

COUNCIL SHIPS AT ENGINEER ISSUE

QUORUM NOT ENOUGH TO DISCUSS MATTER

Question of Assistant Left to Recommendation of the City Engineer

"The little more and yet how much it is; the little less and what would away." That simple little quotation aptly describes the situation of the city engineer...

"Let's get to business," said Ald. Gleason and everyone looked unadvisedly at the date of the day, and the engineer, however, and they all sat on until the city engineer himself offered to resign...

At the ordinary session of council in the evening the matter of course, brought up under the head of "other business." Ald. H. M. Fullerton pointed out that under the by-law the city council had no right to appoint an assistant to the engineer...

This turn of events, which was foreseen in the times of Monday left the council cold. Mayor Morley, however, rose to the occasion as usual. While it was up to the council to take whatever view they might of the by-law he reserved his own opinion...

The mayor readily concurred, stating that he did not wish to interfere with the proper time, when he would declare his views.

FASTEST YACHT IN WORLD.

New American Pleasure Craft Built to Make Thirty-five Knots.

At the Morris Heights N. Y. yards of the Gas Engine & Power Co. and Charles L. Seabury & Co., the steam yacht Sovereign was successfully launched April 21. The Sovereign was built under a contract for the fastest yacht in the world.

The Sovereign has a bronze keel. The stern is of steel with bronze bushings and the stern post is a steel plate flanged and fitted to the keel.

GRAIN SHIPS RACING TO UNITED KINGDOM

Blythwood, Well Known Here, and Two French Vessels Should Report Soon

Word is expected daily of the arrival at United Kingdom ports of the last of Puget Sound's fleet of sailing ships carrying grain for the present season.

The British barque Lynton, which towed out from Commencement Bay New Year morning, is reported arriving at Falmouth last Thursday, having made the passage in the fair time of 157 days.

Sound shipping men are speculating on the arrival of the Blythwood, which is expected to report in a few days. The Blythwood, Capt. B. Johnson, and the French barque Amiral de Cornulier, which towed out to sea January 13, will arrive in a half hour of each other.

WILL MINE COAL.

Cordova, Alaska, May 24.—Unwilling to sit idly by awaiting the action of the government in opening the Alaska coal lands, nearly 100 citizens of Cordova left for the Yukon yesterday for the purpose of beginning a long and dangerous passage on a Friday and worst of all on the 13th.

The expedition left Cordova with four launches and a barge. Several women joined the party and will cook for the men.

DYNAMITE OUTRAGE.

Kansas City, Mo., May 23.—The second attempt within five months to destroy the home of W. E. Griffin, negro principal of the Booker T. Washington school, was made shortly before midnight last night. An explosive was placed upon a board walk about three feet from the house. Every window pane was broken and a hole half a foot deep torn in the ground.

ALLEGED CRIMINAL LABEL.

Seattle, Wash., May 23.—Col. Alden T. Blithen, editor of the Seattle Times, and Clarence Blithen, managing editor, were indicted by the county grand jury today on charges of criminal libel and conspiracy, the Times on charge of conspiracy, and Chauncey B. Rathbun, city editor of the Times, on a charge of criminal libel.

OBJECT TO MASKING.

Portland, Ore., May 23.—Women's clubs and charitable institutions of Portland have protested to the Rose Festival committee against masking on the grounds that it promotes immorality and suggests instead a parade in costume. To this suggestion the festival management is willing to accede if arrangements can be completed in time.

INSTITUTE MEETINGS.

Spring meetings of farmers' institutes in the Island district will be held as follows, with the speakers and subjects as noted.

Ball Spring Island, May 28, 9 p. m.—Wm. Schulmerich, Chairman. Dairying, J. P. Carpenter or R. M. Window, Fruit-packing and Marketing; H. Reid, Poultry Management.

CANOE FATILITY.

Springfield, Mass., May 23.—The capsizing of a canoe in which four young people were spending the spring run of the Connecticut river, east of the town of that city, Edwin Mecum and Annie Rooney. They were to have been married soon.

OAK BAY RATES FOR COMING YEAR

Substantial Increase Shown in Assessment Rolls of Adjoining Municipality.

The Oak Bay council in session last night took the tax rates for the ensuing year. They are considerably more than those of the city. The following shows the details of the assessment:

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes items like General rate, Debt rate, Water rate, etc.

OBITUARY RECORD.

The death occurred at St. Joseph's hospital, morning of Margaret Hall, aged 85 years. The deceased was a native of London, England, and has resided in Victoria for a number of years.

NATIONALISTS UNSEATED.

Cork, Ireland, May 23.—The court which has been hearing the petition against the election of Capt. Anthony J. Donnell, the Nationalist, who defeated William O'Brien, in the east district of Cork at the last general election, has unseated Donnell, and declined to brand the latter with personal dishonor.

NEW STEAMER HERE END OF THIS MONTH

British Empire Will Commence Operating to North Immediately After Arrival

About the end of this month the new Northern Steamship Company's steamer British Empire will arrive here from Grangemouth, Scotland, to replace the Petriana, which was purchased by the Canadian Northern Pacific Fisheries Company, on the run to northern British Columbia ports.

MANY BOATS HAVING WIRELESS INSTALLED

Attention of all shipping companies of the world is called to the Washington Hydrographic Bulletin, issued on April 26, to the new wireless regulations of the United States, which take effect on July 1.

NEW U. S. LAW COMES INTO FORCE JULY 1—COMPANIES HURRYING TO EQUIP VESSELS

This new Act, which will be enforced on July 1, 1911, shall be unlawful for any ocean-going steamer of the United States, or of any foreign country, carrying passengers and carrying on board more than twenty-five passengers and crew, to leave any port of the United States, unless such steamer shall be equipped with an efficient apparatus for radiotelegraphic communication.

THE CITY MARKET.

Table listing market prices for various goods including Flour, Sugar, Coffee, etc.

FREE SPEECH IN MEXICO.

Juarez, May 23.—Three Mexican suffragettes, espousing the Socialist cause, were arrested yesterday, appearing in the streets here, exhorting the populace and what soldiers remained, to desert the Madero standard. Madero, they declared, does not represent the people of Mexico.

LIBERIA'S WARSHIP.

Las Palmas, Canary Islands, May 23.—The greatest curiosity attaches here to the presence of an armed steamer flying the German commercial flag and bearing the name "Gross Lucia." The vessel is of recent construction and is fitted out with modern armament.

CARNEGIE WILL TESTIFY.

Washington, D. C., May 23.—Andrew Carnegie has notified the House "steel trust" investigating committee that he is willing to appear before it and that he has no subpoena or legal documents to need. The special committee will meet on Thursday in executive session to consider plans, and Secretary Nagel and Attorney-General Wickersham are expected to attend the meeting.

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