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Tonight and Friday rain or snow; high southerly winds.

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CITY COUNCIL MET LAST NIGHT

Pendleton Will Have a Gas Plant if a Franchise and Patronage Are Assured.

DAMAGE CLAIM AND SUIT TO RECOVER COSTS FILED.

Issue With the Drug Stores on the Liquor Question Went to a Finish—Druggists and Saloonkeepers Countered—Wheeler Building Problem Referred to a Committee—Time Limit Drawn on Music in Saloons—Receipts and Balances for Month of February.

The question that now confronts the city is "gas or no gas," and the trap was sprung last night by Dr. Vincent at the council meeting. The doctor appeared before the members at the request of a great many of the people, he said, who had asked him about the sign on the front of his office. He represented the Northwestern Gas & Electric people, and his company was composed of more gas men than electric men. There are many who wish to be able to have gas stoves during the hot season, and the rest of the year, and he could not furnish it unless there was a plant.

The company would put in a plant costing from \$25,000 to \$30,000 would have it running inside of 18 months, would establish a maximum rate, and would do the right thing if the council would give them a chance by granting a franchise. The matter was referred to the street committee, with instructions to take as long to report as desired, since the question was one that needed a lot of consideration.

The recorder's report was read and filed, as was that of the city treasurer and the other officers.

The old claim of the firm of Carney & Kennedy for damage done to a couple of their cabs by reason of the holes left in the streets by the sewer construction, and which claim had been turned down at the first meeting last month, was brought forward again last evening under the protecting wing of the law firm of Balleray & McCourt. It was asked that the bill be referred to the committee on claims, and the petitioners be allowed to appear before the committee and state their case. This was done by the council.

Suit to Recover Costs.

A communication was sent in by William Reeves, asking the city to reimburse him in the sum of \$143.50 which he claimed to be due by reason of having bought a couple of horses at a sale of impounded stock. Shortly after having made the purchase the owner appeared on the scene and demanded the return of the horses, which was refused. A suit was brought which was lost by Mr. Reeves on the ground of insufficient advertising on the part of the city. The costs of the suit amounted to the sum asked for, and Mr. Reeves asked through his attorney for the money. The matter was referred to the finance committee.

Liquor Licenses were issued to J. E. Russell & Co., and to J. P. Mederach.

Pay for Special Policeman.

A warrant was ordered drawn for \$17.50 to pay for the services of a special policeman during the time Deputy Scheer was sick and off duty. The matter provoked discussion, some of the council thinking that the time lost should be taken from the vacation granted to Mr. Scheer, but it was finally decided that the policeman could not help being sick, and should therefore not be punished.

Drug Stores and Saloons.

The drug store question came up at the meeting last evening, and was generally discussed. It was stated that one of the druggists had told that one of the saloons had sold on an average of three barrels of whisky a month, and that if he was compelled to take out a license he would do a regular whisky business, and

Attempted Wife Murder.

Los Angeles, Cal., March 3.—The closing arguments were heard today in the case of Colonel Griffith. He is a prominent club man and politician, and shot his wife in the eye, following her denial that she tried to poison him, and was untrue to him. His defense is insanity, as he drank nearly a quart of whisky daily.

would run a wagon over the city. On the other hand it was said that the saloon men had promised to shut up their bars and sell whisky by the jottle instead of the drink, and thus escape the license, if the matter was not attended to by the council. The recorder was finally instructed to notify all of the drug stores in the city that they must either sell whisky only on prescription, or take out a retail license.

The condition of the Wheeler building was reported by the fire chief, and the matter was referred to the fire committee with power to act.

A sewer license was issued to Louis La Rone, he having filed the necessary bond with the treasurer.

A resolution was introduced and passed authorizing the grading of Webb street from one end to the other, and fixing the grade. The cost of the work will be assessed to the property owners, and held as a lien against the property.

Time Limit on Music.

The question of music in saloons was referred to the ordinance committee with instructions to draft an ordinance limiting the time that music could be played in any of the places to 10 o'clock p. m.

Receipts and Balances.

The treasurer's report for February shows there was on the first of the month a balance of \$5,533.50. The city received from licenses, \$965.55; from the levee sinking fund, by interest on the C. H. Carter note, \$52.50; from the cemetery fund, \$85; and from fines, \$334.50; making a total receipt of \$1,437.55 for the month.

There were \$1,198.50 paid in warrants, leaving a balance on hand for this month of \$6,772.35, which was apportioned among the different funds, the general fund now holding \$3,231.84; the levee sinking fund, \$14.37; the levee sinking fund, \$2,980.14, and the general sinking fund, \$546.

It was decided to call in \$2,000 of the sewer warrants, interest on which was to cease March 3.

Clay Makes a Loan.

A loan of \$3,000 was made to John H. Ferguson from the levee sinking fund.

The city recorder reported that the books were all out of balance, and that they should be gone over by an expert and a new set opened from the first of this year. F. W. Hendley had checked them back for two years, and found that the mistakes ante-dated that time. The balances had been switched to the wrong side and while the finances were all right, the books were wrong. The matter was referred to the finance committee with power to act, and it is probable that the work will be done as suggested.

SNOWSHEDS NO LONGER NEEDED

O. R. & N. WILL DISPENSE WITH THEM HEREAFTER.

Milder Winters and Decreased Snowfall Has Led to This Action—Heavier Engines and Occasional Use of the Rotary All That is Needed in Future.

All the snowsheds that have done service on the La Grande-Huntington division of the O. R. & N. have been removed within the past year, owing to the continued decrease in the severity of the winters in East Oregon and the lessened need for such expenses.

When these sheds were built 20 years ago, the road through Pyle canyon was blockaded every winter by snowstorms. The sheds were built to protect the worst points and it has been noticed by the track department for the past 10 years that the snowfall, winds and drifts were less and less severe each year, until the sheds have become useless and have been removed.

During the winter just past, no trouble has been occasioned at the points at which the sheds stood, although it has been the worst winter in five years on the mountains.

Even if the snowfall were as heavy now as when the sheds were built, the rotary snowplow could be used to clear the tracks and at the time these sheds were erected the rotary was unknown.

The heavier engines of today can also "wade" through heavier snow without interference than the former class of small engines in use.

Spanish Marines Desert.

Madrid, March 3.—One hundred blue jackets deserted the Spanish warship Pelayo at Ferrol, on account of the discipline of Commander Macy. They were captured and severe punishment inflicted.

Dreyfus Case Again.

Paris, March 3.—The court of cassation today began consideration of Captain Dreyfus' appeal for a revision trial.

LATEST PHASES OF EASTERN WAR

State of Hurried Preparations by Both Combatants for Spring Campaign.

WATER BEING SCARCE, PORT ARTHUR SUFFERS.

Country Population More Anxious Than the Townspeople of Russia, to Enlist—Siberian Railway Being Kept Open by Great Efforts, and Extensive Improvements Being Made Upon It—Japanese Diet Will Be Convened Soon for Ten Days' Session.

St. Petersburg, March 3.—Unusual energy is exerted on the part of the authorities for the prevention of a Siberian railway blockade.

Twenty new sidings have been built, and they hope to clear the line and keep 11 trains going in each direction daily.

Reserves from the Siberian rural districts are reported more anxious to go to the front than the towns-men.

Japanese Diet Session.

Tokio, March 3.—An extraordinary session of the Japanese diet is summoned for the 18th. It is not expected to be in session more than 10 days. The customs will not be touched, but new taxes on salt and silk are likely.

Suffer for Water.

St. Petersburg, March 3.—A Port Arthur dispatch states that inhabitants are suffering from a serious shortage in the water supply brought overland. Owing to the severe cold the water freezes and bursts before its arrival. The condenser in the town is insufficient to supply the needs of the garrison and inhabitants.

Baltimore & Ohio Wreck.

Cumberland, Md., March 3.—A Baltimore & Ohio express was wrecked at Rowlesburg this morning. Fireman McKenzie was killed and the engineer probably fatally hurt. No passengers were injured. The engine, two express, the mail and baggage cars were derailed.

Will Build New City Jail.

Portland, March 3.—Mayor Williams has recommended the expenditure of \$1,000 by the city in clearing up the old city jail, and has also recommended that the present site of the city jail be sold and the proceeds be applied to the purchase of a new building.

Plague in California.

Sacramento, March 3.—The secretary of the state board of health, G. B. Foster, was notified this morning of the death of a white woman from plague on a ranch in Contra Costa county.

MAIL TO TANANA.

Contracts for Carrying Mail From Valdez to Tanana Will Be Let.

Assistant Postmaster Collett at Seattle, has received notice from the office of the second assistant postmaster general, stating that sealed proposals will be received by that office up to May 24 for carrying the mails from Valdez to Tanana.

The mails go by way of Fairbanks and Chena, and a time allowance of 20 days for the trip will be given. The contract will be for a term from October to May, 1906. The service is to be twice each month from October to May.

The distance from Valdez to Tanana by this route is about 620 miles.

United States Senator Bard, of California, refuses to be a candidate for re-election.

WALLA WALLA WILL RETAIN THE FORT

Walla Walla, March 3.—A special train from Washington to the Union today says:

"Senator Ankeny has won his fight for the permanent retention of Fort Walla Walla.

The post, which was recommended abandoned by General Funston, and ordered abandoned by Secretary Root and the general staff of which Lieutenant General Young was the head, is now on the list of posts for

VARIOUS NEWS OF GOVERNMENT

Immediate Measures Taken to Raise the Panama Canal Purchase Money.

PARTLY BY ASSESSMENT UPON BANK CIRCULATION.

Republican Members Senate Postoffice Committee Filibuster Against Further Investigation of Postal Department Frauds—Insane Soldier Shoots Two War Department Clerks—Official Denial That Cleveland Ever Entertained a Colored Man.

Washington, March 3.—The treasury authorities are preparing a call ordering all national banks of the country to pay in 20 per cent by March 25. The sum required is \$20,000,000, which, together with \$20,000,000 from the treasury itself, will be devoted to payment for Panama canal property and concessions.

Warships Collide.

Admiral Baker cables from Guantanamo to Pensacola the Missouri's steering gear became disabled and she collided with the Illinois, damaging the latter's port propeller, but doing slight injury to herself. The Illinois was ordered to New York.

Captain Cowles, the president's brother-in-law, is in command of the Missouri.

Insane Shooter.

William O'Brien, a discharged soldier from St. Elizabeth insane asylum, this morning shot Robert Manning and Arthur Wicker, war department clerks, the latter seriously. The man came to the adjutant general's office and asked for papers. He was referred to the record and pension office and cut loose with a pistol. Manning's wound penetrated the stomach, while Wicker was shot in the left arm. O'Brien was disarmed by other clerks and arrested.

Republican Filibuster.

A meeting of the senate committee on postoffices was held today, but was forced to adjourn. The republican members are charged with leaving the room to break the quorum, to prevent if possible the adoption of a resolution providing for an exhaustive investigation of the postoffice department.

Grover Denies it.

In the house Webb, democrat of North Carolina, interrupted the reading of the District of Columbia appropriation bill today to present to the house a denial from Grover Cleveland that he had, while president, entertained a negro at luncheon. The letter said the charge is a fabrication out of whole cloth. The charge was made on the floor by Scott, republican from Kansas, several days ago, in defending Roosevelt for his action in entertaining Booker T. Washington.

ROUGH HOUSE IN THE CAPITOL.

Irate "Showmeans" Propose to Fight it Out.

Washington, March 3.—The "Show Me" state was much in evidence in the house cloak rooms this morning, when Representatives Cochran and Hunt of Missouri, nearly came to blows during a discussion of the gubernatorial candidacy of Circuit Attorney Joe Folk.

Hunt is anti-Folk, and expressed contempt for his colleague, who comes from outside the St. Louis limits. Cochran hotly stated that only fraud could defeat Folk, whereupon Hunt started to show Cochran, Champ Clark broke in and literally lifted Cochran from his feet and carried him out of the danger zone. Hunt then announced he could lick the whole Missouri delegation, but hostilities gradually ceased.

Two More Bodies.

Two more bodies had been taken from the ruins at noon. One is Frank Durwalter, a plumber. Other identifications are Farrell Frank, Frederick Morrell and Ella Starr. Several arrests are expected for alleged violation of the building laws.

Killed His Cousin.

Bloomfield, Mo., March 3.—While playing with a shotgun, Johnie Tynne accidentally shot and killed his cousin, Mabel Miller, 10 years of age, while playing sheriff.

Seattle to Spend \$700,000.

The Seattle city council will spend \$700,000 during the year 1904 on street improvements and extensions. Private property owners will be taxed almost an equal amount on improvements, also.

MAY MEET IN DENVER.

U. B. of R. E. May Hold Coming Session in Colorado.

Denver, March 3.—Denver may be selected as the place for the next convention of the United Brotherhood of Railway Employees, which begins its sessions May 9. A referendum vote on the place of meeting is now being held.

Chicago, Sacramento and Ogden are also trying to get the convention. The headquarters of the organization is at San Francisco, and it has a membership of about 75,000. The Amalgamated assembly adopted a resolution yesterday inviting the body to meet here and pledging the support of organized labor of Denver to local No. 21 of Railway Employees in making the convention a success.

OLD SOLDIERS MUST WAIT.

Supreme Court Decides That the Secretary of State Must Not Audit Claims After Fund is Exhausted.

Salem, March 3.—The supreme court yesterday evening decided that the old soldiers of the Indian wars of Oregon, will not be able to get their pay until another legislature meets and appropriates for the purpose, the present fund being exhausted.

Those who are still unpaid cannot get their pay by presenting claims to the secretary of state, as he cannot audit the account, because they belong to a separate fund, which is not now in existence to meet the claims.

STRIKE TROUBLES.

Western Union Demands Protection for the Messengers.

Chicago, March 3.—The Western Union Telegraph Company will seek enforcement of the federal injunction against striking messengers, on account of assaults by boys and men on non-union messengers. One of the latter was slashed across the face this morning and kicked and beaten by a crowd of strikers.

AMERICAN CARDINAL.

Pope Says it Will Be a Sure Thing Next Year.

Rome, March 3.—The pope informed an intimate friend today there will not be time at the first consistory this year to appoint an American cardinal, but next year he will make such an appointment.

Killed in a Coal Pit.

Brestau, March 3.—Eight men perished in a coal pit owned by Sines Donnermaek, at Gletwitze, in Silesia today, by the ignition of coal dust.

THIRTEEN WORKMEN KNOWN TO BE KILLED.

Sixteen Others Are in Hospitals—Foreman is Under Arrest and the Contractors Cannot Be Found—Heavy Suits for Damages by Relatives, Friends and Property Owners.

New York, March 3.—Three hundred men worked all night in the ruins of the Hotel Darlington.

At 10 this morning five bodies had been recovered and the rescuers report eight more in sight. One is cut cleanly in two.

The list of dead will not exceed 13, and 16 wounded are in hospitals.

The construction foreman is under arrest, and none of the contractors can be found. Open threats of violence against the contractors are made by surviving workmen and relatives of the killed and injured men.

Suits for damages aggregating \$60,000 have already been begun against the owners and contractors, on account of the death and injuries list, and a suit for \$5,000 by the owners of the Patterson apartment house adjoining.

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Republican Split.

Norfolk, Va., March 3.—The second district Virginia republican convention today split, and two sets of delegates will go to Chicago. The one sent by the federal faction will be all white, the other whites and blacks alike.

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SENATOR SMOOT INVESTIGATION

President Smith Continues His Testimony Before the Senate Committee.

RULES MORMON CHURCH NOW OPPOSE POLYGAMY.

Has Been the Church's Policy Since Woodruff Manifesto of 1890—Plural Marriages Ceased Then, But Not Cohabitation With Plural Wives Sealed Before That Year—Polygamy Repudiated by Many Mormons and Practiced by Three or Four Per Cent.

Washington, March 3.—Because it was probable that the examination of President Smith would touch upon his personal affairs, his polygamous marriages to five wives, and his family of 42 children, interest in the investigation into the Smoot case increased this morning.

The senate committee room was filled with witnesses, counsel, newspaper men and spectators.

Chairman Burrows announced that in view of the charge that the 12 apostles of whom Smoot is one, covine at and teach polygamy, the committee decided it would inquire into the teachings and practices of the apostles since September 26, 1890, the date of the Woodruff manifesto.

When Smith took the stand Attorney Taylor asked whether to take a plural wife would be a violation of the rules of the church. He replied it would; that cohabitation with a plural wife is contrary to the rules of the church, as well as the law of the land.

Then, asking permission of the committee to make a statement, Smith said: "In regard to the status of polygamists at the time of the manifesto, it was understood they would abstain from association with their families. He thinks the rule was observed, but at the time of the passage of the enabling act for the admission of Utah as a state, the only provision made was that plural marriages should cease, as there was no prohibition against cohabitation with plural wives who had been married before that time."

Mr. Smith said there is a revelation in the Book of Mormon on plural marriages. Not more than three or four per cent of the members of the Mormon church ever entered into plural marriage. Many thousands never accepted the revelation, nevertheless, they are members of the church and in good fellowship.

Commercial Association Will Work in Conjunction With Walla Walla.

President J. A. Borie, of the Commercial Association this afternoon appointed Dr. C. J. Smith, T. G. Halley and C. C. Berkeley as the committee to work in conjunction with a like one from the Walla Walla Commercial Association in procuring the advancement of all irrigation propositions for the good of the Walla Walla and Umatilla counties and Eastern Oregon and Washington in general.

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