

COUNCIL GIVES WATER REPORT TO COMMITTEE

The Salem water question, growing out of the Bear & Cunningham report estimating costs for bringing mountain water to Salem or distributing it from the Willamette river through a city-owned plant, got no farther in the city council meeting Monday night than being referred to the public utilities committee.

Nothing was said about an adjourned meeting for preliminary action towards placing a water bond issue before the people for a vote in the fall. There was a rather distinct understanding that J. C. Bear, the engineer most active in preparing the report, would address the council after other business had been transacted, but by that time the members apparently were too tired and adjourned regardless of a demand by Alderman Vandevort that Bear be heard.

That nothing was said about an early election was probably due to indications that there was going to be some pretty strong opposition. Alderman Patton had intimated that he was going to make a straight-from-the-shoulder talk, but as it turned out it wasn't necessary for Patton or anyone else to make more than mild objections.

In starting the argument Mayor Gregory simply remarked that he had observed that the people of this city were very anxious to get a chance to vote on the question. He urged that Bear be given the privilege of the floor to explain his report.

To this Patton replied that the procedure wasn't proper, and that the correct way to handle the matter was to refer the report to the utilities committee and allow it to report back to the council.

"This is a subject on which every member should be thoroughly informed," Patton said. "I have no objection to Mr. Bear talking, but I don't see any use in it." Patton made it clear that he was for municipal ownership.

Gregory replied that he wanted every member to be informed, which was the reason he wanted Bear to speak. "The question is so important that it isn't enough for every member to be accurately informed," Gregory said.

Patton moved that the report be referred to the committee and Dancy seconded the motion. Hughes was in favor of the motion but also wanted to hear Bear.

Alderman Townsend wanted to know by what authority the investigation was made, and the mayor read from the report citing a resolution of the city council.

"What arrangements were made for the compensation of the engineers?" Townsend asked. No one seemed to be able to answer this question satisfactorily.

Patton's motion to refer the report to the committee carried. Dancy moved that the council proceed with other business and take up the water question further after that. But it wasn't taken up again.

Contending in favor of the vacation were mainly two women property owners and their attorney, Ronald C. Glover, while opposing it was a petition headed by Zero Pollaire. Glover, Mrs. Effie Back, one of his clients, and Pollaire all spoke on the ordinance.

Glover said the strip of ground involved never had been used as an alley, and that one reason for asking the vacation was that the property owners might grow trees whose roots would serve to keep the river from washing away the bank of the stream each year and thereby damaging their premises.

Pollaire declared that neither of the two women live in the district. One, he said, lives in California and the other in East Salem. He said that he makes daily use of the alley in moving his farming implements.

St. Elmo's Flame Seen by Mariner On Ship's Bridge

San Pedro, Cal. (AP)—A remarkable display of composites, an electrical phenomenon known to mariners as St. Elmo's fire, was reported to the hydrographic office by Second Officer F. Sundlof of the steamship Fred W. Weller on its arrival here. Sundlof said a ball of fire pooled on the forecastle jackstaff and grew until it was a foot in diameter. Warning blue light was emitted by the ball before it split into three or four smaller balls, which revolved about each other.

Its appearance was accompanied by a crackling noise and at times it took on a greenish-blue color.

NEW AUTO LICENSE RULING Columbia, S. C. (AP)—Driving licenses of South Carolinians found guilty of operating cars while under the influence of drugs or narcotics will be suspended for 90 days for first offense, and 120 for second offense. The ruling has been made by Ben Sawyer, chief highway commissioner.

REPORT BIG SNAKE Miami, Fla. (AP)—Two Miamians came in from the Everglades recently with a report they had seen a huge snake, at least 15 feet long, 10 inches in diameter, which looked like a log lying across the road. Reporters believed it was a Gopher snake but the discoverer reportedly called it "Claude Snake."

After Net Titles



Associated Press Photo Mrs. Helen White Moody, international tennis star, who abandoned tournament play for the life of a housekeeper, is back seeking net titles. Here she is on a court at Brookline, Mass. She's entered in eastern tournaments.

MOON OF DELIGHT

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commiserated Basara. Again the graceful lift of Adrian's hand. "But wait! Eric Ledbetter, who spent five years in Turkey, has promised to be there tonight."

"He will talk to her in her own tongue. He will give her my invitations."

Kirk knew Eric Ledbetter. He had an engaging wit and he spent money with a certain negligent charm. Adrian would better be careful.

"I know what you are thinking," Adrian said. "It is true that Eric is successful with women."

"Not with me," Nelly remarked. "I think he's awful."

"It is his audacity that intrigues the indiscriminating," he observed. "He knows a little trick for lifting veils. He promises to show me the lady's face. It will be worth seeing, Benjo Basara. Let us drop you at the club on the way. You can join us later."

"I may miss my boat," Basara answered, smiling, "but I shall join you."

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TAX CASES STILL FIND WAY INTO SUPREME COURT

Washington (AP)—Although a great many years have passed since the income tax laws of the nation were enacted the supreme court still finds them responsible for a large share of the questions presented each year for decision.

Seldom do the rulings it hands down in response prove of widespread effect, as they have their inception rather in the intricacies of modern business which, often as the result of an attempt to reduce tax payments, creates some complex situations for the court to deal with.

During the session just ended the most important of the income tax decisions handed down by the tribunal cost the government close to \$100,000,000 in income. This was in a series of cases involving the right of the taxing authorities to force married men to pay the entire tax on community incomes.

Strangely enough this ruling, which held the husband and wife might file separate returns for one-half of their joint income, was made possible by the ancient legal practices brought to the southwest by the Spaniards early in the country's development.

These laws, to which the modern state laws are the successors, held that each of the married pair shared equally in all income derived by either or both after marriage. Such laws exist in Washington, Texas, Louisiana, Arizona, Idaho, Nevada and New Mexico.

In order to obtain a final ruling to determine whether married persons in these states might have an advantage which residents of other states do not enjoy brought test cases from each of the first four states.

The decision affects only persons paying taxes in the higher brackets, as they are thereby entitled to receive a much larger amount before they encounter the higher scale fixed for large incomes.

It is anticipated that some legislative method for remedying the discrepancy developed by the court may be sought at the coming Congress session.

In another tax decision the court ruled that income derived from enhancement in the value of the state and municipal securities was liable to the federal income tax. The lower court had ruled such a tax imposition was unconstitutional since it appeared to burden the state's borrowing power.

In the case of the Indian Motorcycle company against the United States the court ruled that the motor vehicle sales tax could not be imposed on sales to towns or cities of vehicles for police use.

BEAR HUNTERS USE PLANE Great Falls, Mont. (AP)—An airplane is the latest aid in bear hunting. H. C. Hollenback, a pilot, William Getman and C. E. Berkner flew from here to a meadow in the Dry Creek canyon, organized a brief hunting expedition, bagged a black bear and flew home again.

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