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MAYOR C. E. GATES VETOES ORDINANCE OPENING KING ST.

The first veto exercised by Mayor Gates during his two administrations and probably the first ever exercised by a mayor of this city, was exercised today when he returned to the city council without his approval the ordinance passed last night by that body with only one dissenting vote, that of Dr. H. P. Harrgrave, which provides for the opening up of King street from 9th street to Dalata avenue by the purchase from B. R. and Clara Woods for \$2500 of their property on 10th street between Laurel and 11th street, facing north King street. It is now up to the council majority to pass the measure over the mayor's veto, if it so desires.

The property stands in the way of opening up King street, and the people of that thoroughfare have long beseeched the council to make this improvement, to help make way for which they donated to the city a strip of land five years ago.

Mayor Gates' veto statement to the council is as follows:

"To the City Council:

"Gentlemen:

"I hereby return to you Council Bill No. 177 without my approval and hereby state my objections to same.

"First: I consider it unwise at this time to purchase any property other than that which the city is compelled to take for its own protection.

"Second: That the cost will exceed by far the benefit derived.

"Third: The price is exorbitant and beyond all reason considered with the value of other property in the city at this time. First, we will have an extra expenditure of \$2500, the cost of moving the house and putting it in salable condition would amount to at least \$1000, and the opening of the street and grading same would cost another \$500. The assessments that are against the property amount to \$216. It would necessitate the building of a sidewalk the full length of the property which would cost the city at least \$250. This would make a total cost of approximately \$4166.

"If the property would be put in condition you would have for sale one 37 1/2 foot lot with a house, which is not modern and is very badly in need of paint, which could not be sold for an amount to exceed \$1750.

"Granting that the improvement would accommodate thirty families south of 11th street it would mean a cost of \$90.00 per family.

"Considering that King street ends at the Jacksonville railroad between Oakdale and Laurel and south of the Washington school grounds, it will necessitate the going to Oakdale at what should be 9th street. I do not believe it is much further from King on 11th street to Oakdale than it is from King on 9th to Oakdale, which in my mind, only necessitates the going to Oakdale two blocks north.

"Considering that we are all entitled to our opinion and that in my judgment, I believe that I am right, I therefore, take the privilege which is due me, to return the council bill without my approval.

"Sincerely Yours,
"C. E. GATES,
"Mayor."

Mrs. Albert F. Noth who had been down with the flu for a week or more is now able to be up again.

SMUDGE POT IS CANDIDATE FOR LEGION LEADER

Comrade Smudge Pot, who was entered as one of the nominees for the presidency of the Medford post of the loyal legion at its meeting last night, will begin his campaign headquarters under the Bear creek bridge or in the Big Pines lumber yard, which ever rent is the cheapest, at once and conduct an earnest non-boodle campaign for election, if the sleeping deck swabber bluish with modesty. The nominating speech by Comrade Ferguson, also formerly of the navy, was as follows:

"I wish to call attention to the fact that as a non-political organization we could not do better than select for our leader a comrade who is strictly non-partisan.

"There is among our number such a comrade whose qualifications seem eminently to fit him for high office in the Legion.

"These qualifications are too numerous to be given more than passing mention.

"His views regarding Mr. Carranza's whiskers are known to all of you and as you know he has always upheld the steps which have kept us from an entanglement in Mexico with said whiskers.

"He would, I am sure, uphold the administration's conduct of the late war in all particulars could he do so without violating his non-partisan principles. He is a deep admirer of our secretary of war, referring to him in endearing terms as "Nooty," etc. He also likes Mr. Burleson.

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derived and suffered, even being deprived of one eye of a Camel cigarette for nearly a year.

"His views on prohibition are not so well known, although I can state positively that with the exception of an occasional snort of patent medicine he is a teetotaler.

"He is opposed to reaction in all forms, striking alike at the I. W. W. and the Anti-Cigarette League.

"His stand on the ex-service men's bonus question is that he will take whatever he can get.

"Comrades, I place in nomination that free and untrammelled spirit, bound by neither party nor prejudices, Comrade Arthur Perry."

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