

COUNCIL HAS JAMBOUREE OVER HIRING T. LANE

Tribune Story Brings Split In Joint Committee On Street Widening.

"KEEP YOUR SHIRT ON," SHOUTS JAY E. FOWLER

Armgardt Alone Remembers Details Of Lane Meeting—Other Council News.

After a jambooree lasting nearly an hour the City Council last night passed a motion ratifying the action of the Judiciary Committee in hiring Senator Thomas F. Lane to do the legal work in connection with widening five streets in the West End in preparation for a new sewer system.

A few moments after the motion had been carried, the Propositions and Grievance Committee, at the request of two of its members was mustered out of service in handling the street widening situation.

The rumpus in the Council and the split between the Judiciary and Propositions and Grievance Committees followed the exposure in the Tribune that there had been no committee meeting for nearly four months, combined with what the latter committee took as a snub when it learned that Lane had been hired without that committee having been consulted.

Last fall ordinances were drawn by City Attorney Whitelaw to have Harmony, Benton, Themis, Hanover and Painter streets widened and opened to complete sewer plans. The ordinances were inaccurate, according to the decision of the Council and were taken from Whitelaw's hands and given to the two committees, the Judiciary composed of Charles Armgardt, chairman, C. B. Hoeller and W. D. Black, and the Propositions and Grievances, composed of Arthur C. Bowman, chairman, Charles Kaess and Jay E. Fowler. They were to work with Chris Stiver and were authorized to employ a special competent counsel.

According to the statements of all the committeemen, there never has been a joint meeting of the two committees to examine the proposition, and Chairman Armgardt declared that the Judiciary Committee employed Lane.

Mr. Armgardt opened the verbal typhoon when he charged that the story in the Tribune Sunday carried the inference that he, as one member of the committee, was responsible for the action of the body. He told the Council details of the meeting when he and Black and Hoeller went to Lane's office. They obtained no price on the work, but a statement from the attorney that it would be reasonable, Armgardt said.

"He only began work last Friday," Mayor Kage declared.

Councilman Hoeller approved the statement by Armgardt, when Black rose and, as he had been quoted in the Tribune, denied that he had attended any such meeting when Lane was hired for the West End job. He said he remembered hiring Lane for the Merriwether street job.

Bowman declared the Tribune was right, that he had not attended any meeting and Fowler voiced the same statement.

Armgardt turned upon Black and endeavored to make the Councilman remember the meeting by pointing out the circumstance that the three were forced to make a second trip to the attorney's office because of a prior visitor.

Black declared he remembered that meeting, but said that was the occasion when Lane was consulted with relative to the Merriwether street job. Hoeller then announced: "You're right, that was Merriwether street we talked about then."

Armgardt contended the West End job was considered also. He declared that he had asked the Senator several times how the work was progressing.

"How are you getting along with those streets, Senator?" I asked him, Armgardt said, "and his reply was always, 'Fine!'"

"I took that man at his word when he told me that, and I could mention others here, but I won't, because I want to be in harmony with the Council and the Mayor."

"Wait a minute! Why weren't we asked to this meeting?" Fowler cried. "It was a special committee and I believe your committee was not in it," he was told.

An argument ensued over the question as to what committee had the job of looking after the streets in question. The records were called for and set forth unerringly that both committees had been authorized to serve jointly. "Those records ought to show one of

\$10,000 ASKED FOR W. B. OSBURN DEATH

Administrator Files Suits Against Frisco—Says Engine Did Not Warn Victim.

A suit for \$10,000 damages for the life of the late Willis B. Osburn, who was run down and killed almost instantly by a flat car in the Frisco yards last fall, was filed against the Frisco in Common Pleas Court yesterday by F. W. Oberheide, public administrator in charge of the Osburn estate.

The suit names the receivers of the railroad, James W. Lusky, W. C. Nixon and W. B. Biddle, as defendants and briefly recites the circumstances under which Mr. Osburn was killed.

The accident occurred September 14, last, when a flat car that was pushed along the track in South Cape near the box factory, got from control of any of the switching crew, and, according to the terms of the petition, without warning having been given to Osburn, he was struck and run over while at work on the track.

Osburn was employed as a section man by the Frisco and at the time of his death, he was at cleaning switches, by digging dirt and rubbish from between the rails of the track. The accident occurring in the evening, and it was several minutes after he had been killed, it is believed, before his body was found.

Mr. Osburn is survived by his wife, Mrs. Parlee Osburn, and three daughters, Miss Vinney Osburn, Mrs. Minnie Oliver and Mrs. Grace Henson.

Mr. Oberheide was appointed to take charge of the estate following Osburn's death and yesterday letters of administration were taken out by him before the suit was filed against the railroad by Judge Edward D. Hays.

MAN GETS BROKEN LEG BOOSTING AUTO FROM MIRE

When he fell beneath an automobile, while trying to push it out of a mire, Leo Schonhoff, son of Frank Schonhoff, well known farmer living on the Gordonville road, Saturday night sustained a broken right leg when the machine backed over him.

The accident occurred near the old Fairgrounds on the Dutchtown road, when Schonhoff and his brother Alphonse Schonhoff, together with August Siemers, were on their way home from the Cape. The machine became mired and while Siemers drove, the Schonhoff boys were pushing the car.

Schonhoff turned an ankle and fell. The car rolled back as he fell and snapped the bone of his leg between the knee and ankle.

His companions placed him in the car and brought him back to the hospital where his leg was set and put in a plaster cast. He was taken home that night.

those committee's retirement," Armgardt cried.

Hoeller declared that it ought to show that the Judiciary Committee, had been retired from the job. The records show different, the Mayor told him.

After the question of committee assignments had been settled by the records, Armgardt returned to the subject of hiring Lane.

"I can prove it," he said. "I have a report from him here and I want this read before the Council."

"What's what Lane has to say got to do with this?" Mayor Kage demanded.

"I'm going to have this read," Armgardt shouted. "I demand to have this read!"

"Keep your shirt on!" Fowler shouted across the desks to Armgardt. City Clerk read the report and it overruled Mr. Armgardt.

The Mayor then remarked that he believed it was just a little misunderstanding on all hands and that a mistake had been made when the action of the committee in hiring Lane had not been reported to the Council.

The Building Committee on the recommendation of City Counselor O. A. Kneehans, reported adversely on the petition of Col. Matt Morrison to move his blacksmith shop from its present site to the corner of South Spanish and Merriwether street, across from the home of John L. Miller.

The Mayor was authorized to order a warrant for \$30,000 drawn at the proper time for the purchase of the park. The Mayor announced that the deed for the park had been signed and the closing of the deal awaits the consummation of a few details relative to indebtedness of the Fair Association.

It likewise was announced that the Frisco has made the change in machinery at the Cape shops and all the Mayor's correspondence was read into the Council's record. The Mayor stated that he could prove by three witnesses that two of the machines brought to the Cape are ready for the scrap heap.

CAPITOL OF CANADA IS DESTROYED

Fire Bugs Cause \$10,000,000 Loss in Ottawa, Government Announces.

TWO WOMEN GUESTS OF SPEAKER KILLED

Many Other Believed to Have Been Trapped in Great Buildings.

PARLIAMENT MEETING WHEN FIRE IS SEEN

Statesmen Make Escape as Explosion Shatters Wing of Structure.

Special Dispatch to The Tribune.

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 8.—A great fire, believed to be of incendiary origin, is rapidly consuming the magnificent Canadian Parliament buildings. At midnight hope was abandoned, and the firemen had turned their attention to saving those who had been trapped.

To women guests of Madame Sevingly, wife of the Speaker of the House of Commons, are known to be dead. Others are feared to have been lost. Every member of the House, which was in session when the conflagration was discovered, escaped.

The loss to the buildings and their contents is estimated by government officials to be at least \$10,000,000, of which more than \$7,000,000 was in the buildings themselves.

The Parliament house was considered by architects to be the finest gothic in North America. It required years to complete the edifice, and the most famous artists in the world helped to design it.

The blaze started at 8:50 tonight in the beautiful library building at the north side of the Common's structure. It spread with enormous rapidity, and it is feared that many of those who were within the structures perished.

Martin Burrell, Secretary of Agriculture, who was working in his office when he heard the alarm of fire, had a narrow escape from death. He was badly burned about the face and hands and his clothing was almost taken from his body by the flames.

The fire broke forth in innumerable places. After it had been burning for less than a half hour, a tremendous explosion shattered the right wing of the building. Flames burst forth with the suddenness of a stroke of lightning, and spectators were amazed to notice the rapidity with which the firespread. It crept from one building to another as if the flames were following a trail of oil.

The Ottawa fire department and special fire squad worked like madmen, but the water only seemed to feed the conflagration. They say that there was much evidence tending to the belief that the blaze was the work of a firebug.

It was discovered by Frank Glass, who gave the alarm immediately. He was near an exit when he saw the flames, but he had difficulty in making his escape from the building through the nearest door.

SELLE HEADS BIG CATHOLIC SOCIETY

St. Aloisius Members Make Henry Hohler and Al Wibbenmeyer Delegates.

Joseph Selle of South Ellis street, Sunday morning was elected president of the St. Aloisius Young Men's Society of St. Mary's Catholic Parish at order's regular monthly meeting, when the annual election of officers was held.

A large crowd of young men attended and the election was the principal business. Mr. Selle is employed at the shoe factory. He was a delegate to a big Catholic convention last year in St. Louis similar to the one that will be held in the Cape this spring.

The other officers who were elected are: Edward VanDeven, vice president; Al Zimmer, secretary; Henry Hohler, treasurer; and Charles Schoen, marshal. The retiring officers were: Ed. Bauerle, president; Henry Hohler, vice president; Al Zimmer, treasurer; Al Wibbenmeyer, secretary; and Joe Sandman, marshal.

Henry Hohler and Al Wibbenmeyer also were selected Sunday to be delegates to the convention that will be held in the Cape in May.

J. Frank Grant, of Vanduser, yesterday was a visitor in the Cape.

D. A. GLENN OPENS NEW STORE MARCH 1

Arranges Financial Backing and Goes East to Buy Goods Next Week.

David A. Glenn, the veteran merchant, yesterday completed his financial arrangements to re-enter the mercantile business, and expects to establish himself by March 1, he informed The Tribune last night.

A coterie of close personal friends are backing him heavily financially, and the money necessary to purchase a large stock of goods was placed in a bank Saturday.

"I am going to Chicago the latter part of next week to finish buying my goods," he stated yesterday. "I would go sooner, but I want to rearrange the building which I am to occupy. I do not care to make known the location of my store until the latter part of this week, but my plans are virtually completed."

"I am going to purchase a large stock of goods and I will pay cash for all I get. My store will be up-to-date and I will carry a stock that will not be surpassed in Southeast Missouri. My financial arrangements have been finished. I have the cash to my credit in a bank. My friends have certainly proved their friendship for me."

"I have ordered my fixtures and expect them to be here within a few days. The contractor says he can have the building ready to occupy within a week. I will open my establishment by the first of next month, with a high class line of spring goods."

It is said by men close to Mr. Glenn that he will open with a \$15,000 stock paid for. One well-known Cape Girardeau, it is said, is backing the veteran for \$7,500, and said he would increase the sum considerably, if necessary.

It has been reported that Mr. Glenn would occupy the Jaynes buildings on Main street, but he declined to confirm the report yesterday. "That is the only matter that I have to adjust. I have practically completed my arrangements for a building," he said, "but until the deal is actually settled, I don't care to discuss it for publication. But I will be able to do so later on in the week."

CUPIDS TO DANCE AT VALENTINE PARTY

Girls, 3 to 8 Years Old, Will Be Featured at Wednesday Club Affair.

A Cupid drill by a score of Cape Girardeau Children, all little girls from three to eight years old, will be the principal feature of the St. Valentine party to be given next Monday night at the Elks Club under the auspices of the Wednesday Club.

The little tots have been training for their stunt for several days and when they march on the dance floor, it is anticipated that they will be the hit of the evening.

The children who will be in the march are: Rodney Carmaak, Mary Helen Kinder, Marie Coley, Dorothy, Wilhelmina and Nellie Quarles, Baby Gockel, Julia Boone, Caryolin Nussbaum, Kathryn Kraft, Mary Helen Drum, Baby Shepherd, Alleen Vogel, Mildred Smith, Alice Armentrout, Kathryn Rodibaugh, Martha Sonntag, Baby Schaefer, Dorthoy Pott and Mary Helen Carter.

Another group of girls will give a unique Valentine dance. They are: Beatrice Heard, Naomi Pott, Lucile Bock, Norma Bremmermann, Helen Phillips, Florence Simpson, Lucile Bahn, Evalyn Bahn, Sarah Howard, Hazel Maekle, Katherine Moore, Norma Etherton, Lucile Woodson, Marguerite Berry, Cathryn Hays, Miss Haman, and Gladys Lesem.

Those who attend the dance may wear St. Valentine masques or may attend unmasked. A prize will be given for the best masque. The proceeds from the dance will be devoted to a fund being made up by the club for the Missouri Federation of Women's Club. A fund of \$10,000 is being raised, the income from which is to be used for extension work in rural districts, and the Cape is trying to get \$100. A committee of 14 women are in charge of the dance.

3 DIE IN POWDER EXPLOSION

Tacoma, Wash., Feb. 8.—A powder house at DuPont, Washington, was burned last night following an explosion there yesterday in which three men were killed.

H. A. Utley, of Allenville, visited friends and transacted business in the Cape yesterday afternoon and last night.

SEN. T. F. LANE IS DISMISSED FROM WEST END JOB

"My Price Is \$250" Senator Says as Solons Prepare Skids.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE REPUDIATES OWN WORK

"Let Kneehans Do It" Councilmen Decide—Papers to Change Hands at Once.

Senator Thomas F. Lane was dismissed yesterday morning as attorney for the City in widening streets in the West End in preparation for a new \$150,000 sewerage system.

He was asked to turn over to City Counselor Oscar A. Kneehans, all documents belonging to the city bearing on the case that was taken out of his hands, and Kneehans was instructed to proceed with the proper legal steps toward condemning property and widening the five streets under consideration.

This action was taken yesterday morning by the Judiciary Committee of the City Council and City Engineer Chris Stiver, who had been empowered to act by a resolution of the Council passed October 18, last.

Lane's service was terminated on the heels of a vote of the Council Monday night, ratifying the action which Chairman Charles Armgardt of the Judiciary Committee, announced his committee had taken in retaining the Senator last fall. Fellow members denied the committee had met in nearly four months.

The ratification by the Council of Armgardt's announced committee action, marked the closing scene of a jambooree in the Council meeting Monday night that was followed closely by a split between the Judiciary Committee and Propositions and Grievances Committee of the Council. The direction of the street widening proposition had been assigned, in the first place, jointly to the two committees and the City Engineer.

On Armgardt's announcement that Lane had been employed, Jay E. Fowler of the Grievance Committee, got a motion before the Council to have his committee relieved of responsibility, stating he did not propose to be snubbed on committee work.

The motion was carried five to three. The direct reason that is given by the Judiciary Committee members for Lane's dismissal is that he wished to change the City \$250 to get the City's West End case into court.

The members of the committee met yesterday morning at Black's garage, Councilman Hoeller, who is a member of the Judiciary Committee, went to the garage to see Black, also a member, on business. Black suggested that Chairman Armgardt and Stiver be summoned and the Lane controversy settled by holding a conference with the attorney.

The other two men were found and the four proceeded to Mr. Lane's office in the Himmelberger-Harrison building.

Chairman Armgardt, in telling of Lane's retention as the City's attorney, stated that the Senator had informed him that no fee could be placed on the job at that time, but that his fee would be reasonable.

When the committee approached the attorney yesterday morning, they insisted that he name a price for the work. The Senator then told the committeemen that he would not charge anything for the work that he has done to date on the West End proposition, but that in order to get the cases into court, his price would be \$250.

The City Counselor's salary for the entire year is \$600.

The committeemen withdrew from Lane's office to the corridor, where they held a whispered conversation and determined to repudiate their action, said to have been taken last fall, and "roll" the city's attorney.

They agreed unanimously on the dismissal and on entering Lane's office, they announced to him, their determination. Lane, it is said, expressed no surprise and showed entire willingness to acquiesce in the decision of the committee.

"The committee's action is final," one of the members declared last night, "and it will not need the ratification of the Council, for we have been empowered, we think, to act."

Senator Lane announced he was ready to turn over to City Counselor Kneehans all the documents in his possession.

At the time the Council Monday night ratified the Judiciary Committee's employment of Lane, Mayor Kage advised the committeemen to have the City Counselor work with Lane in doing the legal work for open-

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CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

Prosecuting Attorney J. Henry Carruthers, yesterday was in Jackson on business at the County Court.

Emmanuel Geiser suffered a loss of speech late Tuesday afternoon when he had a stroke of paralysis that affected his tongue. He is 76 years old and had been suffering with Bright's disease for some time. He lives at 1903 Themis street, where he resides with three children.

Rev. J. F. Lawson of the Presbyterian Church, who has been ill with grip yesterday was reported to be much better.

M. G. LaPierre, president and manager of a handle factory at Jackson, yesterday passed through the Cape on the way to St. Louis.

Mrs. Edward Massengill, who had an operation for appendicitis performed several days ago at St. Francis hospital, has been removed to her home and is recovering rapidly.

Miss Louise Bertling and her mother, Mrs. F. W. Bertling, yesterday entertained more than two score guests at dinner in celebration of their birthdays. Miss Bertling's birthday occurred yesterday and the mother will celebrate her birthday today. The Bertlings are well known farmers living near the Cape.

Mrs. William F. Bergmann, yesterday was removed from her home at 321 North Ellis street, to St. Francis hospital, where she will undergo an operation today.

Louis J. Pott yesterday afternoon departed for Pascola on a business trip.

J. F. Gordon, cashier of the Commercial Bank of New Madrid, arrived in the Cape Tuesday to spend a few days with his family, who are visiting at the home of B. Bremermann.

A. R. Ponder is in the Cape from San Antonio, Texas, to look after his business interests here and in Southeast Missouri.

H. L. Rozier, of Ste. Genevieve, yesterday came down to the Cape on a business visit.

Harry B. Williams, yesterday returned to points in lower counties, after spending a few days in the Cape on business.

Mrs. T. A. Baldwin of Brownwood and Mrs. G. W. Poole of Council Grove, Kans., yesterday were visitors in the Cape.

The new garage in the rear of the Himmelberger-Harrison building, which will be occupied by Fred A. Groves, has been virtually completed.

ing and widening Themis, Hanover, Harmony, Benton and Painter streets. Kage urged the Councilmen to work harmoniously.

It was at this juncture that Fowler declared because he had not been recognized on the committee that hired Lane, he did not propose to be snubbed and made his motion to have the Propositions and Grievances Committee dismissed from that service.

Charles Kaess seconded the motion and Kage advised the withdrawal of the motion. Chairman Bowman of that committee called across the room to Fowler: "Let's stay in the game."

by Herman Loeffel and Edward A. Regenhardt, building contractors. Mr. Groves already has moved three car loads of machines into the new place which will have room for 200 automobiles.

Assistant Pure Food and Drug Commissioner G. B. Cook, of Fredericktown, yesterday afternoon and last night was a business visitor in the Cape.

W. C. Ballard went to Chaffee on a business trip yesterday.

C. S. Prather yesterday came up from Advance to transact business here and visit several friends.

Elmer Sutherland, of Chaffee, was a business visitor in the Cape yesterday afternoon and last night.

R. E. Norrid of Benton, visited friends and transacted business in the Cape yesterday afternoon.

G. M. Brooks, of Piggott, Ark., was a business visitor in the Cape yesterday afternoon and last night.

J. W. Ellis of Ste. Genevieve, visited friends and transacted business in the Cape last night.

William Lay, of Chaffee, well known banker, yesterday afternoon was a business visitor in the Cape.

A. L. Pavin of Chaffee, yesterday came up to the Cape to visit several friends and transact business in the Cape.

Albert M. Spradling, City Counselor of Jackson, yesterday afternoon was a visitor in the Cape attending to legal matters in the office of the clerk of the Court of Common Pleas.

Q. J. Snider of Fredericktown, was a business visitor in the Cape yesterday afternoon and last night.

Fred Clippard of Jackson, L. J. Grintley, of Leflin, and Judge G. H. Barks of Whitewater, last night motored to the Cape from Jackson to visit friends.

The P. E. O. will meet Friday afternoon with Mrs. H. A. Nussbaum.

John R. Lee, of Charleston, deputy state fish and game warden, yesterday afternoon and last night was a business visitor in the Cape.

M. C. Bratton, of Riverwood, was a business visitor in the Cape yesterday afternoon and last night.

J. A. Moran, of Chaffee, was in the Cape yesterday transacting business and visiting friends.

R. W. Cate, of Bloomfield, visited friends and transacted business in the Cape yesterday afternoon and last night.

Theodore W. Meyer, of Appleton, yesterday afternoon was in the Cape on business.

T. R. Challenor, of Cairo, visited friends in the Cape yesterday afternoon. Silas Reel, of Oak Ridge, was a business visitor in the Cape yesterday afternoon. B. L. Modesitt, of Ste. Genevieve, was a business visitor in the Cape yesterday. J. F. Groce, the Good Hope street barber, and Mrs. Groce departed yesterday for Eddyville, Ky., where Mrs. Margaret Kelly, mother of Mrs. Groce is seriously ill. They left for Kentucky immediately after the receipt of a telegram, stating that her condition was critical. E. M. Carter, secretary of the State Teachers' Association, has returned to Columbi, Mo., after spending a few days here with his family.