

# STREETS ARE TO BE IMPROVED

## South Commercial the First— Council Will Meet Again Thursday to Pass Ordinance

South Commercial street is to be improved. This was the action determined upon by the city council last night in adopting the report of the committee on streets. It was also shown that the property owners on that street were not opposed to the improvement, but they thought the city should share in the expense of the same, and they presented a petition to that effect.

A petition was also presented from a number of taxpayers and business men of the city asking that something better than macadam be put on the principal streets of the city. Both petitions are given in full below.

Another important matter was called to the attention of the council by Alderman Gesner, but it received no consideration at their hands. He called attention to the unsanitary condition of the sewers where they empty into the river. He stated that at several points the sewers emptied out onto the gravel before they reached the river, and thus created a foul stench which was blown back onto the city.

City council met in regular session last night with all aldermen present except Downing, and Goodale. After the reading and approving of the minutes the committee on ways and means reported that they had examined the report of the recorder for the month of June and found it correct.

The ordinance committee reported favorably on the amendment to the sidewalk ordinance, but asked for further time on the amendment to the saloon ordinance.

The committee on streets reported that they had looked into the matter of the improvement of South Commercial street and that they thought that the bids of the Warren Construction company of Portland was a reasonable bid and they recommended that the mayor and recorder be instructed to enter into a contract with the company for the improvement of the street. They also reported that they had conferred with the property owners on that street and that they found no real objection to the proposed improvement, but that they thought the city should bear a part of the expense. The committee however thought this would establish a bad precedent. The report and recommendations of the committee were adopted with but one dissenting vote. Bayne not voting.

The report of the committee on public buildings was to the effect that they had received one bid of \$15 per month for the renting of the old engine house on State street. The bid was accepted.

**Report of License Committee.**

Upon recommendation of the committee on licenses, three licenses were ordered issued to The Standard Liquor

Company, one to John Cooper, one to Butte & Wenderoth and one to Numbaum Bros.

The committee on bridges reported that the committee had met with the county commissioners of Marion and Polk counties, and that they had agreed to work in conjunction with those bodies in replanking the steel bridge. The report of the committee was adopted.

The committee to which was referred the bill for the ordinance to open Highland avenue in Highland addition, reported favorably upon the bill.

Upon motion of Alderman Gesner the city attorney was instructed to draw up an ordinance, compelling the city treasurer to make a quarterly report to the council.

**Business Men's Petition.**

"To the Honorable Mayor and Common Council:

"We, the undersigned business men of Salem, recognizing the need of better street pavement in the business district, and taking a special pride in the appearance of the streets on which our respective places of business are situated, and feeling that the same should be paved in such a manner as to render them clean, lasting and economical of maintenance, and that streets paved in such a manner would be a credit to our city, an inducement to the newcomer, and a saving over present methods, and believing, as tenants, property owners and taxpayers, we should have a voice in a matter of such vital interest to our city and to ourselves, do respectfully represent to your honorable body that, while we approve of the macadam pavement asked for in the petition now before you for consideration as appropriate and suitable for streets in the residence districts, we believe a better, cleaner and more permanent pavement should be provided for the business portion of the city.

"Therefore, we do petition your honorable body to pass an ordinance providing for a pavement better than macadam for the following streets, to-wit:

"Commercial street between the north line of Trade and the north line of Chemeketa.

"State street between the east line of Commercial and the east line of High.

"Court street between the east line of Commercial and the east line of High.

"Liberty between State and Court streets.

High between State and Court streets.

"Signed: J. H. Albert, Meyers & Sons, J. L. Stockton & Co., Geo. E. Waters, F. A. Wiggins, Statesman Publishing Company, F. N. Derby, J. W. Willson, Isadore Greenbaum, M. Brede-meier, Patton Bros., E. C. Cross, S. W.

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**South Commercial Petition.**

The text of the petition follows:

"We, the undersigned, respectfully show. That we are residents of the city of Salem, and owners of property abutting on South Commercial street.

"That we believe the costs and expenses of improving said South Commercial street, in accordance with the plans and specifications recently adopted by your honorable body, will be onerous upon our property, and far in excess of the benefits accruing to our said property by reason of said improvements.

"That the real and substantial benefits derived from the building of said road are shared in by the city to a great extent, and to the general public as well, in substantiation of which we call your attention to the fact that the said street is little more than a highway to the country from the main city, and is sparsely settled for the greater portion of the distance by people of limited means, who are not able to bear the burdens thus thrown upon them without compensating benefits.

"That by virtue of a provision of the charter of the city of Salem many

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## HITCHCOCK WORST OF ALL

### Boise Evening News Makes Grave Charges Against the Secretary

The Boise Capital News of the 15th has a few words to say about Secretary Hitchcock, the article coming from its news bureau in Washington, D. C. It makes some very grave charges, which if they can be proved would make the President himself wash his hands of the matter. It says:

When congress convenes again several resolutions will be introduced in the house and senate calling for information from the secretary of the interior, Hon. Ethan Allen Hitchcock, with reference to a number of cases which have been acted upon by him during the last few years which, on their face, present an ugly condition of affairs. Many men in public life do not believe that Secretary Hitchcock is as fearless in the enforcement of the laws, particularly when his personal friends are concerned, as has been represented. Indeed, it is alleged by those who profess to know, that the secretary is himself today openly and notoriously violating the federal statutes. It is alleged that he is a stockholder and director in the Union Trust company of St. Louis. This company, it is alleged, holds the first mortgage bonds of the Choctaw Railway company, which is now a portion of the Rock Island system. During the last few years the Choctaw railroad has secured valuable timber and coal leases in eastern Indian Territory. It is alleged that this railroad company has obtained unusual courtesies from the department and that the relations existing between the secretary and the Union Trust company of St. Louis indirectly associate him with the transaction, which is an open and notorious violation of the federal statutes.

Several years ago application was made to the secretary of the interior to have a patent issued to one W. S. Montgomery, and embracing what is now known as the famous Hull City placed claims, in the Leadville, District, Colorado, cancelled on the ground that the patent had been obtained by fraud. This is probably the most notorious case that has ever been before the department. The parties who obtained the patent were virtually convicted of perjury but escaped conviction in the federal courts by reason of a defect in the indictment and the operation of the statute of limitations. This property is valued at several millions of dollars and the strongest efforts were made to induce the secretary to prosecute the case. The evidence, it is said, was conclusive. But for some unknown reason Secretary Hitchcock contented himself with a mere recommendation to the department of justice that suit be instituted to cancel the patent. In his letter to the attorney general he said: "On the whole, I believe that such a showing has been made of fraud and misrepresentation that a suit should be immediately instituted and vigorously prosecuted to vacate said patent." But about this time prominent attorneys were employed in the case, among them being ex-Secretary John W. Noble of St. Louis, who succeeded in preventing the suit being instituted to vacate the patent.

In doing this, it is alleged, the records of the department showing it to be

a fact, papers on file in the department were abstracted by the attorneys, and although repeated efforts were made to cause the return of the papers to the files of the department, they were never returned. This is probably the most flagrant and notorious violation of the law that has occurred in recent years, and yet Secretary Hitchcock deliberately permitted the statute of limitations to run against the prosecution of the guilty parties and it is now too late to institute a suit to vacate the patent. This was a case where millions of dollars were involved, and where there was no question about the fraud, and yet no honest effort was made to prosecute the culprits.

It is alleged that the secretary has indulged in the grossest favoritism in Indian matters. Several years ago William M. Springer, ex-congressman from Illinois, obtained a contract from the government for an amount aggregating \$5,000,000. In order to validate the contract it was necessary to secure the approval of the secretary of the interior. Secretary Hitchcock not only refused to approve the contract but directed Chief Buffington of the Cherokee nation, to cancel the contract with Mr. Springer.

Later on a similar contract was entered into between the Cherokee Indians and Charles Nable, a brother-in-law of Secretary Hitchcock and a resident of St. Louis, and a Mr. Smith of Vinita, I. T. When this contract came before the department for approval Secretary Hitchcock sent it to Judge Willis J. Vandevanter, then assistant attorney general for the interior department and now a judge of the Eighth circuit bench. Judge Vandevanter declined to recommend the approval of the contract, assigning as his reason that when he came into the office Secretary Hitchcock instructed him to recommend the approval of no contracts of that nature, no matter how great the political pressure nor how meritorious the contract. But notwithstanding Judge Vandevanter's adverse recommendation, Secretary Hitchcock approved the contract and the attorneys are now endeavoring to collect the claim under it.

It is said that these matters will be thoroughly investigated when congress reconvenes. It may be that the cases are grossly exaggerated, but there is no denying the fact that in the Hull City placer case, which is one of the most notorious cases that has ever come before the department, the secretary never made an honest effort to prosecute the culprits.

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"He and the attorney went direct to the telegraph office to which the message had been ordered sent and found it. The young man was so grateful to the lawyer that he handed him the unopened envelope, telling him that he must take all the money that his mother had telegraphed him. The lawyer tore open the yellow cover and his eyes were greeted with these words: "Put your trust in God. I am praying for you."  
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