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AN ORDINANCE

GOVERNING FOR THE HOLDING OF A SPECIAL ELECTION IN THE CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI BY THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF SAID CITY, FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING IF E. H. ELDRIDGE, TRUSTEE, MAY SELL THE ENTIRE ELECTRIC PLANT AND BUSINESS IN THE CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS, FORMERLY OPERATED BY THE PEOPLES LIGHT COMPANY, TO THE CORPUS CHRISTI RAILWAY AND LIGHT COMPANY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 79 OF THE GENERAL LAWS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, ADOPTED BY THE THIRTY FOURTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI:

Section 1. That it is hereby ordered that an election of the qualified voters of the City of Corpus Christi, Texas, be held on the 18th day of January, A. D. 1916, for the purpose of determining if E. H. Eldridge, Trustee, may sell the entire electric plant and business, in the City of Corpus Christi, Texas, formerly owned and operated by said corporation, and now operated by the said E. H. Eldridge, Trustee, to the Corpus Christi Railway and Light Company of Corpus Christi, Texas.

Section 2. That the polls of such election shall be kept open from eight o'clock A. M. to seven o'clock P. M., and that at said election all qualified voters residing in the City of Corpus Christi shall be allowed to vote, and that the polling places and presiding officers of said election shall be respectively as follows: There shall be one polling place at the City Hall and Fire Station, in Bond Election Precinct No. 1, of the City of Corpus Christi, and O. O. Wright is hereby appointed as presiding Judge, and E. T. Merriman and H. N. Garrett assistant judges.

Section 3. That the form of ballot to be used in said election for those voting in favor of the sale by E. H. Eldridge, Trustee, of the entire electric plant and business formerly operated by the Peoples Light Company and now operated by said Trustee, in Corpus Christi, Texas, to the Corpus Christi Railway and Light Company, shall be as follows:

"For the sale by E. H. Eldridge, Trustee of the entire electric plant and business formerly operated by the Peoples Light Company, in Corpus Christi, to the Corpus Christi Railway and Light Company."

And the form of ballot to be used in said election for those voting against the sale by the said E. H. Eldridge, Trustee, of said electric plant and business to the Corpus Christi Railway and Light Company shall be as follows:

"Against the sale by E. H. Eldridge, Trustee, of said electric plant and business formerly operated by the Peoples Light Company to the Corpus Christi Railway and Light Company."

Section 4. That said election shall be held in accordance with the general laws of the State, so far as same are applicable, and not in conflict with the City Charter.

Section 5. The Mayor of the City of Corpus Christi is hereby directed to cause proper notice of said election to be published in accordance with the terms of the City Charter for a period of not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date of said election.

Section 6. The fact that the properties formerly belonging to the Peoples Light Company are now being operated by the Trustee with insufficient capital, and that said business may be discontinued at any time, resulting in great inconvenience to the public, and the fact that a sale of said properties to the Corpus Christi Railway and Light Company will result in better service, and in the elimination of duplication of polls and lines upon the streets of said City, which duplication is unsightly, creates a public emergency and an imperative public necessity requiring the suspension of the charter rule providing that no ordinance or resolution shall be finally passed on the day of its introduction, and that such ordinance or resolution shall be read at three several meetings of the City Council, and the Mayor having declared that such public emergency and imperative public necessity exists, and requested in writing that such charter rule be suspended, and that this ordinance be passed finally on the day of its introduction, and that it take effect and be in full force from and after its passage, it is so ordered.

Passed on the 17th day of December, A. D., 1915.

Approved on the 17th day of December, A. D. 1915.

ROY MILLER, Mayor of the City of Corpus Christi.

(Seal) Attest: F. J. MULLIGAN, City Secretary of the City of Corpus Christi.

Approved December 17th, A. D., 1915. RUSSELL SAVAGE, City Attorney.

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that a special election will be held in the City of Corpus Christi on the 18th day of January, A. D. 1916, pursuant to and in accordance with the following provisions of an ordinance passed by the City Council and approved by the Mayor on the 17th day of December, A. D., 1915.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI:

Section 1. That it is hereby ordered that an election of the qualified voters of the City of Corpus Christi, Texas, be held on the 18th day of January, A. D. 1916, for the purpose of determining if E. H. Eldridge as Trustee of and for the properties formerly owned by the Peoples Light Company, may sell the entire electric plant and business, in the City of Corpus Christi, Texas, formerly owned and operated by said corporation, and now operated by the said E. H. Eldridge, Trustee, to the Corpus Christi Railway and Light Company of Corpus Christi, Texas.

Section 2. That the polls of such election shall be kept open from eight o'clock A. M. to seven o'clock P. M., and that at said election all qualified voters residing in the City of Corpus Christi shall be allowed to vote, and that the polling places and presiding officers of said election shall be respectively as follows: There shall be one polling place at the City Hall and Fire Station, in Bond Election Precinct No. 1, of the City of Corpus Christi, and O. O. Wright is hereby appointed as presiding Judge, and E. T. Merriman and H. N. Garrett assistant judges.

Section 3. That the form of ballot to be used in said election for those voting in favor of the sale by E. H. Eldridge, Trustee, of the entire electric plant and business formerly operated by the Peoples Light Company and now operated by said Trustee, in Corpus Christi, Texas, to the Corpus Christi Railway and Light Company, shall be as follows:

"For the sale by E. H. Eldridge, Trustee of the entire electric plant and business formerly operated by the Peoples Light Company, in Corpus Christi, to the Corpus Christi Railway and Light Company."

And the form of ballot to be used in said election for those voting against the sale by the said E. H. Eldridge, Trustee, of said electric plant and business to the Corpus Christi Railway and Light Company shall be as follows:

"Against the sale by E. H. Eldridge, Trustee, of said electric plant and business formerly operated by the Peoples Light Company to the Corpus Christi Railway and Light Company."

Section 4. That said election shall be held in accordance with the general laws of the State, so far as same are applicable, and not in conflict with the City Charter.

Section 5. The Mayor of the City of Corpus Christi is hereby directed to cause proper notice of said election to be published in accordance with the terms of the City Charter for a period of not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date of said election.

Said election is hereby ordered to be held in accordance with the above provisions of the said ordinance, and the general laws governing elections, in so far as same are applicable; and the persons named above are appointed judges of said election; and this notice is ordered published for thirty days in the Corpus Christi Caller and Daily Herald.

Witness my hand and the seal of the City of Corpus Christi, this the 17th day of December, A. D. 1915.

ROY MILLER, Mayor of the City of Corpus Christi, Texas.

(Seal.) Attest: F. J. MULLIGAN, City Secretary of the City of Corpus Christi.

(Advertisement.)

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AN ORDINANCE

Regulating the Use of the Streets, Alleys, Avenues and Sidewalks, Parks and Other Public Property of the City of Corpus Christi, Providing Penalties and Declaring an Emergency.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI:

Section 1. That hereafter it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to place or leave in any public free, alley, or avenue, or permit to be placed or left in any public street avenue, or alley in the City of Corpus Christi, Texas, any box, material, vehicle, or object matter or thing whatsoever that in any way interferes with, obstructs or renders less safe or inconvenient the free use of such street or alley for vehicles or persons traveling along the same, providing, however, that this section shall not be so construed as to interfere with the erecting of buildings or improvements in which event one-third of the width of the street or alley upon which such buildings or improvements are being erected may be used for placing material etc. by the contractor, such contractor however, to obtain a permit in writing from the building inspector of the city specifying time to use said part of any such street, avenue, or alley for a period no longer than is necessary, in good faith, to construct and complete such building or improvement, any such obstruction to be removed by such contractor upon a written demand from said building inspector, and within the time prescribed in said demand.

Section 2. It shall hereafter be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to in any manner obstruct the use by pedestrians of any sidewalk in the City of Corpus Christi, Texas, by placing, depositing or suffering to remain thereon, or permitting any of his servants, employees or persons under his control to deposit, place, or suffer to remain thereon, any box, material, vehicle or other object whatsoever, or to hitch or to stake out any horse, cow or other animal or to permit such horse, cow or other animal to be hitched or staked out so that it can go upon or stretch any rope, chain, or strap or other thing which it is hitched or staked out across any such sidewalk or street; providing, however, that this Section shall not be construed so as to interfere with the construction of buildings or improvements as set forth in Section 1 hereof.

Section 3. That hereafter it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to obstruct any sidewalk, street corner or any public place in this city, by congregating, lounging, loafing or standing idly in or on the same after being requested to move on by any police officer in said city.

Section 4. That hereafter it shall be unlawful for any person to engage in preaching, public speaking or the hawking of any goods or merchandise on any of the streets, sidewalks or public square of this city without first obtaining a permit from the City Council therefor, or other official by ordinance authorized to issue said permit.

Section 5. That hereafter it shall be unlawful for any person to sweep any sidewalk in the City of Corpus Christi within the fire limits of said city within the hours of 7:45 o'clock a. m. and 11:00 o'clock p. m. of any day.

Section 6. That hereafter it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to paint or write signs or advertisements upon any of the sidewalks streets or pavements of the City of Corpus Christi or upon any ornamental balustrade, fountain, stairway or other improvements belonging to said city, without the consent of the City Council or to write in any manner thereon, or to carve thereon, or in any other way to mutilate or destroy the same.

Section 7. That hereafter it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to store or expose for sale or sell upon any of the sidewalks or streets of the city, any fruits, nuts, candies or cigars, tobacco soda water or other goods or merchandise or to occupy any portion of any sidewalk or street of said city with any bootblack stand or other structure for carrying on any other business or occupation without a permit from the City Council or to permit any boxes or merchandise to remain thereon.

Section 8. It shall hereafter be unlawful for any person to ride or lead any horse or drive any team on or across any sidewalk in this city except in such places as may be constructed and used for that purpose.

Section 9. It shall hereafter be unlawful for any person to tie or fasten any animal to any lamp-post, awning-post, tree, fence, or shrubbery the property of another upon the street of the city, or to any hydrant of said city.

Section 10. It shall hereafter be unlawful for any person to tear up, injure or deface, or destroy any sidewalk or any portion thereof, or any curb, retaining wall, hitching-post, or shrubbery thereon.

Section 11. It shall hereafter be unlawful for any person to throw any paper, banana peelings, or any other trash or waste upon any street, alley, avenue or sidewalk of this City.

Section 12. It shall hereafter be unlawful for any person to destroy or in any way injure any tree, shrubbery or plants in any of the public parks or parkways of the city, or to injure or destroy or in any manner deface any of the fences, benches, buildings, or any other property of the city of any kind on said parks or parkways, the words parks and parkways shall include all parks of the city, the parkways in the paved streets, the bluff improvement and the grounds of the City Hall and Fire Station as well as any other property that is now or shall hereafter be improved and beautified by the City.

Section 13. It shall hereafter be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to place, erect, or permit to remain, any standing sign, bulletin board, or advertisement of any kind upon any of the sidewalks of the city, or to place, erect or permit to remain, any swinging signs or sign attached to any building which sign is less than nine feet above the sidewalk.

Section 14. It shall hereafter be unlawful for any person to expectorate upon any of the sidewalks of the city of upon any of the stairways or walks of the Bluff Improvement, or upon any of the walks in any of the public parks.

Section 15. It shall hereafter be unlawful for any person to use or cause or permit to be used any cart or other vehicle for heavy drayage upon any of the paved streets of the city, for the purpose of hauling a load exceeding 1,000 pounds unless said vehicle shall have a tire of at least two inches in width or if for a load of 2,000 pounds, four inches in width.

Section 16. It shall hereafter be unlawful for any person to move any freight or merchandise across any sidewalk of the city by means of a gang plank or gang way.

Section 17. That hereafter it shall be unlawful for any person to build or have built any gates which open across the adjoining sidewalk.

Section 18. That hereafter it shall be unlawful for any person to move or roll any house, safe or other heavy object or structure along or across any sidewalk, or along or across any paved street of the city without keeping timbers on the pavement for the wheels or trucks to run on, said timbers to be of sufficient width, length, and thickness for the weight to be carried, the sufficiency thereof to be determined by the Building Inspector to whom application shall be made before said moving is commenced.

Section 19. It shall hereafter be unlawful for any person to leave any excavation in any street or any material while building or repairing any house or structure, or any house or structure or other object, being moved, upon any of the sidewalks or streets of the city without a signal by day and a light by night attached thereto, or to leave open any automobile or other vehicle under any street or avenue of the city in such position as to obstruct the free travel of said street or avenue.

Section 20. It shall hereafter be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to place or permit to be placed or remain any conduit for wiring for ornamental lights or other conduits which project above the sidewalks upon any sidewalk of the city.

Section 21. It shall hereafter be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to place or permit to be placed or remain upon any of the sidewalks any guy wire unless the same is boxed in or marked so as to be visible at night.

Section 22. Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof before the Corporation Court of the City of Corpus Christi, Texas, shall be fined in any sum not less than ($1.00) Five Dollars nor more than ($200.00) Two Hundred Dollars.

Section 23. The fact that there is no ordinance regulating the use of sidewalks and streets and avenues, parks and other public places, creates a public emergency and a public imperative necessity, requiring a suspension of the charter rule providing that no ordinance or resolution shall be passed finally on the day it is introduced and that such ordinance or resolution shall be read at three several meetings of the City Council, and the Mayor having declared that such public emergency and imperative public necessity exists, and requested that said charter rule be suspended and that this ordinance be passed finally on the date of its introduction, and that this ordinance take effect and be in full force and effect from and after its passage, it is so ordained.

Passed the 17th day of December, A. D., 1915.

Approved the 17th day of December, A. D. 1915. ROY MILLER,

Mayor of the City of Corpus Christi.

F. J. MULLIGAN,
City Secretary of the City of Corpus Christi.

Corpus Christi, Texas, Dec. 17, 1915.

To the Members of the City Council of the City of Corpus Christi:

Gentlemen: For the reasons set forth in the emergency clause of the foregoing resolution, a public emergency and an imperative public necessity exists for the suspension of the charter rule of requirement that no ordinance or resolution shall be passed finally on the date it is introduced, and that such ordinance or resolution shall be read at three several meetings of the City Council. I therefore hereby request that you suspend said charter rule or requirement and pass said ordinance finally on the date it is introduced, or at the present meeting of said City Council.

Respectfully,
ROY MILLER,
Mayor of the City of Corpus Christi.

The charter rule was suspended by the following vote:

MILLER, Aye.
SUTHERLAND, Aye.
WARD, Absent.
GALLAGHER, Aye.
COLLINS, Aye.

The above ordinance was passed by the following vote, to-wit:

MILLER, Aye.
SUTHERLAND, Aye.
WARD, Absent.
GALLAGHER, Aye.
COLLINS, Aye.

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No more strange and thrilling story was ever written than "The Family Stain," which comes to the Amoss today, adapted from "The Widow Lerouge," and produced by William Fox. It is a mystery story of far more than usual interest. In this story, Emile Gaboriau gives greater play to his fantastic mind than any other story that he ever wrote.

The Widow Lerouge, a strange woman who lived several years in a small community, one morning is found murdered in her home. The local police find the situation too big for them to cope with, whereupon an amateur detective, an old man of wealth named Talcret, is sent for and he begins to unravel the mystery. Such a tangle of complications as ensue are rarely if ever found in any detective story. The trail leads from the humble widow's cottage to the home of a powerful man who stands high in the government. It appears that many years before this the high official Commarin, was in love with a beautiful girl. He is forced, however, by his haughty family to marry a girl in his own station of life. A child is born to the woman he wanted to marry and to his own wife at almost the same time.

So much in love was Commarin with the woman that he was unable to marry, that he decides to bring her child up in all the luxury that his great fortune could command. In order to do this, he had it arranged that the two children be sent to a certain place with their respective nurses, and that in the night they would be exchanged so that the illegitimate child would be returned directly to his home and be known as his legitimate heir.

The Widow Lerouge, then a young woman, was taken into the secret and it was up to her to make the proper deception. Thirty years later the young man who was supposed to be the real son of Valerie, who was the mother of the illegitimate child, discovers through correspondence the true situation. Between grief and humility, he goes to the home of his father and there tells the other son that he is not the real son of Commarin, but the son of his father's mistress. The Widow Lerouge is known to have important papers and data bearing on the entire transaction, and because of these, has been supported by Commarin in luxury for many years.

Directly following the expose by the supposedly legitimate son to young Albert Commarin, the Widow Lerouge is found murdered. Her home is found ransacked and nothing of value taken except these papers. Then commences a search for the criminal. Before the story ends, six important persons are suspected of the murder and the situations that arise are fascinating and thrilling to the highest degree. The question as to the identity of the two young men is shuffle-cocked in such a way as to make it impossible to know who's who until the finish of the story.

Director William B. Davis, who made this wonderful picture, was able to put much of all of the charm, and thrills that are portrayed by Gaboriau in the story. In some of the scenes, more than 100 persons were used. The way the story works itself out and the final climaxes form one of the chief features of the strength and vividness of this unusual story.

John Barrymore Pleases Himself on Sam Bernard's Footing.

It is highly improbable that with the respect every actor has for his own "standing" in the profession, one star should ever wish he was in another's shoes. Yet this unusual fact occurred recently at the studios of the Famous Players Film Co., where John Barrymore and Sam Bernard were appearing simultaneously before the camera, the latter in his first screen characterization, "Poor Schmaltz," the great comedy feature which will be attraction at the Amoss Monday.

Sam Bernard, whose debut before the camera so interested him that after he had completed his day's work as an irrepressible German wig-maker, which he presents so humorously in "Poor Schmaltz," walked over to another part of the studio to watch his brother comedian, John Barrymore, performing before the camera in another forthcoming Famous Players comedy, "The Incorrigible Dukane."

As Bernard approached, Barrymore was just waking up from one of his famous screen meditations, looked under the stage bed for his shoes, and found they were not there, due to the carelessness of the prop-boy. Barrymore called to Bernard to lend him his shoes, and the German comedian, ready to aid a brother-artist in distress—or stockinged feet—tossed him his shoes. Bernard did not know, however, that once Mr. Barrymore put the shoes on he would have to wear them until he was through with that act, in which there were eight more scenes to be taken.

After many vain efforts to borrow another pair of shoes in which to go home, then Bernard had to resign himself to a wait of two hours befor Barrymore had completed the scenes which were required in that set. Mr. Bernard has since claimed consistently that Barrymore deliberately retained his shoes in order to compel him to watch Barrymore's work before the camera. Barrymore, however, contends that the shoe fits the other foot.

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