

MENACES THE CITY

Standard Oil Company Building a Veritable Fire Trap.

VIOLATED THE ORDINANCE

Trying to Sneak in an Oil Tank Without Being Discovered, and Did Not Even Apply to the Council for a Building Permit as Required.

Knowing that they are violating the ordinances of the city; knowing that they are attempting to do something that the people of Astoria do not want and will not tolerate, the Standard Oil Company is sneaking into Astoria and has commenced building a foundation for an oil tank at the foot of Fifth street. They didn't even have the honor or principal to apply to the common council for a building permit, knowing that it would not be granted, but have a force of men at work building a fire trap in the heart of the city, something that would not be tolerated in any other city in the world.

The Astorian called the attention of the common council four months ago to the fact that the Standard Oil Company was contemplating building an oil tank on its property, but no attention was paid to it. At a subsequent meeting of the common council a representative of the company appeared before the council and stated that instead of increasing the insurance rates, it would have a tendency to leave them as they are or lower them. This was not backed up by the facts or subsequent developments, and the representative knew it. Within 60 days after he made these statements a meeting of the fire underwriters was held and they sent a communication to the common council stating that if an oil tank was built in that location, the insurance rates would be raised in that section of the city.

Still the common council paid no attention to the matter, until today the Standard Oil Company has the material on the ground and has the foundation of the new oil tank up about eight feet. Even the property owners, whose property will be menaced by the buildings, are taking no steps to stop it. No effort on the part of the city has been made, until yesterday when Councilman Burns' attention was called to the matter, he notified Attorney Smith, who agreed to draw an ordinance to prevent the building of the tank to be presented at the next meeting of the common council, but it will probably be too late, unless a special meeting is called.

If the common council is interested in protecting the lives and property of the city from the dangers surrounding an oil tank, which, if a fire should break out in that locality, would destroy thousands of dollars worth of property, they will hold a special meeting of the common council, and not only pass an ordinance prohibiting the erection of an oil tank within the city limits, the same as has been done in every other city on the coast, but will have the representatives arrested for violating the ordinance requiring building permits to be taken out, but an injunction suit would be immediately commenced stopping this iniquitous trust, that has robbed thousands of people, from building a fire trap.

The Standard Oil Company may own the board of foreign missions of the Congregational church, and buy their good will from a paltry \$100,000, but they don't own the city of Astoria and are not dominating its business.

This is a matter that needs prompt attention and immediate action. The contemptible, sneaking way, in which the company commenced building operations, is sufficient to condemn them in the eyes of every honest man in the city. It is to be hoped that they have no influence over the common council, and that they will call a special meeting and put a stop to the depredations being committed by this soulless corporation.

E. E. PHILLIPS KILLED.

Engine Jumped the Track at the Ft. Stevens Jetty.

Yesterday afternoon while E. E. Phillips of Warrenton was running an engine on the trestle of the jetty at Ft. Stevens, when a little past the gridiron, and in running onto a switch, the engine jumped the track and fell off the trestle to the beach below, a distance of about 20 feet. Phillips was on the down side of the engine and fell underneath it when it struck the sand. The engine was pulled off from him, but he was dead. The top part of his head was cut off, as were both arms. He was picked up and taken to his home in Warrenton, his wife being on the train that conveyed the remains to his home. Fireman H. E. Campbell was on the engine at the time, but escaped with slight injuries. Coroner Pohl was notified and went over to Warrenton. It has not been decided whether an inquest will be

held. Mr. Phillips was in the employ of the government at the time. He was formerly in the employ of the Astoria & Columbia river railroad as an engineer. He leaves a widow and two children.

Beauty Parlors.

Mrs. Martha C. Peterson, accompanied by Mrs. Warren of the Portland Beauty Bazaar, 402 1/2 Morrison Street, Portland, is at the Cole hotel, suite 25, where she will be pleased to meet the ladies of Astoria. Mrs. Peterson expects to make her home in Astoria, and will open a modern hair dressing parlor as soon as she can find a suitable location. For the present she will conduct her business at her suite of rooms, the Cole, and is prepared to do all kinds of dermatological work—manicure, shampooing, dyeing, bleaching, hair dressing, facial and scalp massage, both electrical and plain. Brown spots, freckles, moles, warts and superfluous hair removed by the only reliable method—the electric needle. Mrs. Peterson has a full line of hair goods, switches, pompadours, etc., on display and for sale at a reasonable price at her rooms.

Assault Case Dismissed.

The case of the state of Oregon against John Erickson, charged with an assault with a dangerous weapon on one August Neimi, turned out to be more of a blackmailing scheme than an assault. Those who heard the testimony were of the opinion that Neimi, if he was cut at all, cut himself. The evidence disclosed that friends of Neimi intended to get about \$400 out of Erickson, and the case was brought for this purpose. After hearing the evidence, Judge Goodman dismissed the case and discharged Erickson. Justice would have been done if Neimi and his friends had been sent to jail for attempted blackmail.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Occident.

- R. G. Case, Portland.
- E. L. Buford, San Francisco.
- Dan W. Evans, Portland.
- S. Farrell, Portland.
- F. H. Cowden, San Francisco.
- E. T. Findley, Portland.
- F. H. Carnahan, Hoquim.
- L. Rosenberg, San Francisco.
- S. B. Story, Portland.
- H. Brash, Portland.
- T. Herring, Portland.
- F. S. McCullough, Portland.
- H. W. Scott, New York.
- A. Olsen, Deep River.

Parker.

- Earnest Bryant, Enfaula.
- J. P. Paul, Nahcotta.
- Phillip Miner, Frankfort.
- M. W. Pillsbury, Portland.
- A. O. McCrum, Portland.
- L. Hunter, Ilwaco.
- F. Blackwood, Portland.
- F. Ream, Stella.
- H. Craman, Stella.
- C. W. Carnahan, Clatsop.
- A. E. Griffiths, Portland.
- F. W. Preston, Warrenton.
- Jean MacGregor, Seattle.
- E. Rece, Rainier.
- James G. Cox, Portland.

A Former Astorian.

Joe Hoch of Pendleton, formerly of Astoria arrived in the city last evening on a visit. He states that Sam Roberts, who married Clara Agnes Dunbar, formerly of this city, is living in Pendleton, and that Mrs. O. W. Dunbar is living with her daughter, Mrs. Roberts.

A Daredevil Ride.

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GUILTY AS CHARGED

Board of Foreign Mission Will Accept Rockefeller's Gift.

KEEPING THE MATTER QUIET

Seem to Be Ashamed That They Have So Far Stultified Themselves as to Accept Money Filched from the Poor and Honest People of the Country.

Boston, April 11.—The prudential committee of the American board of commissioners of foreign missions of the Congregational church met today and took action upon the report of the sub-committee appointed two weeks ago to investigate the charges preferred by a number of ministers of adjournment of the committee and the mended accepting the gift of John D. Rockefeller of \$100,000.

A vote was taken just prior to the adjournment of the committee and the result of the vote will, it is stated, be made public tomorrow.

The committee were bound to secrecy, seeming to be afraid of the overwhelming public opinion against their actions. It is believed, however, that the committee has decided to accept the gift.

Investigating Standard Oil.

Topeka, April 11.—Commissioner of Corporations Garfield started the work of investigating the Standard Oil Company in Kansas today. Three special agents of the department are here with Garfield.

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