

ODD FELLOWS PLAN FOR NEW BUILDING

View Street Site is Location of New Home for Growing Fraternal Order

Members of the Odd Fellows order will to-night discuss plans for the erection of a new temple on two full-sized lots recently purchased on View street. When the plans are passed the new building will be commenced immediately. The cost is figured at \$140,000 to provide three stories. On the invitation of Columbia No. 2 the members of Victoria and Dominion lodges will meet with them.

The necessity for increased accommodation became apparent two years ago owing to the increasing membership in the order here, and the lots were then purchased. The wisdom of the investment has been proved by the enhanced value of the property to-day. The Odd Fellows have occupied the present premises on Douglas street since 1885, and they own also the Stelly block, which was leased recently to L. W. Bick for ten years. Tenders for the purchase of the property were called but the bids offered were considered below the market value and no action was taken. When the final word has been said and the plans approved the new temple will be taken and another handsome block will go up.

THE MAYOR'S REPLY.

Explains His Position in Regard to Recent Investigation.

The following letter of explanation from Mayor Morley appears in the morning paper:

Editor Colonist:—You will doubtless, in your usual spirit of fair play, permit the Mayor to reply to your severe criticism in the Sunday editorial. If I infringe too far upon your usual space, kindly insert at advertising rates.

You say "Before the citizens now rest the question of whether their interests will be governed by the council, which they elected to office, whether they will submit to 'One man rule'."

The Mayor heartily endorses the question, but does not rightly know whether the "man" referred to is the Mayor or the council, or whether the Mayor or the council is the gentleman who guides the destinies of the city and has on occasions sought to guide the destinies of the city contrary to the will of the people.

Only a few weeks back this "One man" was so enthused with a suggestion of the Mayor's that he assured him that antagonism was at an end, and that it was his intention to advocate return of Mayor and aldermen this year by acclamation. But the Mayor applied the same principle to him an unnecessarily large expenditure of the people's money and has again fallen from grace. On the top of this comes the unfortunate investigation and the reputation of the engineer problem.

As regards the investigation, the Mayor repeats what he stated the other day, that he preferred to be severely criticised for doing his duty than for leaving it undone, and all concerned under lasting suspicion. Had the year before last he resolved such allegations, not caused investigation, what would have been the position of the Mayor and council and the public mind and what would the Colonist have said when it leaked out?

I know not if the city solicitor's strictures refer to the Mayor or not, but I do know the Colonist reversed the facts when it stated "The Mayor was the only member of the council who with an antagonistic spirit from Mr. McDermid." I stated that no one had ever heard the Mayor speak of Mr. McDermid or his services in other than the highest appreciation, and suggested to the council that its only course was to resolve "That the city solicitor's resignation be not accepted," which was done.

Mr. McDermid knows that the first hint of alleged irregularities came to the Mayor on his entering into the city office while Mr. Wilson was relating them. In the afternoon Mr. Wilson told the Mayor fuller particulars in the Mayor's office. On the following morning the Mayor went to Mr. McDermid and informed him that he would be obliged to cause the allegations to be investigated, and since he hoped there was no way in which he could be drawn into the matter in such manner as to cause him serious trouble, Mr. McDermid replied: "Mr. Mayor, the city solicitor cannot prevent anyone coming into his office and talking, but he can tell me what he talks money in his office he would kick him out. By all means, Mr. Mayor, go ahead and investigate."

As to the engineer problem, how would it be if the one who guides the policy of the Colonist were to drop politics long enough to frankly tell the public what he really thought? The Colonist's opinion is as to the qualifications of the engineer, and as to the council's duty in obtaining the "biggest" man it can for the position. If we have to pay him eight or even ten thousand dollars a year? Also to repeat the opinion he expressed over the phone to the Mayor in regard to Mr. Astley after he had interviewed him.

The Colonist well knows that the engineer or the efficiency of the department is not the issue with the Colonist or the Council. The real issue more clearly understood by the people than the Colonist realizes was clearly expressed by one of the aldermen going home on the car on the night of the 20th ult., after voting against Mr. Astley: "You were surprised at my voting against Astley after I had told you that I would vote for him, but we had to beat the Mayor."

If this alderman and others, and the Colonist, are willing to beat the interests of the city and citizens to satisfy a craving of personal enmity against the only member of the council who represents the vote of the whole of the people, the position is obvious.

Unfortunately the Mayor does not go into office supported by a party majority and has no fat portfolio with which to strengthen his ability to carry out his policy, and the fact that he has stood in the way of certain people and their little plans does not render his position an easy one.

The Colonist thinks it has the most vulnerable spot in the Mayor's present defenses when it attacks him on his position with the working classes and foolishly hopes to lead that support from the Mayor by the most pitiful forms of misrepresentation, forgetting that, while there will always be a few malcontents, the working classes as a whole are better informed as to the Mayor's action, and of the difficulties in coping with difficult situations, than is the Colonist, and further, that most of the working men are

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Colin S. Campbell has been appointed superintendent of provincial police in succession to the late Frederick S. Hussey, and the appointment will be announced in the next issue of the Provincial Gazette.

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The new superintendent has been 20 years in the service of the provincial police department, serving in various capacities and earning the respect of his superior officers in each position he has held.

Not only in British Columbia will the appointment be popular, but in other parts of Canada, and also in American police circles, where Mr. Campbell has many friends who will be ready to offer congratulations on his succession to the highest rank in the provincial police.

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McGraw probably will form the following order for the Giants on Saturday:

Devore, 1. f.; Doyle, 2. b.; Snodgrass, 3. b.; Fletcher, 3. b.; Meyers, c.; Mathews, son, p.

Athletics from the Athletics' camp indicate that First Baseman "Stuffy" Merrill will be back on the bag when the team meets the Giants. He received a severe blow on the wrist from a pitched ball in one of the recent Detroit games. Manager Mack's setting order probably will be as follows:

Lord, 1. f.; Oldring, c. f.; Collins, 2. b.; Baker, 3. b.; Murphy, r. f.; McInnes, 1. b.; Barry, s. s.; Thomas, c.; Bender, p.

RUNS SHORT OF COAL

Steamer British Columbia Delayed Two Days by Gales—Celtic Strikes Rock.

Vancouver, Oct. 11.—The steamer Celtic was hauled out at the Wallace wharf yesterday morning to survey damage caused by striking a rock in Christy Passage while bound from Vancouver to Prince Rupert. The steamer headed south after the mishap instead of proceeding north.

The steamer British Columbia, after being delayed two days by gales, reached Nanaimo yesterday morning from Prince Rupert with a load of salmon and put in a snowy laden with shovels. She put into Nanaimo owing to shortage of fuel and will cross the Gulf in the afternoon, leaving the south at the Imperial canneries, Stevenson, and coming on in the evening.

BOY SCOUTS' RACE

Splendid Relay Race From Oak Bay Hotel Results in Win for Fourth Troop.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

The relay race for the Robinson and Andrews challenge cup was run on Saturday afternoon and excited no small amount of interest. All the competitors met at the Oak Bay Hotel at 2:30, and after hearing the instructions took the car towards, dropping off at their various posts. A telephone message from the city told the starter that the boys were ready and the seven runners went off together at 3:13. The favorites at the start were the University school team, but they lost ground badly the first mile, and although they gained some of it they never made up the ground they lost, and the result was an easy win by about 100 yards for the Fourth Troop.

The winning team, who have M. Frampton as their scoutmaster, consisted of H. Carter, H. Laundry, J. H. H. T. Heyland, J. Waddington, F. Shandley, C. Laundry and V. Carter. The second team to arrive was the University school, No. 1, and the third, the University school, No. 2. The order followed in this order, 15, 3, 11 and 8.

After the race arrived the Union Club C. H. Collinson, chairman of the sports committee, congratulated the winning team on their victory. The trophy was presented to the cup to the Fourth Troop. Hearty cheers by winners and losers ended a most successful race in which 56 boys had taken part. The actual time taken by the winning team from the Oak Bay hotel to the Union Club was 13 minutes 50 seconds.

The officials were as follows: Starter and clerk of the course, C. H. Collinson; Judges, Col. W. H. Cunliffe (late commissioner for Alberta), Colonel Hall (commissioner for British Columbia) and Mr. Andrews (donor of the cup).

On Sunday the boys shoot for the Oscar Bass challenge cup.

ST. ANDREW'S AND "CALLIES"

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

A largely attended meeting of St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society was held in Foresters' hall last night, when many matters relative to the work of the society were discussed. The meeting was called for the purpose of arranging the programme for the winter season and was most enthusiastically throughout, by President T. Wither occupied the chair.

It was resolved that hereafter the society meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays in each month in Foresters' hall, and a committee was appointed to arrange for a series of lectures, debates and entertainments.

Dances will be held on the last Thursday in each month, the first to take place on Thursday, October 26th, in Foresters' hall, Broad street.

Probably the most interesting event of the season will be the society's annual dinner, to be held on November 30th, "St. Andrew's" committee is already at work upon this, which promises to be the best function of its kind ever held in Victoria.

The secretary was asked to write a message of condolence to the relatives of the late George Smith, whose work on behalf of the society and everything pertaining to its welfare will not readily be forgotten.

—For the week ending October 14th the total clearings at the Victoria clearing house amounted to \$2,622,992.

LOCAL NEWS

The gymnasium apparatus for Beaton Hill park has arrived, and will be installed at an early date. To those who know the pleasure it has afforded at the North Ward park, the news of the extension of the movement will be welcomed.

The B. C. Telephone Company has undertaken to adopt the conduit system on a large number of streets which have not yet been paved, and will be asked by the civic authorities to use streets which have not received permanent paving when making extensions in the suburbs.

Two hundred acres of land have been purchased by the B. C. Electric Company at Ten-Mile Point, Cadboro Bay, and the acreage will be used as a public park by the company when the district is developed and tramway connections are provided. The development of the Uplands Farm property by the French syndicate which recently purchased it is expected to call for the early extension of the service in that district. Ten-Mile Point is a neck of land on the east shore of Cadboro Bay, opposite the Uplands Farm property.

The Inner Harbor Association has approved a scheme which F. M. Prety has submitted for the consideration of the city council and the federal authorities to build a wharf 200 feet long on the line of the old wharf, holding that a uniform line of frontage is the best for the public interest. The association recommends that the line of the wharf be extended to the Warren's wharf parallel to Montreal street, until it cuts Laurel Point. The city council will notify the department. It has no objection if the above suggestion is adopted. The harbor association is followed out by Mr. Prety.

The following articles received by the management of the Men's Mission on Store street, were appreciated very much and the board of management sends it thanks to those who donated them, as well as to those taking part in the programme given at the point party. The articles and donors were as follows: Mrs. Dempster, 1 sack of sugar; Mrs. Norman, 1 sack of sugar; Mrs. Few, butter; Mrs. Williams, butter; Mrs. Huckle, tea; A. Friend, tea; Mrs. (Rev.) Wood, tea; Mrs. (Rev.) Hocking, tea; Mrs. Braike, corn starch and jam; A. Friend, 3 jars of jam; Mrs. R. S. Thurlston, 1 jar of fruit; Mrs. Tite, wheat flakes; Mrs. Smith, sugar and cooking butter; Mrs. G. L. Hocking, 1 jar of jam; Mrs. Crawford, 1 jar of jam; Mrs. Geo. Mellor, 1 jar of jam; Mrs. E. H. Hocking, 1 jar of jam; Mrs. Kay, 1 jar of jam; Mrs. Stone, 1 jar of jam; A. Friend, 5 jars of jam; Mrs. Ordana, 5 jars of jam; 5 members of board, flowers, cream, cake; Times and Colonist, free papers.

SUNDAY SHOWS WRONG

Hospital Loses Donation Because It Took Money From Them.

Because the London Hospital has taken money from Sunday cinema and graph exhibitions, Mr. Marr, at the meeting of the City of London Guardians moved that the usual recommendation to give the annual donation of \$100 to the London Hospital should be referred back to the finance committee. This was carried.

Mr. Marr said that anyone connected in any way with the Hospital Sunday Fund must be aware that the London Hospital, by reason of its judicious action in taking money from Sunday cinema exhibitions, has done a great deal to impair the success of the Hospital Sunday Fund.

Without expressing an opinion whether these shows given on Sundays were or were not desirable, his point was that the Hospital Sunday Fund had been for years appealing to the public through ministers of religion, and that 99 per cent. of the people who contributed to the fund would disapprove of cinematograph displays on Sunday.

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