

ALLEGED SHORTAGE IN GRAVEL DELIVERED TO CITY IS INVESTIGATED

Commissioner Bigelow Asks Grand Jury to Conduct Investigation of Charges.

ARRESTS MAY FOLLOW

First Attention Called to Matter by Low Price Per Yard Which is Paid by Municipality.

Arrests may follow an investigation by the grand jury of a charge that dealers in sand and gravel had delivered short measure to the city.

Just how far reaching the grand jury investigation will be is not known. Several of the men not in the city's employ, but said to be involved in the charges, have left the city.

Low Price Attracts Attention

According to one of the investigators the first finding that the city was getting short weight sand and gravel was by the discovery that material purchased by dealers from the larger dealers cost the dealers more than the city.

Henry Post, who has been delivering material to the city for a number of months and who is known as an "independent" dealer, charges that a sand and gravel combine is trying to put him out of business.

Commissioner Bigelow decided yesterday afternoon that he had sufficient information to ask the grand jury to make a thorough investigation.

Accounts Are Checked

First information as to the alleged shortage was placed before Commissioner Bigelow by George Craig, who is said to have been formerly in the employ of the Oregon Industrial Paving company.

PROPERTY OWNERS PROTEST

Delegation declares that paving on Ladd Avenue is worthless.

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Name Is Written In 314 Times

Frank J. Miller Receives More Votes Than Van Duser for Railroad Commissioner, in Multnomah County.

Examination of the Democratic precinct statements for Multnomah county show that in this county, at least, Frank J. Miller received the most votes for the nomination of railroad commissioner.

Mr. Miller's name was written in 314 times to a vote of 228 for H. L. Van Duser, 96 for Hal Patton and 69 scattering.

Month Work Ought to be Started at Once to Patch Some of the Worst Places.

Sanctioned by the city council this morning, before the city commissioners are not directly responsible, said Mr. Baker, "strangers will place that responsibility upon you."

SIGN LICENSE IS REPEALED

Council Takes Favorable Notice of Protests of Merchants.

No longer will the owner of an electric or lighting fixture be required to pay a license. The council this morning unanimously repealed the ordinance.

Bonds Bring High Price.

Premiums as high as 4.35 per cent were received for 10 year improvement bonds bearing 6 per cent interest sold by Commissioner Bigelow yesterday afternoon.

Would Protect Pipe Line.

Dredging or digging near the pipes carrying Ball Run water in the Willamette river is hereafter prohibited. The city council this morning adopted an ordinance making it a serious offense to do any work near the pipes which would in any way endanger Portland's water supply.

City to Buy New Auto.

The city is to buy another automobile, this time for Superintendent of Playgrounds, Thompson. The council this morning authorized the purchase of a machine to cost not more than \$600.

Pure Milk Depot Authorized.

The city council this morning authorized an appropriation of \$50 for the establishment of a pure milk depot by the Visiting Nurse association during the summer months. The depot is to be located across Fourth street from the city hall.

More Booths Needed.

The city council this morning appropriated \$250 which is to be used for the establishment of booths in the Central Carroll market on Yamhill street.

Dentist's Wife Sues.

Oregon City, May 20.—Dr. Paul C. Yates, dentist, of Portland, was made defendant in a divorce suit Tuesday in the circuit court of Clackamas county by his wife, Ethel May Yates.

Vancouver Marriage Licenses.

Vancouver, Wash., May 20.—Marriage licenses were issued yesterday by the county auditor to the following persons: Oliver L. Smith and Hattie L. Jopp, both of Portland; Paul Peopler and Mary Kaufman, both of Beaverton; H. J. McFarren and Elizabeth Rossberg, both of Orchard.

Oregon City Licenses.

Oregon City, May 20.—Marriage licenses were issued to the following Tuesday: Samuel Hyde and Miss Mary Gehman of Oregon City. This couple was married by Justice of the Peace Stevers, Joseph C. J. and Miss Mary Keihenof of Oregon City.

Fell From Carriage.

Ridgefield, Wash., May 20.—Fred Strop, employed at the H. J. Potter sawmill here, while riding the carriage, lost his balance and fell from the moving carriage to the floor, severely bruising his right shoulder and leg. Dr. Ralph S. Stryker attended him.

Stricken While Taking Degree

Charles E. Golden of La Grande Dies While Attending Odd Fellows Grand Lodge Session at McMinnville.

Ambulance Takes Family of Three

Father, Showing the Way to Home for Wife and New Baby, Breaks His Leg—All Rode Together.

Signs of Summer.

Barview, Or., May 20.—Sunday marked the opening of the first of the Tillamook beaches for this season—Rockaway. Several hundred people were seen from Tillamook city and the other county beaches. Water sports, tug of war, baseball game and other sports enlivened the day.

May Rule Ireland.

London, May 20.—The Standard asserted that the Duke of Connaught, now governor general of Canada, would be the next viceroy of Ireland.

LANE WILL SPEAK ON TOLLS QUESTION IN SENATE IN FEW DAYS

He Says He Does Not Believe Free Tolls Would Do Pacific Coast Any Good.

FREE SHIPS ARE NEEDED

Many Candidates for West Point and Annapolis Are Falling; New Candidates Are Selected.

Rose Queen and Her Maids Are Honored

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Will Fight the Fire Blight in Orchards

Fruit Growers in Freewater District Organize Protective Association; Paid Dues They Will Act as Pruners.

Freewater, Or., May 20.—The fruit growers of this district met Monday night in the Odd Fellows hall with 200 in attendance. Horticultural commissioner Weatherman of Elgin was present to advise the farmers on the fire blight, which is working havoc among the orchards. At the close of the meeting the growers organized themselves as the Milton-Freewater Fruit Protective association, with O. K. Goodman president, J. H. Slover vice president and L. A. Reisman secretary-treasurer.

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CIROFCI CONFESSION IS NOT ADMITTED AS EVIDENCE IN TRIAL

Court Rules Out Statement of "Dago Frank"; Becker Not Concerned, Judge Says.

HE MAY NOT GO ON STAND

Defense Expects to Close This Afternoon, Which Makes It Unlikely Becker Will Testify.

Public Auditorium Will Be Discussed

City Seeks to Build Big Structure at Cost to Come Within the Sum of \$450,000.

Two Divorces Granted.

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