

# CITY ENGINEER'S OWN LETTER INDICATES HOW HE CHANGED FRONT ON CEMENT QUESTION

Developments bordering on the sensational showed at the special meeting of the council sewer committee this morning when a letter sent by City Engineer Morris last December to the city engineer of Kansas City was read by Attorney John F. Logan, appearing in the interests of the only Portland corporation manufacturing terra cotta sewer pipe.

The reading of the letter was the explosion of a bomb that destroyed an amendment to the plumbing ordinance permitting the use of cement sewer pipe in Portland. The committee voted to postpone the proposed amendment indefinitely. The surprising letter, the last to be read, was one of a series of epistles from engineers condemning cement pipe for sewer purposes and was the strongest of them all in its denunciation of this kind of conduit.

**Morris Changes Front.**

City Engineer Morris has completely changed front, however, since he sent the letter to Kansas City last December. He is now one of the foremost advocates of cement sewer pipe and is one of the leaders in the onslaught against the so-called terra cotta pipe trust.

Councilman Ellis and Attorney L. A. McNary, who was present before the committee as the legal representative of the Kerston Cement Pipe company, stated that the city engineer had changed his mind because of the fact that he believes a new process for glazing cement will render concrete made from that material serviceable for sewer uses. Mr. Morris was not present at the committee meeting.

Attorney McNary sought to mitigate the damaging effect of the Morris letter on the chances of his amendment passing by saying that the letter had been written by S. A. Cobb, a deputy of the engineering department. He said that Mr. Cobb has since been dismissed by the city engineer.

**Cobb Wrote Letter.**

"You are mistaken," said Councilman Russell to the attorney. "Mr. Cobb was not dismissed; he resigned."

Deputy Cobb, who does not leave the employ of the city until tomorrow, was called before the committee. He was asked if he had written the letter signed by Mr. Morris.

"Yes, I wrote the letter," was his reply.

"Did Mr. Morris sign it?" he was asked.

"He did and he at that time entertained the same views as I do. He told me that cement was good for some purposes, but that it had its limitations. He read the letter over and approved it."

"That ought to be conclusive enough," said Councilman Morris. "I do not favor cement pipe last December when that letter was written," remarked Attorney Logan. "It would be a peculiar thing now for the engineer to blame a subordinate for his own act. It is a remarkable fact that such an eminent engineer should turn completely around in such a short time. Walking south a few months ago, he is now, figuratively speaking, walking north."

**Others Oppose Cement.**

Besides the letters read by Attorney Logan, there were a number of others from all parts of the country, in which engineers of recognized ability condemned the use of cement for sewer pipe utilization.

Attorney McNary said he could show some letters recommending cement pipe if he were given some time, but the committee did not give much consideration to the statement.

Chairman Russell called for a motion on the proposed amendment.

"My mind is made up," declared Councilman Concannon. "I move that the ordinance be not adopted and that it be indefinitely postponed."

"In view of the documentary evidence submitted to this committee," said Councilman Kubiak, "I second the motion," said Councilman Kubiak.

Chairman Russell then called for remarks and there being none volunteered he said he would put the motion.

"First, however," he observed, "I would like to say that I am not opposed to any good sewer pipe, but I do not see the sense of adopting cement pipe when it is apparently the overwhelming sentiment of experts that cement is not suitable for use as sewer pipe."

**Vote on Table.**

On the motion being put Councilman Concannon, Deane and Kubiak voted to table the ordinance indefinitely. A second motion," said Councilman Kubiak, "The remaining member of the committee, Councilman Ellis, did not vote, but he assured the attorney for the cement pipe company that he would be pleased to introduce the same ordinance at tomorrow's council meeting.

The letter written at the instance of the city engineer to Kansas City was obtained by the company that manufactures terra cotta pipes in this city. They learned of it through connections in the eastern metropolis. They sent for a facsimile of the epistle to the Kansas City engineer, but that official refused to give one without the consent of Mr. Morris.

J. M. Amrose, one of the officials of the terra cotta manufacturing company, said today that Mr. Morris telegraphed to the Kansas City engineer not to give the facsimile.

**Produce Letter.**

A copy of the letter, however, was secured and produced at this morning's committee meeting. It follows:

"Portland, Or., December 8, 1909.—Mr. James L. Darnell, City Engineer, Kansas City, Mo.—Sir: In answer to yours of November 23, I am sorry to hear of your opinion on the merits of concrete sewer pipe and our experience with it will say that my investigations and experience with this material do not lead me to look upon it as a material favorably and I would not agree to its use in this city. This pipe was used here to a small extent about 20 years ago, and my observations are from an examination of it.

"We are designing our trunk sewers of reinforced concrete, but we use a course of vitrified brick lining in one to two feet from the concrete, and a lower part of the sewer.

"For service pipe and all lateral sewers smaller than 30 inches, I am opposed to the use of concrete, for several reasons. Where cement pipe has been used it is found to be very susceptible to corrosion and erosion.

**Records of Other Cities.**

"The records of other cities as well as our own show very plainly the corrosive or destructive action of acid on concrete. Where cement pipe has been used for house connections it absorbs the stiches from sewage, which starts a fungus growth that very seriously affects the flow of the sewage, if it does not entirely close up the pipe.

"Concrete is all more or less porous, and while the surfacing of cement pipe with rich cement and glazing same by polishing seems to lessen the leakage very considerably, I am satisfied that the benefits from this practice are only temporary, as the agencies which attack the ordinary mixture will attack this surfacing.

"I have seen several pipe sewers that have been built about 20 years ago, and they all show the corrosive and erosive effects of the sewage. We also have a 40 inch concrete sewer built six years ago, and there are pockets as much as one-fourth of an inch deep, and in places long, the sewage seeming to eat out the concrete.

**Objectionable Features.**

"Another matter which enters into the question of this pipe is the personal equation of the manufacturer. From long experience in the use of concrete in public work I am inclined to consider this as one of the most objectionable features connected with it.

"In conclusion, I will say that I feel the question of sewer construction to be such a serious one both on the point of preservation of health and the necessity of making such improvement permanent.

"I am constrained to place the blame of disapproval on the use of concrete pipe for sewer purposes.

"Trusting this information will be of assistance to you and yours truly,

"J. W. MORRIS, City Engineer."

# BIG AFFICE GREET'S SKINNER NURSE TESTIFIES STATE IN SALMON WAR

Izetta Jewel Also Given Great Ovation by Admirers; Show Fairly Interesting.

By E. I.

It was an enormous and brilliant audience that gathered at the Bungalow last night to do homage to Otis Skinner, one of our best actors and his new leading lady, Miss Izetta Jewel. Last night's affair was in the nature of a home-coming for Miss Jewel in which her admirers took possession of the little playhouse as their own. There was not an unoccupied seat in the house and every patron voiced his or her enthusiasm royally.

"Our Humble Servant" from the overworked pen of Booth Tarkington and Harry Leon Wilson is well-constructed and fairly interesting as a story, with its scenes laid in accordance. The theme is an old one and the treatment more or less commonplace. Lafayette Towers, Margaret Bruce, his ward, and Dick Prentice, a stage struck youth through love of Margaret, are three barnstorming players, whose days on the road are summarily cut short by the deputy sheriff.

**Much Love Making.**

Dick is the son of wealthy parents, who beg him to return home, but he refuses. The trio return to New York, and are domiciled in a fortune teller's boarding house, where they find it difficult to make ends meet. It develops that Towers is also in love with Margaret, but refrains from telling her, because of the apparent devotion of the young actress.

Poverty and the cheap atmosphere become too much for the pleasure-loving Dick, and he returns to the parental luxuries. Margaret and Towers are doing a vaudeville turn at a smart affair on Madison avenue, where Margaret meets Dick. Dick again declares his love for her, but she is not ready to accept him from a life for which he is not fitted, says that she loves Towers. Towers is delighted until she tells him that she really loves Dick, that the statement was merely a ruse.

Margaret gets a Broadway engagement and her efforts are crowned with brilliant success. Her happiness is supreme, until she learns that Towers has signed for a part with a road company, leaving New York the following day. She argues against the decision, and realizing that her happiness is not secure without him, nestles in his arms.

**Skinner Good as Hero.**

In depicting the dashing, swash-buckling, devil-may-care hero, Mr. Skinner is peculiarly at home. He holds to these parts as if by nature. His barnstorming act of the present piece is a reminiscence of his Colonel Bridgman of last season, and of a like role in "The Harvester" of a few seasons ago. He makes Towers a most admirable type, a once generous, tender, brave and above all, lovable. His acting is intensely human and truthful at all times.

Miss Jewel has charm, and in the words of Maurice Adams, "Margie Shand," if a woman has that, she is a matter. In the role of the gentle, fragile and sweet natured Margaret, she gives a nicely balanced demonstration of her acting technique. The music of her voice and the grace of her acting have not changed. What a friendly, pretty, way she has, and what a firm grasp upon the dramatic art.

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# STATE IN SALMON WAR FISHERMEN STOP CATCHING THE FINNY TRIBE IN WILLAMETTE RIVER, CLACKAMAS CO.

The state today claims victory in the salmon war. Fishermen at Oregon City are reported to have given up taking salmon from the Willamette river until it is decided in the courts whether they can ship their catch to the wholesale markets of Portland. Twenty tons of salmon are said to be stored at Oregon City, these being the catch of the last three days.

Constable Lou Wagner and deputies, together with deputies of Master Fish Warden McAllister, watched at the Multnomah line all last night in the launches Traveler and Astoria.

"No effort was made to get any fish past us," Constable Wagner stated. "The fishermen said the fishmen said: 'What is the use taking salmon from the river if we cannot ship them to Portland? I consider the fish warden winner in this fight up to date.'"

The hearings of Sam Marovich and Steve Dujinovich, gill netters, charged with unlawful fishing, are scheduled for this afternoon before Justice Olson. They were heard yesterday and dismissed on condition that they be charged that the streams within the state will be heard on demurrer today. Attorney John F. Logan, for the fishermen, questioned the jurisdiction of the justice court. The state will be represented in the pleadings by Assistant Attorney General I. H. Van Winkle and Deputy District Attorney J. J. Fitzgerald.

# COMPLETE PLANS FOR CELEBRATION OF ANNIVERSARY MEETING OF OREGON STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL ASS'N. OPENS TONIGHT IN WHITE TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH; MANY ATTEND.

Preparations are now complete for the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Oregon State Sunday School association at White Temple Baptist church, beginning tonight and continuing through Thursday.

Unusual interest centers in this meeting, as it is the silver anniversary, and the motto will be "Vigilant, Vigor, Victory." One of the important features of the convention will be the exhibits of the various departments, showing the materials and help used in the work as well as some of the work done in the Sunday schools. Reports of the superintendents of these departments will show the work done in the past and lay plans for the future according to the needs. The music will be in charge of Stanley Baker of the Y. M. C. A.

**Historical Hour.**

An interesting feature of the Wednesday afternoon session will be the historical hour given over to reminiscences of the pioneers who have been in the work since its organization. Rev. Joseph Hoberg, professor Henry Sheak and the Honorable A. P. Fiesel, one of the most important reports of the convention will be given by the general secretary and field worker, Rev. Charles Phillips, who is really the moving spirit of the association. Among those who will be present are: Dr. Franklin McElfresh, international superintendent of training; Miss Meme Brockway, Sunday school specialist of Los Angeles; Rev. W. C. Merritt, international field secretary, Tacoma; Rev. William Parsons, D. D., lecturer and preacher, recently from Pennsylvania; Rev. C. J. Boywell, general secretary Inland Empire Sunday School association; Hugh C. Gibson, general secretary for southern California; Rev. W. H. Sellock of Salem.

The program for tonight is as follows: Tuesday evening, 7:30—Opening song service, conducted by Stanley Baker of the Y. M. C. A.; Opening prayer, Rev. John R. Dyott, D. D., pastor First Congregational church.

Wednesday morning, 9:00—Portland's welcome, Rev. Luther R. Dyott, D. D., pastor First Congregational church.

9:15—Benediction for the state, Rev. W. H. Sellock, D. D., Salem. Special music.

9:45—Address, "The Educational Value of the Sunday School," Dr. Franklin McElfresh, Chicago, international superintendent of training. Report of committee on arrangements. Benediction.

What prospect is unusually good in Umattila county.

# DR. HYDE'S TREATMENT COUNTERACTED IN NICK OF TIME BY DR. TWYMAN, WHO THREW AWAY HYDE'S MEDICINES.

Kansas City, Mo., April 26.—Circumstances attending the illness of members of the Swope family were recounted today on the witness stand by Miss Elizabeth Gordon, a nurse, in the trial of Dr. B. C. Hyde.

The witness said that Dr. Twyman, the aged family physician of the Swope, had destroyed all medicines prescribed by Dr. Hyde, just after Margaret Swope had been attacked with convulsions, after taking medicine given her by Dr. Hyde.

Miss Gordon testified that Margaret was ill with typhoid when Dr. Hyde gave her the medicine. Soon afterward she manifested symptoms similar to those exhibited by Colonel Swope, for whose murder Dr. Hyde is on trial, and by Christian Swope, the colonel's nephew.

Dr. Twyman arrived a moment after Margaret's first convulsion and gave her an emetic. The patient recovered, except for a running sore on the arm, where Dr. Hyde had made a hypodermic injection.

Kansas City, Mo., April 26.—Both sides in the trial of Dr. B. C. Hyde, charged with the murder of Thomas H. Swope, have been maintaining poison farms, exhibited by Colonel Swope, and Haines have a small place in Chicago where frogs, rabbits and guinea pigs are raised. As soon as the animals grow to sufficient size they are poisoned with the crystals of arsenic derived from the contents of Colonel Swope's stomach and of the ground up viscera. These crystals are used by putting the subject materials into a precipitate solution. Some of the solutions contain sulphuric acid. These are boiled and then allowed to stand. With the crystals formed, the little animals have been incriminated. Many of them died. Their deaths were accompanied by symptoms that indicate the particular poison which killed them.

Having been repeatedly refused any portion of the viscera or stomach contents of Hyde's alleged victims, so he could make counter analysis, the defense started a rival farm to manufacture evidence in disproof of that of the experts.

The physiological tests of the defense were made on dogs at the Hahnemann Medical college. A number of dogs were inoculated with crystals from tests supposed to parallel those of the state. Some of the animals were given strychnine and cyanide of potassium, so that the effects of these poisons might be observed. A number died of this maltreatment.

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# SALOONS WILL BE BETTER REGULATED NEW ORDINANCE WOULD TAKE CONTROL OF LICENSES FROM BREWERIES.

An ordinance amending the liquor laws of the city and combining them into one homogeneous measure was recommended for passage yesterday afternoon by the liquor license committee of the city council.

The ordinance is the cooperative work of Councilmen Collins and Russell. Its passage will bring about better conditions among the saloons, and will make their regulation by the municipal officials easier.

Among other clauses in the new ordinance is one that requires the actual owner of a license to take the license out in his own name. Heretofore the breweries have been controlling a large number of saloons by powers of attorney, and the result has been that the man who operates these breweries controlled the saloons for the sale of liquor in any way he can, regardless of the law. If the license is revoked the brewery, not the saloon man, is hurt. Under the proposed code saloon men will own their own licenses, and will, therefore, be more careful not to lose them.

**MUTE OUT OF WORK THREATENS SUICIDE**

R. F. Mansfield, a mute, has written a letter to The Journal asking for aid and threatening to cast himself into the river unless he finds work in a short time, a day or so.

Mansfield tells a sad story in his letter. He says that he was born in Manchester, England, and at the age of 15 years was left a deaf mute after an attack of scarlet fever. He was educated in the Manchester schools. His mother died when he was very young.

Following the recent death of his father Mansfield says he was left \$100 in money. He took this and accompanied by a sister, came to America in search of a sister, who had married a western business man. The young man deserted Mansfield after teaching America, taking the greater part of his money and clothes.

Mansfield says he is now destitute and unable to find work. He is educated, willing to work, and does not beg on the street, but has stood his condition as long as it is possible for him to endure, he says, and closes his letter by saying unless he is able to find employment in a short time, he will cast himself into the river.

Mansfield was written on a letterhead of the Cottage hotel at Salem.

# IDAHO TEACHER SHOTS SELF IN HEAD; WILL DIE

Spokane, Wash., April 26.—Responding to a love affair, Rose Edith Barber, a school teacher from Orofino, Idaho, stood before a mirror in a room at the Langham hotel in this city, yesterday and fired a bullet through her brain. She cannot recover. J. D. Fairley, with whom she was in love, has been taken into custody pending investigation.

**Not Properly Labeled.**

Food Commissioner Bailey yesterday entered a complaint against the Harry Wood Market company, Second and Morrison streets, for putting pure lard labels on kind of inferior quality.

In accordance with the ruling provided by the state food commission, pure hog fat shall only be sold as such, but all compounds or substitutes for such must bear a label. The ruling states that all compounds or mixtures must contain at least 50 per cent pure hog fat.

# CHURCH MEMBERS TO HOLD RALLY FOR FUNDS

To raise \$2000 with which to pay a mortgage against their church the congregation of the African Methodist Episcopal church will hold a rally, May 8, at 8 o'clock, Rev. W. W. Matthews, pastor, is arranging for a rousing meeting at which a number of prominent people will be present. Special music will be provided. The church is located at Thirtieth and Main streets. The organization has contended with debt left over from the expense of construction, and has agreed to clear the burden at this time. It is expected that money will be pledged within an hour.

# SWIFT AND HURRY WED BUT WITH NO FEAR OF REPENTING AT LEISURE

(United Press Leased Wire.)

New York, April 26.—The wedding of Miss Elizabeth M. Hurry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Hurry, the wife of Lawrence Swift, was held at the home of the bride's father, Mr. Jones-Smith. They were married by Rev. William T. Crocker, the choice of a "paraphernalia" union.

Thomas Speed, a young man, turned down by the contracting parties.

Randolph Hurry, bride's father, was formerly a partner in the brokerage firm of Hurry & Gallop, but the contracting parties became peevish when this was recalled. They became downright angry when asked if the honeymoon was to be spent at Tarrytown.

# MAN BITES OFF THREE OF HIS WIFE'S FINGERS

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Bisbee, Ariz., April 26.—Charged with murder because he bit off three of his wife's fingers, a man occupies a cell in the county jail. Lustig followed the woman to a grocery store, where she had gone for provisions. According to her story he wanted to buy liquor, but she refused to let him spend for food. Lustig attacked his wife in the presence of a dozen customers. He choked her almost into insensibility, and had chewed her right hand until it was necessary to amputate three fingers.

# SUE WIVES FOR DIVORCE

Alleging his wife has made his life a misery by telling her relatives and neighbors he is a millionaire, John E. Stanton has begun suit for divorce from Sobrina Jane Stanton in the circuit court. They were married the first day of last December. Fred J. Epler is made a defendant in the case, it being alleged he holds title in property in Newberg of which Mrs. Stanton is the equitable owner, and in which Stanton demands a share.

Victor Arland is another applicant for divorce. He says Agnes R. Arland visits saloons late at night and has entertained other men at his home. He also asserts she has an unbecomingly temper. They were married in St. Paul in March, 1907, and have a child whose custody the husband desires.

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"D-M-F" is recommended and sold in Portland by DWI Drug Co.

**PRIZES TO BE AWARDED TO CREAMERIES AT FAIR**

Deputy Dairy and Food Commissioner Paul V. Maric, at a meeting with the state board of agriculture at Salem yesterday, arranged for prizes to be awarded at the state fair next September for the best exhibition by individual creameries, in addition to the similar premiums.

It was also planned at the meeting to construct a private stable for keeping test cows during the fair. The state board of agriculture is looking forward to the possibility of having a model dairy barn to illustrate sanitary and convenient methods.

Another deputy, returned yesterday from his inspection of all the dairies south of the Clackamas river. The inspection covered a total of 422 dairies. The report shows an average score of 77 on a basis of 100. Three of the total number averaged below 65. There were 20 between 60 and 65 and the rest averaged between 65 and 75.

**Suit Over Commission.**

Suit for \$20,000 commission on the sale of 2000 shares of the Green River Timber company has been begun in the circuit court by Harry H. Cloyce and John P. Ford, against Andrew Edgema, Cloyce being one of the purchasers, being associated with J. H. Johnson and E. C. Titus. The plaintiffs allege that Edgema, acting as the company's representative, sold the shares for \$100,000, but that he did not set off the opportunity for logging that were promised.

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