

AGAIN THEIR CHOICE

Dr. R. L. Fraser is a Second Time
Elected Medical Health
Officer.

Tramway Company Dictate to the
Council How to Build the
Pile Bridge.

The city council at its meeting last evening attempted to unseat another tangle in the Point Ellice bridge controversy. This time the difficulty is with the Consolidated Railway Company. Ald. Tarkenton asking for a reconsideration of the election of health officer was carried by a ballot being taken. Dr. R. L. Fraser was again elected.

Mayor Beaven asked the clerk to read the communications, but Ald. Macmillan wanted to have the minutes of the last meeting read. The mayor wished to know what particular portion of the minutes he wished read. The minutes had not been brought up to the council chamber. Ald. Macmillan replied that he notified that Ald. Tarkenton was about to move for a reconsideration in reference to the health officer vote. He wished to have the minutes read to see what was to be reconsidered. The janitor was sent for the minutes, and during his absence the clerk occupied the time in reading the decision of the court in the matter of the Point Ellice bridge injunction asked by the Consolidated Railway Company. The cost in this legal suit is also saddled on the city.

The minutes having arrived, they were read by the city clerk and adopted. These minutes included the significant sentence that after the balloting for health officer the chair made the statement that Dr. R. L. Fraser had secured the majority of the votes cast.

McPhillips, Wootton & Barnard, solicitors for the Consolidated Railway Co., and the receivers wrote as follows:

(Without prejudice.)

Gentlemen:—Referring to our conference with your Worship and the city engineer on Monday last, we beg to say that the Consolidated Railway Company and the receivers for the same have agreed to the following conditions:

(a) That the flooring already laid shall be taken up and replaced by planks of the bridge two strings of 10x16 inches at 5 feet centres in pieces of 40 feet shall be laid to extend over the bridge. Said strings to be butt jointed and to break joint on alternate caps and to be drilled bolted to each cap. Alongside these planks stringers two of 10x16 inches to be laid so that the bridge will be equivalent to a stringer of 10x16. Over these stringers and the floor joists two-inch plank to be spiked diagonally.

(b) Two piles that have been driven below the cap level to be replaced by piles of sufficient length to reach the cap after being well driven to a proper bearing; the cap of each bent to be drilled bolted to all of the piles on which it rests.

(c) The roadway to be widened to 20 feet.

(d) The trestle approaches to be connected by a Howe truss bridge 20 feet high and 18 1/2 feet wide in the clear, having seven panels of 10 feet each, the iron truss rods to safely carry a strain of 24,000 pounds to the square inch and the wood members a strain of 270 pounds to the square inch.

(e) All necessary stringers for the purpose of supporting the company's traffic to be laid along the line of the company's rails as the same may be required.

(f) If the line be located in the centre of the 70-foot span, the city shall pass a law with proper restrictions that no vehicles shall pass on the span while any car is approaching within 30 feet of said span.

(g) The bridge to be constructed of good materials and in a proper and workmanlike manner.

(h) The city will agree with the receiver and the Consolidated Railway Company to replace the said bridge by a permanent bridge of sufficient length to carry the traffic of all kinds within two years from the date, such bridge to be available for the purposes of the Consolidated Railway Company and the receivers and assigns upon the terms of section 35 of the Victoria Electric Railway and Light Company Act, 1894.

This letter is without prejudice to the rights of the company and trustees for the debenture holders in respect of any and all matters of difference now existing or hereafter arising between the company and the city.

McPhillips, Wootton & Barnard, Ald. Macmillan elicited from the city engineer, who was present, that the bridge was wide enough to comply with the above agreement, the necessary change to be made by narrowing one of the sidewalks.

Alderman Humphrey understood that the judge had made the tramway company dictators and the city is compelled to build any bridge the company may ask for.

Alderman Wilson would rather see Point Ellice without a bridge than that the city should give one back to the tramway company. If that agreement is carried out, the bridge would be one for the tramway company and the general public would use it on sufferance.

The tramway company appointed a receiver and are practically responsible to no one, yet the courts give it power to dictate any terms to the city.

Ald. Humphrey—"You must differ from Judge Drake."

Ald. Wilson—"I do. There are other courts besides those of British Columbia. I would favor fighting the matter in the highest courts."

Ald. Macmillan pointed out that the tramway company wished the council to pledge itself to build a permanent bridge within two years. That was the bone of contention with the department

of public works. The council could not bind any future councils. The council could not pledge itself to do anything without securing the necessary permission from the people.

Engineer Wilson then gave information regarding the changes asked for. All were feasible. It was only a question of additional cost. The planing now done will have to be taken up and three-inch planking substituted.

Ald. Partridge pointed out that four months ago he posted a motion on the board asking for the advice of Christopher Robinson, Q.C., but the mayor ruled that motion out of order. He would like to know the exact legal position of the council.

Ald. Humphrey—"Read Judge Drake's decision." (Laughter.)

Ald. Glover said the tramway company had the whip-hand, the company knew it and the council might as well submit gracefully. The best thing is to build the bridge as quickly as possible.

Ald. Cameron agreed with Ald. Glover. They should secure the building of the bridge at any cost, and they must build it according to the dictation of the tramway company, because the courts had so ordered.

Ald. Humphrey also agreed that the decision of Judge Drake must be obeyed and that the city engineer should be instructed accordingly.

Ald. Macmillan pointed out that the city engineer was already doing that, but the tramway company was in the position to squeeze advantages for themselves with respect to a future bridge. The council must fulfil the obligations imposed upon them by the courts, but they could not bind themselves for future obligations.

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BAPTIST CONVENTION.

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From the report of the secretary it was found that about \$300 would be needed to make up the deficiency in the amount to be raised on this convention field, and in a few minutes a sufficient amount was subscribed to more than cover it.

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Exciting Race Between Two Big Steel Freighters on the Lakes.

The 31-ton sealing schooner San Jose, Capt. Fred Cole, master, and owned by Capt. C. J. Kelly, of Victoria, is a total wreck in Unimak Pass, a narrow strip of water that separates two of the islands of the Aleutian group. The schooner was wrecked on the night of Sept. 22 last, and the crew returned home by the Topeka last night. About noon on Sept. 22 the little vessel anchored in the pass, the weather being rather boisterous and windy. During the night the wind veered around to the east and blew a living gale. The waters of the pass piled up against the schooner and the anchors dragging, she was forced on the jagged rocks that form the shore. Diver succeeded in recovering the wrecked schooner, and as she was fast breaking up all left her and made land after considerable difficulty. A tent was made from canvas secured on board the schooner, and in it the men lived for the next two days waiting for the storm to subside. Then a canoe was portaged across the island and two men started in it to Ounakaska for assistance. Before it reached there, however, the steamer Dora was met, and she at once came to the crew's rescue. The 610 skins secured in Behring Sea were taken from the wrecked schooner and transferred to the Dora, and afterwards to the Topeka, as were also the captain and his crew, consisting of 8 whites and 17 Indians.

The San Jose was one of the oldest schooners of the fleet. She was insured, but not sufficiently to cover her loss and sealing equipment.

Chicago, Oct. 16.—One of the most interesting and exciting contests that ever took place on the lakes was ended when the four hundred foot steel freighter E. W. Ogilvie steamed into port nearly an hour ahead of her rival, the Oswego, after a race from Cleveland to Chicago.

The Oswego, a schooner, was in the lead at the start, but the Ogilvie, a freighter, was faster and she would come on her so suddenly that she could scarcely reach her bed unaided, and would be forced to remain for three or four days, unable to take any nourishment and suffering more than tongue can express. She was but 17 years of age when these attacks first came upon her, and the doctor who then attended her, said that in his opinion her life would not extend over a few years at most. But more than a score of years have since passed, during the greater part of which, it is true, Mrs. Ranson was a great sufferer. But that she happily now passed, and she is enjoying much better health than she ever did. To a reporter of the Tribune Mrs. Ranson told her story, adding earnestly that she hoped her experience might prove of benefit to some other sufferer. She said: "The spells of dizziness and intense headaches would attack me every three or four weeks, and would last from two to four days at each attack, and with each attack my suffering appeared to grow more intense. I had good medical advice, and tried many remedies, but with no beneficial results. In the spring of 1895 my appetite began to fail, my hands and feet would swell, and my heart palpitate violently. I was utterly discouraged and felt that I would live much longer. One day my daughter urged me to give Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a trial, but I had taken so much medicine with no benefit that I refused. However, she went to town and got four boxes, and to please her more than for any hope to benefit I agreed to take them. I did not find the first box did me any good, but by the time I had taken the second my appetite began to improve and I could sleep better. I then began to have faith in them and as I continued their use found myself getting better and better. When I finished the fourth box both myself and friends were surprised to find that I had not had a headache for more than six weeks, the action of my heart had become regular, and I could sleep soundly all night. I was still weak, however, and decided to continue the use of the pills, which I did until three more boxes were used. Since then I have been stronger than at any time for years before and have not had an ache or pain. I can do my work, have a new interest in life and feel ten years younger. I feel that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills will do for others what they have done for me, and believing this I am glad to make my story public in the hope that it will be of value to some sufferer."

Mrs. Ranson's husband and mother were both present and say that they look upon her recovery as miraculous. They say further that many and many a night they had sat up keeping hot cloths on her head, that being the only treatment that had helped her, before she began the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

This great remedy enriches and purifies the blood, strengthens the nerves, and in this way goes to the root of disease, driving it from the system, and curing when other remedies fail.

Every box of the genuine Dr. Williams' Pink Pills has the trade mark on the wrapper around the box, and the purchaser can protect himself from imposition by refusing all others. Sold by all dealers at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50.

WASHINGTON WHEAT.

Prospects of Growers Getting Good Prices for Their Products.

Tacoma, Oct. 16.—State grain inspector Lawrence reports that wheat growers throughout the inland empire are in hopes of getting fairly started on the way to success this season. They will be put well on their feet, he says, if no untoward occurrence prevents them from receiving all for their grain that the circumstances now promise. He says the greater part of the season's crop is still in the growers' hands, and they, as usual, are inclined to hold on for higher prices.

Quotations at all points east of Spokane are 52 cents a bushel in the case of a general milling brokerage business. We shall devote our energies to the mine of the Sloan district, and hope to interest friends in some of the valuable properties located in this vicinity.

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Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report

WAL Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

PRICES GO UP.

California Being Benefited by the Unusual Demand for Her Wheat.

San Francisco, Oct. 16.—The recent well founded increase in the prices of wheat and barley has already caused a demand for and enhanced the value of grain lands. Practically all over \$1 a cental is profit to the holder of wheat, and the 30 cents and over advance a cental means just that percentage of gain to the grower or the dealer. California is to be \$4,000,000 or \$5,000,000 richer than was anticipated, and a crop of lessees, with some purchasers, has already appeared. It is estimated that each advance of 10 cents a cental in the price of wheat represents an increase of \$5 an acre in the land that produces the grain. Farmers are not the only beneficiaries. San Francisco savings banks are greatly benefited by the increased value of their securities or of the land in those cases in which they have been compelled to foreclose for debt.

A LIFE OF MARTYDOM

ENDURED BY THOSE WHO SUFFER FROM CONSTANT HEADACHE.

One Who Suffered Thus for Over Twenty Years Relates Her Experience, Which Will Prove Valuable to Others.

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