

ALL CITY DOINGS

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FACTS THAT WILL KEEP YOU POSTED ON THIS GREAT DEVELOPMENT.

TELLS BRAZIER TO BEGIN WORKS

Mayor Advises Engineer To Proceed With Improvements Without Notifying Residents.

Declares Present Council Cannot Cancel Orders of 1921 Body.

Good resolutions. We just make 'em. Not to keep them. But to break 'em.

On January 11 No. 2 committee of the city council decided that City Engineer Brazier should call for tenders this year on all works—sidewalks, curbs and gutters, sewers, pavements were exempted, on account of the fact that the city has its own paving plant.

At sundry meetings since, Mayor Cameron Wilson has avowed, and all the aldermen gave silent consent, that residents responsible for the payment for municipal works be notified of the cost before a work was undertaken.

Results of Protest.

These periodical declarations were the results of the protests over the high costs of the works. There are two cases in point—Knollwood Park sewer and Pipe Line road paving.

Thursday night found the mayor ridiculing the city engineer because he said he had no work to do, and ordering that he go ahead with works whether the people are notified or not.

The engineer said he was held up while the people were being notified of the cost.

Later it dawned on the board of works that it was acting illegally in force of the declaration to call for tenders for all municipal works. Monday night's council meeting will have to smother the declaration to call for tenders.

Some of the aldermen seem bound to oppose the proposal to go ahead with work without letting the people know how much it is going to cost them, though the mayor's demand for works to be undertaken is based on the demand being made upon the city for employment.

Was Original Intention.

Mayor Wilson on Thursday declared it was not the intention to notify residents of the cost of walks and curbs and gutters.

A discussion which took place at a meeting of No. 2 committee on March 14 would indicate that this was the original intention.

Mayor Wilson—We should authorize the engineer to proceed with walks and curbs and gutters that are approved. Those that have been asked for on petition.

Ald. May—By contract or day labor?

Mayor Wilson—By day labor. We must provide some work.

Ald. May—Shouldn't we notify them of the cost? It's business, you know, Cameron.

Passed by 1921 Council.

Mayor Wilson—This work was all passed by the 1921 council.

Ald. May—I don't care. The people should know what it is going to cost them.

Engineer Brazier—It will hold up the work six weeks to the cost.

Mayor Wilson—It is not work of our approving, and added that the committee could not repudiate orders of the 1921 council.

FRISCO MUSEUM

GETS RARE EAGLE

San Francisco, April 29.—A monkey-eating eagle, said to have the longest bill ever found on a bird of prey, was presented to the Golden Gate Park Museum here recently by Major S. T. Johnson of the local police. The bird, known as the Pithcop Jeffery, was killed by the officer last November in the Philippines.

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Mayor's Salary Is Only One Cut At City Hall Thus Far

ONE salary cut and two salaries raised, seems to be the sum total of the salary adjustment so far made this year at the city hall, though there has been a lot of talk of salary-cutting.

The salary cut is that of Mayor Cameron Wilson. The mayor's allowance for office expense, that's the way it is put, is \$2,000. The mayor ordered the city treasurer to deduct 10 per cent of his salary, or allowance, which will mean that this year the mayor will draw \$1,800.

The two salaries raised are those of the plumbing inspector, Mr. Young, and a young clerk in the assessment department named Ashton.

The assessment department has jumped the mayor's assessment so much that where as three years ago his taxes were \$150, this year he is facing a bill for \$450. His assessment is now \$9,000, as against \$4,000 three years ago.

Town Topics.

A THOUGHT FOR TODAY

And He, bearing His cross, went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew, Golgotha; where they crucified Him, and two others with Him, one on either side of Him, and Jesus in the midst.—John 19:18.

AS Christ drew near to death, He trembled. It was an experience of His creation, but He himself had never felt it. To those who crucified Him, and two others with Him, one on either side of Him, and Jesus in the midst.—John 19:18.

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CLAIMS BOARD OF WORKS "STALLING"

Ald. Douglass Urges Calling for Tenders on Garbage Collection Specifications.

PAVING PROBLEM SETTLED

Committee Arrives at Solution of Pipe Line Road Controversy.

"There has been enough stalling on this matter," declared Ald. Douglass, asking the board of works when it was going to get busy on the garbage specifications, that tenders might soon be advertised for.

In this harsh way, the alderman exposed one of what, he declared to be, the great weaknesses of the present administration—stalling.

Numerous matters have been before the different committees about half the meetings this year and some of them are still in the air.

The question of the installation of gasoline tanks, a legacy from 1921, is still as far from being settled as ever.

Just this week it was found that no civic body has power to order the removal of the fertilizer plant, though the matter has been up since last September.

The Pipe Line road pavement problem is now settled, after about ten deputations have waited on the committee and court of revision.

The Langarth-Briscoe streets storm sewer problem is still in the air. Undoubtedly the next rainstorm will bring another deputation from that center. Every time it rains, the different deputations are being called in, according to Ald. Douglass.

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Youths Find Intoxication Funny, But Not Spending Week-End In Jail

A young man of 18 summers, who apparently thought it was a smart thing to become intoxicated and find himself in police court, changed his mind after a short session with Magistrate Graydon Saturday morning. The youth bobbed up smiling when his name was called by the court.

"You are charged with being intoxicated. Are you guilty or not guilty?" asked Mr. Graydon.

"Guilty," was the smiling response. "Where did you get your liquor?" questioned the court.

"I bought it from a fellow," was the reply. "Whereabouts," persisted Mr. Graydon.

"I met him in the National pool-room, but I don't know who he was," said the boy.

"May be you can remember his name by Monday," observed Mr. Graydon. "I am going to remand you to jail until that time."

"This information caused the smile of the prisoner to vanish like snow before a summer wind, and the remarks he uttered half under his breath were anything but complimentary."

His companion, another boy, was before the court Friday charged by his former "best girl" with using insulting language. The magistrate squared things for him as far as the pretty young lady was concerned, but previous sorrows apparently drove him to drink, and Friday afternoon he drowned his sorrows to such an extent that the police arrested him in an intoxicated condition.

The boy when questioned said that he did not know the name of the man, but he thought the whiskey from, but would know him if he saw him again. Mr. Graydon thought that a week-end spent in jail would help the lad's memory considerably and remanded him till Monday.

Every cloud has a silver lining, and Mossop declared that the doctor told him he could go to work in about three weeks, and he was then prepared to see that his wife got her \$20 a month as called for in the separation papers signed in 1920.

"Can you get work?" questioned the court.

"Sure I can," replied Mossop. "I am a painter and there is lots of work for me to do around Dorchester."

"Mr. Mossop has been ill for a number of months and has been unable to work at all," stated W. R. Meredith, counsel for Mossop.

"I have not received any money from him since last November," said the wife. "He got some money from a place, his sister told me, and he drank."

"I did not," indignantly denied the accused.

Mrs. Mossop said she was married to Mossop in January, 1908, and had one girl 13 years old. She had always worked to help support herself since she was married, she declared.

Sold Some Furniture.

"You ought to have seen the bottles when I went out to Dorchester to get some things for myself," declared the complainant.

Mossop said that he got \$65 for some furniture that he sold. He paid the money on his doctor bill.

Asked how he had been living since last November, Mossop stated that he had been living with his wife and she was six weeks in arrears with his board bill.

"I haven't had a drink since the first Wednesday in October, 1920," declared the accused, in concluding his evidence.

TO CHALLENGE TRUSTEES ON REPORTED STATEMENT

Chairman Smith Skeptical As Alleged Proposal To Eliminate Teachers' Salary Schedule.

Trustee Edwin Smith, chairman of the board of education, challenges the trustee who is reported to have said that at a future meeting he will move "to have the present teachers' salary schedule eliminated in order that instructors may be hired from year to year."

"I do not believe that any school trustee is responsible for such a statement," Chairman Smith declared emphatically Saturday. "In my opinion it is dollars to doughnuts that no member of the board of education ever advanced such a suggestion."

In any event I propose at the regular meeting of the board Tuesday afternoon next to challenge the trustees upon this matter. If it so happens that it is one of the trustees he will then have an opportunity to come out in the open."

TANNER EXPLAINS MISAPPREHENSION

Secretary W. A. Tanner of the board of education feels that an explanation is due G. P. Rogers, provincial inspector of collegiate institutions, who left the city Friday afternoon in the inspection of the city's new high school.

"I have been reported as having stated," explained the secretary, "that he refused to attend a scheduled meeting of No. 3 committee Friday afternoon. I positively made no such statement. I never met him on that occasion, and that was in Toronto. I certainly did not see him in the city during his last visit."

Mr. Tanner explains that he will direct a special communication to the inspector explaining that he has been misunderstood.

K. OF C. OFFICIAL TO VISIT LONDON

John P. Dunne, special supreme agent of the supreme office of the Knights of Columbus, will be in London Monday to visit the local council of the order.

He is on a tour of all of the councils of the province and a special meeting of local members has been called to be held in the K. of C. rooms, on Monday night, when they will be addressed by Mr. Dunne.

The local council has been growing steadily, report the officers, and E. C. Killingsworth, grand knight, announces that it is the intention to hold a large initiation in London May 24, when a large number of new candidates will be put through the three degrees.

EMPRESS AVENUE CHOIR ELECTS

At the annual meeting of Empress Avenue Church choir, held Friday evening, April 28, the choir was occupied by the pastor, Rev. Geo. H. Dewey. Reports were read which showed the choir, under leadership of Miss Hazel Taylor, to be in a very prosperous condition.

The following officers were elected for the new year: Honorary president, R. G. Bowie; president, L. D. Graham; secretary, J. F. Smeltzer; treasurer, Alvin Lampert; convener of social committee, Mrs. E. Neely; convener of amusement committee, Miss Evelyn Mitchener; convener of membership committee, Charles Robinson; librarian, Norman Walker.

Bird Bulletin

Issued by the MacLaurin Ornithological Club.

The rough-winged swallow was reported Thursday evening. It derives its name from the small hooks on the outer primary feathers. It is the least known of our swallows, and is usually confused with the bank swallow, having much the same coloring and similar nesting habits. They have both greyish brown backs, but the bank may be identified by its white underparts marked with a brownish tinge across the throat, while the rough-wing has a grey throat shading to white on the breast. The rough-wing is the first summer resident to leave, all having gone by the end of the first week in August.

All the swallows deserve the fullest protection, as they are very valuable insect destroyers.

It is a pretty sight to watch a flock of swallows feeding, as they glide about with such ease and grace, skimming almost to the very surface of the water, then curving up and swooping past again and again.

"The bluebird dips with flashing wings. The robin flutes, the sparrow sings. And the swallows float and flee." —C. G. WATSON.

COURT DISMISSES NON-SUPPORT CASE