

HEALTH BOARD WAS RIGHT SAYS CELLARS

Garbage Crematory Should Have Been Built at East Third and Davis—Councilman Favors City Ownership Plan.

"Something ought to be done in regard to the disposition of the city garbage. The present situation is an outrage."

Councilman G. B. Cellars so expressed himself yesterday afternoon in reference to the question which has been so much discussed by the people of Portland recently.

"The thing to do," said the councilman, "is to find a suitable location, then go ahead. The trouble is that all of the councilmen think there ought to be a crematory built, but each wants it in the other fellow's ward, not in his own. It is a big question what to do when men in the council think too much of what people will say and not enough of what is for the good of the city."

Mr. Cellars does not favor a bond issue to provide funds for the building of an incinerating plant.

"Emphatically not," he said, when asked if he favored a bond issue. "We have had too many bond issues already. What we want to do is to make an appropriation out of the general tax fund. It ought not to cost so much, either. I think \$75,000 to \$100,000 ought to build a plant sufficient for the city's needs."

Favors Ownership Plan.
"There has been some talk of letting a contract for the collection and consumption of the garbage. I am in favor of the city owning its own plant for the burning of the refuse and for the collection."

"I consider the collection of the garbage fully as important a question as the incineration, especially as regards smell. Special wagons for this work are built that will hold two or three tons and that can be sealed air tight. These could be hauled to the crematory and dumped. There should be no offensive odor."

"But what will be done in the matter?"
"Well, I haven't the least idea. The council should have accepted the location on East Third and Davis recommended by the board of health. But the council never can agree. It consumes time but it can't decide on anything."

"I think the location selected the best that can be found. There is nothing to the west of it but vacant territory, nothing to the north but a frog pond filled with trash; there is little property to the east, and on the south there are only a few small outcrops that will have to be moved away."

"The people over there objected to having the crematory placed in that location. They were afraid the teams would wear out the bridges. They evidently thought there would be 500 or 400 wagons a day passing over the bridges. But with good big wagons capable of carrying two or three tons, there ought not to be more than 30 a day necessary."

As to Central Plant.
"I understand that crematories can be built which are entirely inoffensive as regards smell. If that is so, I am in favor of having the plant in the heart of the city near the source of supply. I never was in favor of that place out where the crematory is now. The Councilman Cellars expressed himself as being opposed to the scheme of carrying the garbage down the river."

"There would be more smell from



Councilman George B. Cellars.

loading the garbage into scows," he said, "than from dumping from wagons into a modern crematory. It is very easy for people to say, 'take it down the river,' but nobody has come forward yet and said where down the river, or suggested a place along the river front where the garbage could be loaded on scows. Nobody has told how much it would cost."

"I have thought some of preparing an ordinance making an appropriation for a crematory," but I am not very anxious to propose it. If somebody else wants to go ahead with it, I will help him all I can. But anybody can jump up in the council and move to appropriate any amount for anything. If somebody will prepare figures showing the cost of collection, of crematory, etc., I am willing to back him up."

Feels Well Posted.
"I am pretty well posted on the subject, for a year ago I wrote to many of the eastern cities and asked about their methods of disposing of garbage. I found that some of them do it by contract, some own their own plants, some let the contract for collection and own their own crematories, etc."

"I don't know what will be done, but something certainly ought to be done at once. The present situation is an outrage. We can't always think of economy. The question of the public health is more important than questions of economy."

BUYER GOES EAST

Left for New York to Select Stock for New Department.

Robert E. Farrell, formerly of "The Emporium" of San Francisco, and now manager of the ladies' cloak and suit department of Tull & Gibbs, which is to be opened in the early spring, together with the new tea room, recently left for New York and other eastern cities to purchase stock for this new department. Mr. Farrell is widely known throughout the country as one of the most capable in this line of merchandising, and his appearance in Portland in this capacity will be of interest to the retail feminine. This new department will be one of the finest in the west, and it is expected that it will be in operation some time between the middle of February and the first of March.

CONSTITUTION FIXES TIME OF ELECTION

Many inquiries are being made daily as to the time for the opening of the legislature draws near, concerning the provisions at law for the election of United States senator. The question is being asked repeatedly whether the state law fixes the time for such elections by the legislature, or whether it is a federal statute.

In the constitution of the United States it is provided that the senators shall be elected by the legislature at such time and place as may be determined by state statute. Oregon has a statute providing that the senate and house shall cast a ballot separately on the senatorial election and that the following day the two houses shall meet in joint convention for a final canvass of the vote. The person receiving the majority of the joint vote shall be declared elected.

The Oregon law does not fix the time definitely, however, that being done by federal statute. This statute was passed June 25, 1866, and is as follows:

"The legislature of each state, which is chosen next preceding the expiration of the time for which any senator was elected to represent such state in congress, shall, on the second Tuesday after the meeting and organization thereof, proceed to elect a senator in congress."

FRIENDS SEARCHING FOR ANDREW KNEIP

Friends of Andrew Kneip, a horse radish peddler, who left this city last August to go hockpicking, have begun a search in the hope of ascertaining his whereabouts. Kneip had been boarding with Mrs. J. Slater at 134 Lincoln street, and left his trunk at her house. At first it was thought that Kneip intended staying near the hop fields, but as he did not call or write for his effects a search was instituted without results. Since he left Portland last August his friends have heard nothing of him.

Kneip came here from California and has no relatives here. A mother and sister live in Europe. The missing man is said to become easily discouraged and melancholy and it is feared that he might have committed suicide. He was 28 years of age, of dark complexion, not very tall and light in build.

Building Permits.

Northwest Leasehold company, Eleventh street between Yamhill and Morrison, erect three story brick store, \$25,000; Portland Public Market & Cold Storage company, Fifth street between Gilman and Hoyt, erect retaining wall, \$10,000.

Notaries Commissioned.

(Salem Bureau of the Journal.)
Salem, Or., Jan. 8.—Commissions as notaries have been issued to F. A. Marquam Jr., and L. C. Tobias, Portland; C. W. Platt, Ontario; Adelbert Rose, Portland; Charles F. Elgin, Salem; W. M. Ramsey, La Grande, and Ura W. Troyer, Milton.

Metzger's Jewelers and Opticians, 342 Washington st., bet. 7th and Park.

PLEDGE SACRED SAYS BARDON

James Bardon, of Wisconsin, Says Oregon Legislators Must Keep Faith.

Oregon's senatorial election is being watched with great interest by people of all classes and districts throughout the United States. Men from different states are continually making it known by letters, by speech while in Portland, or by articles in eastern papers that the people of the United States who are interested in the cause of good government consider the senatorial election of Oregon to be of vital moment.

An evidence of this comes a letter written by James Bardon of Superior, Wis. Mr. Bardon was a delegate to the Rivers and Harbors congress recently held in Washington, D. C., and has written a letter to Governor Chamberlain, in which he discusses the senatorial situation as seen from Wisconsin. In his letter Mr. Bardon says:

"Certainly there can be little or no basis of truth in the occasional news items that grounds are being sought for by your political opponents to induce members of the legislature to ignore and repudiate the mandate of the electors to vote for United States senator. The long and well established reputation of the people of Oregon for honesty and fair mindedness precludes all thought that such an unworthy move will meet with any measure of success. Political pledges are as sacred as any other, and those who go back on them will be always distrusted, even in the most ordinary business transactions."

"It will not be amiss at this time for people of Oregon to be reminded of the case of Colorado in ousting Governor Adams from office a few years ago. That single arbitrary and unjust act, carried out by a coterie of unprincipled politicians, put a stigma upon the state from which it has not yet recovered. The preceding lowered immediately, in the estimation of many, the moral and financial credit of that state. Men seeking honest business communities having a reputation for sharp practices, and capital looks for fields elsewhere."

"You are to be congratulated on the excellent impression you made for your state and yourself on your recent trip east, and at the Conservation and River and Harbor congresses held in the city of Washington. Very respectfully,
"JAMES BARDON."

KLAMATH FALLS MAN TAKES BULLET ROUTE

Klamath Falls, Or., Jan. 8.—Chris Nelson of this city committed suicide Tuesday morning at his home by shooting himself through the forehead with a revolver.

He is supposed to have been deranged through drink. He had been under the care of a physician for alcoholism and was recovering, but an empty bottle was found beside the body. No inquest was held.

He was 57 years of age and leaves a wife and daughter living here, as well as three children living elsewhere.



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