

GARBAGE QUESTION, AFTER LONG SLEEP, WIDE AWAKE

Portland's garbage question is once more in the public eye, or nose. The city government is spending more money than it thinks it should in handling the refuse of the municipality. It will cost \$265,000 to build a new crematory and the councilmen are all shy about beginning to discuss a crematory site.

"Every time a councilman looks in any direction and says crematory, the residents for miles around at once verbally hang, draw and quarter him," is the way Councilman Willis expresses the situation.

For a long time the crematory question has been slumbering quietly and perhaps it would have slumbered longer if the Sanitary Garbage Destruction company had not put in an appearance before the council the other day through the agency of John A. Jeffrey, attorney for the company, and asked that the council grant the corporation a franchise for the exclusive handling of the garbage of the city. In this franchise it was set out that the company would divide the city into districts, collect and destroy all garbage at no cost to the city and would charge the residents at least no more than they are paying now for the work.

Reed Denies Attorney's Statement.

This company is of somewhat mysterious composition. Mr. Jeffrey says that men of capital in Portland are behind the movement, but that it is too early to make known the names. He said, however, that F. E. Reed was the owner of some stock, though he was not an active spirit in the organization and franchise movement.

Mr. Reed takes somewhat emphatic exception to the remark of the attorney. He says he does not know Mr. Jeffrey and has no connection with the project in any way. F. E. Reed, well known to Portland's reading public as the campaign manager for Thomas C. Devlin during the last majority campaign, and later as one of the prime movers in the anti-Statement No. 1 movement in Multnomah county, asked for a garbage franchise nearly a year ago. He did not get it. Now he says he is not interested in the garbage question.

Members of the council, the city at-

torney and those interested generally are inclined to look with special attention at any garbage franchise, lest it allow a monopoly and a graft to creep in that could not well be gotten rid of once it was formed and put into operation. However, Councilman Willis, one of the committee to whom the franchise was submitted, contends that the charter will not allow such a franchise to be granted and that because of this there will be no Sanitary Garbage Destruction company, unless under some change of plan.

Committee Has Plan.

It is now planned by the committee, consisting of Councilmen Concanon, Anand and Willis, to ask the city attorney to draft a plan, outlining the conditions and manner in which the garbage of the city shall be collected, and then advertise for bids for its collection. If this plan is carried out, as Councilman Willis believes it will be, the company which agrees to do the work at the least cost to the residents will be granted the right to manage the business for a term of years.

There are others, however, who believe that the city should handle the garbage problem and derive what profit might come from the work. These people argue that if a private corporation could come to Portland, spend \$265,000, or more, for the erection of a crematory and the establishment of a plant, that surely the city ought to be able to do the same, and thus create revenue for the city.

Can't Make Employee Work.

Councilman Willis does not believe this. He says that it is impossible to make city employees work, under the civil service rules, like any other workmen. Men in the street cleaning department and other departments of the city service, like any other workmen, they would have to do for a corporation or private employer, and because of this hardly no profit could be made out of handling the garbage.

In two weeks, however, the franchise of the Sanitary Garbage Destruction company will come up for consideration by the council and the question will be opened. What the outcome will be no one knows, but it is presumed the company that agrees to handle the garbage for the least money will be allowed to construct a crematory and take the job.

SENATOR COFFEY MADE LAWS NOW STUDIES HOW HE DID IT

John H. Coffey is a student of the law. Not just a common reader of the books, one who casts his eye over the printed page and formulates his own opinion, but one of those who pay good money to have some one else tell them how the law is put together, and why. Also how it can be torn apart. In other words he is a regularly enrolled member of the law department of the University of Oregon.

Under ordinary circumstances and conditions such a state of fact would provoke no comment. But this is different. Mr. Coffey is a man of discretion. He is 40 years old, at least. He has made laws during one session of the Oregon legislature—the memorable days of 1907. He has been a candidate for mayor of Portland. He was afterwards a candidate for reelection to the legislature and is now a member of the senate. He has been spoken of as a candidate for president of the senate. He also would like to be postmaster to succeed John Minto. He is also a prosperous and shrewd business man and operates a large tailoring establishment on Washington street.

Mr. Coffey has not said why he has become a student of the law. Perhaps it is because he has to make them. Per-

FEAR MISHAP HAS BEFALLEN AGED MAN

Mrs. Bertha Zehner, of 305 Cook avenue, is alarmed by the disappearance of her father, M. Hayes, who is 80 years of age and who came from Halasy, Or., last Tuesday to make his home with his daughter and her husband. He wandered away yesterday about noon and was seen at the union depot one hour later, but has not since been reported, although the police department kept a lookout for him last night.

Mr. Zehner does not believe that his father-in-law has left the city, as he had only about \$1 with him. This would not be enough to take him back to Halasy, had he desired to go there. He is not familiar with the city, and as he is somewhat feeble-minded it is feared that some mishap has befallen him.

Mr. Hayes is about five feet, eight inches tall, slightly stooped and weighs about 165 pounds. He is very deaf and is a little feeble in his walk. He wears a full, rounded beard and his gray hair is of fair length. Anyone having any information of the aged man is requested to notify Mrs. Zehner, or telephone Mr. Zehner during business hours at Main 3170.

Building Permits.

Anton Sechtm, erect 2-story frame on Powell street between East Twenty-first and East twenty-second, \$4,750; L. D. McClintock, erect 1 1/2-story frame on East Thirty-eighth street between Washington and Alder, \$2,900; B. Apperson, erect 1-story frame on East Forty-ninth between Barr Road and Broadway, \$2,000; H. E. Northrup, erect 1 1/2-story frame on Montgomery drive between Spring and Elm, \$4,500; J. J. Armstrong, erect 2-story frame on East Seventh between Broadway and Schuyler, \$2,000; Lina Albert, erect 1-story frame on Cleveland street between Alberta and Linnum, \$2,000; R. R. Quick, erect 2-story frame on East Sixty-ninth between East Gilsan and Oregon, \$2,000; Kenton Building Contract company, erect 1 1/2-story frame on Derby between Winchell and —, \$4,500; E. C. Brooks, erect 2-story frame on Falling street corner East Seventh, \$1,500; Elwood Wiles, erect 2-story frame on Eighth street between Stanton and Knott streets, \$3,000; Brewster, erect 3-story frame on Wayne between King and St. Clair, \$10,000; Mary Melch, erect 1 1/2-story frame on East Thirtieth street between Emerson and Killingsworth, \$1,500; Mrs. R. Zommel, erect 2-story frame on Denver street between Jessup and Alnaworth, \$1,700; W. L. Morgan, erect 4-story frame on King street between Washington and Wayne, \$40,000; W. Wall, erect 2-story frame on Corbett street between Lowell and Bancroft, \$1,500.

REFORMERS WANT LIGHTING REFORM

The Municipal association believes that the city should own and operate its own electric lighting plant. At a meeting of the association the question of lighting the city was taken up and given careful consideration. The statistics showing the expense of the present plan of furnishing light for the streets and public buildings were considered and it was decided that the city government could install a lighting plant and operate it for less money than is now being expended. After the discussion a solution was unanimously adopted setting out the position of the association. It was as follows:

"It is the sense of this meeting that the time has come for the municipality to consider the advisability of taking steps to own and operate its own electric lighting plant."

John F. Lacey of Oakloosa, who represented the Sixth Iowa district in the house for a number of years, has been selected to make the race against Governor Cummins for the seat of the late Senator Allison.

FAVOR SPOKANE FOR NEXT CONGRESS

Telegrams received by William McMurray, general passenger agent of the Harriman lines in Oregon, from the San Francisco chamber of commerce and the Sacramento Valley Development association, declare that these two organizations favor Spokane as the meeting place of next year's irrigation congress. This year the congress will meet at Albuquerque, New Mexico, September 23. Mr. McMurray is making a campaign to have the next session held in Spokane and he has received a promise of support from the entire southwest.

NEW POWER COMPANY GETTING BUSY

Central Oregon Power Co. has finished the preliminary work in connection with the erection of their large plant to supply power to the Willamette valley, and will start at once upon the active construction of the same. They have been offering for a short time past their interest-bearing bonds to the public and have had a phenomenal sale due no doubt to the fact that the industry is one that everyone wants to invest in, due to its stability and superiority as a dividend producer.

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MERCURY DROPS LOW, SHIVERS COME AND WINTER SAYS HELLO

Freezing weather was recorded this morning at all points of higher altitude in the Pacific northwest and in the Siaktyou mountains of Southern Oregon and northern California. Three inches of snow fell in Alberta and a cold wave is sweeping over northern Idaho, Montana, eastern Oregon and Washington.

That winter is getting nearer was also forcibly brought out here early this morning when the temperature fell to dangerously near the freezing point.

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Frost covered the surrounding hills and considerable garden truck was nipped by the biting wind.

The weather bureau thermometer registered 26 degrees at 6 o'clock this morning, a degree lower than yesterday morning, and it is the lowest since last winter. It gave Assistant Observer Montgomery a hint to begin preparations for recording cold spells instead of hot waves that have kept him more or less busy for several months.

A telegraphic message from Willis L. Moore, chief of the weather bureau at Washington, D. C., predicted a cold and cold weather in the very near future, and it appears to him that it will be general over the entire country. Following is the chief's general forecast for the week:

Washington, D. C., Sept. 22, 1908.—A barometric disturbance will cross the country from about the twenty-fourth to twenty-eighth, attended by rains that will set in over the central valleys about the close of this week. Following the rains there will be a sharp fall in temperature with frost in the cen-



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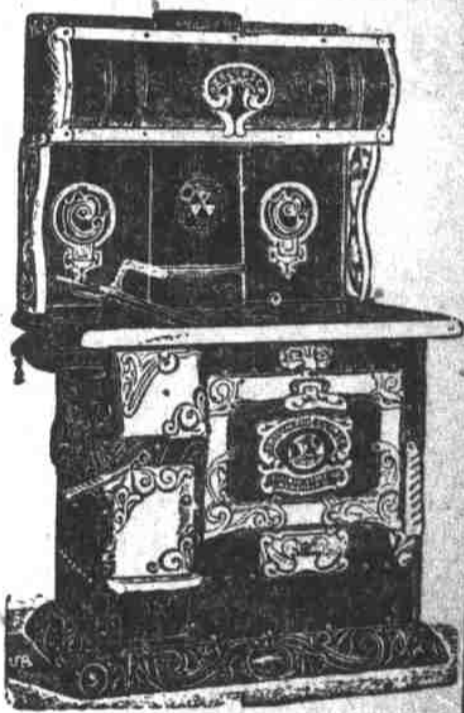
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