

THE CITY FATHERS WAKE UP

Tuels Object to State Control of Their Children

COUNCIL SUSTAINS MAYOR TENDERS PAVING BIDS

New Obstructive Tactics Employed By Alderman Gesner to Injure the City in a Lawsuit With the General Electric Company

The adjourned meeting of the council last night all opposition to street paving seems to have been blown into dust and blown away. In every proposition the council has adopted the aggressive policy of Alderman Gesner. East State street from Twelfth to Twelfth was voted unanimously, bids to be opened September 2.

Bids were opened for paving three blocks of Court street, and the bid of the Warren Bitulithic company was referred to a committee of the proposers.

While yielding to the demands of the business men of the city Alderman Gesner withdrew his obstructive tactics, in which he is practically helpless, but offered new resolutions as a basis for a lawsuit between the city and the General Electric company, seeking to compel them to improve the street under their tracks according to his ideas of the subject.

Efforts were made to effect it will probably hold up the improvement of the street until the matter can be dragged through the court. The new method of hold-up tactics is as follows: Another Hold-up Scheme.

Whereas, the common council of the city of Salem deems it expedient to improve and proposes to improve the street in said city from the line of Church street to the west line of Twelfth street in said city, by the said portion of said State street with Warren's bitulithic pavement, and

Whereas, it is necessary that said street be so laid as to prevent the street from getting under said pavement, and

Whereas, in order to make said pavement effective and of any benefit to said city and inhabitants thereof, it is necessary that the track of the Portland General Electric company on said street be properly laid; therefore be

Resolved, by the common council of the city of Salem, Oregon, that the common council deems it expedient to improve, and proposes to improve, the right of way and the track of the Portland General Electric company on State street in the city of Salem, Oregon, from the line of Church street to the west line of Twelfth street according to the following specifications: The track on the whole of said street shall be placed in the center of said street and the track shall be relaid with one-inch grooved rails on a concrete base.

There shall be constructed a block pavement, on a concrete base, between the street car track and a foot outside of the rails, in accordance with the following specifications and plans on file in the auditor's office: The space to be paved with stone shall have a bed of concrete less than six (6) inches in depth, concrete to extend to the bottom of the cross ties, and under the rails, made as follows: One part of cement and three parts of sand will be thoroughly mixed and made into a mortar with the possible amount of water; to which will be added the broken stone

The telegraphic service is simply paralyzed. Western Union yesterday declared the company was in better condition than it had been since the strike began. A statement that on the face of it, would make Ananias go on a strike himself against scab opponents. Up to noon today not a line of telegraph had been received by The Journal, and the indications at that hour were that none would be received. The Order of Railway Telegraphers are in sympathy with the striking telegraphers and orders have been issued to its members to handle no commercial messages, and will strike if the railroad companies attempt to force them to do so. The Associated Press telegraphers have not gone out at all points but it is thought they will do so. As it is the news service is practically knocked out. Both sides seem determined, and say it will be a fight to a finish.

NO SAND IN HIS GIZZARD

Chicago, Aug. 12.—Professor Frederick Starr, anthropologist of the University of Chicago, believes Japan would whip the United States in war. He says it is a great task to send the American fleet into the Pacific and the ships are quite likely to show how inefficient the navy is. His views were presented in an address on "Japan" yesterday in All Souls' church. Among the pointed statements he made were: "Japan, following our standard, had no superior as a world power today."

"I am not afraid of a yellow peril. Think of what the white peril has been. Where are the red men and the black men?"

"We are inclined to think the Russian army was rotten. But Russia was the only power which stood a chance with Japan."

"Do you think our army of 10,000 deserters a year, who complain of codfish for breakfast, detest the marches from day to day, who clamor, about the small pay they receive, could stand up against the Japanese."

"I do not know if we will have a war with Japan. I hope not. If we do it will be our own fault. Japan will not start it."

THE DAM FLOODS FARMS

Post Falls, Idaho, Aug. 12.—Because of a dam built by the Washington Water company at this point, thousands of acres of farm land are overflowed and the crops that would ordinarily be harvested are a total loss. The farmers of the country along the St. Joe and Coeur d'Alene rivers are greatly wrought up over the loss of their homesteads. Nearly 300 ranchers are affected, their living and very homes being at stake. It is estimated that more than 3000 acres lying along the Coeur d'Alene river alone are completely submerged in several feet of water. Along the St. Joe river are other districts of less acreage beneath the water, and in the Wolf Lodge country and other lake regions there are hundreds of acres of splendid grazing meadows now covered with several feet of water. The total amounts to many thousands of acres that are absolutely worthless under the present condition of affairs.

CANNOT DIVIDE FAMILY TUELS WILL RESIST

The Aid Society Would Take All Old Enough and Able to Assist Their Parents and It Would Be Little Short of Crime to Separate the Family

The Tuel family of Salem have become famous as being the largest family in the Capital City—twelve children and ten at home with the mother, ranging from 19 years down to six months. The father, C. E. Tuel, has been employed as night cook at the White House restaurant for two years past. He was allowed certain privileges in the way of free eatables, and with his immense family gradually exceeded the limits and was haled into justice court where he confessed to taking eggs and some other articles, and was fined \$25. Working twelve hours as night cook with the freedom of the large establishment and twelve hungry mouths to feed, it is wonderful that he never took more than he did.

Looking After the Family.

In the absence of Sheriff Culyer, who is camping near Mount Jefferson, one of his deputies investigated and decided that for the good of the children some of them had better be turned over to the Boys and Girls Aid society at Portland and upon advising with Deputy District Attorney McNary it was decided to send for an officer of the Portland house of detention to look into the condition of the family and make a report. The officer came up and made an investigation. He decided that the two younger children ought to remain with the mother but that the six next older, Daisy 6, Darius 9, John 11, Ruby 12, George 13 and Gladys 14, should be taken away and cared for by the Portland institution. Bertha, aged 15, and Eva, 17, were to remain at home as they are bread winners, selling flowers and peddling fruit. The whole family have engaged to go into the hop yards, and earn a small fortune picking hops, at which they can and have in the past always earned a large sum of money.

Judge Burnett Declines.

An effort was made by the agent of the Gardner Institution to bring the case before Judge Burnett of department No. 1, but he declined to entertain the proceedings as not having jurisdiction. Judge Galloway is away on his vacation, and the district attorney could not reach him. It was the opinion of the officers that steps should be taken to separate the family in the interest of the children. County Judge Scott is away at Wilhoit Springs for his annual outing, and will not be back for a week. He declined to come in and hold court. So the matter cannot come into court for at least a week.

District Attorney Charitable.

Deputy District Attorney Chas. McNary is inclined to take a kindly view of the whole matter, and says if the good of the children is best conserved by sending them to the Portland institution it will be done. On the other hand if the parents will take care of the children and show a disposition to do what is right, they can keep the family together. He wants the matter further investigated and if it is apparent that Mrs. Tuel is unfit to have charge of them some of them will have to be taken away.

Tuels, Will Resist.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Tuel will resist having their children taken away from them. Mrs. Tuel is a

sympathetic and kind-hearted woman who has done her best for her children, and in spite of talk by the neighbors, the children are fairly well clothed and cared for. Mr. Tuel has given most of his earnings to their support, and he has earned good wages. Several of the children earn money, but it takes more than one person's earnings to feed, clothe, house and school ten children at home, and two on their own resources. Mrs. Tuel says she could not endure to have six or any of the children taken away, and her husband says he is sure it would cause her to go crazy if it did not kill her. He has employed counsel in the person of P. H. D'Arcy, who will put up all the legal obstacles in his power to keep the family from being scattered.

Relatives in Eastern Oregon.

Mrs. Tuel's people reside at Fossil, Wheeler county, and are said to



JUDGE K. M. LANDIS.

Judge of the United States circuit court, who tried the Standard Oil case and summoned John D. Rockefeller to testify. The conviction of the oil monopoly left upon him the responsibility of deciding what punishment would prove adequate to the case.

They have been communicated with and may be asked to take some of the children if it is necessary for any to leave home.

Old stories have been revived about Tuel being a gambler, and about Mrs. Tuel teaching the children to steal, but those best acquainted with them deny the truth of these tales. The family has lived peacefully for years and without attracting attention, until the recent arrest, which Mr. Tuel says was brought about by enemies. But admitting all that is charged by enemies of the family, Mr. Tuel says he will not consent to having any of his children taken away. They are as dear to him and his wife as though they had but the conventional one or two, and in this day and age of controversy as to what should constitute a normal family, the Tuels have the moral weight of President Roosevelt on their side, and his counsel says unless actual criminality and unfitness to care for their children can be proven against the father and mother, he will carry his case to keep the family intact to the highest courts, and even to the President himself. The Tuel family are likely to become celebrated in the social history of this community.

What Zercher Says.

Mr. H. J. Zercher of Liberty came in this morning to protest against the Tuel children being removed from Salem. He says the Tuels have picked his prunes for four seasons and are engaged to harvest his fruit this year. He says they are good workers and he has found them honest and well-behaved as anyone's children and he says it is too late for him to hire other help.

Since that heroic rescue Fairbanks story was set afloat, the Fairbanks supporters have been glancing in the direction of Taft with a beat that if you can expression.—Topeka Journal.

ALTON GETS A BATH

COMING OUT CLEAN

Attorney General Cuts His Vacation In Order to Compel Harriman to Get into the Tub, and Take a Regular Immunity Scrub.

Washington, Aug. 12.—It became known today that the Chicago & Alton Railroad was given an immunity bath for its part in connection with illegal rebates for which the Standard Oil company was recently convicted and fined \$29,240,000. As a reason, it is probable that the cases against the Alton, which might have carried with them fines amounting to several millions of dollars, will be dropped.

It appears that former Attorney General Moody, now a justice of the supreme court of the United States, under whose direction the Standard Oil cases were instituted used the Chicago & Alton to gain the information necessary to convict the octopus. Special Counsel Morrison, ex-United States district attorney for the Chicago district, it is understood, promised the Alton immunity from prosecution in return for the information furnished.

It all probability this was not known to Judge Landis. The department of justice, however, feels the moral obligation imposed by Mr. Morrison's work, and has fully informed Judge Landis of the situation.

Want to Dip Harriman.

Washington, Aug. 12.—It was officially announced today that proceedings are to be commenced immediately in the United States courts in New York to compel Harriman to answer the questions he refused to answer when under the probe of the interstate commerce commission last spring.

This, it is stated, is the only proceedings against Harriman immediately in sight. It remains to be seen whether things will be uncovered leading to criminal prosecution.

It was determined some months ago to make the effort to force Harriman to tell everything the inquisitors want to know, and today's statement is merely the manifestation of the department of justice's readiness to begin action.

PASS CLAIMS TO PATENT.

Thomas B. Neuhausen Expedites Work of the Government.

Thomas B. Neuhausen, special inspector of the interior department, is engaged in a work that will bring good news to many claimants of public lands in this state. He is taking up the blanket suspensions of land entries in Oregon and is recommending the passing of patent of those claims which are apparently bona fide.

When indictments were returned against men charged with land frauds, large tracts of land in this state were held up pending investigation. This meant the indefinite suspension of not less than 2000 entries, which were principally in the Roseburg and Portland districts. Other parts of the state were, however, affected.

This order of the general land office delaying action on such a large number of claims, affected timber and stone entries, as well as homesteads. Inspector Neuhausen's action in reporting bona fide entries will have the effect of passing to patent many suspended entries throughout the state.—Oregonian.

J. W. BOLLEN KILLS HIMSELF

Was Located Here for a Short Time—Despondent Over Losses.

J. W. Bollen, an undertaker and embaler, 46 years of age, committed suicide at 12:10 o'clock this morning, says the Oregonian, by shooting himself in the right temple in his apartment at the Howland rooming house at Twentieth and Washington streets. Despondency over financial losses and inability to secure employment is given as the reason for the rash act.

Bollen came to Oregon with his wife immediately after the San Francisco earthquake, in which they lost their all, and located at Salem.

He was not successful, and about two months ago removed to Portland and took apartments at the Howland.

Of late he has grown despondent and frequently threatened suicide, and on one occasion, in the presence of a woman companion of Mrs. Bollen, is said to have threatened to kill his wife and himself.

Last night he and his wife went out for a walk and returned to their rooms about 11 o'clock, at which time he acted queerly. Shortly after they entered their apartments, Bollen took the revolver from his bureau drawer and flourished it around carelessly, threatening to end the career of his wife and himself at the same time. Mrs. Bollen pleaded with him to postpone the occasion until they had secured other quarters, and finally succeeded in wresting the weapon from his grasp. She took the cartridges from the gun and was about to throw them in a cuspidor when he caught her arms and engaged her in a tussle. She eluded his grasp and thought she still retained all the cartridges and disposed of them as she had intended, but it seems that he had secured one shell in the struggle.

About one hour later, while his wife was preparing to go to bed, he placed the cartridge in the revolver and fired the bullet into his right temple, dying almost instantly. The terrified wife, frantic with grief, threw water in his face and called loudly for help.

Coroner Finley was notified, and at the request of the widow, Undertaker Erickson, a personal friend of the deceased, took charge of the remains. The couple had no children.

SALMON SHY AT YAQUINA

Newport, Or., Aug. 12.—Though salmon are now running well in the Alsea river, 15 miles south of here, and are also plentiful in the Siletz, 22 miles to the northward, they are not yet running in the Yaquina river. Occasionally a silverside is seen in the bay but the salmon run has not begun, although streams both north and south of here are full of the fish.

This condition is due to the fact that the Yaquina river carries very little fresh water. Both the Alsea and the Siletz are fed by many mountain streams and the fresh water in them causes salmon to enter them earlier. Salmon never begin to run in the Yaquina river until the fall rains come and the fresh water is apparent in the stream.

Shut Off Philippines.

San Francisco, Aug. 13.—The Postal Pacific Cable operators will also go out at 5 o'clock this evening and will tie up all government communication with the Philippines.

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