

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 first 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 gluing 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 evidence that City Engineer Morris did 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 in 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, I second the motion," said Councilman Kubit.

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

"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 Councilmen Concannon, DeLong and Kubit voted to table the ordinance indefinitely. I second the motion," said Councilman Kubit.

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 present at tomorrow's meeting.

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

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

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.

Tour Humble Servant.

The overworked men of Booth's Parkington and Harry Leon Wilson's well-constructed and fairly interesting as the story, with its scenes laid in accordance with the theme is an old one and the treatment more or less commonplace. Lafayette Towers, Margaret Druce, 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 younger man.

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 interested. Towers is delighted until she tells him that she really loves Dick, that the statement was merely a ruse.

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 own vaudeville act of last season, and of a like role in "The Harvester" of a few seasons ago. He makes Towers a most admirable type, 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 of the "Stage," "if a woman has that gentle, fragile and sweet natured Margaret, she gives a nicely balanced demonstration of her voice and the grace of her body, and what a friendly, pretty, warm and what a firm grasp upon the dramatic art."

A. G. Andrews played Isaac Blum, a manager, with remarkable discernment. His was a character accomplishment of splendid proportions. In the conception and delineation of a gentlemanly "Jag" in the third act, Mr. Andrews, as Knollingsworth Brown, was excellent.

BIG STICK ONLY A WEE TWIG BESIDE TAFT'S BUDGEON

Senator Clapp Assails Coercive Tactics of President in Relation to Desired Legislation—Praise for T. R.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, April 26.—Charging the Taft administration with attempting to dictate legislation, Senator Clapp, Republican of Minnesota, today vigorously attacked the railroad regulation bill.

"Roosevelt never sent such a bill as this to congress," he declared. "He never dictated. He stood for the concrete sentiment of the people and then proposed legislation to meet it. He flourished the big stick in conformity with American sentiment."

The speech was made when the railroad regulation bill, which party leaders have promised Taft would be brought to a vote this week, was brought up for discussion.

The bill has been attacked by the insurgents in the senate vigorously on several occasions.

"We have fallen upon strange times, when Republicans can no longer discuss national questions except at the banquet board," Clapp said. "I believe the people would justify us in staying here and performing our duty by perfecting this measure."

COMMITTEE TO NAME SUCCESSOR TO MARIS

A committee of the Portland Fair & Livestock association, headed by H. C. Campbell, met this afternoon at 1:30 in the Commercial club for the purpose of electing a new president to replace M. C. Maris, who has asked to be allowed to resign on account of pressure of business duties.

Tohn Word, who was mentioned for the new presidency, declared this morning that he would not take the job under any consideration. The members of the committee this morning expressed themselves at sea as to whom they would probably elect to fill the vacancy.

IDAHO TEACHER SHOTS SELF IN HEAD; WILL DIE

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Spokane, Wash., April 26.—Responding to a love affair, Rose Edith Bergner, 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.

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 Chrisman 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.

SALOONS WILL BE BETTER REGULATED

New Ordinance Would Take Control of Licenses From Brewers.

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 Ruslight. 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 brewers have been controlling a large number of saloons by powers of attorney.

The result has been that the man who operates these brewery controlled saloons gets money 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 4 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. He left no address but intimated that he would call at The Journal office later today if his appeal had brought him relief. The letter was written on a letterhead of the Cottage hotel at Salem.

PRIZES TO BE AWARDED TO CREAMERIES AT FAIR

Deputy Dairy and Food Commissioner Paul V. Maris, 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 creamery 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.

M. S. Schrock, 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 50 and 60 and the rest averaged between 60 and 65.

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. Cloyne and John A. Schuck against Andrew Edman. Cloyne became one of the purchasers being associated with J. H. Johnson and E. C. Tilton. The plaintiffs allege that Edman, acting as the company's agent, sold 2000 shares of stock for \$200,000 and did not set off the opportunity for logging that were promised.

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 raising 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 the money will be pledged within an hour.

NONSUIT IN RUFFING CASE.

Circuit Judge Gatens today granted a nonsuit in the case of John T. Ruffing against his wife, Martha A. Ruffing. Mary J. Carlson and Joseph A. Strowbridge, Ruffing alleged co-conspirators on the part of the defendants to deprive him of his share in a rooming house at 232 1/2 First street and asked \$250 damages. Judge Gatens ruled that the case should have been filed as a suit in equity to obtain the relief sought.

Deciding the case of Conrad Green as administrator of the Thomas estate against B. Tanner and others, Judge Gatens gave judgment for the plaintiff to collect a note for \$504. He held the defense of fraud in executing the note was not proved.

Judgment on mechanic's lien in favor of the plaintiff was rendered in the same court in the case of P. H. Sarchet against F. E. Beck & Co.

MAN BITES OFF THREE OF HIS WIFE'S FINGERS

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Bisbee, Ariz., April 26.—Charged with mauling his wife 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 she wanted to buy liquor, but the man insisted she should 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 the neighbors he loves her, 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 her home. He also asserts she has an un-governable temper. They were married in St. Paul in March, 1907, and have a child whose custody the husband desires.

Sue O. R. & N. Bond.

J. F. Berolzheimer has begun suit in the circuit court against the O. R. & N. Bond Trust of Concord and Shasta in Portland. He alleges the animals were injured and depreciated in value by careless handling and slowness of delivery.

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