

GAS SHUT OFF VALVE ORDINANCE IS PUT TO SLEEP BY THE COUNCIL

Action Follows Statement by Fire Marshal That Measure Was Somewhat Premature

PROPERTY OWNERS KICK

Protestants Declared That at This Time Cost Would Work a General Hardship.

When the city council learned this morning that Fire Marshal Stevens was not advocating the immediate adoption of the ordinance requiring the installation of gas shut-off valves on all buildings and the ordinance requiring the installation of fire sprinkler systems in basements of non-fireproof buildings of more than two stories within the fire limits, it squeezed the life out of both measures by placing them on file.

A number of prominent property owners and representatives of the Chamber of Commerce were on hand to protest against the adoption of the measures at this time owing to the cost of installation of the safety appliances.

Fire Marshal Stevens was called to give his views and he stated that he had not drafted either of the measures in the right direction, but that he believed that it will place an excessive burden on the property owners at this time.

After hearing this, it took the council less than a minute to dispose of both measures and action indefinitely postponed.

WILL SEEK ALTERNATE BIDS

Proposals for Ordinance to Be Made in Different Ways.

Alternate bids are to be sought for the construction of Portland's proposed auditorium, according to an agreement reached by the city council yesterday afternoon.

WATER SYSTEM CONSIDERED

Council to Act on the Problem of St. Johns.

The city council this afternoon will determine what action will be taken toward the installation of a city water system in St. Johns. The St. Johns Waterwork & Lighting company, owners of the present privately owned plant have protested against the city duplicating the system and are offering to sell its plant to the city.

First Demerits Filed.

The fire bureau is the first department of the city to file demerit reports under the new efficiency code as prepared and recently adopted by the city commissioners. Reports on the conduct of six members were filed with the municipal civil service board this morning and these reports are to be given by the civil service board. Under the old plan heads of the departments were allowed to give demerits.

Council Buys Meters.

Two hundred and fifty water meters to be installed on services were purchased by the council this morning from the Pittsburgh Meter company. The price was \$5.50 for each meter.

Building to Contain Dinner Dance Hall

An important Washington street corner is soon to be improved with a three story building containing a dinner dance hall, according to announcement made today by the city council. The building is to be 100 by 100 feet in dimensions and is to be planned especially for balls, dinner dances, banquets, smokers and afternoon teas. A. E. Doyle, Portland architect, is preparing the plans.

Astoria Rate Issue Will Be Considered

Traffic and Transportation Bureau of Chamber of Commerce to Take Up New Angle of Question.

Before further action is taken by the Chamber of Commerce in the question involving parity of rates from the inland empire to Astoria and Puget sound, the subject will be handled by the traffic and transportation bureau.

Following receipt of President L. C. Gilman's letter stating that the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railway can not grant the rate concessions asked for in a chamber resolution, Executive Secretary George E. Hardy said today that the subject had been referred to that bureau where, in fact, the resolution had its origin.

Mr. Hardy said nothing more can be said on the subject at this time.

LINNTON IS LEGALLY ANNEXED TILL COURT DECIDES OTHERWISE

City Attorney Gives Opinion to City Council in Hillside Assessment Case.

Portland will have to recognize Linnton as legally annexed to the city until the courts hold differently, according to the opinion of City Attorney La Roche given the city council this morning in the question of the validity of the assessments of cost of Hillside boulevard, the highway built by the town of Linnton before annexed to Portland.

In a report to the council La Roche says that some irregularities were found in the proceedings by which Linnton annexed territory formerly between Portland and the town of Linnton proper, and some irregularities in the merger of Linnton and Portland last June. He says, however, that his office is not persuaded that the irregularities are such that the courts will invalidate the annexation.

In the same report La Roche holds that the proper amount to be assessed to property-owners affected for the cost of the boulevard is \$134,914.27, instead of \$158,987.90 originally assessed. He says that of the \$23,173.63 difference there are many anomalies which are questionable as to whether they should be paid by the city.

The original contract price for the work was \$4,749.70, but owing to changes being made in the boulevard as work progressed, the cost increased until it finally was placed at \$158,987.90.

The council ordered that a preliminary reassessment be made for presentation to the council December 23 for tentative action.

It is probable that property-owners objecting to the original assessments will also object to the new assessments proposed and carry the case into the courts. La Roche told the council that he expected litigation to follow.

Railroad Bill Introduced.

Washington, Dec. 17.—(U. P.)—Investigation of railway finances and methods by a commission of five senators and five representatives was proposed in a resolution Senator Newlands of Nevada introduced, with it, is understood, President Wilson's approval.

The investigation, it was recalled, was favored by the president in his speech to congress.

Wants Bryan Investigated.

Washington, Dec. 17.—(U. P.)—Speaking from the floor of the house today, Representative Gardner of Massachusetts declared that if congress investigates the navy league or other societies advancing preparations that he will insist that it also investigate the activities of William Jennings Bryan in an effort to ascertain if he is making money out of his peace propaganda.

For Desert Water Holes.

Washington, Dec. 17.—(U. P.)—The senate public lands committee this morning favorably reported out the Works bill, appropriating \$10,000 for water holes in California deserts.

Washington Dec. 17.—(U. P.)—

Following senate passage, the house today passed a bill permitting the San Diego exposition to get what government exhibits it desires from the Panama-Pacific exposition.

NINE JEWISH SOLDIERS WHO ESCAPED RUSSIA ARRIVE IN PORTLAND

Men Bring Tales of Terrible Hardships Imposed Upon Them in Army.

RELEASE WAS PURCHASED

Like Through Winter Hidden Siberia Part of Severities; Local Aid Given the Refugees.

Escaping by undergoing terrible hardships, nine young Jews reached Portland this morning after an exciting journey from the battle front in Russia.

They bought their releases, walked 17 days through winter-ridden Siberia, worked, bought and stole their passages across the Pacific and finally reached "God's country" here.

Today they are being cared for by the Jewish Relief society and the social service branch of the Final Relief, and it is the hope of their benefactors that the young men can all be placed on farms adjacent to Portland.

The story told by the men recites from actual contact the suffering of the Jews and other residents in Russia. They assert that many of their fathers are today undergoing suffering, almost unbearable.

The escape from Russia was made when the officers commanded transferring Jews serving in the army from the artillery corps to the front rank of the infantry.

Two hundred other men had been favored with the same personal transfer to the front rank of the Russian infantry in which casualties at that time were many thousand a day. The great German eastern advance was then on.

The men are a sturdy lot. Three of them are married and their first efforts will be towards earning money enough to bring their wives to this country.

The Portlanders who are aiding the men are Ben Selling, D. Menorovich, A. Rosenstein, Dr. N. Mossosohn, L. Shank, A. B. Miller and others.

ORCHESTRA IS GIVEN

A SPLENDID TRIBUTE AT RECITAL TODAY

Sightless Persons, Who Were Among Guests, Rise in a Mute Testimonial.

Probably the sincerest tribute ever tendered the Portland Symphony orchestra was given this morning at the final rehearsal held in the Heilig theatre.

At the invitation of their principal, Mrs. George W. Lopp, 50 students from the Portland trade school for the sightless fortunately rose from their places and attested their gratitude for the invitation to attend the rehearsal. The blind were the guests of the orchestra along with the students of the eighth and ninth grades of 22 Portland grammar schools and the students of the James John high school.

"You who have given us, who lack your vision, part of your life work and have spoken to us through your music can feel assured that we appreciate it," said Mr. Myers in thanking Conductor Waldemar Jensen and the members who were making their final rehearsal for the concert to be given next Sunday afternoon under his direction.

MARTIN WINCH DIES

FOLLOWING ILLNESS OF LONG DURATION

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tained his first employment as messenger for the old Oregon Steam Navigation company, and later became ticket agent. When the steamboat line was absorbed by the O. R. & N. Co. he went to the railroad, and worked until the spring of 1885, when he went into business with his uncle, Simeon G. Reed. At his uncle's death, he became manager of his affairs, and when his aunt passed away, was named executor of her estate.

Mrs. Winch is survived by the widow, Mrs. Nellie Winch, and one son, Simeon Reed Winch.

Mrs. Winch is the daughter of the late Theodore Wygant, who was secretary of the old Oregon Steam Navigation company, and is a great-granddaughter of "Father" Meigs, the pioneer of the early days of Oregon City.

Among the many intimate friends numbered by Mr. Winch in Portland were Dr. T. L. Elliot, now chairman of the board of trustees of Reed college. Dr. Elliot today said his admiration for the man who made the educational institution a possibility covers virtually the man's whole life.

"I knew him as a boy and admired him for his aggressive manliness," said Dr. Elliot this morning. "Early in life he struck out for himself, and became self supporting. Throughout, his life has been one of conscientiousness and character. Born of a New England ancestry, when his uncle introduced him to southern California and for some time before, Mr. Winch was entrusted with the virtual management of his vast estate, and he made away with such care that the estate was not only preserved, but increased."

Another intimate friend of Mr. Winch was A. W. McGowan, business manager of Reed college, who had worked with him almost constantly for 11 years. Another close friend was Judge Lionel R. Webster. During the long legal battle in which the other heirs of Mrs. Reed sought to break the will, Mr. Winch was closely associated with the late Cyrus A. Dolph, who was his counsel in the defense of the will. Mr. Dolph was one of the original trustees of Reed institute, appointed under the will of whom Dr. Elliot is the sole member still living.

Funeral services will be held Monday afternoon at the residence, 241 Broadway, conducted by Rev. William Elliot, pastor of the Unitarian church and son of Dr. Elliot. At the grave, Portland lodge, No. 55, A. F. and A. M., will have charge.

LADY NICOTINE TO SOLDIERS IN FRANCE



MRS. GEORGE W. LOPP

New York, Dec. 16.—The gifts of Mrs. George Washington Lopp to the smokers of the French army include 10,000,000 cigarettes, 240,000 pounds of tobacco and 50,000 pipes.

Mrs. Lopp, whose husband is a prominent American in Paris, has thus supplied two and a half cigarettes and several pipefuls of tobacco to every French soldier. Her latest consignment consists of 2,000,000 cigarettes for men actually in the trenches, 50,000 for the general staff and like amounts for the naval and military camps in Paris and 300,000 for the American ambulance corps.

Minnesota Explosion Accident.

Washington, Dec. 17.—(U. P.)—The explosion which crippled the steamship Minnesota was accidental, in the opinion of investigators for the department of justice. A preliminary report to this effect was received today by Attorney General Gregory from San Francisco.

Army Marches on India.

London, Dec. 17.—(U. P.)—Reuter dispatches from Petrograd today report a strong force of Germans and Turks marching to India, via Bagdad, Persia.

A new glass for electric lighting absorbs but about 9 per cent of the light.

JAPANESE CONSUL IS GUEST OF HONOR AT DINNER LAST NIGHT

Business and Professional Men of Portland Pay Tributes to Guest's Country.

DECORATIONS ATTRACTIVE

Feelings of Friendship Between Japan and United States Indicated by Speakers at Banquet.

A Japanese wistaria garden, a bit of Japan the beautiful, formed a setting at the Multnomah hotel last night for a banquet given by representative Portland business men in honor of Kyo Kumasaki, consul of Japan in this city.

The banquet was a testimonial of appreciation to Mr. Kumasaki for his many courtesies to local business men since coming to Portland, and as a recognition of his efforts in working for a better understanding between Japan and the United States. In all, 21 persons were present, C. C. Colt, president of the Chamber of Commerce, acting as toastmaster. A committee consisting of William D. Wincewright, H. B. Miller and J. W. Ganong had the arrangements in charge.

Decorations Are Attractive.

The main ballroom of the mercantile floor was used for the banquet hall. The room was decorated with lanterns, ferns, wistaria, small flags of the United States and the entente allies, Japanese screens and panels. The decorations were planned and executed by Colonel H. C. Bowers, manager of the hotel, and are declared by all who attended the banquet to be the finest ever made for a Portland banquet.

The musicians were partially hidden by waving screens of Japanese silk, there were flags of Japan and the United States at each plate, and a great Japanese flag was stretched at the end of the room.

Mr. Colt welcomed the guest of honor and proposed the health of the emperor of Japan.

Response Is Made.

In turn, T. Urabe of Mitsui & Co. gave the health of the president of the United States. The speakers were Colonel Cornelius Gardner, U. S. A. retired, who gave "A Tribute from the Army", ex-Senator John M. Gearin, who had as his subject "Good Friends Always", Rev. J. H. Hood, who spoke of "New Relations in New Times," and the guest of the evening, Consul Kumasaki.

Mr. Kumasaki told of his gratification at being so warmly received in Portland.

License Is Revoked.

The council today unanimously revoked the pool room license of Hill Tsapras, 265 Burnside street, following statements made that he had violated the law allowing minors in the poolroom.

Realty Men Approve Writing of Letters

Resolutions Passed at Meeting Today Backing Up Commissioner Baker in Pushing Forward Auditorium.

The Portland realty board, at its meeting this noon, passed a resolution endorsing the "letter-writing week" movement planned by the chamber of commerce. The board will cooperate with other organizations in making it a success.

Resolutions were also passed backing up Commissioner Baker in pushing construction of the proposed auditorium and thanking Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo for hastening completion of plans for the new postoffice. The board will stage a big entertainment in the Arcadian Garden of the Multnomah hotel Monday evening.

New Mill at Bend To Begin on Feb. 15

Shelvin-Nixon Plant to Start on 24-Hour Basis—Third Band Saw Will Be Put In.

Operations at the new Shelvin-Nixon mill at Bend will begin February 15, according to prospects announced today, following the return to Portland of Thomas Shelvin and E. C. Shelvin of the mill company and W. D. Skinner, traffic manager of the North Bank.

The mill will start on a 24-hour basis with a capacity of 275,000 feet of lumber per day. A third band saw is to be put in later, which will increase the daily cut to 400,000 feet.

The lumber company is getting its machinery and dry kilns installed, so that work in all branches may begin simultaneously.

W. B. Glafke, Local Commission Man, Ill

Suffering from infection of the foot, W. B. Glafke, prominent commission merchant, is at the Good Samaritan hospital. Dr. E. F. Geary, who is attending him, expects that his patient will be able to be about again in a few weeks, though recovery will be somewhat slow, he says. Mr. Glafke was taken to the hospital Tuesday.

Christmas Concert Tonight.

Reed college will give its annual Christmas concert in the college chapel tonight at 8:15. The program will be divided in two parts, the first consisting of hymns, songs and Christ-

DEAL IS PENDING FOR LARGE COPPER MINES IN SOUTHERN OREGON

L. S. Barnes of Salem Negotiating for Transfer of Property of Large Value.

Salem, Or., Dec. 17.—Development of copper mine holdings of southern Oregon on a gigantic scale is promised if negotiations now in progress are carried to a successful consummation.

Leggett S. Barnes of Salem, who has been promoting the sale of the properties for the last two years, said today that he was hopeful that a deal would be closed within the next few weeks.

Mr. Barnes said to aggregate in value about \$1,000,000 are involved in the deal, which has been pending for a considerable time. While Mr. Barnes was averse to discussing the proposition, saying the sale of the properties had not yet been carried to a successful conclusion, it is known that the district involved is six miles in length and that it contains copper of a high grade.

It is located about 45 miles from Grants Pass, and a railroad can be built to a point about two miles from the mines.

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Show at Tacoma. Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 17.—It snowed two inches last night.

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