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PRICE FIVE CENTS

## IMPROVED FIRE SERVICE

### Was Subject of Council Meeting-- Other Business Transacted

An adjourned regular meeting of the city fathers was held last evening, with all present, for the purpose of hearing the report on the Sherman street grade, and such other business as might come before it.

Williams stated that he had no report to make on streets and public properties and that he had not received a report from Engineer Welle on the Sherman street grade.

Chas. Young reported for the fire and police committee and stated that he had purchased one dozen water proof coats at \$5.50 each for the fire department. The report was received and placed on file.

The finance and claims committee reported bills amounting to \$85.75 and recommended that they be paid. On a motion by W. A. Andrew and seconded by Chas. Young the report was received and placed on file.

The report of the village marshal for July was read by the clerk and showed fines collected to the amount of \$166.55. After checking up the report of the marshal and the report of justice of the peace it was found that the marshal's report was short \$2. By motion it was referred to the auditing committee.

R. E. McFarland was present and was granted permission to bring a verbal petition before the board. He appeared for J. P. Lanier and stated that he had found that the request for a license to conduct a saloon in the building recently occupied by E. Bjorklund had been laid on the table. He stated that Lanier was under restrictions in present quarters and that he was looking for a permanent location. He spoke of the statutes and their disposition of the liquor license stating that J. P. Lanier was entitled to the license and that he could hold the same so long as he did not violate any of the laws of the city or the state and that they could draw upon the bond for all fines.

Mr. Andrew stated for the board that the request for the license was laid on the table pending an investigation as to the rights of the council in rejecting or granting the same. He also stated that as the city attorney was not present the board would not feel justified in taking any action on the matter until they had investigated and said that the question would be settled at the next meeting. Mr. McFarland stated that there was no reason why the board could not grant the license and said that according to the statutes the board could not refuse, unless there were city ordinances forbidding it.

S. A. Varman stated that in some cities the board of trustees had the right to forbid saloons in certain portions of the city and spoke of the un-

desirable location selected. He also said that he was in favor of deferring the matter until the next meeting.

Mr. Andrew stated that there might or might not be any valid reason for refusing the license upon complaint of those persons conducting business in that locality.

Chas. Young stated that he could not see any reason why one man should be singled out; that there was no ordinance putting aside any district and the board could not refuse under these conditions.

W. A. Andrew moved that the attorney be instructed to make a written report of his opinion on the matter Monday evening. This motion was seconded by S. A. Varman and carried.

Mr. Andrew spoke on the necessity of a sidewalk on Sherman street and stated that the committee had been instructed to draw an ordinance regulating the sidewalk on Sherman street. The committee stated they had taken no steps in the matter. Mr. Andrew then spoke on the matter of the many walls of cellars abutting on the street and recommended that the committee be instructed to incorporate in the sidewalk ordinance some regulation in this matter.

Report of health officer Dr. John C. Dwyer, in the case of the barn of Angus Kennedy & Son on which Chas. Ingram made a complaint some time ago was read. His report stated that the barn was 30 feet from any residence; that it was sanitary with the exception of a manure shed which contained several wagon loads of manure, and that if this manure was removed frequently there would be no violation of the health ordinance. The report was accepted and the disposal of the manure referred to the police.

W. A. Andrew asked what had been done on the numbering of the houses in which no steps had been taken. Several of the members of the board spoke of the necessity of immediate action in this matter.

Capt. Jack Lindsey representing the Washington Rubber company of Spokane was present and stated he could furnish the city with a hose wagon capable of carrying 800 feet of hose for \$575. This being the style of wagon the board desires to purchase.

Mr. Wood representing a fire alarm company was present and spoke on the advantages secured from the installation of an automatic fire alarm system.

S. A. Varman spoke in favor of installing the system, the erection of a city building, and the bonding of the city for these purposes. He thought the liquor license should also be raised.

## LAWYERS IN SESSION

Atlantic City, N. Y., Aug. 14.—More than 50 lawyers, representing all the larger railroads east of the Mississippi river, particularly those traversing the territory south of the Ohio river and the New England states, assembled here today to make a detailed study of the provisions of the railroad rate bill, which will go into effect on Wednesday, August 29.

Former Judge Edward Baxter of Nashville, Tenn., special counsel for several of the leading southern railroad companies, the presiding officer, said: "This meeting of attorneys was called by the executive and traffic officers of the railroads east of the Mississippi river and south of the Ohio river. Counsel of all the eastern trunk lines were also invited to participate in the meeting, although we afterward learned that the Pennsylvania, the Baltimore & Ohio and the New York Central roads, with some other companies, were holding a meeting of their own."

"A series of printed questions asking opinions as to the meaning of various provisions of the interstate commerce act as amended on June 29 last were presented to us to answer. I arranged them, and my answers have been taken up one by one for discussion. Already some have been approved, some rejected and others

laid over for future discussion. They involve many important subjects and can not be discussed in one or two days.

"We have not met here to find any way to evade the new law. We are here solely to consult among ourselves and decide just what our clients will be compelled to do in order to carry out the provisions of the new measures. The questions are not secret, but they are lengthy. We would not object to making them public if the daily paper would give the space to print them in full, together with the answers. They are questions which, if printed alone without their answers, would be misunderstood by the public, so it has been decided to keep the questions to ourselves. It can not be made too emphatic, however, that we are here on a peaceful mission, and we do not expect to even communicate with the interstate commerce commission."

A large corps of stenographers is present to take in detail the arguments over the many points of difference among the legal representatives. A guard is stationed at the entrance to the committee room.

J. L. McClear returned from Santa, yesterday, where he spent the past few days attending to legal matters.



GIFFORD PINCHOT, CHIEF FORESTER.

Gifford Pinchot, chief of the government's forestry service, is spoken of as a possible successor to James Wilson as secretary of agriculture in the event of the latter resigning. Mr. Pinchot has held his present position eight years and has given his department a high standard. He is a man of wealth and wide knowledge in forestry. He also is an expert tennis player.

## WEDGEWOOD CASE CREATES INTEREST

### Damaging Testimony by Mother-- Others Testify

The trial of George Wedgewood, began yesterday before Justice Chamberlin, is still in progress today and a number of witnesses are being examined. Wedgewood is under arrest on the charge of striking his aged mother and she is the chief witness against him.

Mrs. Wedgewood took the witness stand and told her story, which was brought out by the questioning of the prosecuting attorney. She stated that on the 7th day of this month, the day she made the complaint, she was seated in her house, a small one in the rear of the Wedgewood home. George Wedgewood, came in with some meat and bread which he laid on the table. She asked him if that was for her, and he told her that it was, and after looking at it she said that she could not eat it as it was tough and her teeth were poor. Wedgewood then told her to shut up and when she told him she could not eat it, he hit her on the face. She stated that she was not feeling well and sat in the chair and cried; that at this time he put his hand over her mouth and struck her again, and the marks on her face were made by his hands; that her nose was bleeding as a result of the blow. She was asked if she had been beaten previous to this time and stated that about fourteen days before he had beaten her on Friday and Saturday; and that on another occasion Wedgewood's wife had turned the hose on her and told her to run, but she was unable to do so and got wet.

She stated that when she was sitting under a tree in a vacant lot the day after the trouble, her son had talked to her and had tried to get her to go to his house and have some beer with his wife, but she had refused to do so. She said she had complained of not getting sufficient food on several occasions but that it was of no avail, and it was not the fault of her son as much as it was the fault of his wife, and that she had gone hungry for two days and at times she was dependent on the neighbors.

The court adjourned last evening to meet at ten o'clock this morning, when George Wedgewood took the witness stand and gave his side of the story. He stated that he had never had previous trouble with his mother; that he had always supported her as

his means permitted, and that she had never been forced to go without food. He denied ever having struck her on the day she made the complaint, but stated that he had pushed her into a chair and she had tried to throw a teapot at him. He denied having used violent language in her presence on Wednesday of last week when she was seated under the tree in the vacant lot. This testimony was corroborated by several witnesses who claimed they were present at the time. The court adjourned at noon to meet again at 3:30.

One of the interesting features of the trial is that his mother claims her name is Shoetrop and when she came west her son gave her the name of Wedgewood and told her to use it whatever might happen. This is somewhat of an unsolved mystery and has created much comment.

#### Sunday School Picnic.

The Episcopal Sunday school will treat its members to an outing on the shores of the lake at Mica Bay tomorrow, and likewise a ride on the new boat recently built by Capt. Lyons. All transportation will be furnished gratis to the members of the Sunday school, and any persons who are not members are cordially invited to attend, and are extended the courtesy of a half rate, or 25 cents for the round trip. The usual sports will be indulged in and the picnickers will gather round the festive board to partake of the ample lunch which will be provided by the individuals. No time has been set for leaving this city, but it will be announced later.

#### Death of Chas. Krider.

Mr. Chas. Krider, a carpenter residing on Montain street, passed away yesterday afternoon at four o'clock after an illness of several weeks. He was 43 years of age and leaves a wife and one child to mourn his loss. Mr. Krider came to this city about three years ago from Riverville, and has many friends here as well as in his former home. He was a member of the local carpenters' union and esteemed by his fellow workmen. The funeral was held this afternoon at two o'clock from the Krider home, Rev. Litherland officiating. Interment at Forest cemetery.

## PREPARED FOR HURRIED FLIGHT

### Chicago Bank Robber Took Boxes and Trunks.

Chicago, Aug. 15.—Testimony indicating that extensive preparations were made for flight by Paul Stensland, president of the Milwaukee Avenue State bank and that a woman entered into these preparation was secured by Assistant State's Attorney Oleson today through the cross examination of Miss Ellen McCracken, housekeeper for Stensland. It was learned that Stensland took with him trunks and boxes, sheets and other bedding, towels, window curtains, carpets, rugs and a silver dinner set. Some of this is said to have been traced to Baraboo, Wis. The large trunk which is being traced is said to be three feet high and bound with iron. The box traced to Wisconsin weighed 375 pounds when it was placed on an express wagon at the Stensland home on the day of the flight. Telegrams have been sent all over the world to train men to look for the big trunk.

#### COLLATERAL MISSING.

Chicago, Aug. 15.—The belief that large accounts of collateral given as security for notes in the Milwaukee Avenue State bank have been stolen practically became a certainty last night when a note for \$9000, known to be genuine, was found in President Stensland's house at Byron street and Lavendale avenue. Search was made for the collateral security, but it could not be found.

The discovery opened up a field for almost unlimited speculation as to how far the looting proceeded before Stensland disappeared. If the real estate and other securities in the bank have been stolen or found to be worthless, the amount of money left to pay the depositors probably will be reduced to as low as 25 per cent.

#### STEAL N. P. LOCOMOTIVE.

Wild Ride of Gang of Drunken Men.

Missoula, Mont., Aug. 15.—Four men took possession of a freight engine at Salt Lake, 100 miles west of this city on the Coeur d'Alene branch of the Northern Pacific, and ran it to St. Regis on a private excursion. A warrant is out for the arrest of Frank Ragan, a caretaker of the engine and three unknown companions. It is stated that the men had been drinking and drove the engine at a

terrific rate of speed, ringing the bell and blowing the whistle. They stopped at several stations to obtain drink.

At St. Regis the water in the boiler became dangerously low and the men did not know how to replenish the supply. They left the engine standing on the main line and fled.

#### POLICE FIND BOMBS.

Dynamite and Ammunition Also Stored There.

Moscow, Aug. 15.—A session of the constitutional democratic central committee was held to discuss arrangements for a general congress next month. The Moscow police discovered a depot of bombs, which also contained 100 pounds of dynamite and 3000 rifle cartridges.

#### Says Husband is Bigamist.

Wallace, Idaho, Aug. 15.—The troubles of Charles M. Bell seem never to cease. Recently his bride brought suit against him for divorce, alleging infidelity. Yesterday an action was commenced by Mrs. Bell looking to the annulment of her marriage on the ground that Bell is a bigamist. The complaint, or rather application for the annulment, alleges that recently Mrs. Bell obtained evidence that when her husband and she were married Bell still had a living and undivorced wife.

#### Contest Case Continues.

The land contest case which came up yesterday in the local land office continued through the better part of today and many witnesses testified in behalf of both parties. Both Miss Haselrud and Frank Fowler claim priority in settlement, and neither will give an inch in the testimony, which is strong on both sides. The land in controversy is located in township 49, 2 west and is valuable chiefly for its timber. It is claimed that Miss Haselrud was not a bona fide settler and that she is trying to gain possession of the land in order to turn it over to her brother. The other side claims that Fowler is trying to gain possession in order that he might sell out to a company which already holds several tracts in that vicinity.

## A GRAND ENCAMPMENT

Minneapolis, Minn., Aug. 14.—Two more members of the Grand Army died yesterday, making three who have passed away since the encampment. J. H. Burk of Burlington, Kan., fell dead while standing in front of the clerks' desk in the Pauley hotel. Death was caused by apoplexy induced by the heat.

The other was George Smith, a former member of the First New York dragoons, who had been visiting relatives in the city for some time. Mr. Smith was knocked down by a horse which was driven rapidly around a corner just as he was about to take a street car and he died soon after.

The fight for commander in chief has become active and bitter. Many copies of a circular attacking the war record of Captain P. H. Coney of Kansas, a prominent candidate, were handed about. The circular was not signed, and Captain Coney decided that the attack was so utterly baseless as to be almost beneath his notice. He contented himself by giving it a simple denial and referring all persons who desired information as to his war record to the history of the One Hundred and Eleventh New York infantry.

The great parade was held today and a holiday was declared throughout the city. About 15,000 men were in line. The parade started at 10 o'clock and the line is about two miles in length.

Despite a somewhat hot and sultry day the reunions of the various regiments present planned for yesterday were carried through with great success. There was not a floor in any of the hotels nor halls in the city which did not hold the survivors of some organization that was in the

field during the war. Some of the gatherings were largely attended, but others were confined to not more than a half dozen of the original regimental members.

The feature of the evening was a large campfire held in the Auditorium, which packed this structure. Addresses were made by Governor Johnson, Commander in chief Tanner, R. B. Brown of Zanesville, Ohio, a candidate for the honor of being the next commander of the Grand Army, and a number of others. An address of welcome was made to every prominent organization of national scope now attending the encampment.

#### Ditched Street Roller.

Some excitement was caused this morning about eleven o'clock when the new steam roller, recently purchased by the county for work on the county roads, and which has been in use in this city on Sherman street for a few days, dropped into an old hole which had not been sufficiently filled in front of the Barr & Chainey grocery. One of the rear wheels sank into the street about three feet and the entire machine listed until it was thought it must turn over. A large crowd of spectators gathered and each offered some advice as to the means of raising the wheel. After trying to move the machine by its own power a jack was set and by dint of hard work and much strong language the machine was persuaded to leave the hole.

As a general rule people know just about what they want, but don't always know where to satisfy this want. Tell them through the Daily Press. Printers' ink talks just like money.