

NEW COMPETITIVE PAVING LAW NOT PRACTICAL—GRANT

Ellis Amendment Farcical and Involves Useless, Expensive Work, Is Opinion of City Attorney.

That the so called competitive paving amendment to the city charter adopted at the last general election will result in a needless expense to taxpayers without giving them any practical relief in the form of competition, is the opinion expressed by City Attorney Frank S. Grant. The city attorney has filed a written opinion to the city engineer defining the new law.

"Just to illustrate how farcical is the Ellis amendment," said the city attorney, "suppose property owners desired to pave a certain street. The city engineer is required by the new law to prepare plans and specifications for at least two different kinds of pavement, one of which must be non-patentable."

"The engineer could specify macadam, which is a patented surface, and stone blocks, unpatented material. The price of the former is \$1.75 a square yard while that of the latter is twice as expensive. Do you suppose the property owners would stand for stone blocks, and would they get any more competition than they did under the old law, if macadam were selected? It is the duty of the city engineer to determine which of the two or more different kinds of pavement are appropriate and to prepare plans, specifications and estimates of the probable cost of the pavements he deems appropriate."

Two or More Sets Needed.
According to the written opinion submitted to the city engineer, Mr. Grant holds that only one set of specifications need be prepared for grading, sidewalk and curb improvements without pavement, but if paving is to be done as any part of the improvement then plans and specifications for two or more kinds of appropriate pavements at least one of which must be non-patentable, must be filed. Each set of plans, specifications and estimates must be complete so that each set will be complete for the entire work to be done, including in addition to pavements, grading sidewalks and such other things as are proposed to be done, but they may be alike except as to pavement.

"The amendment further provides," reads the opinion, "that provisions, hereof shall not apply to street improvement proceedings commenced prior to the adoption of the amendment, but all such proceedings shall be completed in accordance with the provisions of the charter in force at the time of their commencement. It is my opinion that a street improvement proceeding commenced whenever a petition is presented and filed in the city auditor's office, or a resolution is passed by the city council directing the city engineer and an estimate for an appropriate improvement."

"Applying that construction to the amendment under consideration, you are advised that in my opinion, all street proceedings now pending which were initiated by a petition of property owners, or a resolution of the council, should be proceeded with under the provisions of the said section, prior to its amendment, and only such proceedings as were initiated by the filing of a petition subsequent to June 5, 1911, are governed by said amendment."

Assures Real Competition.
The city attorney also filed an opinion with the city engineer, construing the amendment providing for sewer competition. This amendment was drafted by Mayor-elect Rushlight and was adopted at the recent election. Mr. Grant believes that this amendment does assure real competition.

"Section 290 of the city charter," reads the opinion, "provides that whenever the city council deems it expedient or necessary to construct or relay any sewer or drain it shall require from the city engineer plans and specifications for an appropriate sewer or drain, and pursuant thereto the city engineer shall prepare two or more sets of plans and specifications for an appropriate sewer or drain, each set of which shall specify a separate and distinct class or kind of sewer pipe, and estimates of the work to be done and the probable cost of each style of construction."

"That provision of the section applies only to sewer pipe. It does not apply to other forms of sewer construction. Wherever sewer pipe is to be used two or more sets of plans and specifications must be prepared, each specifying a separate and distinct class or kind of pipe, and each must be complete in itself. Outside of the designations of the kind or class of sewer pipe to be used the plans and specifications can be alike."

"It is further provided that if it is necessary to employ a type of construction other than sewer pipe, then the city engineer may prepare one or more sets of plans and specifications and estimates showing distinct styles of construction of said sewer or drain. Said section provides that it shall not apply to proceedings commenced prior to the adoption of the amendment and the same rule expressed in the opinion on street improvements will apply."

SHEPHERD AND BEAR HAVE DESPERATE FIGHT, THE BEAR VICTORIOUS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Boise, Idaho, June 30.—Attacked by a huge black bear, Joseph Lucas, a shepherd, had a desperate battle which all but cost him his life. He was found in a helpless and mangled condition yesterday morning at Rock Flat, near Meadows. The bear left his victim for dead, but chances for his recovery are good. Lucas was unarmed, and put up a brave but losing fight.

Dominion Officials Resign.

Ottawa, Ont., June 30.—Dr. John G. Rutherford, C. N. G., today resigned his position as veterinary general and livestock commissioner for the Dominion of Canada. Prior to taking office some six or seven years ago, Dr. Rutherford served in the Manitoba legislature and in the dominion house of commons and it is understood to be his intention now to settle in Alberta with a view to re-entering political life.

Corporation on Trial.

Jersey City, N. J., June 30.—The conspiracy case against the United Contractors corporation, which has been selling stock of several subsidiary companies, was called for trial today. The officers of the corporation are charged with paying dividends from funds obtained from the sale of stock.

CORVALLIS ELECTS J. F. YATES MAYOR



J. F. Yates, chosen Monday.

ST. JOHNS FOLK WILL ENJOY QUIET FOURTH

St. Johns is not to have a public celebration for the Fourth of July, although many people are clubbing to gether for a picnic of their own. The largest entertainment to be given will be held by the F. O. B. lodge in the Eagles hall at St. Johns, the evening before the Fourth. The committee in charge has arranged a very interesting program, paying particular attention to the dancing and refreshments.

The dance is to be the same as performed in Wisconsin and Michigan, including old-fashioned quadrilles and square figures. The refreshments include everything from cabbage to ice cream.

Before the dance Mayor Couch will introduce two notable speakers, W. A. Leet, formerly of Michigan, and C. A. Lameroux, formerly of Wisconsin, who will entertain by patriotic and humorous speeches and the Willamette quartet will render several selections.

Federation of Zionists.
Tannersville, N. Y., June 30.—Zionists from all parts of the country have assembled here for the fourteenth annual convention of the Federation of American Zionists, the sessions of which will continue several days. The convention will select delegates to represent the American organization at the international Zionist congress, which will meet at Basle, Switzerland, next month.

ASK GOVERNMENT TO OPEN CHANNEL

Part of Toledo Want Yaquina River Deepened—\$100,000 Needed for Work.

With over 12,000,000,000 feet of lumber tributary to the new Port of Toledo, business men of Toledo and others interested in the development of that part of the state are now seeking the aid of the government in support of the local effort to open up the river and the Yaquina bay.

The Siletz basin in Lincoln county holds one of the largest bodies of splendid timber in western Oregon. The outlet for the greater portion must be through the new port on the Yaquina river, now in process of development.

Three larger and two trifling bars now prevent deep sea vessels from reaching the port under construction by the Port of Toledo. It is estimated the cost of removing them will not exceed \$100,000, which will give a channel to the ocean 15 feet deep at high tide. The Port of Toledo has been bonded for \$50,000 to be used for this purpose, and has entered on harbor and dock construction and on developing and bulkheading the channel. A dredge costing \$15,000 has been provided. The government is being asked to supply the rest of the money needed to complete the improvement. An examination of the project has been made by the United States engineer.

A hearing of the matter was held yesterday morning before Major J. J. Morrow, U. S. engineer in charge of the river and harbor work in this district. Major Morrow will submit his report to the department at Washington.

Among those who appeared before Major Morrow were Judge Stewart, Frank Newton and Mr. Mann of the firm of Mann & Montgomery, lumbermen and mill owners of Toledo, and Colonel Frank Parker and Wallis Nash of Portland.

Sir Wilfred Coming Home.

London, June 30.—Sir Wilfred Laurier, who has been the most conspicuous figure in the imperial conference and also a leading participant in many of the coronation functions, sailed for home on the Empress of Ireland. In taking his departure at this time Sir Wilfred has been obliged to forego much of the entertainment arranged for the colonial premiers, but he desires to reach Ottawa as soon as possible to be in readiness for the reassembling of parliament.

Calgary Exhibition Opens.

Calgary, Alta., June 30.—The Calgary industrial exhibition, for which preparations have been making for nearly a year, was informally opened today. The formal opening exercises will take place tomorrow in conjunction with the Canadian day celebration and the exhibition will continue through the coming week. In many respects the exhibition this year is the most notable affair of its kind ever held in western Canada. The grounds at Victoria park have been much improved and several new buildings erected. All departments of the fair are well filled with attractive exhibits.

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