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MANY IMPORTANT MEASURES WILL COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL TONIGHT

PURCHASE OF WATER PLANT FRANCHISE FOR RAILROAD AND PAVING SIX STREETS

The Report of the Water Committee, Which Has Been Delayed, Will Probably Be Made Tonight, and the Franchise of the Salem, Falls City & Western Railroad Will Be Acted Upon as Will the Matter of Paving Six Streets--Besides This There Are Several Other Important Matters.

With three important subjects to come up for consideration--the report of the special committee appointed to confer with the Salem Water company relative to purchase of its plant; the report of the ordinance committee on an ordinance having for its object the granting of a franchise to the Salem, Falls City & Western Railroad company, and the report of the street committee relative to petitions asking for the pavement of six streets in the city, the meeting of the city council this evening promises to become one of the most interesting held by that body for some time.

The special committee appointed to confer with the water company consists of Alderman Durbin, Pennebaker and Waring, was appointed some time ago and its purpose was to prevail upon the company to reduce the purchase price. Delays in reporting are due to the inability to see Mr. Parks, who has been ill, but it is understood that a conference has now been held and that the result of it

will be made public this evening. The street committee has had under consideration a number of petitions for the improvements of the streets for many weeks and with the view of securing better prices, has held several conferences with representatives of paving companies. A meeting was held the past week and the committee, it is understood, is now in a position to submit a report on this subject. Many people are interested in this work and will be eager to learn the nature of the report.

An ordinance having for its object the granting of a franchise to the Salem, Falls City & Western railroad company has been in the hands of the ordinance committee for several weeks and it is now ready to report and action will be taken with regard to it tonight by the council. This is a subject of much importance to the people of the city as the company has signified its intention of building a \$100,000 bridge across the Willamette river and erection of a depot in the city.

MEXICANS WHIPPED BY REBELS

GENERAL NAVARRO'S FORCES RAN INTO AN AMBUSH AND ARE FIRED ON BY REBELS, ASSISTED BY AMERICANS.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] El Paso, Tex., Feb. 20.—Using machine guns and rifles at a distance of 100 yards, a party of Americans and insurgents are reported here today to have badly beaten a force of General Navarro's Mexican troops near San Ignacio. Goat herders who fled from the mountains across the Rio Grande to San Elizario brought the news of the battle.

The fugitives declare that the federals marched into an ambush when a camp of American who were with the insurgents opened on the column with machine guns and rifles at point blank range. The federals, they say, fled in disorder. Military headquarters at Juarez deny the goat herders' story. The officials say that only a few shots were exchanged by Navarro's troops with the insurgents, and that there was no casualties on either side. As no couriers have as yet arrived from the scene of the alleged battle, it is believed that hope, rather than knowledge, inspired the official explanation of the story.

Heavy snowfall is reported in the mountains south of Guadalupe, where Navarro's troops are campaigning and suffering is said to be great among the barefooted women who follow his camp. The insurgents fired upon a provision train, taking supplies to Navarro's troops, yesterday, fatally wounding the fireman. They failed to stop the train and retreated before a volley from the trainmen. As a consequence the Mexican northwestern trainmen today refused take out trains.

More than 250 Yaqui Indians, well armed, are reported here today to have joined the insurgents at Guzman.

Chico, Calif., Feb. 20.—Gathering supplies and arranging to more

fully equip several recruits who slipped across the line under cover of darkness, General Simon Berthold, second in command of the rebel forces in Lower California, prepared today to march to Ensenada.

General Berthold announced he will take advantage of the disorganization of the federal garrison of Lower California at the risk of returning to Mexicali and finding it in the possession of Mexican troops reported to be marching to the city across Arizona and California. Scouts sent out as close to the boundary line as possible, so as not to infringe on the neutrality agreement, report that no trace of the band could be had as far as Yuma.

In spite of a request by Captain Babcock, in charge of the U. S. troops patrolling the Lower California border, that he withdraw to a point two miles from the international line, General Berthold will leave a small garrison in Mexicali when he marches toward Ensenada.

ARRESTED FOR AN OLD DIAMOND ROBBERY

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 20.—Aaron Rafelt and Violet Sinclair have been arrested here on suspicion of having been connected with a big diamond robbery in San Francisco a year ago. The amount of booty secured was valued at \$10,000.

They took in the prize fight at Reno July 4, then visited South America, New York, Montreal and other points of interest. Word of their capture was sent to San Francisco and orders to detain them was received. It is expected that an officer and papers for their extradition will be sent but the prisoners said today they would not go back without a fight in the courts here.

Will Fortify Canal.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Washington, Feb. 20.—The sundry civil bill will carry a provision for the fortification of the Panama canal, according to an announcement made today by Representative Fitzgerald, of New York, a member of the house committee on appropriations.

Bailey Will Not Erupt.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Washington, Feb. 20.—Following a conference with President Taft today, Senator Bailey, of Texas, announced that he had pledged himself not to filibuster against the reciprocity measure in the senate.

Ready for Number Six.

Clad in Her Innocence.

New York, Feb. 20.—There is speculation here today as to the limit of "diaphanous dancing costumes," following Isadora Duncan's latest performance. Clad in the lightest, scantiest and most translucent silk, Miss Duncan danced at Carnegie hall. Her audience gasped. One newspaper critic declared that "all Miss Duncan's refined art could not absorb the attention of a crowd which beheld a woman, who, except for her soft, transparent drapery, that veiled but did not hide, was in a state of sublime nudity."

THE NATIVES KILLED AND PERHAPS ATE HIM

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Brisbane, Australia, Feb. 20.—News of the massacre of Stanforth Smith, the British administrator of Papua, a division of the island of New Guinea, was received here today. Smith, with two white officers and a party of natives, were killed by inhabitants of the interior while on an exploration trip.

Maine Congressman Dead.

Washington, Feb. 20.—Congressman Amos L. Allen, of Maine, died here today of pneumonia, following a short illness.

Allen was born in Waterloo, Me., in 1837. He was elected to the 56th congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Thomas B. Reed, and has been re-elected four successive times.

HE SPENT \$200,000 IN BRIBES

FRANK GARDNER ADMITS HE PAID OUT AT LEAST THIS SUM IN GETTING THE NEW YORK LEGISLATURE IN SHAPE.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] New York, Feb. 20.—Former State Senator Frank Gardner, on trial for bribery, in connection with the legislative fight to defeat the Hughes anti-trace track bills two years ago, admitted that he spent more than \$200,000 to kill the measures, according to the testimony today of George Hall, of Wilkesbarre, Pa.

Hall swore that Gardner told him he had attempted to prevent the passage of the bills, and that he had taken \$200,000 to Albany while the measures were before the legislature. Hall declared that Gardner informed him, shortly before the final vote on the matter, that Congressman Foelker, then state senator, had agreed to vote against the bills for \$10,000. Foelker has charged that Gardner offered him \$25,000 to oppose the measures.

Under cross-examination Hall admitted that he had demanded \$50 a week from the prosecution for his testimony.

Secretary of War May Help Shippers

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] San Francisco, Feb. 20.—Local shippers today are looking to Secretary of War Dickinson for action that will end the Panama freight rate war instituted by the Pacific Mail and American-Hawaiian Steamship company out of competition in the Isthmian freight carrying business. Because of a contract between the Pacific Mail and the Panama railroad, which is federal property, the government is a party to the attempt to throttle competition. Efforts will be made to have the government, through Dickinson, cancel its contract with the Pacific Mail.

He's a Major-General Now.

Washington, Feb. 20.—President Taft today nominated Brigadier-General Murray, chief of the coast artillery, to be a major-general.

CHIEF CLERK FLAGG USES HIS VETO OR AT LEAST SITS DOWN ON SENATE

To Tax Jewish Bachelors.

Chicago, Feb. 20.—To raise a fund to send Jewish immigrants from unhealthy tenement districts to farms, the Young Men's Associated Jewish Charities of Chicago today proposed a graduated "tax" on bachelors, 30 years or older. The plan, as outlined by George W. Alschuler, has met favor among Chicago Jews. According to present plan, the tax is to be increased \$5 for every five years the bachelors are older than 30—the limit. Accordingly, a bachelor 50 years old would pay \$20 a year tax.

CANADA IS TURNING AGAINST IT

Nineteen of the Leading Banks and Merchants of Toronto Protest Against Ratification of the Agreement.

IT WOULD DISTURB TRADE

They Say, and Also Point Out, That It Would Weaken the Ties Binding Canada to the Empire--Unrestricted Reciprocity, They Claim, Would Eventually Follow, and This Would Ultimately Lead to Canada's Annexation.

NEW YORK STILL HAS A DEADLOCK

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Albany, N. Y., Feb. 20.—The deadlock in the voting for a United States senator remained unchanged today, with Sheehan still leading. Charles F. Murphy, Tammany leader, announced this afternoon that he would not come to Albany this week, as there seemed little likelihood of an immediate change in the balloting.

RELIEF STEAMER IN SEATTLE THIS WEEK

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Seattle, Wash., Feb. 20.—The U. S. transport Buford, which is expected to arrive from San Francisco, en route to China with supplies for famine sufferers, will in all probability reach Seattle by the latter part of the week at the latest.

EUGENE BOY KILLED BY ANOTHER

CLARENCE PHIPPS, AGED 17, THINKING HE WAS SHOOTING AT A DEER, KILLS HARVEY SUTHERLAND, A BOY ABOUT HIS OWN AGE.

WILLAMETTE DOWNED THE AGRICS AGAIN

Once again the basketball team from the Oregon Agricultural College went down to defeat before the fast bunch from Willamette on the local university floor to the score of 22 to 18 Saturday night. The game was one of the most hard fought ever seen upon the university floor, and the scores close throughout the entire game. There was a large amount of time taken out on account of decisions on fouls between Referee May, of O. A. C., and Umpire Zimmerman, of Willamette, making the game rather slow for the spectators.

THE SON MADE ASSAILANTS TAKE TO FLIGHT

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Sacramento, Calif., Feb. 20.—That the Rev. Frank Kline Baker, of the First Methodist church last midnight was not pummeled to a jelly or at least painfully beaten by three mysterious strangers was only prevented by the menacing rifle of his son Joseph Baker, aged 22. The attack followed vigorous utterances by the pastor against gambling, the white slave traffic and other evils of the community. The three assailants masked their motives behind the assertion that they thought the Rev. Baker was another man who, they said, had insulted the wife of one of them. After a struggle on the porch, the pastor and his son beat off the assailants.

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BRINGS SUIT TO PREVENT COMMITTEE DOING WORK OF REVISING THE JOURNAL

Judge Galloway Issues Temporary Injunction--Flagg Holds the Law Provides That It Shall Be the Duty of the Chief Clerk to Revise the Journal, and That the Senate Cannot by Resolution Set Aside a Clear Provision of the Law--Work of Daily Revision Ordered by Senate Cost \$400 and Accomplished Nothing.

Alleging that, under the terms of the state law, he is the legal custodian of the senate journal, and that upon him devolves the duty of revising it, after adjournment, and further alleging that the senate, by resolution, prior to adjourning, appointed a committee to revise it, and which action, it is alleged, is contrary to law, Chief Clerk Flagg this afternoon, through the law firm of McNary & McNary, filed in the circuit court of Judge Galloway a suit asking that an injunction be issued restraining the committee from in any manner interfering with the revision work. Upon Flagg furnishing a bond for the sum of \$500, Judge Galloway issued a temporary injunction, and, in event that the committee sees fit to contest it, the case will be argued at some subsequent date.

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The resolution referred to in the complaint of Flagg is senate resolution No. 45. It was passed on the last night of the session by the senate, and provides for the appointment of Calendar Clerk Ritner, W. G. D. Mercer and John P. Hunt as a committee to revise the senate journal. Section 2606 of the state law says that, upon the adjournment of the senate it shall be the duty of the chief clerk and the calendar clerk to do this work, and they are given 15 days in which to complete it. The resolution provided that the committee have the work done in 10 days. Flagg contends that the senate cannot, by resolution, override the state law, and is insistent that the committee shall have nothing to do with the revision. Ritner is not made a party to the suit, as he is calendar clerk, and the law provides that he shall assist the chief clerk.

\$400 Already Expended.

During the session a special committee was appointed to revise the journal daily. This action was taken by the senate, as it was desired to have the journal complete when the time for adjournment came, and it was believed that in this manner it could be accomplished. While, according to Flagg, \$400 of the people's money was paid over to this committee for its labors, failed to accomplish the work, and, in view of this, the

PORTLAND MAN TIRED OF LIVING

H. H. BOWDEN, AN EX-SALOON MAN, SLASHED HIS THROAT TWICE WITH A RAZOR, BUT IS OVERPOWERED.

EX-JUSTICE LORD'S FUNERAL TUESDAY

The funeral of the late Wm. P. Lord will be held from the first Congregational church Tuesday at 2 o'clock, services conducted by Rev. P. S. Knight of this city. There will be a large attendance of prominent citizens from all over the state. Judge E. R. Brady, who was territorial governor of Alaska, and is now conducting a bank at Montesano, Washington, accompanied by his wife, are here to attend the funeral.

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