning, four days before election, when the first notice appeared in the Portland Daily Abstract, signed by the city auditor, but dated back to May 20.

Another Expensive Election Necessary.

In view of the fact that City Auditor Devlin, through his carelessness, has virtually invalidated \$5,000,000 worth of bonds, attorneys do not hesitate to assert that in the event of a favorable vote on the issue taxpayers will be called upon to foot up the additional expense of approximately \$5,000 in order that another special election be held to remedy the serious defect.

City Attorney McNary this morning stated that the failure to publish the notice was a matter of considerable gravity. It was he who yesterday rushed to the auditor's office, notified the auditor that the notice had not appeared, and then hurried it to the office of the Abstract, so it would appear in this morning's issue.

In discussing the dilemma in which Mr. Devlin had thrown the proposed bond issue, he said whenever a question existed concerning the regularity of proceedings leading up to a bond issue, it would immediately affect the selling price. Attorneys for purchasers of large issues, he stated, always required a transcript and details of proceedings, and failure on the part of the city auditor to publish the notice required by law would be deemed, he believed, a serious defect.

Fatal Defect, Says Greene.

When asked what action would be necessary in the event the voters favored the bond issue at the coming election, he replied that the only course open was a special election in case prospective buyers of the bonds

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VETERANS' GRAVES ARE DECORATED

Cemeteries in All Parts of the City Are Strewn With Flowers—Every Grave Receives Some Floral Token—None Are Forgotten.

George H. Williams and Father E. T. Sherman Speak at Lone Fir Cemetery in Honor of Nation's Dead Heroes.

Lone Fir cemetery today is a field of flowers. Some of the graves are buried under floral tokens of love and honor, but not a grave lies bare. The last bed of the forgotten stranger, the pathetic little mound over some sleeping baby, each and every grave has its tribute to the dead.

Summer post of the G. A. R. with the Ladies Relief corps met at Grand avenue and East Pine streets this morning and marched in a body to the Soldiers' Monument in Lone Fir cemetery. Here a platform had been erected from which old soldiers addressed their comrades and those younger ones to whom the civil war is history. The principal address was by Hon. George H. Williams and Father E. T. Sherman spoke "In Memory of the Dead."

No Graves Are Forgotten.

But the voices now grown weak with age could not reach far, so thousands sat in the shade beside the graves of their dead, mostly in silence. When the strains of the orchestra reached them from time to time the men bared their heads. Children roomed here and there, dropping a rose on this grave about which no one gathered, laying a wreath on that already covered with blossoms and green leaves. Never in any age nor among any people was there a more tender and stately impressive scene than this Memorial day in Lone Fir cemetery.

But the graves in other burying grounds were not neglected. Although no formal exercises were held in the West Side cemetery the dead there received their covering of flowers from the young and old.

At Mount Scott the people met at Gray's Crossing and marched to Mulnomah cemetery, where services were held. Milwaukee veterans, Ladies of the Relief Corps and the school children gathered in the cemetery, sang the old war songs and laid their offerings beside the grave stones of their dear ones.

Each One Has a Wreath. Over all the graves, Jew and Gentile, Catholic and Protestant, blue and gray, loved and unknown, the flowers of a grateful people lie heaped. Tonight not a grave in Portland will be without its wreath.

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CAUSE OF UNCLEAN STREETS

Board Issues Statement—Hampered by Council in Appropriations—Department Officers All Republicans, Appointed by Williams, Also Majority.

Portland, May 29.—To the Editor of the Journal: As there has been considerable adverse criticism of the street cleaning department of the city by one of the prominent candidates for mayor, the undersigned, the committee on street cleaning and sprinkling, of the executive board, trust that we may be permitted to say a few words in its defense.

The so-called sanitary method of cleaning streets by flushing them was referred by this committee, to Alex. Donaldson, the superintendent of this department, some months ago, and he reported the same impractical, for the following reasons:

First—It would require the construction of three times the present number of catch basins and a very material change of those now in use.

Second—In a majority of the streets the sewers are not of sufficient capacity to carry off the water and mud that would flow into them if this method was adopted, and they would have to be rebuilt on a larger scale.

Cost Quarter Million. It is estimated that the expense of making these changes would be one quarter of a million dollars, and as no appropriation had been made to cover this expense, the executive board did not feel disposed to make these changes out of their private funds.

Besides this, the street cleaning department takes from the streets an average of 150 loads of dirt per day, and it is very doubtful about our being permitted to wash that amount of dirt into the river, as it would probably be detrimental to our harbor.

The ordinance appropriating money for this department for 1907 specified the amount that was to be expended for each specific item, and we were obliged at the end of the year to cover back into the city treasury \$15,101.56, because it could not be used for the items for which it was appropriated, but which was sorely needed for other purposes.

The great need of the department was horses, yet only \$1,200 was appropriated for their purchase, and it was specified that it should be used to purchase only six horses. As a consequence of this, we were obliged to return to the city treasury \$11,846.46 of the funds appropriated to pay laborers, for if we had used that money for that purpose it would have been to pile up dirt in the streets which we could not cart off for want of sufficient horses.

This is but a sample of the way the hands of the executive board were tied by this extraordinary way of making appropriations. It has been charged that the appropriation was made that way for the purpose of embarrassing the executive board in the performance of its duties. If such was its purpose, it certainly accomplished its object.

During the past two years not a single man had been employed or removed on account of any political pull, but on the contrary, every appointment has been made from the civil service list, and the person so employed has been retained so long as he gave the city a dollar's worth of work for the dollar paid, and as a result we have now by far the most effective force of laborers the city ever had.

Cost Decreased Materially. There is not a street but what receives as much, or more cleaning and sprinkling than it did under the former administration, yet the cost of this work, under the present administration, has decreased over 12 per cent, and this notwithstanding the fact that the price of labor has increased over 20 per cent.

In conclusion, we desire to say that all the officers of the street cleaning department are Republicans, appointed by Mayor Williams, and a majority of this committee are also Republicans. C. A. COGSWELL,
R. L. EABIN,
D. M. DONAUGH,
Committee on Street Cleaning.

MAID MURDERS CRIPPLED SISTER

Tires of Carrying Child—
Shoots Her and Then
Commits Suicide.

(Journal Special Service.)
Springfield, Ill., May 29.—Growing tired of caring for her 7-year-old sister, Carrie, who was a helpless cripple, Cora Leaderbrand, aged 17, shot and killed the child and then committed suicide Wednesday. It was believed at first that the girls were killed by tramps, but the discovery of a small revolver in the bottom of the creek, where the bodies were found, disclosed the real cause of the double tragedy. When the bodies were first discovered it was supposed that the elder girl had lost her life trying to save the other from drowning. When the bodies were examined, it was discovered that both girls had been shot through the base of the brain, the weapon being held close enough to burn the skin in each instance. Sheriff Charles Warner immediately threw the heavily armed posse around the dense woods where the girls were last seen and began running down suspects. Victorious characters, driven from
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STOCKS NOT WATERED TOO MUCH SAYS TEDDY

In Speech Dedicating Lawton Monument, Roosevelt Says
There Has Been Too Much Wild Talk About Over-
Capitalization—All Worth the Market Value.

(Journal Special Service.)
Indianapolis, Ind., May 30.—Indiana paid tribute to the memory of one of her most famous sons today, when a statue of General Henry W. Lawton, who met a soldier's death in battle at San Mateo, Philippine Islands, September 19, 1898, was unveiled in the presence of the president of the United States and many other prominent guests. The statue is placed in the grounds of the court house, where a vast crowd of people congregated this afternoon to witness the unveiling ceremony and to hear the address of the president. President Roosevelt reached the city
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REIGN OF VICE IN CANAL ZONE

Regular Slave Traffic in
Young American Girls—
Graft and Corruption.

(Journal Special Service.)
New York, May 30.—Plans are rapidly being perfected to bring before President Roosevelt, and later before congress, the fearful condition of morality on the isthmus of Panama. Rev. William E. Ferguson, editor of the Defender, the prohibition organ, is at the head of the movement. He is at present in the west telling what he saw in an exhaustive investigation of conditions in Colon and Panama and along the canal zone. Mr. Ferguson makes the direct charge that there is a regular slave trade of young American girls from the United States, and gives one instance when he saw two young girls, not more than 11 years old, who had been brought in shortly before, one of them from Jonesboro, Arkansas, and the other from Memphis, Tennessee. Three weeks later he saw them physical, mental and moral wrecks. Mr. Ferguson continues: "I have seen two little girls, one
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Commercial Interests of San Francisco Ask Schmitz to Remove Commissioners.

(Journal Special Service.)
San Francisco, May 30.—Commercial interests of San Francisco have formally demanded the removal of the police commission. A demand made upon Mayor Schmitz yesterday also involves the appointment of a new police commission from a list of names selected by that body of citizens, which is practically a rejuvenated and enlarged committee of 50 originally appointed by the mayor himself. Accompanying the formal demand for the removal of the police commission was a list of names from which the mayor is expected to select the new board. The committee expects to receive the mayor's decision today. If Schmitz accedes to the committee's demand for the removal of the police commissioners he is expected to act at once, and it is freely admitted that the first official act of the new commission will be the designation of Chief Dinah. The name of Adjutant-General Joseph B. Leuck is persistently connected with Dinah's berth in the event that the mayor capitulates to the law and order organization. From the inception of the selection for the removal of Dinah, Leuck's name has been mentioned as the center of the business men's committee. The demand for the removal of the police commissioners and the appointment of a new board of police commissioners is the first step in a plan to reorganize the police department.
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