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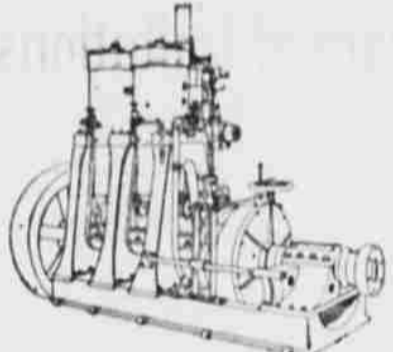
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CITY COUNCIL DOES BUSINESS

Important Measures Passed--Others Taken Under Consideration.

TO MEET WATER COMMISSION

Will Discuss With That Body Tonight the Question of Lighting the City--Salaries Laid Over.

The city council held an interesting session last night. Among the features of the evening was the adjournment to meet again tonight to consider the proposition of the water commission for the lighting of the city, and the turning back into the hands of the committees of various ordinances for the reduction of city expenses.

The application of J. Keating, W. H. Moon, G. Corpeleur, and H. F. Bruhn, for liquor licenses, were referred to the proper committee.

A communication was received from the police commission stating that Edward Hallock had been appointed chief of police at a salary of \$5 per month, and that his bonds had been approved by C. H. Page and H. E. Fisher, and that the force had been reduced by one patrolman.

A communication from J. W. Durett, that he had turned over the Astor House to Mr. Partridge, and with it the boarding of city prisoners. The communication was referred to the proper committee.

The following communication from the city water commission was referred to the committee of the whole, to meet at 7:30 o'clock tonight in the council chamber:

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council City of Astoria--Gentlemen: The water commission of the city of Astoria direct me to say that no reply has been received to the communication of January 23rd, 1897, to your honorable body.

That the commission only contemplated public lighting of the city, but under paragraph 1 of section 173 of the city charter rates cannot be fixed except by mutual agreement and consent of the commission and council, so that no rates have been determined, and the commission have been and are unwilling to incur any expenses in the matter until mutual agreement as to rates shall be fixed.

In the meantime, however, the commission has been making inquiries about cost of plant, operating expenses, etc., and find that in the main the estimate made by Mr. Schuyler of \$18,000 cost is about right.

The agent of the Westinghouse people estimate the cost of the plant outside of water wheel at \$7,500.

Engineer Adams writes from San Francisco that the water wheel can be furnished at much less than the estimate of Mr. Schuyler.

The estimate of operating expenses is confirmed by different electrical agents, and by the compensation paid by the different electrical companies of Astoria.

The Electric Light Company of Astoria (West Shore Mills) has offered to set up a fifty amp light dynamo in the power house connected with the present system of lights and sell the same to the city at a lump price named. The commission is not in position to entertain the proposition, because of no agreement with the council.

The commission is now ready to proceed with the insulation of a plant to light the city, providing the council and it first agree upon the rate to be paid out of the city treasury for the lighting. It therefore awaits the action of your honorable body.

Respectfully, H. G. VAN DUSEN, Clerk Astoria Water Commission.

The report of the health and police committee approving the application of Alex. Gilbert, August Erickson and P. Doureille for liquor licenses was adopted.

The committee on streets and public ways, having opened the bids for the construction of the Second street sewer, reported that D. McClure's bid of \$708.15, and M. M. Thatcher's, for \$712, were irregular and thrown out, and that they recommended accepting the bid of S. Normile of \$769.10. Adopted.

The city attorney rendered an opinion that for sewer construction on Second street the city could not compel the property-owners to pay for the improvement in advance.

The reports of the committee recommending the payment of various supplies and payrolls of the city surveyor, superintendent of streets, and fire department, were adopted, as follows: City surveyor, \$64; superintendent of

GOVERNOR LORD NAMES CORBETT

To Succeed Senator Mitchell as Oregon's Representative at Washington City.

THE DAVIS HOUSE ADJOURNS

The Governor Will Not Call a Special Session of the Legislature at the Present Time.

A GREAT DIVERSITY OF OPINION

But It Is Thought that Under the Present Conditions the Governor Has the Power to Appoint a Senator.

Special to the Astorian. Portland, March 5.--It is rumored tonight that Governor Lord will appoint ex-Senator H. W. Corbett, of this city, to fill the vacancy in the United States senate, caused by the failure of the legislature to elect.

DAVIS HOUSE ADJOURNED. Salem, Or., March 5.--The Davis house, which has met every day since January 11, dissolved today, which finally closes the legislative session.

Special to the Astorian. Salem, Or., March 5.--Governor Lord was asked today whether he intended to appoint a United States senator, and if so, whether he thought his appointee would be seated. He said:

"I shall appoint a senator, but whether or not he will be seated I cannot say. The decisions are conflicting and the result would depend somewhat on the temper of the senate. Legislative decisions--they are sometimes partisan--and the doctrine of state decisions has but little application to them. There is no case decided by the senate that is parallel with the Oregon case. It is only by some sort of specious analogy that the facts in the Oregon case can be brought within the principle recently declared by the senate. I understood that the latest ruling of the senate is to the effect that, where a legislature fails to elect a senator during its session, the power of the governor to appoint a senator stands upon a different footing where there is no session of the legislature, through the inability of its members to organize and become a legislative body, in consequence of which a senator cannot be elected. In such a case the conditions never have existed in which the legislature could exercise its power to elect a senator. To my mind, the vacancy in the senate, caused by reason of the failure of the legislature to organize and become a competent body to elect a senator, is a very different matter from the failure of a duly organized body to choose a senator. In the first case there is no legislature to exercise the power of election to fill the vacancy, and this condition might arise from many and different causes, while in the latter case, there is a competent legislative body to choose a senator and fill the vacancy, and a failure to do so must be always due to the dereliction of its members."

"Do you think that you will call a special session of the legislature, and if so, can you indicate about the time?" "I do not know at what time, or if at any time, I shall convene a special session of the legislature. The fact that I shall appoint a senator indicates that I have no present intention of calling the legislature together, at least for some time. Recent occurrences indicate too many cross purposes to hope for co-operation among the members to secure needed legislation. I suppose that there will be some effort made to induce me to call a special session, arising probably as much out of political considerations as a desire to furnish needed relief to the state. I understand the needs of the state and its condition, and I regret the failure of the legislature to organize and furnish the people the relief promised and needed. But this is a condition of things for which I am not responsible, nor would it justify me in incurring the expense of convening the legislature without being convinced that a beneficial result would accrue to the state. When you look at the extent and purpose of some of the appropriations of the recent leg-

islature, the state might be the gainer--in fact it might be a blessing in disguise--if we shall have no session of the legislature for the next two years. What security have I, if I were to call a special session, that needed legislation would be enacted? I think we may find some compensation for our present condition, if its effects shall be to impress upon the people the necessity of higher standards of political duty and better political methods."

THE WHY OF IT. Oversight Unaccounted For, but Still the Best of Friends.

Washington, March 5.--The failure of President Cleveland's cabinet to attend the inaugural ceremonies held in front of the capitol yesterday, and the absence of Secretary Olney from the proceedings, was due to some slight oversight of persons charged with the preparation of the inaugural program, with which neither the old nor new administration is chargeable. There is no established precedent for the attendance of the cabinet of the retiring president at the induction of his successor.

When it was noticed by the cabinet members that no place had been set down for them in the official program and in the line of escort to the capitol, they had no feeling on the subject, and were prepared to accept the plan gracefully. However, it was deemed proper to call the attention of the senate committee to this matter and this was done, but a further lapse occurred somewhere, and provision was not made for them. Before the escorts started for the capitol the omission was discovered by General Porter and President Cleveland and cabinet were placed in proper position in line, as Mr. McKinley's personal guests, all save Secretary Olney, who could not be reached in time with news of the arrangement. The idea that he absented himself from the White House because of a rupture of the relations between himself and President Cleveland is scouted by the friends of both. It is probably true that there has been a difference of opinion between the president and Secretary Olney, as to the transmission of correspondence in the Ruiz case to congress, but there was nothing approaching a rupture of friendly relations, and the president and secretary parted on good terms.

BUSINESS OUTLOOK. Bradstreet's Shows an Improvement all Along the Line.

New York, March 5.--Bradstreet's tomorrow will say: The new administration, the certainty of an extra session of congress within a fortnight, and the promise of a new tariff at an early day which shall provide adequate revenue and protection, have done much to stimulate a better feeling in trade circles, and increase confidence in the near approach of improvement in business. Favorable features are to be found in the higher prices for wheat, corn, pork, as well as for steel billets; steel mills are fairly well filled with orders, and in some lines are inclined to advance prices. Recent low quotations for various forms of iron and steel have been withdrawn, notably for wire and structural material.

There are 262 business failures in the United States this week, compared with 258 last week, 270 in the week a year ago. This marks the return of the ratio of business to the normal. There are 51 failures reported in Canada against 59 last week; 66 in the week a year ago, and 55 two years ago.

WASHINGTON SOLONS. The High Hat Bill Passed by the House--Other Matters.

Olympia, March 5.--The house made a record for itself today by passing 23 bills, none of which were of any general importance.

The new revenue bill by which it is proposed to cheapen the cost of levying taxes and increase collections under revised methods, passed the senate after two days' continuous consideration.

By unanimous vote the house passed the bill to prohibit the obstruction of the view of the stage by theater hats and prescribing a penalty as a misdemeanor.

A strong anti-fellow servant bill also passed, which brings all corporations under its provisions, instead of railroad corporations only, as provided in the bill passed some time ago and which is now in the hands of the senate committee.

The senate held an evening session to consider the freight rate reduction bill.

THE TARIFF BILL. Washington, March 5.--Speaker Reed's visit to the president today was an extended one, lasting more than half an hour. Little doubt was felt that it was in connection with the calling of an extra session on March 15, and with the speedy passage of the tariff bill through the house of representatives.

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TRAIN RUNS INTO A BIG LANDSLIDE

The Wreck Occurred on the Missouri Pacific, Near St. Louis.

LIST OF DEAD AND INJURED

Car and Engine Telescoped--Was Running at the Rate of 40 Miles an Hour at the Time.

St. Louis, Mo., March 5.--One man was killed and his body cremated, another fatally burned, and a child badly injured in a wreck which occurred at Bennett's Mill, 100 miles west of St. Louis, on the Missouri Pacific, tonight.

The dead man is W. W. Rosenberger, mail clerk, Bloomington Ill. Injured, Edward Lusman, aged 25, fireman, St. Louis, pinned under the tender, body crushed and cooked from the waist down, he will die. Frank Lauber, the engineer, of St. Louis, had his ribs broken and his head hurt, but will recover.

Following the engine was a mail car, baggage car, four coaches and three sleepers.

Near Bennett's Mill the train was running 40 miles an hour on a down grade, when the engineer saw what was apparently a whole hillside, 200 yards ahead, slide onto the track. He threw on the air and reversed and attempted to jump. The engine, tender and mail and baggage cars telescoped. Fireman Lusman was caught beneath the tender, but the engineer was thrown high in the air and broke his ribs by falling on the wrecked cars.

THE WAR IN CRETE. Excitement Growing Intense--Massing of Troops on the Frontier.

Athens, March 5.--Fervish activity continues throughout the whole country. Large quantities of arms, ammunition, provisions and military stores are being conveyed by transports to Thessaly. The massing of troops on the frontier is proceeding with the utmost speed and public feeling is at the highest pitch of excitement. Those taking the coolest view no longer conceal their opinion that in the event of coercion the center of interest will be transferred to the Turkish frontier, where the most serious event may be expected.

Many foreign escorts have already started for Thessaly. The Greek fleet has been divided into four squadrons. The east bound squadron is composed of the iron clad Paara and Spetista, the cruiser Nanrichesmiravlis, the armored corvette, Basil Euzergios, and the dispatch boat Paralos, under command of Commodore Apostolis, will cruise in the Sporades islands. The western squadron is composed of four armored and four unarmed gunboats under command of Commodore Ombasios, and will cruise in the gulf of Arta.

TO KEEP ORDER. San Francisco, March 5.--Elaborate arrangements for keeping order at Carson during the big fight were made public here tonight by Stuart's agents. William Pinkerton, the detective, is to have sole charge of the police and one hundred of his men will be brought from various sections of the country. In addition the Carson sheriff will swear in 200 deputies and place them at the disposal of Pinkerton. Up to the day of the fight men will remain at Reno, where they will intercept undesirable characters and prevent them from going to Carson. If Stuart's plans are carried out there will no possibility of trouble and none is anticipated.

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THE CROWD. Washington, March 5.--According to the best estimate of the railroads up to date, the total visiting crowd was about 175,000, a little less than half the number of four years ago. Even these crowds have quickly dispersed, and while there are still noticeable crowds in and about the public buildings, and the street car lines are more than normally crowded, the sidewalks are about down to their normal condition.

OTIS GETS A PLUM. Washington, March 5.--It is understood that Harrison G. Otis, proprietor of the Los Angeles Times, is slated to be assistant secretary of war, to succeed General Joseph E. Doe.